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4 Haiti	05	6 C. Africa	05		
6 Crete	05	4 Panama	05		
1 Nam	15	6 Russian	05		
1 Mexico	10	6 Russia	05		
10 Chile	01	10 Mex 1	05		
6 Greece	05	20 Denmark	07		
10 France	10	25 "	13		
25 Italy	04	20 Portugal	06		
10 "	14	20 Russia	00		
2 Corea	06	20 Sweden	10		
10 Asia	17	10 Egypt	07		
10 Africa	04	10 Finland	05		
1 Congo	08	20 Holland	09		
10 Congo	12	25 Canada	11		
10 Norway	11	20 Paraguay	19		
40 Norway	05	41 Paraguay	17		
40 Norway	05	10 Paraguay	07		
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2c " " 1879 per 100	15c
1c " " 1882 per 100	10c
3c " " " " 1000	35c
2c " " 1883 " "	25c
2c " " 1887 " "	50c
1c " " 1890 " "	25c
2c " " " " "	20c
4c " " " " "	1.00
8c " " " " "	4.00
10c " " " " "	.75
1c Columbian per 1000	1.00
2c " " " "	.10
4c " " " 100	.50
5c " " " "	.50
10c " " " "	1.00
3c " " 1895 per 100	.35
4c " " " ,000	.75
5c " " " 100	.08
8c " " " "	.15
10c " " " "	.20
5c " " 1898 " "	.08
10 " " " "	.15
15c entire 1898 per 100	1.00
1c " " Omaha per 100	.40
2c " " " "	.15
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2c " " " " "	.20
4c " " " " "	1.50
6c 1902 " " "	.25
8c " " " " "	.15
13c " " " " "	1.50
15c " " " " "	.75
50c " " " " "	2.50
1c " " St Louis " "	.50
2c " " " " "	.15
1c " " Jamestown " "	.40
2c " " " " "	.15
5c " " " " "	3.00
Special Del 1888 " "	1.50
" " 1895 " "	.50
" " 1902 " "	.40
1c dues 1895 " "	.20
2c " " " " "	.10

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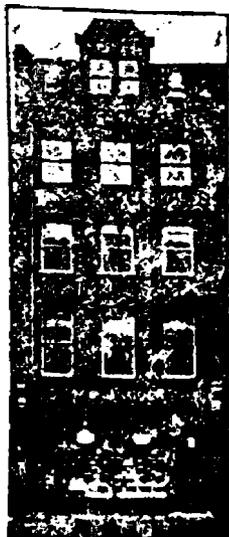


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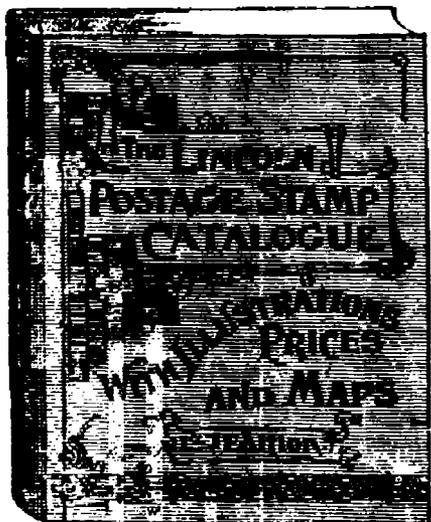
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23	" 25c doc. uncut 2 00	100
24	" 10c "	300
25	" 40c " uncut (3 00)	50
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35	" " 41, 42, " "	200
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10c Recargo, brown cat 10c	3c
15c Recargo, green, cat 15c	8c

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1c Bolivia, Tobacco.....	1c
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" " Recibos 1891.....	3c
" " " 1893.....	1c
Cuba 62c. 1878.....	6c
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c 1891, 10c 1895, each.....	1c
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

MR. H. C. WATKINS. We have collected a few facts together in connection with H. C. Watkins of Barnet, England, whose photo we reproduce and who is advertising with us. See his page Ad. He started collecting stamps at the age of nine, and "dealing" at sixteen. When he was twenty, he published his first price list, then only a four page leaflet. Now it is a 28 page illustrated booklet. In 1905 owing to the increase of business he purchased freehold land at Barnet and erected on it a house and office, to more effectually deal with the large stamp business he has built up. Mr. Watkins makes a special feature of dealing with customers in foreign countries, the Colonies and America. His trade in this respect has grown tremendously of late, thousands of approval sheets being sent out in a few months in this branch of his business alone. News has just come to us that he has invented and patented a new form of stamp mount, which consists of a series of mounts in strips which make an exceedingly rapid method of hinging stamps. We hope to give full particulars of these in the next issue. Mr. Watkins is a keen lover of sport of all kinds, particularly lawn tennis and on Saturdays he may always be found on the courts playing an energetic game.

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Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 13.—Two postage stamps, together valued at \$15,000, were a feature of the international philatelic exhibition, which has drawn many visitors to Berne, the headquarters of the Universal Post Union.

The two stamps in question are shown in the collection of an Englishman. They are superb examples of the "postoffice" Mauritius stamps which came from the collection of the late Sir William Avery of England. A block of "four postage stamps" of Mauritius, costing \$5000 is one of the finest things in the exhibition.

The only American exhibitor, C. Lathrop Pack, has medals for his Brazilian, New Zealand, Cape of Good Hope and Spanish stamps. The rarest stamp in the whole exhibition is an 80 cent Parma, used together with a 20 cent stamp on the same letter. It is the only known used copy and is worth what a millionaire is willing to pay. Millionaires from all over the world have had their agents at the exhibition.

The King of England is an exhibitor. He shows eight proof sheets of all four values of the earliest engraved stamp of the small colony of Nevis. Each sheet comprises twelve stamps.

The King's proofs are in trial colors. In the exhibition are a number of beautiful specimens of early Swiss canonical postage stamps, including the Balse "dove" and the Geneva "large eagles." Victor Beapeaux of London shows a complete plate of unused copies of the forty types of the Rayon I pale blue Swiss stamps of April, 1851.

The Earl of Crawford sent his early Neapolitan stamps and Prince Doria Pamphily of Italy showed a few examples of rarities of early Italian states. The gold medal for the best general collection of postage stamps of the world goes to Dr. Rudolphe Ferrario of Como, Italy, for a collection of more than thirteen thousand varieties.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:

In performing the pleasant duty of welcoming you to this annual convention I have additional pleasure in congratulating you upon the successful condition of this association. Being so late in the convention season I am unable to be with you as it is my duty to oversee the work being done in the office. Stamp packet business is again at a full swing and I predict a very successful year for the stamp business.

I think it only fitting that we express our thanks to Mr. Brodstone, publisher of our fine official organ, the PHILATELIC WEST, for devoting time, space and speaking kind words for the association, whenever possible. I am sure the association will stay by him as he has done much in helping the association to put itself in the place it now holds.

I would like to thank each officer personally for what he has done for the cause. Members that have gotten new recruits or tried, I ask that you keep up the good work.

However, I am not satisfied with the work done in some of the departments the last few months. The Sales Department is excluded as it is the best of any U. S. philatelic association. Officers that oversee a department should see that they are conducted in the best manner possible.

Next year, it is my wish that every officer will take hold of his office in the right way. Place a report in the official organ every month and tell the other members what is being done and get them interested. We want each department a "winner". Why not, you fellow members, participate in each department and get a great amount of help as well as good from being a member of this great association.

The recruiting work should be pushed along to get more returns. It is an easy matter to get a new member and many are in a position that they can get many—if they will I have very little spare time, but have succeeded in getting a good many new members. Let us all get to work and write the secretary for a few of the new application blanks which will be cheerfully sent to you.

Interest in stamp collecting is increasing and in a few more years will be held and supported in high esteem by the general public. It has helped many a lad in his school work and in getting him the success he has won in life.

This society is as the right kind of timber in it They as a whole are ener-

getic, enthusiastic, loyal members. Our association ranks next to the A. P. S. and in a few years I trust that I may see it with as large a membership.

In conclusion I desire to extend to you a hearty welcome to the annual Convention of our Association and to express the wish that success and prosperity which have attended us for several years may continue for many years to come.

H. S. Powell.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the Southern Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit my third Annual Report as Superintendent of the Sales Department of the Association. My report at the last convention on November 10th, 1909, showed:

85 books on hand valued at	\$2118.55
189 books received during the year valued at	2959.81
274 books, valued at	5078.36
188 books retired during the year valued at	3847.18
Leaving in circulation and on hand 86 books valued at	\$1231.18
The total sales from 188 books retired during the year have amounted to	
27 2-3 per cent of their value or	1066.82
The total sales from 274 books in circulation during the year have amount-	
ed to	\$1008.43

INSURANCE FUND.

At the time of last year's convention the Insurance Fund showed a balance

of cash on hand amounting to	\$99.24
1 per cent from 188 retired books valued at \$3847.18 amounts to	38.47
Cash balance on deposit in bank	\$137.71

Although the sales this year were not as large as last year, they must be considered quite satisfactory, as they cover a period of only 10½ months. My regular monthly reports to the official organ have placed before the association the conditions of this department, and can serve as a check on the Superintendent's annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members Southern Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen:—Much as I regret to send this report in this form I cannot under the circumstances refrain from doing so since things over which I have no control have arisen. It was my intention to deliver this report in person at the Kansas City convention but business keeps me from meeting with you.

Much as I hate to send this report I am not ashamed of the work done by this association during 1910. The work done this year I must say surpasses all other years. I am only sorry that I can not give the exact figures dating from the San Antonio convention but I have them from January first 1910.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Number of Members January 1st 1910	312
Number Admitted Jan. 1st to Sept. 25, 1910	124
Reinstated since January	13
Total	449

EXCHANGE SUPT'S REPORT.

To the President and Members Southern Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen:—I have the pleasure to herewith present my third annual report of business transacted by your Exchange Department to Sept. 24, 1910:

Total number of Books received since organization of the Department.....140

Books retired to date	98
Books on hand Sept. 24	42
Total value of 140 Books	\$1501.17
Value of 98 Books retired	1200.90
Value of 42 Books on hand	300.27
Total value of stamps exchanged to date	\$353.45
Total value of stamps exchanged from 98 books retired	\$286.07
Circuits sent out	22
Members participating in the Exchange Department during it's 2½ years of work	32

While the support accorded me by the membership at large was very small, yet I wish to thank all those who did, for their co-operation, as it has enabled us to demonstrate that such a department, if properly supported, can become an exceedingly useful branch of our Association. With a large number of members using the Department much better results could be obtained; i. e., a better proportion of the stamps exchanged, more circuits and a quicker return of books to their owners. While 32 members have availed themselves of the Department since its organization yet not half the number have been on the books until recently, thus causing the affairs of the Exchange Dept. to move very slowly.

I trust my efforts to put the Exchange Department on a good footing will bear much fruit for my successor in office and I bespeak all members to give him very liberal support.

Thanking you for the privilege of having served in this office, I respectfully submit this report. Wm. E. Ault, Mgr. Exchange Dept.

Dear Fellow Members:—As I have been elected as Exchange Supt., to the S. P. A. I take this means to thank you one and all for your support in electing me to the office and hope to be able to fulfill my duties.

Of suggestions I have a few to make:

Books should catalogue no less than \$5.00.

Members sending in books will find it to their advantage to send me a partial or complete list of stamps they need in their collection, as I will keep those on file and make it a point to supply when possible.

Members sending Hawaii, New Foundland, Canada, Hayti, and Liberia will be well pleased with results.

Hoping I have the co-operation of all members, I am

Fraternally yours, August E. Mack, 1920 Boulevard Ave.

BUSINESS OF SCRANTON BRANCH.

Meeting was held at residence of August Mack, Wednesday, Oct. 20th. Meeting called to order by Pres. Alex McKee, at 8:30 p. m. The minutes of last meeting were then read and also report of the treasurer, Mr. A. Mack. No objections, they were adopted as read. The Stamp Exhibit was then fully discussed and all being in favor of about Dec 10th, it was decided to get down to business.

The usual auction sale by Secretary Mack was then held and after a half hours of lively bidding, there was an intermission for refreshments, after which there was more hearty bidding and some bargains. An unusual feature was a set of Canal Zone on U. S. in which the auctioneer and owner bid against each other to the amusement of those present.

Members present were McKee, Arnold, Livingstone, Dyer, Peabody and Leon V. Cass from Binghamton.

CHM. REC. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Dear Members:—Another year is nearly past and gone. During that year

we have added something like one hundred and fifty new members. We have never done better, although I hope next year it may be passed. And it ought to be with the \$25.00 appropriated at last convention.

I desire to thank the one hundred and twenty-six members who voted for me at the last election. I know I was placed in an unfavorable position, being on the ballot for two offices. But I was a candidate for only one office, that of Exchange Manager. My name appeared on ballot for Librarian, without my knowledge or consent.

Thanking you one and all, and hoping you will give the new Ch'm the same kind consideration I remain

Fraternally yours,
C. V. Webb, Chm. Rec. Com.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

86 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$1231.18
24 books received since, value	336.34
110 books value	1567.52
8 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$63.34 or 48½ per cent were sold	130.91
102 books in circulation	\$1436.61

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	137.71
1 per cent from retired books	1.31
Total amount	139.02

At the recent convention held in the city of Kansas City it was recommended that members placing stamps in the Department should mount them in alphabetical order by countries and in numerical order according to the catalogue, giving catalogue number and value and also net selling price. It was further suggested that members are allowed to detain circuit consisting of 10 books 5 days instead of the 3 days as heretofore and that a fine of 10 cents per day for a circuit kept over time must be assessed by the Superintendent. As soon as the present supply of blank sales books is exhausted I will amend the rules of the Department in compliance with these recommendations and hope to receive the hearty co-operation of every member.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.—Application.

1. Frank C. Lorimer, Fort Harrison, Mont., 31, musician, F. F. Fisher, C. A. Dahlquist; proposed by H. S. Powell.
2. Wm. H. Vincent, Tekonsha, Mich., 50, farmer, J. C. Michel, Lester Dulittal; proposed by H. S. Powell.
3. George W. Schreiber, 211 Sharer St., San Antonio, Tex., 21, mechanic. Joseph Schreiber, father, proposed by August Mack.
4. Wm. L. Stevenson, 715 Garland St., Flint, Mich. 34, clerk, C. B. Richards, R. B. Elliott; proposed by H. S. Powell.
5. Gen. Charles A. Coolidge, The Pasadena Apts. Detroit, Mich., 66, Brig. General U. S. Army, A. P. S.; proposed by Clarence V. Webb.
6. W. A. Stryker, 627 Summit Ave., Westfield, N. J., traffic manager, 32. J. E. Stewart, E. L. Ashman; proposed by H. S. Powell.
7. Oswald Christopherson, 731 W 18th St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 15, student, G. C. Christopherson; proposed by Clarence Luose.
8. F. J. L. Villamill, Dagupan, Pangasinan, Philippine Islands, 19, student, Sopia Villamill; proposed by H. S. Powell.
9. Robert E. Hayes, 205 Cahuenga Ave., Hollywood, Cal., 13, student.

Carolyn E. Hayes, Miss J. B. Stevens; proposed by R. L. Doak.

10. Robert MacMillan, 4320 Grant St., Omaha, Nebr., stamp dealer, L. Brodstone; proposed by L. Brodstone.

11. Jess Kelley, 3 Thomas St., Utica, N. Y., 20, student, James D. Kelley, H. H. Wells; proposed by R. L. Doak.

12. E. Swartz, 109 15th St., Omaha, Nebr., stamp and book dealer; proposed by L. Brodstone.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the secretary prior to that time.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts:—

Cash on hand July 1st	\$23.36
Receipts July 1st to Oct. 15th.....	25.30
Total	\$48.66

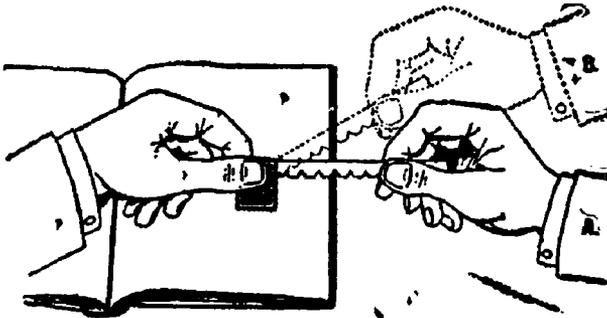
Disbursements:—

To WEST July, Aug., Sept. & Oct.	13.92
To H. S. Powell postage for President ...	1.70
To express on blanks to H. S. Powell, president...	.72
To printing ballots, Proxies, envelopes etc	6.50
To postage on ballots	3.25
Express on blanks to Powell and Brodstone	1.20
To ledger for secretary	1.25
To secretary's postage from July 1st to Oct. 15	6.52
Total	\$35.06
Cash on hand Oct. 15th	\$13.60

Very fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Secretary-Treas.

SOMETHING NEW FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.



We have received from Mr. Watkins, of Granville Road, Barnet, Eng., a new stamp mount which he has just invented and patented. It consists of a long strip of gummed paper with notched edges which, when folded down the middle form a series of stamp mounts. The end

mount is moistened and placed in position, the stamp is then put on top and pressed down. After the stamp is fixed the mount is torn off. The method of fixing is extremely rapid and should appeal to dealers who have not much time to make up their sheets and collectors whose leisure for their hobby is limited as **THREE HOURS WORK** can be done in one hour with this cute little invention. The price is only 12c per 1000. Our illustration shows the mounts being used. A shows the stamp just fixed and the dotted hand, B, shows the upward tearing movement with which the end mount is separated from the strip.

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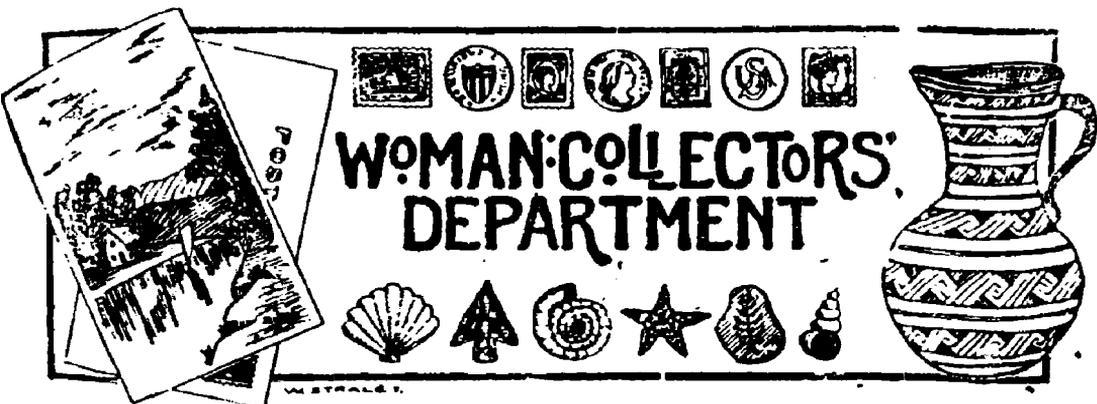
Scott's Standard Catalogue 1911

Reviewed by L. G. Dorpat

Standard is the right name. The newest edition differs so little from those preceding that on first sight might think there were hardly any changes at all. Yet there are, and the change of the cover from grey to cherry is not the only one. There are a number of additions and corrections and the enlargement bringing it up to date. Some of the prices have been lowered, but a larger number have been raised on account of increased demand and decreased supply. That the fluctuations are not greater can be but gratifying, being an indication of firmness. In the introductory "Special Notices" we read: "To follow the market we have been compelled to raise many quotations, particularly on old issues. It is possible that many prices in the present catalogue will prove too low, even before the actual stamp season is well begun. We may emphasize again that the early U.S. stamps in really fine condition are becoming exceedingly hard to secure." On the Spread Of Stamp Collecting, we read: "It gives us pleasure to report a continuance of the new wave of stamp collecting interest noted last year. The increase in the number of collectors has occurred not only in this country, but to an even greater degree in Europe. This is probably due in part to the greater publicity being given to stamp matters in the newspapers, especially the wide published fact the present King of England is owner of one of the finest collections in the world, while many other leading and well-known men are leading enthusiastic philatelists. The new demand has shown itself particularly in the old issues. The early issues of nearly all countries, in fine condition, are rapidly disappearing from the market, and "nice" are bringing constantly higher prices. Chalky papers are retained in the present condition, but may be dropped in future editions unless the demand for them should grow. Minor varieties of surcharges by hand stamp are excluded. Of the U.S. on experimental papers, the bluish rag paper only is listed, but not in all cases prized. Imperforated U. S. stamps are listed, but the machine perforations are only mentioned. The market for these later uncommon varieties is not sufficiently settled to admit of fixed prices, yet they might have been enumerated. That this was not done shows the conservative of the catalogue makers. As it is impossible to satisfy all tastes by the same dish, so we may expect that some collector will complain because some of their notions have not been carried out, we think however, that we may well be satisfied with our American Standard. We should certainly miss it if it failed to appear.

CATALOGO GALVEZ, 1910-1911.

This is the standard in the Spanish language. Those printed at Madrid differ so little from the other European catalogues that one might think they were all made in the same printery and bindery. Spanish stamps, of course, receive special attention. Besides the regular stamps there are the Carlist stamps, special concession stamps and fiscals, though the latter do not tally with Forbin's Catalog, which gives a much larger list although it lacks the telegraph stamps which Galvez includes. All collectors interested in Spanish stamps and able to read the Spanish language should certainly have this catalogue.



One Way of "New Collecting"

By Verna Weston Hartway

This is an age of philatelic dissatisfaction. We wish a general collection and we do not wish it. We want to specialize and we don't want to specialize. We desire a simplified catalog, yet we would not collect by an ideally simplified one if such a thing could be.

The real trouble lies in the fact that but little lasting pleasure can be derived from collecting either in certain set forms or haphazardly. Sooner or later comes this tangible unrest. The mere act of collecting cannot permanently satisfy a thinking adult, although the nature may be temperamentally an acquisitive one. There must be something more than hoarding. There must be an objective point, a creative ideal.

As a collector, I never really experienced half the possible pleasure in philately until determined on an ideal. The land of collecting outlined in the Royal Postage Stamp Album was the genesis from which I evolved my philatelic ideal. This album for the postal issues of the British Empire, is planned for differences in papers, separations and printing, but it leaves out surcharges and superfluities in stamp emissions. Lincoln's Catalog is a great help.

This plan I have carried out in my entire general collection. Here was something systematic, scientific, yet rid of superfluities. While the way has been easy in the matter of Great Britain and colonies, I had to work out the balance of the matter for myself, and time and thought were required. It was not always an easy matter to determine if a particular stamp in question was in my index expurgatories or not. But it was pleasant labor, satisfying labor, and the collection is really more scientific as a result.

I believe in the general collection and I believe in specialization. I practice what I preach, for I have both a general collection and a specialized one. In my particular fancy, Holland and colonies. I admit no restrictions: I am very greedy and bloat, (who invented that word, philatelically?) to the absolute limit. I want stamps used and unused in blocks of four at least, and on cover; I want entire sheets, all,—all available differences in shades, papers, perforations and types—yes, even in surcharges. I even revel in documents relating to my stamps. But nevertheless, I am willing to admit that such collecting is philately run to seed. It is pleasant, engrossing, but a general collection is the better thing. The reason, I think, why so many collectors of advanced experience specialize is because they are achieving an ideal, because they are creating a collection in the complete sense of the word.

To be Continued.

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.

After the press of the summer season the fiscal editor feels that once more he can take up the hobby that appeals to him as well as so many others.

Of course the first things that perhaps call for mention are "Uncle Sam's" new series of fiscals. There are full sets of the cigar cigarette, and tobacco stamps out. The stamp for 10 little cigars has a shield over the head of Clay on which is given the value and the year "1910." On the cigarettes the value is changed from \$1.08 per M to \$1.25 per M and the date 1910 given both on a shield over the head of Clinton. In the strip tobacco stamps the date 1910 is given in large figures in the middle of the stamp, reading lengthways also the color of the 2 oz. has been changed from red to the same color as the others, do not know if the color of the 4 oz. has been changed or not.

The stamps such as are used on plug tobacco are changed quite a bit, I have the 20 lbs. before me as I write and I will try to tell wherein it differs from the old series. There is a lathe work frame to the stamp and in the upper center there is an indian portrait in a lathe work frame. "Tobacco Stamp" occurs twice in the frame at the top. "20 is in each upper corner of the frame and "2c" in large figures with the word "Pounds" across in each lower corner. In the frame at the bottom is "United States Internal Revenue". The other values have the same design with different figures of value.

One of the neatest additions to the literature of fiscal philately in the U. S. came to, the fiscal editors table the other day, by courtesy of Mr. J. Delane Bartlett. It is the "United States—State Revenue Stamps" and bears the imprint of the U. S. REV. SOC. 1910.

Mr. Bartlett thinks that the \$3 Alabama catalogued by some as an essay is not such. as the law did not provide for that value, but that it was produced solely for collectors. When he comes to California he illustrates nine of the eleven known varieties of surcharges. The bill of lading and the state revenue of Cal. are also illustrated.

There is also illustrated the Fla., Ga., Ia., N. Car., S. Car. and Va. feed suff stamps, the Tenn. inspection stamp for seeds of grasses and clovers. The Louisiana letter stamp is pictured as is the La. law which by the way Mr. Bartlett says is not a La. state stamp but one issued by the city of New Orleans for the payment of court fees. The Mo. Beer stamps of which the readers of the WEST have read in these columns in the past are also illustrated. Nev. and N. Y. are each assigned one pictue, in all there are twenty-five illustrations.

The numbers of each state in the list exclusive of surcharge shade or paper variety are as follows:—Ala. 3, Cal. 245, Fla. 11, Ga. 7, Ia. 6, Ky. 2, La. 2, Mo. 15, Nev. 19, N. Y. 46, N. Car. 17, Ore. 26, S. Car. 12, Tenn. 16, Va. 14.

In a letter under date of Sept. 24 Mr. Bartlett lists several stamps that are not in the book which was issued in July. I will list them in these notes as he has in his letter for no doubt many of the readers of

the WEST have the list. Ga. 3c, 75 lbs brown on yellow; 1ct, 100 lbs green on white; Ind. Fertilizer 200 lbs black; Feed 25 lbs black; 50 lbs black; 100 lbs black, suppose all are on white; Ia. No. 4 with "1 Ton" printed in with rubber; Ky. 3, 175 lbs black on rose pink; 4, 200 lbs black on blue; N. Car. Feed 1910, $\frac{3}{4}$ c, 75 lbs green on white; 1c, 100 brown on pale lilac; Oil Full set 1910; Tenn., Feed 2 with star, 3 with star, 5 with crescent.

In mentioning the change in the U. S. tobacco I forgot to note that in the 1910 series there is a one and one half ounce so I suppose that it takes the place of the one and two-thirds oz.

I wonder if any of the collectors of tax paid stamps have noticed that there are two distinct sets of the 1902 "Renovated Butter" stamps although the tax is $\frac{1}{4}$ c per pound in each case.

In the catalogue of state revenues no tags were listed, only adhesives, now with the permission of "Bro. Brodstone" I will list all that I know or suspect that will of course repeat some items that have been in the WEST before but I hope that it will arouse the interest of at least one collector in each state that issues tags for the payment of an inspection tax on feeds, grains, grasses, fertilizers or anything of that sort

I will list only such tags as I have reason to believe exist. I wish here to thank Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Stone, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Rosen for specimens and information.

Georgia, size $2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in. the first reads "Cotton Seed Meal" with a line underneath, there is a line joining this line under the "o" of cotton and running almost to the bottom of the tag, to the left of this line reading up is the word Georgia, to the right of the line is "registered—season of 1909, 1910—T. G. Hudson, Com Agt." in four lines printed in red.

The second has a double lined oblong frame within which is "Department of Agriculture, State of Georgia, Registered, Season of 1909-1910—T. G. Hudson—Com. Agt." The name of the commissioner in script on both tags No. 2 is printed in blue.

1:—Red on Manila Cotton Seed Meal. 2:—Blue on Manila.

Iowa: All the tags are the ordinary color of plain manila tag and measure $3\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$ in. All bear the "Iowa Feeding Stuffs Law—25,50 or 100 pounds—H. R. Wright, commissioner, Charges Paid" in five lines, of course when the control No. was added that was another line and in the last issue we have "W. B. Carnev" instead of H. R. Wright.

Entire formula black, 1: 25 lbs, black on manila; 2: 50 lbs black on manila; 3: 100 lbs black on manila. Value red. 4: 25 lbs black and red; 5: 50 lbs black and red; 6: 100 lbs black and red; 6a: Shift of the cutting die makes the words "Charges Paid" come at the top of tag instead of the bottom. Control No. added two sizes, large $\frac{1}{4}$ in. and small three-sixteenth in. It is believed that all three values exist with both sizes of control No. 7: 25 lbs black and red; 8: 50 lbs black and red; 9: 100 lbs black and red. With control No added in black it is believed that with both this issue and the next that all values occur with both sizes of control No.

10: 25 lbs black and red, control "S"

11: 50 lbs " " " "

12: 100 lbs " " " "

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.

692. What stamps shall I buy? This question is asked quite often and is one of the most difficult to answer satisfactorily, because it must depend on so many differences of individuality and differences of circumstances, that what would be quite correct in one case, would be all wrong in the other. Before I answer this question I would like to spend an evening with the questioner to see what he has in the form of an album, stamps, catalogs, journals, knowledge, tastes and money, perhaps also of friends, spare time and anything else that may bear on the way he may be able to pursue stamp collecting. Let us suppose two cases. There is Mr. X, a well educated gentleman of 35 years of age with an income of \$2,000 a year. He has neither album, nor stamps, neither catalog nor journals, neither knowledge nor experience, in stamps. But he has seen a collection some time ago and thinks forming one for himself might be a pleasing recreation for his evenings at home, which being a bachelor he has to spend alone unless some of his friends drop in, at home. He has not very many friends, tho, neither has he very many evenings at home, only two or three a week. He does not care to make any profit out of stamps, but he would neither like to invest very much that could not be taken out again if required. What stamps should he buy? I would say: Get a good general album, Lincoln's Catalog and a packet of 2, 3, 4, or 5 thousand varieties, also at least one weekly and one monthly stamp journal. This will give you employment for 2 to 6 months. After you are through placing all your stamps in your album, see which countries interest you most and start buying sets of these countries to make them as nearly complete as possible in this way. After having done this for a year or two, you may do well by starting to buy single stamps from approval sheets or at auction to fill up the empty spaces in your favorite countries. Having come so far Mr. X will probably not ask me any further, but will know what he wants by his own experience. Perhaps he will get married and quit stamp collecting, or Mrs. X, if an experienced philatelist, will direct his steps. In either case Mr. X will need me no longer. As he is not yet so far, I would add: Get the cleanest and most perfect copies in your reach, and keep them so. The other case is Mr. O, a lad of 15 years with a good common school education, working as apprentice in a store, earning \$9 00 a week. He pays \$8.00 to his widowed mother for his board and clothes and keeps \$1. pocket money for himself. He has an album that he got for a present three years ago and about 1,100 stamps in it. He is a subscriber to the WEST and has a last year's Stamp Catalog. What stamps should he buy? I would say: Save your pocket money for a month or two, and then buy a packet of 1 or two thousand varieties, rather than that of two, and whilst you put these in your album, go on saving your pocket money for buying sets of stamps. This will keep you busy for a couple of years. Then you may also start in buying from approval sheets or at auction. Try to get perfect stamps and keep them so. Don't forget to save all the stamps that you can get from your friends free of cost, assort them, and study all your stamps as much as you can. If there is a chance to trade with other collectors, do so, but do it in an honest way and

use the proceeds to buy more packets and sets, the larger the better, but beware so you do not get into debt. After a few years you may try to act as agent for approval sheets, but I would not advise you to be in a hurry to get at that. Packets and sets from good, responsible dealers are the best to start with and remain the best for quite a while. Cultivate the acquaintance of older collectors but be not too confiding in them, lest they be tempted to profit on you.

693. Are there still any collectors of U. S. Plate Numbers? I am not acquainted with any, but I think there are some. Will those of our readers who collect U.S. plate numbers or know of any who do send in their addresses, please? Personally I save all U. S. plate numbers that fall into my hands, but I have not the means to buy all that I might get. It is probably the same with a goodly number of other collectors. From these as well as from dealers and in some auction sales strips with imprints and plate numbers can still be had, which can no longer be bought from the post office.

694. In what form should U. S. Plate Numbers be collected? Any collector may, of course, select the form himself that he thinks best. The generally accepted form, however, is a strip of three or more stamps with the margin showing the printer's imprint and the plate number. And there is good reason for preferring this form. The imprint, as lately by the addition of a star, is from time to time changed, and it seems desirable that all changes from one number to the other should be demonstrated in the specimens preserved. The spaces between the stamps are in the starred plates of different widths; these show best if three or more stamps remain unsevered. A strip of stamps certainly looks better than would a single stamp with a strip of the margin. I am of the opinion that in all cases where strips cannot be obtained a single stamp with the plate number would be a desirable substitute.

696. What Album should I buy? This question is just about as hard to answer as "What stamps should I buy?", and unless I know the desires and circumstances of the asker I cannot intelligently advise him as to what would be most suitable for him. In a general way I may say that it is not so very important, what album one buys, provided that the album shall not be the only source of information for the buyer. Study your stamps, study your catalog, study your stamp news and stamp monthlies, than any you could buy. How? Well, in any way to please yourself. The object of the whole thing is, to please you, not me. If stamp collecting does not please you, quit it. You may take it up again when you think it will please you. Do not be a slave of collecting. Make yourself free to do just the way that you like best and let others do as they like. Think for yourself, consult your own state and means, and decide and act for yourself. If there is any album that you like and that you have means to buy, it. You will find none perfect, and you will hardly find one that has not some good points, which make it in that respect preferable to others. As a suggestion I think I may, as I have done before, mention a cheap way in which a pretty large collection may be kept fairly well. It is this: Get some pads or tablets of unruled plain writing paper, 8x10 inches or any size that strikes your fancy or comes within your reach and a paper box or any other suitable box a little larger each way than the sheets of paper. Devote one or two sheets, or as many as you think will suit your purpose best, to each country. Arrange the stamps of each country in chronological order, or any other order that will please you, and put them in alphabetical or geographical order in your box, where you can keep and easily find them. Please yourself or see ad of United Stamp Co. and Lincoln's.



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ACROSS THE POND



By K. A. H.

BAVARIA.—The daily-press mention, the postal authorities are considering the desirability of issuing new series of stamps to commemorate the 90th birthday of Prins-regent Luitpold, which coincides with the 25th years of his Regency. That the prince will give his consent may be regarded as certain, as since 1880, thirty years ago, no new stamps have been issued.

GERMANY—Kohl's catalog for 1911, called "the Normal" has been published. As is known this catalog, approved by all philatelic Clubs of Germany, is to crowd out Senf's Catalog, and it seems that it will attain its object, as it is now, with the 2nd edition, used by nearly every dealer and collector of German speaking countries.

From official quarters we learn, that the Philatelic meeting in Kiel, was attended by 67 Clubs, consisting of 8143 members. This is the largest number ever known. Why don't U.S. Clubs combine similar.

HOLLAND.—In the new-issues column of the August-West, mention was made of a new postage-due stamp of three cents. Here are further particulars. At last the government decided to supply a long-felt want, and a postage-due stamp of 3 cents was issued. In the first place it was desired to use up the stock of post-due stamps of Een Gulden, which are now seldom used. 32600 were surcharged with 3 cent in the same style as the 50 cent on Een Gulden. And this is an event which caused great commotion among the Dutch collectors. And what happened? Nobody, as it is said, not even the postmasters knew anything of this order. At the beginning of July, a number of these stamps were sent to only 7 towns of Holland naturally to be issued officially. But post office clerks, being collectors, bought some (or many) of these stamps, and informed their friends, who also secured a number. In consequence of this, and of the report spreading, that there were several towns, in which the stamps were not obtainable, they were all bought up the same day. One bought 10, another 100. And the post office clerks? They had most of all, knowing that it would be an advantage for them, if they kept a number for themselves. And a few days later the stamps were obtainable in the stamp dealers shops, at 1 gld 25c each, that is 42 times the face-value. It is clear, that not a single has been used officially, so that all have remained unused. However there are some used ones, but they were stamped when sold loose. After this stamp, a new one of 3 cent, of the

ordinary type, was issued.

Concerning the stamps of the Dutch Indies, surcharged with JAVA and BUITENBEZIT, a correspondent says, that the stock in hand begins to decrease, and are now obtainable of post offices of small places. Perhaps they are already sold off, so that it is probable, that the stamps will not be seen any longer on letters.

In the Dutch Indies a new wrapper (envelope) of 22½ cent, of the same color as the stamp of the same value, is now being sold.

MONACO.—A dangerous falsification, of the 5 francs of 1885, has become known. As a French paper, *La Revue Philatelique*, says, the 15 cent red, of the same issue has been taken, and has undergone a three-fold alteration, namely: first 15ct has been discolored chemically, after that the paper was made green, and lastly, 5frs. has been printed in the corners. Only by careful observation, the figures, indicating the value, can it be noticed that the stamp has been forged, as the color does not differ from the genuine one.

MONTENEGRO.—The 50 years Jubilee of Prince Nicholas will be commemorated by the issue of a new set of stamps, which will not surprise collectors, when they think of all the other (nice?) Montenegro stamps. The design will be of Prof. Schobaitsch. On some values will be printed the effigy of the Prince, at different periods of his life, on other values, the battle at Podgoritza, Niksit Voudjiiedo, and Antivari while on one stamp, the effigy of the Prince and Princess will make a fine show. As is said, 200,000 complete sets should be printed. If this is correct, it is understood that these stamps are not only made for being of service as really official post-stamps, as the same number of every value will not be used.

SWITZERLAND —To aid these people, who have suffered in consequence of the floods, the Philatelic Association of St. Galben has made the proposal to the committee to publish a charity stamp in the same style as the Russian and Belgian ones.

The Bern Exhibition, held from Sept. 3rd. to 12th, was very successful. Thousands of collectors visited the exhibition, and the finest collections were present. Among the exhibitors are the names of well-known Philatelists: as The Postmaster-General of Switzerland, Baron A. de Reuterskiold, Dr. A. Chiesa. The Earle of Crawford, A. Passer, Col. F. H. Honcock, Stanly Gibbons, Booleman, Zumstein Jacoby, H. M. King, and others. George V, had the goodness to send an exhibit, and the organisers were very grateful to him, as this action on the part of His Majesty would draw attention throughout the world, to the importance of Philately.

Specialization includes the study of any particular set of stamps, and if there be in that set of stamps any minor varieties, varieties of shade, type, perforation, paper, or impression, that are mentioned in any journal, book or catalog, or that one may discover for himself, the collecting of specimens that will illustrate all such differences. In some cases it will be necessary to get pairs, strips or even whole sheets to show the differences that occur in certain issues. It would be advisable to collect official documents relating to each issue and to make notes connotes concerning them. In after years these may become valuable.



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

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoefftichst gebeten ein Tauscheexemplar egelmassig an den Untereichnerten zu senden.

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Desameres recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filaticas estranjerrsa la adressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayne, Wis. U.S.A B37

As a piece of printer's work the HOBBYIST for September is so near perfection that it seems a matter of taste only to criticise it in that line, and taste that would find fault with it might be bad taste. Yet it contains something we do not like. It is the way Mr. Kalse in his "Answer to H. A. Davis" speaks of the U. S. stamps on experimental paper, counting them with "unnecessary issues" and apparently insinuating that some crooked work was connected with their issue. We admit that there is a possibility of such work, that from the standpoint of the general public and from the standpoint of philatelists these experiments with various papers and what else is done to find a way of manufacturing "perfect" stamps may seem unnecessary, and that in Europe by the surface-printing method they avoid all these "unnecessary" troubles. However, to imply that the trouble is taken for a pretext to exploit collectors or that the experiments were made with the intention of benefitting individuals is, if not absurd, certainly unwarranted. Mr. Kalse does not say it is so, and we do not wish to blame him, but his words sound a little suspicious. We think that he makes the mistake that we are all so very apt to make, namely to suspect crooked business in any case that does not redound to our personal benefit, or where somebody else gets ahead of us, be it ever so simple and natural. As far as we know there has not, until now, been shown any ground for the assumption that anything whatever has been wrong with the experiments of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing or the handling of the stamps on experimental paper. If some other collector had the good fortune to find and buy a lot of these stamps that we had not, we should congratulate him on his good luck without envy or chagrin. We should have done the same if we could, and who knows what chances may offer themselves to us in the future! Do not try to make it appear bad when a fellow collector finds a good opportunity and makes good use of it!—It is quite another question whether these accidental or experimental varieties should be listed in the catalogs as regular varieties, whether everybody should be advised to collect them, and whether the price for them should be driven beyond a certain limit. We are inclined to leave them to the specialist and to let him see how he can best get along with them, or without. It is true that we all desire completeness, collectors for their collections as well as dealers for their stocks and compilers of lists for their lists, but it is equally true that completeness is a relative matter, that we all know its impossibility in many instances, and that no amount of kicking will really change established facts. Hence it seems best that we follow our ideals as far as we can and accept facts as they are, making the best of them that our circumstances permit.

"Le FAC-SIMILE," the first number of which appeared in August, is the organ of defense published monthly by Monsieur F. Fournier, the "celebrated" manufacturer of counterfeit obsolete postage stamps. He must, indeed, be doing some brisk business if he can keep up the publication of his journal. He publishes also a price list of 4,000 varieties of counterfeit stamps. He promises

warfare against "the big dealers who call themselves honest." There is some interesting reading! And we admire Mr. F's intrepidity and persistence, tho we regret that he employs it in no better cause.

A B C FILATELICO No. 1 was published in September of last year at Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana. Does it still appear?

Dr. Holt's suggestion in the August number of EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST to help brighten the lives of invalids and "shut-ins" by making them acquainted with our hobby and by donating to them some stamps and albums, has met with quite a general response. REDFIELD'S WEEKLY has devoted considerable space to the scheme and has opened a subscription list of donations for Christmas, and the list is growing. We are willing to aid the movement in any way possible, and if any of our readers can give us the addresses of invalids that might be interested in stamps, we shall be glad to mail to them for Christmas something that will be of use to them in starting to ride the hobby. Neither Dr. Holt nor the Weekly nor the WEST, can hope to reach ALL invalids, and it would be an error to try to make them the sole distributors. The correct thing to do is undoubtedly this: Let every stamp collector do personally all he can in his neighborhood, and if that is not enough for him let him offer to correspond with any outside of his neighborhood, using the stamp papers to make such offer. Personality added to the gift will make it doubly worthy. The Review Editor is willing to enter into correspondence with anyone desiring to know about stamps and stamp collecting, and will be glad to receive and answer any letter in this line.

The Christian Science Monitor of Boston, Mass., has a "Bi-weekly Department covering Stamp collecting Interests" on its Childrens Page in charge of Mr. J. Russel Reed, who evidently is quite able to handle the subject. In the issue for October 8th he gives a bit of early postal history of our country, speaks of how stamps became rare, how postage was paid before stamps were used, of precancels, and of a few philatelic journals, mentioning the WEST as "the largest collectors' paper published." Thus, it seems, philately is gaining ground on all sides and finds more and more recognition in all circles.

The ALLGEMEINER ANZEIGER FUER PHILATELIE of Woerishofen, Bavaria, gives a list of portraits that appear on stamps. The list is originally taken from L'Echo de la Timbrologie where it appeared as the result of a prize contest. As it may interest our readers to know, for instance, how often the portrait of our George Washington was used for the center of a stamp design and what celebrities had their portraits used oftener, we here repeat the list in full:

Victoria appears on 3,193 stamps; Edward VII, on 1080; Don Carlos on 840; Alfonso XIII on 695; Don Louis I. on 384; Alfonso XII on 333; Bolivar on 213; Franz Josef on 199; Isabella II. on 172; Karl I. Roumania on 163; Victor Emanuel III. on 133; Wilhelmine on 119; Kolumbus on 107; Wilhelm III. on 87; Nikolaus Petrovitsch on 80; Hidalgo on 78; Leopold II. on 76; Menelik on 76; Christian IX on 56; Mozaffer-ed-Din on 55; Humbert I. on 52; Victor Emanuel on 51; Chulalongkorn on 50; Washington on 46; Ch. Brooke on 45; Adolf V. Nassau on 44; Alexander I. on 41; Ibrahim Johore on 37; Barrios on 37; Don Pedro II. on 37; Friedrich VIII. on 37; Franklin on 37; I. Sultan Zanzibar on 34; Napoleon III. on 34; Rivadavia on 32; San Martin on 32.

It is remarkable that all the others combined have hardly as many stamps with their portraits on them as the first two alone. Queen Victoria will remain the leader for many a year to come.

Der PHILATELIST, Dresden, Germany, of September and October gives a good example of the thoroughness with which German philatelists are doing their work. Herr M. Huch of Wiesbaden gives a lot of post mark dates on Marianen Islands stamps of the eagle type. It includes dates of cancellations as well as dates of receipt stamps and a very considerable number of "Gefaeligkeits Entwertungen" which means "canceled to order." In this wise regularly used stamps may be distinguished from stamps that never did postal duty. Of the latter Herr Huch knows not a few on entire letters so fixed up as to appear very nearly like genuinely used, and he shows by what characteristics they may be known as "made up to order." He uses the numbers on registered letters, the so-called registry numbers to draw some valuable conclusions. The dates included go from November 24th, 1899, to August 1st, 1901. Yet the work is not considered as finished, and tho the gentleman must have had a vast material at hand he asks for more and the co-operation of other Marianen specialists, in order to make the record as complete as possible. This certainly is specialism in the highest sense and requires a large amount of patience, diligence and acuteness. From scholars of this type we all may learn.

Suppose we apply similar methods to the U. S. stamps surcharged PORTO RICO and used for a short time in the island in 1899 before the other surchage PUERTO RICO was used. We should then have to

1. Try getting letters from all post offices in the island in which these stamps were used,
2. Note all the different post marks that were applied to them,
3. Tabulate the dates used on them from the earliest to the latest,
4. Ascertain whether any were canceled to order and how these differ from those regularly used.

There are only five values of these stamps—dues, envelopes and wrapper not counted—and they are cheap at present ranging in price from 3 to 20 cents. If but a dozen philatelists would undertake to study them, each trying to get some 500 to 1,000 of them with legible postmarks on original letter, we should soon experience a rise in prices, and some post marks would without doubt prove to be quite rare. Thus, by work and study, a cheap and neglected issue, might be used to make some very valuable collections, for there can be no question that a good collection illustrating the extent, time and manner of the use of these stamps, properly arranged, would be valuable.

We have some men doing somewhat similar work here in the United States. As example we may mention Mr. Crocker and the early stamps of Hawaii, Mr. Bellows and the Mexican stamps of Campeche, Mr. C. H. Mekeel and the St. Louis Postmaster stamps, Mr. Berthold and certain U. S. envelopes, and several others more. We might have more of this kind of work. The results will always be acceptable to philately at large and command respect for the worker. The more he goes into detail, the more he is exact about every point and the plainer he will lay everything he finds before his contemporaries, the more will his work be appreciated.

It is by no means necessary that the stamps so treated should be so rare as the early Hawaiians Campeches or St. Louis stamps. The Porto Ricans, the Cubans, the Guams, the Canal Zones, or in fact any others, if properly treated, will yield good results, revenues, state revenues, telegraphs, lock seals, bank checks, tax paid, precancels and cash permits, and any others that are recognized as collectible, not excluded.



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The 147th meeting of the Society was held Tuesday evening, Oct. 11th in Mr. Cornwall's offices.

Mr. Bain our president being absent, Mr. Cornwall was nominated to act as chairman.

The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Anschuetz, Cornwall, Collins, Diamant, Lewis, Mann, Mars-ton, Myers, Ruedi and a guest Mr. Toppan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Myers made a motion to nominate Messrs: Cornwall, Dia-mant and Anchuetz as the committee of the arranging and compiling of the St. Louis Stamp Book. This was second by Mr. Mann and carried.

This was our first meeting in Mr. Corwall's office and everybody certainly pleased with Mr. Cornwall's offer to give the society a boost and also a more convient place of meeting, making a down town location possible. Mr. Diamant made the remark that he thought Mr. Cornwall had his new offices designed especially to accomadate the members of the society, as everything is arranged so perfect to make every member comfortable. Mr. Diamant finished by suggesting that a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. Cornwall for his kind and generous offer. Motion carried with applause.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was adjourned everybody feeling happy.

Wm. J. H. Anschuetz, Secty. pro-tem.

POSTAGE STAMP CONUNDRUMS.

Why does a postage stamp resemble a bad boy?—Because you can't get any real good out of it until you give it a licking.

How do a stamp and an envelope resemble a young man and his sweetheart? —They are stuck on each.

What is the difference between a two-cent stamp of 1906 and a ten-cent of 908?—Eight cents.

How do stamps resemble the old man walking the floor with boy twins?—They carry the mails.

In what way does a postage stamp resemble a bogus stock transaction?—It is not square.

What is the difference between a house and a stamp?—Well, when you can sell a house it must be worth something, but when you cancel a stamp it is worth les (from a postal standpoint).

What is the difference between cartoons and certain stamps?—The value of one lies in pencil marks, and of the other in watermarks.

What is the difference between a grove of trees and a collection of stamps? —One is timber and the other timbres.

The days of the 13 cent postage stamp are numbered. Instead of this de-nomination, the postoffice department will issue a 12-cent stamp.



New Issues Column

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THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED STAMP DEALER IN THE WORLD. See Page Ads

NEWFOUNDLAND 1910. The first stamp for King George V. has now actually been issued and it forms the highest value of the set now to hand from Newfoundland, included in their Commemoration Issue to celebrate the Tercentenary of the foundation of the first permanent settlement of this country. They are extremely interesting in their designs and it is a pity that the workmanship has not been more careful for the process of printing leaves a great deal to be desired. However, the stamps are of such historical interest that it would be invidious to criticise too strictly. The entire set consists of eleven values from 1 cent to 15 cents and the designs and colors are as follows:

1 cent green. A portrait of James I who granted a Charter to John Guy of Bristol to enable him to form a colony in Newfoundland.

2 cents red. Arms of London and Bristol Company which was instrumental in developing the colony.

3 cents olive. A portrait of Alderman John Guy, the founder of the colony, 1610.

4 cents, lilac. Guy's ship the "Endeavour" in which he sailed to Newfoundland.

5 cents blue. View of the town of Cupids, one of the centres of the fishing industry of the colony.

6 cent mauve. Portrait of Sir Francis Bacon, the guiding spirit in the colonization scheme.

8 cent brown. View of Mosquito.

9 cents sage. A picture of a log camp where trees are cut for making wood pulp for manufacturing paper.

10 cents purple. The paper mills, Grand Falls.

12 cents chocolate. Portrait of the late King Edward VII.

15 cents slate. A portrait of King George V. This represents his Majesty in quite a new attitude to what he appeared when Prince of Wales upon a stamp and is an excellent portrait.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS 1910. A new $\frac{1}{4}$ d stamp now over. It is steel engraved on Multiple C. A. paper, not chalk surfaced and the execution of the border of the stamp merits great praise. Unfortunately the centre is not so commendatory. It represents the "Melocactus Communis" or Turks Head. It is printed in rather a novel shade of lilac rose.

One farthing—lilac rose.

AUSTRIA 1910. We have now received the complete sets from Austria which I suppose will be known as the "Birthday Series" as they are used in commemoration of the 80th year of the Emperor Francis Joseph's birth. They are the same design and colour as the issue of 1908 for his Diamond Jubilee issue. Therefore a list of the values and colors would be superfluous as the complete set will be found described in our Catalogue. At the top and the bottom of each of the value is cleverly introduced a label bearing the dates 1830 at the top and 1910 at the bottom. This of course considerably lengthens the stamp and the artistic way in which this addition has been made to the stamp greatly adds to the imposing appearance of the old issue. The only values that are likely to

be common are the 5, 10 and 25 heller. Of these there was a fair number printed, but of the rest of the values the issue was extremely limited, so my readers are advised to fill their sets as quickly as possible. The whole of the issue, so our correspondent in Austria tells us, was sold out within an hour after the stamps were put on sale.

As I write the news of the revolution in Portugal has just reached me. What is going to happen? It may be well at all events to secure a set of each of the King Manuel stamps both for Portugal and Azores, but of course by the time this letter appears more definite news will have reached us as to the progress of the History which is now being made in Portugal.

Without in the slightest degree wishing to dictate to our customers what they should buy, a little advice to new beginners ought to be acceptable. Most young people are optimists and when the average boy of fifteen or less is presented with an album designed to contain the postage stamps of the entire world he has no manner of doubt but that in a reasonable time he will be able to fill the book, or at least leave so few spaces empty that they would not be worth counting when looking over the glorious whole. These we leave to their rainbow chasing, knowing that the pleasure for at least a few months will be equal to all realizations of a later period. There are many in after life who retain pleasant recollections of the album of their boyhood and resolve to start again and to these we dedicate this epistle. The world is large and nearly all the people thereof use stamps and have been using them for the last fifty years or more, according to their state of enlightenment. Scott's first catalogue in pamphlet form issued in 1870 listing all stamps issued, was complete in sixteen pages. The last list required eight hundred to tell the tale of the words progress in postal issues. It must be at once manifest that it is a serious task to acquire specimens of all this vast number and the thinking man will resolve himself into a committee of one to devise ways and means. The money matter is of slight importance because a beautiful collection can be made for a few dollars or as many thousand, always provided that the plan has been thought out before the book is started. The first subject to be debated is whether the collection shall be a representative one, or a single country or group of states. Either plan can be followed out on a small or elaborate plan. If we decide on the world a specimen of the inland rates from first to last of every country would be quite representative and the cost nominal, put these in a blank book with name above and date over each stamp. It can be composed of used or unused stamps and the collection will be beautiful and interesting. If you decide on this system never on any consideration add a second stamp of the issue for by doing so the plan is spoiled and a beautiful collection is turned into a child's plaything. If this arrangement is not big enough to occupy your energies a collection of types can be formed, this would embrace a stamp of every design in use in every country not taking denominations into account. If this does not go far enough collect every distinct stamp without regard to paper, perforation, watermarks or surcharges. This plan will be found sufficient to occupy the time and money of nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand collectors and we recommend it as the best for nearly every amateur. Those who desire to specialize can take up such countries which for any reasons, sentimental or pecuniary, may appeal to them and can be carried out for any sum between ten or a million dollars. Do as you please but do form a plan before you commence.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

NOTES--By Norcross

It is said that 150,000 5-kronen pieces have been called in by the Kermezer of Austria Hungary and are to be melted simply because the engraver had placed his own name under the Monarch's portrait and it was in such small characters that it was not observed until the coins were issued. It might be well to state that the engraver was under the impression he was the ruler and that he is now confined in an asylum suffering from acute insanity.

The Catalog gives the date of the first issue of Sarawak as 1869, but on November 25th, 1866, the first postage stamps were issued by this country and placed in use there. Since then 49 different varieties have been issued and used by the country, not counting a few minor varieties.

Great Britain had its first Postmaster General away back in the year 1533.

The stamps of Gambia are an interesting country to fill out in your album, some of them are a little expensive but still are in the means of most collectors. This country first issued stamps in the year 1869 and since then has put out some very interesting issues which are prized by collectors in general.

The first postal service of Nuremburg was organized on Dec. 5th, 1570.

It does the heart of every true stamp collector good to know that the officials of Great Britain and its Colonies has issued an order and warning to the Colonial Officials that hereafter will do away with provisional issues, namely, surcharged stamps. It seems that some of the officials were doing a very good business in this line on purpose to supply stamp dealers with the various new provisional issues that they made up from time to time, henceforth such work will not be done. The Earl of Crewe, Colonial Secretary, has just issued the order above referred to and it is of general interest to all stamp collectors and dealers.

LONDON'S NEW POST OFFICE.

It is very interesting to all stamp people to know something about the inside workings of one of the largest post offices in the world, and the new building used in London is of especial interest as it contains so many new features which are used to hasten the delivery of the immense amount of mail handled by this office.

This new building is equipped with many new time saving plans and devices among which are the endless chain carriers which are run by electric power and carry the mail matter from one part of the building to another, then the sorting department is said to be the finest in the world and over 3000 sorters are employed here. In all there are ten lifts, each one capable of carrying six tons, and run also by electric power, with numerous smaller lifts that carry small packages from floor to floor, as well as endless moving bands that handle the letters. In this way each class of mail matter is sent to its department without extra handling and for that matter is sent to its department without extra handling and for that matter full pouches of mail are sent from one part of the building to their receiving tables without being gone over. The saving of time is noted in every department and this is said to be one of the model post offices of the world.

Mexico has issued a new series of postage stamps from 1 to 20 cents.

Chas. L. Pack of Lakewood, N. J., the only United States Exhibitor at the Berne Stamp Exhibition received a Silver Medal for showing each of four collections from Cape of Good Hope, Brazil, Spain and New Zealand.

Our own Post Office department has been so busy that nearly a year has gone by since the registry fee was changed to 10c and we have had no 12c stamp, altho' it was promised. No doubt it will come as a surprise some of these days.

ANTIGUA By Norcross

It is one of the prettiest sights that we know of, at least to the eye of the stamp collector, a complete set of the stamps of this British Colony. The postal issues of this country are handsome and attractive and make a neat display in ones collection and are within the reach of most collectors as they are not an expensive set to purchase and further that the stamps of this country are always sure to enhance in value.

From the year 1890 to the year 1903 the stamps of the Leeward Islands were used in place of the separate series for this island and even now both kinds of stamps are used on the island. Of the separate Antigua stamps there are 35 different varieties with about 16 minor varieties. None of the regular stamps are very expensive and for that reason it makes a very good country for a collector to complete.

Antigua is one of the British possessions and a member of the Leeward Group, it is an island of about 108 square miles and a very pleasant and healthy country to live in. It has a high and very rocky coast which presents beautiful scenery to the eye as one approaches the country and there are many harbors which attract the vessels of all countries as they are used to a great extent for coaling stations and to replenish their stock of provision. At certain periods of the year there is a scarcity of water and the country is occasionally visited by hurricanes, yet for all it is a good country to live in.

St. John is a small city the capital of the island which is the pride of the natives and while it contains no great splendor, it is a very interesting and ancient dwelling place.

At one time this island was captured and laid to waste and ruin by the French but by the treaty of Breda it was given back to the British and has ever since been in their possession. It was settled in 1632 by English settlers and in 1663 was given by grant of Charles II to one Lord Willoughby and under him the government was established subject to the Royal Crown.

Specialization is not for the beginner. One must be acquainted with stamps in general before one can intelligently go into the detail of specialization. This, however, does not mean that one must collect the stamps of all countries before he can begin to pay particular attention to one or a few countries. One may very soon feel a stronger inclination to one country than to another, and there is no reason why one should not follow such inclination. What we mean to say is this: Collect all stamps that you can get and follow your own inclinations as to what stamps you will hunt for most. When you are ripe for special work you will drift to it spontaneously,

It is rumored that Denmark is now willing to sell the Danish West Indian Islands to the United States and that negotiations to that effect are being opened. If there is any truth in this rumor, then we may expect that this time a transfer will be readily effected, and that in consequence of it Danish American stamps will grow in favor in this country. They are now receiving pretty much attention.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

A few years ago, the 13c U. S. A., 1902, was a not uncommon quotation per 100, but it now seems to be much scarcer; the 1c of 1908 is apparently scarcer still. Nicaragua, 1903, should prove a profitable quest.

Scott's 1911 Catalog in red cover was received on last day of Oct., still better to

have been out Sept. 1st.

Have just seen, for the first time (!), some of the Guatemalan railway stamps surcharged for postal use in 1886: these are curious, but then there are customers constantly on the look out for the curious and out-of-the ordinary. A page of Guatemalan surcharges should have an attraction.

The 25th. Bosnia pictorial is also difficult to get in quantity.

Copies of the 100 reis Brazil Centenary of 1908 seem to be available; I have seen about a score. This is the scarcest oblong pictorial.

Quotations on middle values of European, such as the 50 st. Bulgaria, 1902, seem to be worth keeping a watch upon, since fluctuations in different localities allow of profitable purchasing.

Used copies of the Bulgarian Shipka Pass, and the 1907 Jubilees, will often sell at sight, without their cost being taken into account.

Argentine, 1892, is occasionally a venture, on account of the likelihood of getting unrepresentable copies; the 30c. value seems particularly hard to get in fine shape. Odd copies found on club sheets are generally finer, and these should be worth buying and putting aside. The 12c and 50c, of 1889, are also good stamps to have; Argentine is a popular country and these scarcer values sell freely.

The 20c Colombia, grey-black, 1904, should be looked up in the new catalogue; is evidently a good stamp. Since the 50c value is likely to be hard to find the 20c. should make a good tail-piece to the set of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c. of this nice series.

The new prices for the Ecuador triangulars of 1908 occur to one as being too cheap.

The chalk surfaced 10 piastres, Egypt, is evidently worth double the price of the plain paper variety, a point worth bearing in mind. There is also a wide difference between the 5 piastres of 1884 and that of 1902—same type. The Un-paids of 1889 seem everywhere priced too low.

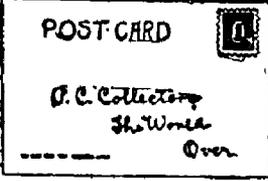
Crete "Ellas" up to the 10 lepta value are readily available, but where are the 20, 25 and 50 lepta values? 1905 issue included the 20 and 25 lepta, but it seems this is not the case with the "Ellas" surcharges.

Friday, July 1st, being the 25th anniversary of Siam having entered the Postal Union, the occasion was celebrated by the use of a special date stamp at all the Post Offices. This not only marked an interesting historical date, both literally and practically, but should, no doubt prove of considerable interest to philatelists. At the same time also, some special postcards were issued to mark the event. These, besides bearing portraits of H. M. the King and typical Siamese devices, have representations of the Siamese postman, old style and new. In the former he has panung, a cap with a huge peak and a still more huge paper umbrella; in the latter he is flying along on a bicycle. The designs are the work of Mr. Tamagne of the Public Works Department.—Sent in by A. C. Roessler.

The more philatelic papers one reads the better will he be enabled to collect intelligently and avoid the errors into which the isolated collector is apt to fall.



PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

*A. C. Collectors
The World
Over*

If you are interested in the fascinating Post Card pursuit, send the WEST an exchange note today. Don't wait until tomorrow. Over 9510 men are engaged in the manufacture of post cards today. At a moderate estimate 1,000,000 or more per day are produced, and our country is doing almost the big business now. In danger we're not yet awake, while correspondence bright is.

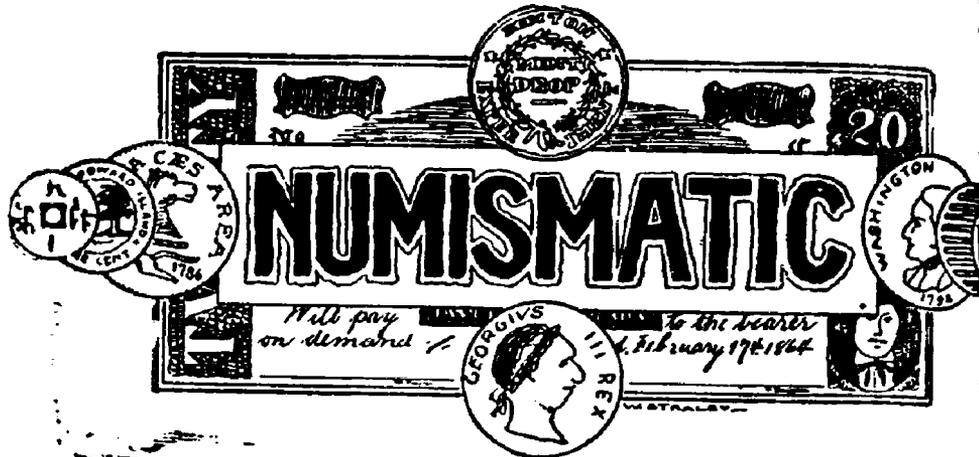
We court it for its own sweet sake—this picture-postcarditis.

I have before me several New York views showing entrances to underground ways. Of the three hundred and fifty thousand passengers daily whisking through the new subway beneath the streets of New York, not one in a hundred knows what a stupendous feat is this latest of engineering conquests. It is hard to understand when we consider streets have been blown to fragments by tons of dynamite and gouged from curb to curb like an excavation for a huge canal and to say it's a truly gigantic work is no lie. It is one of the most wonderful transportation systems in the U. S. or in existence anywhere.

Yet, like the tunneling of the Alps the building of the great dam at Assuan and like the construction of our own mammoth suspension bridges as an engineering achievement this subway ranks among the modern wonders. The subway of New York has been a discouraging, most daring undertaking, difficult course for the building of it through the very heart of the great city of New York.

Almost throughout, the route lay beneath streets and avenues filled with an endless procession of electric cars and thousands upon thousands of vehicles whose progress must not be interrupted. On either side of the enormous ditch reared fifteen to forty story skyscrapers, the mammoth foundations of which were nibbled, as if coaxing the towering structures to topple into the awful excavations. Entire streets filled with multitudes of pedestrians and caravans of vehicles were "hung up" in air while from beneath came the tattoo of ponderous rills and reports of the dynamite blasts. Volumes could be written about this Atlantic work foot by foot, block by block and mile by mile. To appreciate more fully the magnitude of the work, consider the figures as published by the engineers. The subway which throughout half its length is 54.50 feet wide, accommodates four tracks side by side and is 20 81 miles long. Nearly twelve miles consist of typical subway construction.

(To be continued.)



The Government Seizes Rare Coins

(Continued from last issue.)

Up to June, 1887, pattern coins had passed into the hands of private owners, and of course, dealers dealt in them unquestioned. In June, 1886, the collection of Dr. E. Maris, abounding in "patterns," was sold at auction in Philadelphia, without objection or interference. Every great collection of coins sold at auction for years back has contained "pattern" coins, and one of these sales was that of James B. Longacre, in January, 1870, a collection which contained many "patterns". Longacre was for many years chief engraver at the Mint. Two "patterns" in gold (\$50 pieces for 1877) were brought to light last year, and, being so rare that their existence was not even suspected, they brought large prices.

Dr. H. R. Linderman, a coin expert and a lover of numismatics, was chief clerk of the Mint 1855 to 1864, and Director of the Mint 1867 to 1869. Naturally enough, his coin collection was a fine one, and when it was sold in 1888, the Government looked with such greedy eyes upon the pattern pieces therein that the sale was delayed many months. Finally the Government, it seems, decided that it "had no case" and the valuable pieces were sold at auction in February, 1888. This collection containing 186 "lots", including over 200 "pattern pieces," the whole bringing for Dr. Linderman's estate the sum of \$1843.28.

Another great collection was the Parmelee, which contained 253 "lots", described as "Patterns issued by the U. S. Mint." This sale was held in June, 1890, and there was not the slightest effort by the Government agents to interfere with the sale, it having been approved by the U. S. Treasury. Nor has interference been heard of in connection with the sale, public or private of the thousands of "pattern pieces" which have been disposed of from, say, 1888 to the present year, and the sale of "pattern pieces" by foreign Governments moreover, to coin collectors, is going on today. Abroad as here, these peculiar pieces are frequently "gems" of the engraver's art; oftentimes they are finer, decidedly, as to workmanship, than the designs finally fixed upon for circulation.

There seems to be general, if not universal acquiescence in the doctrine that with his own chattels, one can do as he likes. The present objections of the Government have been due, it is said, to Dr. A. Platt Andrews, who became Director of the Mint less than a year ago. The point, however, upon which the

present case rests seems to be one of law; and if the original owners of these "pattern pieces" obtained them from the Mint under the forms of law, it would seem most extraordinary now to attack the title of innocent owners whose possession of this peculiar property has remained undisturbed for perhaps a generation. One man, a former publisher, referring to the Government's suit said: "Why, as to some of these pieces, the United States has waited too long; for undisputed possession of real estate, e. g., quiet title in say 21 years."

In the Rules: Mint of the U. S., July 1, 1866, paragraph 3. states: "Any experimental or pattern pieces can be obtained at the Mint within the year of its date, but not after. Standing orders for such pieces will be registered and attended to. Any patterns that remain on hand at the end of the year must be defaced; it is not desirable to make them as common as the proofs of regular coinage." And paragraph 4 says: "The price of a pattern coin in any but precious metal will be \$3 in currency; if in gold or silver, the value of the metal is to be added. * * The Director reserves the right to send a pattern piece, without charge, to any incorporated Numismatic Society in the United States. In such cases, if the "pattern" is in gold or silver, the value of the metal will be expected." And as to proofs, these "Rules" continue: "To suit the convenience of many payment may be made in the currency equivalent." In paragraph 6 Director Linderman adds that the profits of this whole department are reserved to the Medal Fund "and are not to be the perquisite of any person holding a place in the Mint. All such persons are expected to refrain from dealing in this line or affording to aid friends or dealers outside." And the "Regulations" of 1874 in like manner refer to the manufacture and sale of medals, proofs and pattern pieces, and paragraphs 7 and 8 state distinctly that: "Proof coins and pattern pieces, etc., shall be fixed by the superintendent of the Mint." Paragraph 12 declares that "A statement of the medals and pattern pieces struck and sold each year will be forwarded to the Director of the Mint at the close thereof."

In 1887 there seems to have been a suspicion of laxity or favoritism in the matter of these beautiful and rare specimens, and there was a perceptible stiffening of the rules but there was no change in the practice of selling and giving away these rarities. These "patterns" were passed over the counter at the Mint, and copies were supplied to congressional committees, to officers of the Mint, to certain other specified persons and to "any incorporated numismatic society in the United States and this without warning as to selling by the recipient, and also the curator of the Mint exchanged pieces of this character in the Mint's collection of rare coins, which the Mint desired. All through the various "rules" of the Mint for years, particularly until 1887, the specimens now claimed as Government property were sold as plainly and indisputably as paintings and pianos are sold, and there was no suspicion of any flaw in the title, and hence the attack of the government, after years of quiescence, is viewed with amazement. Captain Haseltine believes that it is immoral—preposterous, indeed—for the government to sell, without conditions or warnings against reselling, these "specimens" (some of which repose today in coin collections throughout the world), and to seek now, by legal procedure, to compel owners to surrender property. A citizen should not be made to suffer for acts which the Government has itself permitted and invited.

Captain Haseltine's attorneys have asked for the return of his property, and that their client be given damages and costs and numismatists, philatelists and thousands of other persons are eagerly awaiting the outcome.—Pennsylvania Paper.

MINERALOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to the 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 publication of much more than ordinary interest has recently come to our desk, being a copy of the first bulletin, the summer number issued by the recently organized American Geological Association. It is an attractive publication of 28 pages and cover, and reflects great credit upon the maiden efforts of the officers of the society. The issue is principally devoted to two articles of unusual merit, namely, "The Metamorphism of Coal" by Carl Gottschalck, B. S., M. S., and "An Inquiry into the Mesozoic Mystery of Being" by Prof. W.A. Simpson. Both articles can well be perused by any geological student with much pleasure and profit.

The primary object of the American Geological Association is the general diffusion of knowledge relating to the ores, soils, minerals, rocks, etc., of our great country. All people interested in geology, and all others having a desire to begin such studies are invited to join in this one great society for investigating the wonders of the beautiful American continent on which we live.

Many well known names in the natural science world are already included on the roster of the society. The president and publisher of the bulletin is G. Elsworth Brown of Athens, Tennessee; vice president, Mrs. J. B. Lysitt, Lockport, N. Y.; solicitor, W. A. Simpson, Philadelphia, Tennessee; Librarian Walter D. Weinland, Hope, Indiana. The list of charter members is included in the first bulletin.

The cost of membership is merely nominal, being only one dollar per annum, which includes the entrance fees and dues for one year. The president or librarian will be glad to send an application blank, or as many as wanted, which will be acted upon, when returned, properly filled out. We would advise all our mineralogical friends to become members, as each member will receive all the bulletins and lists, which alone are worth for more than the small cost of membership.

The editor of this department is always glad to give his active support to any movement of this kind, of the preliminary organization has shown that there is even a remote chance for final success. The workers at best, or the majority of them are far too lukewarm in their efforts to assist any movement of the kind, and those who will actually get down and do the work deserve every credit. We predict that the membership of the American Geological Association will grow by leaps and bounds, if it is given even a fraction of the support that is

ould have. Send in your request for an applicaton blank today before you for it, and return it to the proper officers as soon as properly filled out. If you e any interesting geological items or matter be sure to acquaint Mr. Brown n them.

The season of the best study is coming on apace. Let us hear of any of your experiences, finds in the mineral line and any other matters of general and onal interest. Also be sure to send in any clippings, items, etc., which may find as they will be greatly appreciated both by editor and readers. us hear from you at any rate, with any Ideas or Suggestions

The 81st monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Oct. 7th, Vice president F. Elmo Simpson presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Excell, Vercouter, Holmes, Baker, Wilson, Loer and Green.



A communication was read from General Secretary Duffield informing the Society that the invitation to hold the next convention of the American Numismatic Association in Chicago had been unanimously accepted that President Henderson had appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. G. Green, P. M. Wolsieffer and A. M. Tierney to confer with a committee of the American Philatelic Society with a view to arranging the conventions of two societies on consecutive dates.

The committee on Medallion Production reported that they had made arrangements to have designs for a medal on Aviation submitted by Art Institute students. Messrs R. E. Davis and R. H. Saxton were elected to membership.

Matters pertaining to the 1911 convention were discussed at some length, and resolution President Williams was instructed to appoint a Finance committee of as soon as convenient to secure pledges for the entertainment of the convention. A preliminary committee of three consisting of Messrs. V. M. Brand, and Carey was appointed and asked to report at next meeting as to what committees should be created, their duties, etc.

Several interesting exhibits were made, and numismatic discussion indulged in. A copy of the first New York Numismatic Club Presidential medal was received from Mr. Frank C. Higgins, also his published paper on Chinese Coinage, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge same.

Magazines received since last meeting were: Numismatische Correspondenz, Philatelic West, Mehl's Monthly and the Numismatist, all for September. Auction catalogs were recieved from Elder, Green and Dr. E. Merzbacher; a priced catalog from Low, and a book from Mr. G. W. Tracy on Ancient Coins, Weights and Measures by Arbuthnot; also a catalog of the Medallion Exhibitions of the American Numismatic Society of 1910, a gift from Mr. F. J. Loer.

B. H. Saxton of Davenport, Ia. was present as a visitor.
Adjourned to meet Nov. 4th, 1910. Ben G. Green, Sec'y.

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To Members of Collectors Union:—I wish to say that we are about to have our first list of members published very shortly and would like all members to send me their correct name and address as soon as possible. Do it today. At present the society is doing very nicely and hope that the members will keep up the good work. I hope and trust that each member will try to get at least one new member by the first of the year, as we wish to increase our membership. Trusting that all members will mail me their correct name and address.

I remain, Yours very Truly,

G. H. Fabian Jr., 317 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Notice: Members should comply with Mr. Fabian's request as soon as possible. The names of all members in good standing are now in his hands. He is waiting to hear from the members before he turns the list over to the printer. Mr. Fabian is doing all in his power to uplift the society and is not letting personal expense interfere with his plans. I have a promise from another officer that he is going to help. This is an invitation to the others to give a helping hand. Don't be an officer in name, but in F.A.M.E. Yours Truly,

"The Secretary."

REPORT OF THE COLLECTORS' UNION.

Members will please take notice that Mr. Hicks, formerly Chief of Stamp Department assumes charge of the Post Card Department beginning with the appearance of this notice. All post card members should give him their support for he comes well recommended. Who will be first to apply for the position left vacant in the Stamp Dept. by Mr. Hicks? I will be pleased to hear from members who are interested. I would again call members' attention to

ced rate in dues. Until Jan. 1, 1911, old members can renew for 25¢, two
rs for 50¢. New memberships are solicited at the above rate. We have a
e supply of new application blanks on hand. All members who send a two
stamp to pay postage will receive a supply in return. Get busy and keep
best society of its kind on the high road to success. This means you, Mr.
ber for this Society cannot thrive without your support. Yours truly,

"The Secretary."

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

No's 2130 to 2169, and 2174 to 2185. Please renew,—after Jan. 1st it will
you twice as much as now.

RENEWALS.

2170. John F. Thompson, Marietta, Ga., has been an invalid for 22 years.
our members should remember him. Send a card of greeting at least during
holidays.

78. Geo. Frummond, 236 Stanhope St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

2171. Arthur Soderstrum, 2944 E. 28 St., Kansas City, Mo.. Photo cards

2172. Robert Brown, 228 Jervois Road, Auckland, N. Z.

2173. John E. Griffiths, Tokomaru, Wellington, N. Z.

501. James A. Carr Jr., foreign cards, from foreign members only.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES.

2344. E. H. Hufham, Box 198, Llano, Texas, specializes in State Capitols,
a buildings and street scenes.

2554. W. L. Bucke, 1332 West Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. announces
he will lend to members only of the C. U. giving their membership number.
will forward the outfit of Postal Holders for 20¢. Price to others 25¢.

2291. Alvin J. Fink, 604 South Jefferson St. Dayton, O.; has sent in his list
his office, of curios, Indian and war relics, prehistoric pottery, rugs, jewelry,
his, etc. Members should patronize him

65. William C. Jeffries, Box 2146, Bridgeport, Conn., listed as expired
ber last month is reinstated till March 1, 1911. Same was unavoidable
take on part of the Secretary. Is there any others who have been listed in-
ectly?

NEW MEMBERS.

2359. H. Latyon Walker, 649 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

2360. W. R. C. Beaufoy, Pakawroa, Gisborne, N. Z.; post cards

2361. Mme. Louise Koentze, Losarang (bij Indramajos) Cheribon, Java,
E. I.; comic cards, stamp view side.

2363. Evald Kvarn, Box 251, Minot, N. D., foreign cards only. Corres-
in English, French, Norwegian, Esperanto.

The pen used by Charles Dickens just before his death, which has been sold
tion for \$95 must yield the palm of costliness to the well-worn gold pen,
by "Boz" for many years, which found a purchaser some time ago for over
At the sale of the Dalhousie collection a quill pen used by Wellington
writing to Queen Victoria in 1844 brought only \$25; while one of Sir Walter
's pens, selected by Lord Dalhousie in 1829 from Scott's writing table at
ford, only realized \$15.

Don't grumble, don't howl,
Don't look weary and sad:

Just get a move on,
Try a WEST Want Ad.

49. Arnold G. Rorabie, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
50. Joseph E. Kirchoff 68 E. 113 St., New York, N.Y. (scenery only)
51. Miss Ella Lunney, 2426 King St., Denver Colo.
52. O. Nelson, 160 Lawrence St., Malden, Mass.
53. C. M. Paine, Box 247. Lima, Ohio.
54. Antou Srovnal, Goldschlagstrasse 80, Wien XIV, Austria. (collects colored city views, types and costumes, mining scenes.)
55. Anderw F. Sabanosh, 251 River Road, Garfield, N.Y. (colored scenery preferred)
56. Georges Magnus, Ateliers, Jh. Paris, Marchienne-au-Pont, Belgium. (exchanges view cards with all countries except European. Stamp view side)
57. Luella M. Whitehead, Westport Factory, Mass.

Miscellaneous Notes--By W. Straley

Prehistoric remains believed to be those of early man, have been found during excavations at Coldrum, Kent, on a floor of iron sandstone, so reports the London Daily Mail.

Tusks of some huge prehistoric animal were unearthed in a gravel pit near a stone foundry in the western part of Fort Worth, Texas, recently. The specimens measure about 9 feet in length and are well preserved.

The Berks County, Pa., Historical Society has recently added to its collection an old "quern," or Indian corn mill, which was found some time ago on an old Indian village site near Lobachville. The specimen weighs 75 pounds and is a most interesting relic of the days long past.

At the fall fair held in Hico, Texas, on October 5, 6 and 7, Mr. L. A. Weige exhibited a bombshell which was found on the Chickamaugua battle field. Mr. Horde Randals also had on exhibition a pistol that was presented to his father in 1855. R. F. Wiseman, the photographer had on exhibition an old shot gun (cap and ball) with a six-charge cylinder. Mr. D. T. Collin displayed a chair 55 years old, and Mr. R. K. Glanton one 43 years old.

Workmen who are digging the Hal Hardeman well discovered the well preserved bones of some reasonably large animal today at a depth of thirty feet. The bones were embedded in hard clay and those who have viewed them are at a loss how to account for them. It is supposed, however that the Bayou valley where the well is being sunk, was at one time the bottom of the stream and that the bones were imbedded in the clay banks and have remained deposited there since. It was first supposed that the bones were human bones, but it is not likely that they are.—Brownwood, Texas, Bulletin.

MASTODON'S TOOTH FOUND.

Diggers in the sand pit adjoining Denison, Iowa, found the tooth of a mammoth or similar large animal.

The tooth is well preserved and still encased in a part of the mammoth jawbone. The jawbone is soft and decaying, but the tooth seems as hard as flint. The grinding surface of the tooth is 10x5 inches and is of oval shape. From the base to the top is ten inches.

Huge bones have been found before in the pit where the tooth was taken, and it is evident that the remains of a prehistoric animal are resting there. Several have been found near Superior, Nebr.

Watches Possess Historical Value

Some of the finest watches in the world, from an antique point of view are in Pierpont Morgan's collection, and he has just added to them the famous Carl Marfel's collection with over 40 gems of the 17th and 18th centuries. Carl Marfel had been most energetic and had devoted his whole life to securing the gems, constantly parting with old acquisitions to get finer ones. He purchased from one of the Rothschild's what was considered the most wonderful watch in the world, egg shaped, in Limoges enamel with quaint and beautiful paintings in enamel.

The goldsmith's work on these watches is astonishing, with their gems and jewels and wonderful chasing, the gold in four colors. We have nothing that can compete with such work of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Peter Henheim is said to be responsible for the portable watch, and he lived about the year 1500 in Nuremberg. They were first made of iron, circular with a straight beam instead of a circular balance. It was not until 1700 that the minute hand was in general use. It was an Englishman, Barlow by name who introduced the repeater. In 1764 a patent was obtained for a watch winding from the outside. The stemwinder came in 1843.

Watches were the most artistic in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. When the portable watches were first invented they were carried in saddlebags or tucked around the neck.

Some early watchmakers placed their names in the ornamentation around the dial, but they are very difficult to decipher. A watch dating 1640 displays the dial and the case within and without all adorned with delicate paintings of the Roman wars.

In the 17th century enamel work on watches reached its acme. This gave place in the 18th century to Vernis Martin decoration, principally portraits.

One watch made during the Empire period is entirely of mother-of-pearl and still runs. Many of the porcelain watches are still in existence. Curious in earlier watches were those with musical attachments and movable figures. No glass is over the hands of some of the oldest.

A QUEER PAPER WEIGHT

In the year 1869 a private soldier stationed a Saxe killed an officer of his regiment and was condemned to be shot. Comrades who knew the extenuating circumstances, friends, priests, relatives—all pleaded in vain for mercy. The colonel in whose hands the matter rested insisting on the death penalty. The day came and the man was taken to the place of execution. Six members of the regiment armed with rifles, one of which contained a blank cartridge, took the places as executioners. The man's eyes were bandaged and with arms securely pinioned he stood ready for the volley, shouting, "Comrades, aim well!" when a mounted courier dashed into the crowd waving a white flag crying "Pardon." He was Lieutenant Baron du Mont, with the colonel's pardon which would have been useless had it arrived one minute later.

The municipality secured the five bullets from the firing squad, had them silvered and mounted in the form of a tiny pyramid on a silver plate, and the suitably inscribed, is known as the "pardon paper weight," the only one of the kind.—From a Vienna Paper.

While remodeling his house, Select Councilman William Murphy, of Hatfield, Pa., found in the attic an old violin dated in 1735.

CURIO DEPARTMENT



The oldest and most curious herbarium in the world is the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. It consists of crowns, garlands, wreaths and bouquets of flowers, all taken from the ancient tombs of Egypt, most of the examples being in excellent condition. Nearly all the flowers have been identified, and they cannot be less than 3,000 years old.

A special despatch from Madrid chronicles a report that Mr. J. P. Morgan has bought the famous 350 year old Miranda house at Burgos, with the purpose of bringing to this country its portals, staircase and other rare artistic appointments. We need not be surprised to hear from Egypt that some "American multimillionaire" is planning to buy and bring over the Sphinx.

At the second day of the sale of a collection of coins made by Major Richard Lambert, of New Orleans a cent of 1799 brought \$92 in Philadelphia. It is an exceptionally fine piece. Another cent, just like it but not so well dated, commanded only \$18 50. Major Lambert paid \$20 for it and for the \$92 coin. "Liberty Cap" pennies of 1793 and 1794 were bid in eagerly at \$18 each, a "chain" coin of the earlier year brought \$70. Another but slightly different brought \$55 and still another that read "United States of America," brought \$5 because the "ca" was left off. A half cent dated 1796 sold for \$20.

How many collectors of coins know anything about the curious halfpence issued centuries ago by English authorities—halfpence in the truest sense of the word, since they were nothing more than minted pennies cut directly in half? Specimens of these coins have been discovered frequently among the buried treasures which have been unearthed from time to time in Great Britain.

Snuffboxes brought big prices in London recently at the sale of the art collection of Mr Octavius Coope. \$8750 was paid for a Louis XV. gold snuffbox of the Schlenker, whilst an oblong snuffbox of old Dresden enamel realised \$1450. The miniature Dumont's Astronomer was sold for \$2500.

An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Under a special congressional appropriation the work of excavating a prehistoric city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ariz., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fowkes. Already a number of structures have been discovered, and the latest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long with eleven rooms, the massive walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there was a table called by the Pima Indians, "the seat of Montezuma."

Pecos Valley Diamonds

By James W. Mullens, of Roswell, New Mexico.

These little crystals are found at intervals through a strip of country about 75 miles long and about 35 miles wide, in the Pecos valley, New Mexico. They vary in size from a small stone the size of a pin-point to as much as three inches in length and two inches in thickness. There is no regularity as to shades of any given bed, some being as clear as real diamonds, and others being of a muddy or opaque color. Among the so called "diamond" beds are found some lovely agates cut to the same facets as the diamond in the bed where found. They are usually of six facets, but some few have been found with eight.

Various explanations have been offered regarding the origin of these stones, or crystals, none of which seem to bear out the existing geological surroundings are about as follows: Beginning about 20 miles above Fort Sumner, on the Pecos, the "cap rock", or the edge of the long row of foot hills which mark the plains of the "Llano Estacado" and slope toward the Gulf of Mexico, deflect from the general course of the river and make a wider valley than any such on the upper Pecos. The formation becomes more and more filled with gypsum and at Roswell and surrounding country several large springs gush out of the flat valley and make small rivers. Very few diamonds have ever been found south or down stream, from these rivers. There are often great ledges of gypsum rock which takes a nice polish and looks like marble when first dressed, but soon deteriorates when it is brought in contact with the air. There are miles and miles of country there strewn with fragments of this gypsum, much of it being clear as glass. Many people have been misled into believing that the Pecos Diamonds were also of a gypsum formation, but this is erroneous. Gypsum can be dissolved in a few hours in a solution of strong soda, without any heat, and by boiling in a shorter time. The diamonds refuse to melt for any known thing except fire heat—dry.

To the west of the Pecos lie ranges of mountains containing nearly all kinds of mineral as well as coal, the first range to the north and west of Roswell being the Capitan mountain, whose highest peak is 10,800 feet and which is covered with forests. It contains much coal, some iron and silver, a little copper, a considerable amount of good limestone on the surface, but most of the surface rock is of schistous and hornblende and mica formations. A fair grade of lithographic stone is also found on it and all sorts of quartzite formations.

To the westward of Capitan lie the Jacarillas, to the south the Sierra Blanca range towering to 13,950 feet, then a valley some 60 miles wide and then the Organs and Oscuras mountains. Beyond these is the Rio Grande. In the valley north and west of Capitan is the lava bed known as the "Mal Pais", with a crater at the upper part and a lava bed varying in width from two to seven miles, and a height above the valley of from ten to 500 feet. "Mal Pais" means "bad place" and the lava beds live up to their reputation. To the north of the Mal Pais is the broad, semi valley which contains the ruins of "La Gran Quivera", the *vid mecum* of early Spanish explorers. This plain or valley, as you may please to call it, is practically waterless except for the arts of

at the north end are some gypsy springs. In times gone by, there was a populous city at Gran Quivera, and a system of irrigation had evidently been in vogue as old ditches are still to be found in that vicinity.

Between the head of the Mal Pais and the ruins of Gran Quivera may be found thousands of small semi-precious stones, such as garnet, ruby, opal, topaz, turquoise and malachite. These are all too small for jeweler's purposes, but some are beautiful gems.

Between the Capitan and Gran Quivera lie the Jicarillas mountains where Thomas A. Edison has been experimenting with "dry washers", to the attempt to make the dredging for the free placer gold of that vicinity a paying proposition.

To the east lie the great plains of the Llano Estacado, and this is about the surrounding geological formation of the Pecos Diamonds.

The Pecos river meanders through this valley between the western mountains and the cap rock hills of the Llano Estacado, at the lowest part of the valley—being the most crooked large stream on earth. Here at Roswell, and for sixty miles below, is the greatest known artesian area. There are so-called "bottomless lakes" in many parts of this artesian field, the waters of which are strongly mineral and alkali, and the water table of the area is near the surface, as near as two feet in places.

I am sending Mr. Brodstone by this mail a package of the "diamonds", and will send a few to anyone who will send postage to cover mailing—10 cents. Publisher says it is well worth it!

I shall be glad to see the opinion of any of our geological friends on the subject, and will answer any questions containing a stamp for reply.

INDIAN RUGS.—By Norcross.

It is an interesting fact to know that all genuine Indian Rugs are made by the Indian Women and she does the weaving without any pattern or special design, which is certainly a wonder, as the beautiful designs simply come from her own taste or fancy during the process of weaving, so that these genuine Indian Rugs are never made in duplicate patterns and of no regular size. Their value is mostly made from their closeness of weave, size, color, pattern, thickness and quality of yarn of which they are woven.

The Squaw's loom is usually a few poles tied across a couple of trees and upon these she strings the warp, using an extra pole at the top which is used to stretch the work until it is as tight as can be. Thus her loom is a very simple affair. The natural colors as grown on the sheep are white, black, gray and brown while the other colors are dyed, red being the most common used. These rugs are made very serviceable and make handsome coverings for floors, also for door and bath rugs.

MASTODON BONES AT ROSWELL, N. Mexico

A few days ago Mr. C. S. Brewster found at his gravel pit a mile west of the city limits of Roswell, N. M., a part of the thigh bone of a mastodon, the piece measuring 54 inches in length by 20 inches in circumference. The weight is not known. Some four years ago a tooth 8 inches by six and a half inches was found near the same place. The two pieces will be placed on exhibition with the Roswell exhibit at the Chicago Land Show. The pit where these bones were found is in the valley of the Hondo river, and were found ten feet below the surface. Look up ads in the WEST!

INDIAN RELICS

The number of Indian relics found in the vicinity of Bridgeton, N. J., would indicate that what is now Cumberland county was at one time the home of the meeting ground of numerous aborigines. Some of our citizens have large collections of Indian axes, spearheads and arrowheads. Edmund Shimp, who resides on East Myrtle street, possesses over fifty-five stone axes and numbers his arrowheads by the thousand. Ralph Emerson, a sixteen year old boy employed at the Fenimore Machine Works, has already found nearly four hundred arrow heads. He has obtained as many as twenty-eight in one day, and recently while prospecting came across a British coin containing the inscription of King George the Second and dated 1733. Young Emerson has cleverly made a blue-print drawing of an arrow-head followed by some selected verses pertaining to it. The verses follow:

THE ARROW HEAD.

Deep in the forest clay,
Long lost, it snugly slept away
While winter, summer, passed it o'er
Through twice a hundred years or
more;
While saplings into oaks upreared;
While rood by rood the land was
cleared;
Till glancing from the paleface plow
It waked to meet the world of Now.
And on my study desk it lies,
A derelict in mute surprise,
Where vanished is the em'rald shade?
The aisles of the primeval glade?
The deer's shrill snort, the turkey's
call?
The Indian's measured guttural?
The moccasin, the copper face,
The war-whoop, and the striped gri-
mace?

Perchance, could but thy tale be told
Some wrinkled arrow-maker old,
Another Minnehaha's sire,
Close crouching by his wigwam
With patient labor, chip by chip
Slow wrought thee—barb, and edge
and tip;
And striding over trunk and brook
A Hiawatha came and took.

The mind may paint but cannot give
The breath to make the figures live
Gone are the hands that shaped thee
Gone is the warrior and his bow
Gone is the quarry and the oak;
Gone are the wild, red forest folk
Like their own bolts forever sped;
Gone all the world, O Arrow Head.

(Selected)

Clipping Sent by Arnold C. B.

At the mints of the United States during the fiscal year just closed the government made 188,006,668 coins valued at \$54,215,419. Of this amount \$47,578,875 worth was in gold, \$4,297,567 in silver and \$2,338,877 in minor coins. There was also 7,574,758 pieces of Philippine coins issued including 5,276,200 pesos and 1,500,000 one centavos.

In New York City on Sept. 1, Henry Chapman, a numismatist, paid \$100 for a 1 cent piece at an auction sale. The price, according to dealers, is the largest ever paid for a penny. The biggest previous price which could be remembered was \$275. The coin was struck in the year 1793. It is the "Liberty Cup" variety and was formerly owned by Peter Mougey of Cincinnati.

It is learned that J. Pierpont Morgan was the purchaser of the King Charles I copy of the Cambridge Bible, which was sold at the disposal sale of the library of Lord Amherst of Hackney. The price paid was \$5,000.

COLLECTION NOWHERE EXCELLED.

living on the outskirts of Elmira Heights N. Y. alone in a large house surrounded by many acres of rich land, old and unattended, though still vigorous for his age, is Augustus McConnell, a man learned in books, a graduate of Harvard University, and a former professor in the astronomical department of that institution. A visit to his quaint homeplace takes one into the realm of the ancients. Books, charts, papers, furniture of the fine old antique order, with which the house is crowded all in a fashion that at once indicates the absence of woman, and impresses one that here lives a man, a student, who has lived his long life by books alone. Forced to give up his work at Harvard University because of ill health, Mr. McConnell turned his talents to civil engineering and spent much of his time in the employment of the government on the frontiers of the West and Texas. He still does considerable surveying in and about his locality.

Mr. McConnell is a great grandson of Matthew McConnell, who came to this country from Scotland in 1735, settling at Cranberry Lake, N. J. Augustus McConnell has among other old documents, a charge delivered to the Toiga Co. grand jury, by his grandfather, Judge John McConnell, in which particular attention is given to the desecration of the Sabbath Day. It is a well written paper, the penmanship being excellent, considering it is the production of the goose-quill, while the high moral tone of the charge is noteworthy.

Augustus McConnell's library and books and papers of record include a great part of the history of this section of New York. It would be a valuable addition to any library and it may be that he will decide to arrange for some such disposition of it.

SOUVENIR OF CANAL DAYS.

The whereabouts of an interesting memorial of early canal days has recently come to light. It is in the form of a silver cup or urn standing 13 inches high. On a band around the top are embossed agricultural scenes depicting the cultivation of wheat from the breaking of the ground to the garnering of the ripened grain. These scenes are repeated in two other bands, one on each side of the middle. Just below the lower band is a circle of wheat sheaves, while another band crowns the lid.

On the obverse is inscribed this legend: "Presented by the undersigned Messrs. of Flour, in the City of N. Y., to John H. Osborne & Samuel S. Seeley, of the Town of Hector, Tompkins Co., owners of the boat Mary & Hannah, to commemorate their enterprise in having first Navigated the Western Canal & Hudson River from Seneca Lake to this City with a cargo of Wheat in bulk, New York, 1823." On the reverse is engraved a view of New York harbor, with its steamships, ferry-boats and other craft, and in the center the "Mary and Hannah."

This interesting old relic is now in the possession of Hiram Tutbill, Chesapeake Orange Co., N. Y.

UNEARTH INDIAN GRAVES.

At Owego, N. Y., on Aug. 24, 1910, while diggers were at work getting ready to lay a pipe for the Owego Water Works Company on West Front Street, they broke into two Indian graves which contained a skull and many bones, ribs, etc. No trinkets were found, although bones of Indians have heretofore been found in that vicinity.

A Column for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

Dr. Edgar L. Hewett, a well known archaeologist, recently gave an illustrated lecture on his discoveries in Yucatan, Guatemala and Honduras at the Fine Arts Institute in Kansas City. Dr. Hewett came under the auspices of the Kansas City Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. His lecture was well received.

A report from Wichita, Kans., says that the skeleton of an Indian was dug out of a cornfield south of that city recently. A gold bracelet was found around the wrist bone and a bunch of heads was dug up near the skeleton. Boys playing on the river bank discovered the skull, which had become uncovered. Corner McCollister picked up the skeleton. He says that it is that of an Indian, and a pouch of war paint was found beside the bracelet and an ear ring.

Ulysses Grant Houston, of Manhattan, Kans., although 50 years old, has entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, as a freshman. Houston has been a lecturer on Bible lands, archaeology and antiquities. In 1889 he was baptized in the river Jordan, by T. De Witt Talmage.

The usual collecting expeditions from the University of Kansas were sent out last summer and the products of their labors have been received at the University museum. One party of professors and students went to Western Kansas for the purpose of collecting fossils. They discovered some particularly valuable specimens of the fish family which will enable scientists to determine facts as to the anatomy of these species. Another party went to Puget Sound in search of material for the zoological department. The large quantity of material gathered will be used in several courses in biology.

Can't you help us out with this Department? Send us some notes of Kansas discoveries along the curio and relic line, accounts of interesting collection, etc. etc.

John Maguire, a bridge builder, often finds old relics and pieces of prehistoric animals in creek beds. While building a bridge on the Cleary farm in the Good Intent neighborhood recently, Mr. Maguire found what he believes to be the hip of either a camel or an elk. The thing is petrified and weighs upwards of 150 pounds. It resembles a beef quarter in size and proportion. Near the same place in the creek Mr. Maguire found part of a monster fish's body. He thinks the fish was probably about six feet long. The portion he has measures four feet. —Atchison Champion.

One of Aunt Betsey McGuire's most treasured possessions is a little old fashioned earthenware jar that was presented to her mother by Abraham Lincoln when he was a young man. Lincoln and Mrs. McGuire's mother were cousins. Jars were not so plentiful on the Illinois frontier 82 years ago when Abe purchased the one. Meeting his cousin at a crossroads store one day, Lincoln told her he would purchase the jar for her if she would agree to keep it filled with preserves for him to eat from whenever he visited her home. Mrs. McGuire's mother took the jar home and as long as Lincoln visited her home it was set before him. It is shaped like the jars made by hand by the Indians of the Southwest. —Oskaloosa Tribune.

Till now the "tickey"—a silver coin worth 6 cents—has been the coin of the lowest denomination used in South Africa. But, at the request of the Johannesburg Chamber of Trade, pennies (2 cent copper coins) are to be introduced.

The New King of Siam--By Norcross

Through the death on October 23rd. of King Chulalongkorn from blood poisoning at Bangkok, Siam, the young Crown Prince Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh has been proclaimed king. He is a pleasant young man and was in his earlier years instructed by private tutors in Siam, then in the year 1893 he was sent to England to complete his education. After studying privately, he entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, after which he was attached for one year to the Durham Light Artillery and then studied at Oxford. While at Oxford he wrote a treatise on the "Wars of the Polish Succession", which was afterwards published by the university on account of its excellence.

It was eight years ago in the month of November that the present new King of Siam was in the United States and made a tour of our country. He traveled with a retinue of attendants and by special train of magnificent appointments such as would become one of his class.

In personal appearance he was a young man without beard, black-haired, about five feet in height, with small satiny brown face which was as plump as one could wish, and save for his complexion one would have taken him for an European or an American. He was retiring, in fact almost shy in manner but extremely affable and a man of keen intelligence and charming manners. Such was the appearance he made while in this country.

We particularly remember the time he was in Syracuse, N. Y. the guest of L. C. Smith, the man who gave Siam their first typewriter which would write Siamese characters; also his time in the "Salt City" was spent in a most enjoyable way.

There is no doubt but that he will make a good King for Siam and we presume that it will not be long before stamp collectors will have a new set of stamps to place in their albums which will have the portrait of the new king upon them; this will be the first change in the portrait on Siamese stamps since the country commenced to issue postage stamps. We also hope that he will stop the numerous surcharges which have come from this country, and that what stamps are issued will be for regular postal business. Publisher has personally met this King.

Grown men are interested in the Philatelic Club called Kansas City Philatelic Club—an organization for those interested in the collection and history of postage stamps. Twenty Kansas City enthusiasts met last night at 105 West Eighth Street to complete an organization which was launched October 24.—Says K. C. Star.

"If you have an idea that only boys are interested in stamp collection, or philately, you are badly mistaken", Robert T. Moore, secretary of the club said last night. "There are hundreds of men who are in the business and make fortunes trading in stamps. Many Kansas City men are interested merely as a pastime. These men we hope to bring in the club

Aside from the fascination of stamp collecting the hobby is said to have an educational value. Issues of all countries are classified as to political periods and influences. A collection of stamps of one monarchy or government will show in a way, the evolution of that country. The Kansas City philatelists intend to meet every week in some downtown office. Here they will have talks on countries and their issues of stamps.

The Joys of Collecting

By *B. Fletcher Robinson*

In caves inhabited by prehistoric man you may find rough carvings on tusks. Since that date there have been collectors. I have no doubt that the skin-clad chief admired his chief d'oeuvres from the talented hand of the tribal carver in no less degree than our connoisseurs gloat over their coloured prints or their Dresden cabinets.

How do we fall into the frame of mind that leads to collecting? There must firstly be a reverence for the past. The millionaire who tells his agent to buy so many thousands dollars worth of "stuff" that it may be duly paragraphed and exported to his mansion in Fifth Avenue, is no true collector. His personal gratifications is obtained by the knowledge that his friends whisper to each other of prices paid when they enter his wife's drawing-room, or start a dinner-table conversation on the ten-thousand-pound Master that hangs on his walls. It is popular to be a collector nowadays. To be a rich collector ensures notoriety. But people actuated by these motives have no reverence and therefore no appreciation. To them china, prints and pictures are representative of dollars; only that and nothing more. They do not understand the love and admiration for an object that represents the artistic triumph of some dead and gone craftsman, a craftsman who lived in a more leisurely age, who worked thinking of beauty, not of gold, who may have painted his Madonnas in intervals of prayer.

Again the true collector must have a natural appreciation of the beautiful. I know of a case in which a lady, utterly ignorant in the technical why and wherefore, was able to distinguish at once between the false and the true. We live in an age of forgery, and she has every opportunity for practicing her natural gift. But before she had studied her subject, which was china, before she had learnt of pastes and glaze colouring, she was yet able to pick out the "dummy" because "it somehow did not look right." That was her single explanation; yet it was sufficient. I do not think that the majority of people realize how closely the critical and artistic eye is joined to the passion, or, as the scoffers call it, the "craze," for collecting.

No frame of mind that leads a man into money-making in any form is a bar to collecting. I remember once lunching at the house of a celebrated fiscal expert in company with a friend who had always chaffed me on my china "craze." Here was a man of statistics, a logical mind, rather perhaps of the dry-as-dust variety. Yet halfway through lunch the talk wandered by sheer accident to Tobie jugs. And then, to the astonishment of my friend, the fiscal expert admitted to a passion for Tobies, of which he had a remarkable collection. The Law, the Stock exchange, the Church, the Army—may have their earnest devotees. I do not mention the Navy, for the collectors in the first line of defence must necessarily be few in number. A connoisseur must live with his treasures if he is to be truly happy. And the accommodation, even on a first class battleship, is host

to the simplest form of collecting.

According to my own experience the most desirable method of inducing the collecting spirit is to buy a few "dummies." The revulsion of feeling is depressing. Indignation mingles with a desire for legal action. But when this has passed the neophyte, if he has that within him which includes perseverance, buy books, visit museums, and generally so conducts himself that he will not be deceived again. In my own case I remember I purchased ten dummy pieces of china in one fell and first swoop. They consisted of three armorial "Lowestoft" plates, three "Dresden" figures and four "Chelsea" ditto. It was rather with the desire of furnishing that I did so. Yet it was not my intention to be taken in. On learning the facts I smashed the majority with the calm deliberation in which a golfer breaks his driver after the ninth fozzle. Then I marched out to learn. And to such effect did I gather knowledge that—absit omen—I have not bought a "wrong one" since. I have always thought the original error was the cheapest bargain I ever made. It supplied me with a profound distrust in my personal powers that has ever been a most useful commodity. Let this be a compensation to all collectors when they make a mistake.

And now a word for the present. I have found my hobby possesses a charm which cannot be over estimated. How often is a man stranded in some provincial town by trains that do not synchronise by an hour or more! Into the town goes the collector, being by nature ever on the prowl. And not inglorious are the results that may be obtained. Again, a free afternoon in a city provides the most charming possibilities. In the very small shops there is little to be found. I admit the delight plunging into the slums with the chance of some exceptional bargain. But such bargains are rare nowadays. The very small dealer hurries off to the firm of repute the moment he obtains something he believes to be a prize. It is the same with the pawnbroker and the rag and bone merchant. In the past, perhaps; but today I fear me no, except in accidental cases. Yet whether he goes slumming, or more wisely visits the West End, London, the joys of the collector are the same. The hunt is up, and when a bargain presents itself he keeps cool with a superhuman difficulty. "What, five pounds! Oh, nonsense! I will give you four." Don't we all know the game?

Then again there are the friendships which we collectors make. They are of many and various kinds. A nodding acquaintance with millionaires with whom it is hopeless to compete when they set their minds upon any object, is balanced by a friendly understanding with owners of little shops in back streets, with disreputable "runners" who tramp the country and bring you "finds" wrapped in greasy paper or carried in a sack, with the oily personages who preside behind pawnshop counters and the like. In the collecting world there are no prejudices nor social positions. If the devil himself possessed the choice vase of scale blue Worcester, you would make an appointment and try to bargain it out of him.—English Paper.



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. Prompt credit given to all correspondents. Address: Stewart Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

THE TEMPLE OF THE SUN AT CUZCO.

In all ages and all climes men have erected temples to a Supreme Being, Israelite, Hindoo, Persian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Anglo-Saxon.

The Peruvians worshipped the sun and many were the temples they erected to this deity. Of all these the most magnificent was the Temple of the Sun at Cuzco. Prescott in his "Conquest of Peru" tells that this wonderful temple, the pride of the capital, under the munificence of successive sovereigns, had been so enriched that it received the name of Coricaucha or "Place of Gold".

It consisted of one principal building with several chapels of inferior structures of stone, and covering much ground in the heart of the city. The work upon the building was so finely executed that only two in Spain could be compared to it. The interior of the temple was literally a mine of gold. On the western wall was emblazoned a representation of the deity, a human countenance looking forth from innumerable rays of light.

The figure was engraved on a massive plate of gold of enormous dimensions thickly powdered with emeralds and other precious stones. It was situated such that the rays of the morning sun fell directly upon it, lighting the apartment with almost supernatural brilliance and reflecting the golden ornaments with which the walls and ceilings were encrusted. Gold, so said the Peruvians, "tears wept by the sun". Every part of the temple glowed with the burnished plates of the precious metal and the cornices were of the same costly material. A broad freeze of gold, worked into the stone, encompassed the whole exterior of the edifice.

The plate, the ornaments, the utensils devoted to the uses of religion were of gold or silver. Twelve immense vases of the latter metal stood on the roof, filled with Indian corn. The basins, the water pipes, the reservoirs, even the agricultural implements used in the garden of the temple were of these rich materials. The gardens themselves sparkled with flowers of gold and silver and figures of animals were of gold; the most conspicuous of these was the llama and its golden fleece.

This magnificence became the spoils of the Spanish conquerors under Pizarro being a part of the ransom of Atahualpa the Inca. The representation of the deity fell to a Spanish cavalryman, Leguizano, who gambled it away in a night.

This magnificent temple, worthy in many respects of the highest civilization, had its roof thatched with straw!—Cincinnati Times Star.

The following relating to a find of Indian relics in southwest Penn., as received from Mr. S.B. Braden, Amity, Penn

It became known here at Monogahela yesterday that Robert Flynn, Elrama, John Barrett, of Coal Bluff and E.L. Seibel, of Homestead digging up an Indian mound about two miles south of Coal Bluff unearthed a valuable collection of Indian relics.

The mound contained the remains of two skeletons measuring each about six feet one inch. The teeth were in an excellent state of preservation. A number of pieces of Indian pottery, 3 flint knives, 6 flint spear heads, 49 flint arrow heads, one flint hide scraper, 12 war darts and wampum beads were also found in the grave.

The men value their collection highly and will place on exhibition soon.

The following find was reported by Mr. A. Jacob Rice of Easton, Penn., who clipped it from the Easton Free Press:

A great deal of discussion followed the published report several days ago concerning the finding of a human skeleton on the lot in the rear of the old log cabin at 216 South Fourth street, Easton, which belongs to the Hawde estate. L. C. Miller of South Fifth street, gave the statement to Free Press reporter which probably clears up the matter.

Mr. Miller states that 24 years ago he excavated for a building in an adjoining lot and while so doing came across a skeleton. Besides the bones were beads, a tomahawk, and a pipe showing that the skeleton was that of an Indian. Mr. Miller was told at that time by the late Jacob Heck, who knew much concerning the early history of that locality, that that whole section was one time used by the Indians for a burying ground, and that other skeletons have been unearthed in the early days of the town. Mr. Heck had considerable data which supported his statements in this connection.

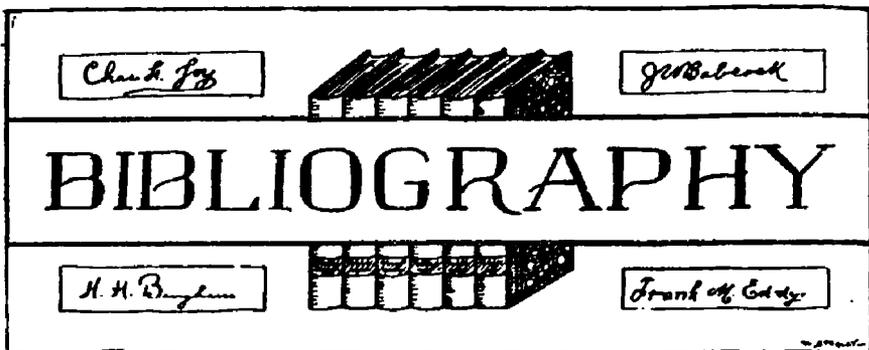
The beads, tomahawk and pipe dug up by Mr. Miller are still in his possession. It would appear therefore that the bones found the other day belonged to a member of the race that peopled this section before the coming of the white man.

Shortly before noon workmen uncovered another skeleton. The bones showed that it was a man of unusual size. A stone pipe of the kind used by Indians, was found with the bones.

The extraordinary durability of the ancient Egyptian mummy cloth is believed to be due to the fact that it was finished with a vegetable glue derived from the African locust bean tree.

To my correspondents who have sent me notes and clippings, and who have not seen them in this column, I wish to say that after the death of my wife, I was compelled to break up house keeping, and in the packing and moving many of my notes were mislaid. However, I am now settled, and with the help of my readers, I hope to make this department better than ever. Yours very sincerely, David B. Emut-

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BOOK COLLECTING--By Philip Whiteway

Book collecting may, of course, be regarded from several standpoints each of which has its own especial advocates. One of its most enthusiastic, Mr. Hill Burton, denounces the practise of buying a book with a view to eventually selling it at an enhanced price. He contends that good comes of gentlemen amateurs buying and selling. But Burton's theory must be received with many reservations. It would be ridiculous indeed to suppose that the worth, present or future, of a book is unimportant, for its commercial as well as its literary value should be the very first consideration.

Books which the collector will be constantly on the look-out for are original editions, "tall" copies, Aldines, Elzevirs, suppressed publications and early printed works he will scarcely ever examine a barrow or stall of books, but what he will find something to repay him for his trouble.

Fraudulent Elzevirs and bogus "originals" are the very bane of a book collector's life. Many people have been deceived by the false "Caesar" of 1635. The real edition has the 149th page printed, by mistake 153; but the pirates who reprinted the dainty little volumes published by the Elzevirs by a happy chance printed the 149th page as such, and have given the twentieth-century connoisseur the best possible means of detecting the original from the counterfeit. All Aldines and Elzevirs are by no means valuable, though the beginner generally believes the contrary. Volumes labelled "Poetry" or "Sermons", or even "Tracts", should be carefully examined, however humble they look. Many valuable relics have been discovered in this manner. Andrew Lang in his charming work, "The Library", tells us of a lucky person who found six original plays of Moliere—worth as many hundred pounds—bound up in a copy of Garth's "Dispensary."

The habitue of the Charing Cross Road London should bear in mind the fact that nearly all suppressed books and works containing passages which are expurgated in later editions are rare, and more often than not extremely valuable.

It is, however, very seldom that a bargain can be obtained at a catalogue book seller's. These gentry usually know their own business and are not negligent of their own interests.

(To be continued.)

The Story of the Shilling

The shilling was first coined in the reign of Henry VII. and was called the testoon. It is supposed to have received this name from a French coin of similar value, issued by Louis XII. on account of the large portrait head which they bore when used for the first time. They were not long called testoon, and the old national term took its place.

Before this time, the term shilling had been one of "money account", not that of a real coin. It is derived from the Saxon "scil" or "scilling". William I. settled the Saxon shilling at four pennies, but also established the Norman shilling at twelve pennies, which eventually prevailed.

The first shillings coined by Henry VII. bore the numerals VII. after the King's name, a plan which had not always been used before, and weighed 144 grains. The coinage during the reign of Henry VIII had been very much debased; Edward VI. tried to remedy this by issuing shillings at six ounces alloy. On these the date was introduced for the first time on English coin. They were, however, disliked, and cried down to ninepence. Subsequently the shillings were cried down to sixpence, and during Elizabeth's reign were ordered to pass for fourpence-halfpenny, thus defrauding the public of sevenpence-halfpenny.

Other shillings were coined with nine ounces out of twelve in alloy. They were stamped with a greyhound, and ordered to pass by Elizabeth for 2½d. Fine specimens of this coin have brought as much as \$160. The shillings of Edward VI. also had XII. at the side of the full face of the king for the first time, to denote its value.

After the marriage of Mary with Philip of Spain, the shillings were issued with the busts of the king face to face, and no doubt were coined from the treasure brought over by Philip.

Although Elizabeth restored the coinage to its original standard, she still coined base shillings for Ireland. Elizabeth coined two kinds of shillings, hammered ones and those made by a mill and screw. The portrait on hammered ones shows the queen when she was young. Charles II. during the war, coined his own money as he travelled from place to place. The Newark siege shilling is lozenge shape, and is commonest of all the large pieces.

The shillings issued by Anne so closely resembled the gold coins that they were gilded and passed for guineas, the only means of detecting them being the absence of the lock of hair round the right shoulder.

Milling the edges of shillings was a device to stop the clipping of silver, but filing was resorted to in the reign of George II for robbing the coin. After the edge had been filed, the upright or diagonal lines were restored by a file. To remedy this evil a serpentine line, very difficult to imitate by a file, was adopted about 1740.

A NOVEL CURRENCY.

In certain parts of Ireland eggs are used as currency. Everywhere they are accepted across the counter in payment for goods received. Accounts as well, are kept open and goods supplied on credit in eggs. Trading agents with worthless teas, itinerant tinkers and musicians, polish hawkers of tinsel jewelry and holy pictures, all accept this current generally unloading it at the nearest railway town.

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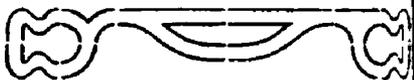
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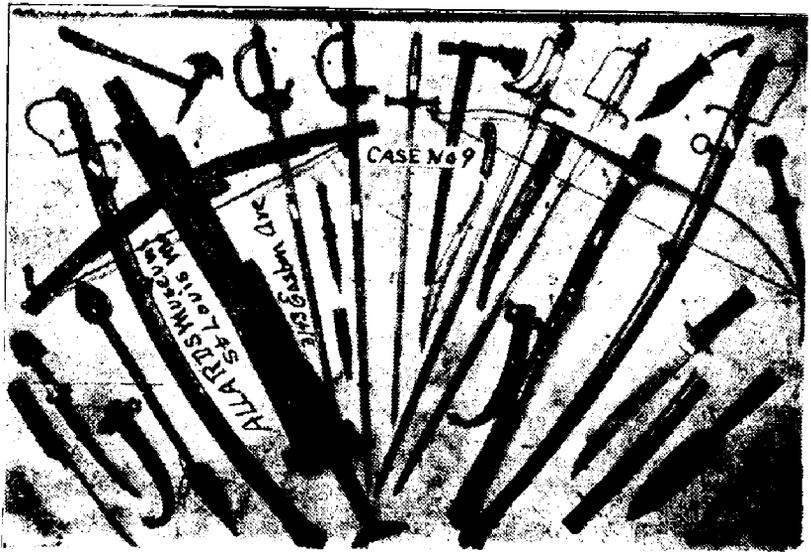
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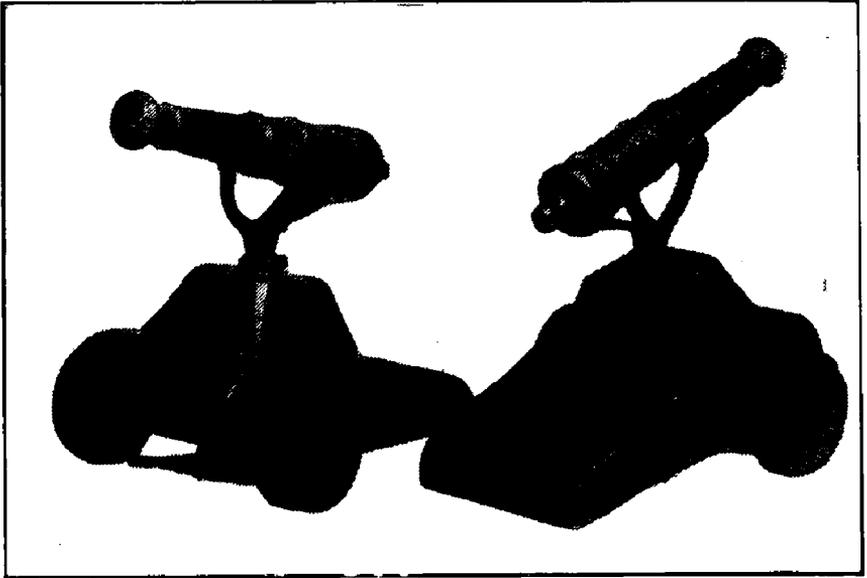


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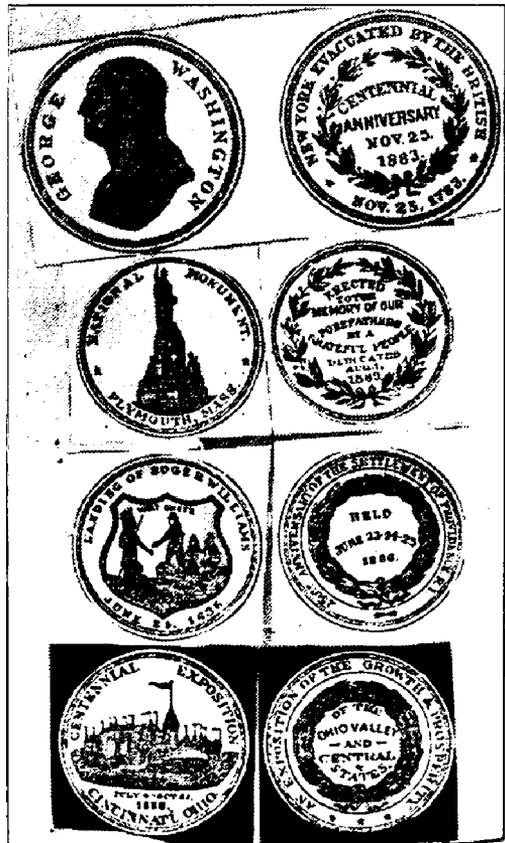


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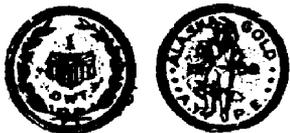
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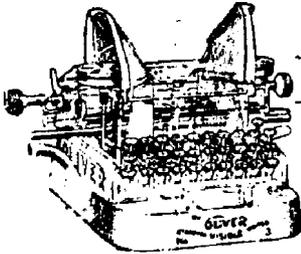
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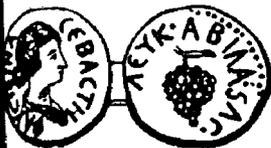
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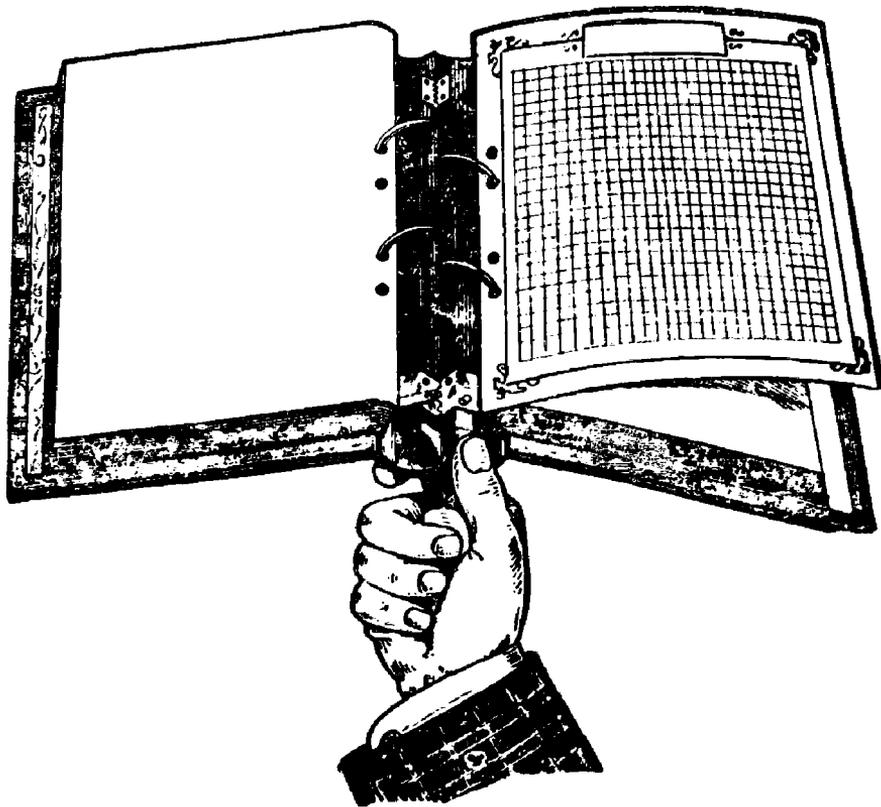
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100 PERSIA 2.50	3 Ireland .06	6 Mauritius .04
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1sh brown violet, 1878-82	2c
6d Kings Head, 1903	2c
Transvaal 1888. 6d, 1sh each.....	1c

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3 Curious white embossed. each	1c
5c. 1-5th betaald, cat 4c	2c
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1d blue cat no	3c
1d violet. burele. cat 10c	4c
1d violet, without burele. cat 2c.	1c
1sh green, without burele. cat 5c	3c

RUSSIA

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10, 25k " " " "	2c
1 ruble " " " cat 60c	30c
3, 5, 10, 25 Justice, C, each.....	1c
1 ruble Justice C. cat 10c.	5c

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5, 1 k Poli e (country) each	1c
3, 15k same perf each	1c
30k same perf.	5c
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1r Ho-pital tax, cat 4c.	2c
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20 ore Document, 1881, cat 15c	7c
30 " " " " cat 20c	10c
20 " " " " 1895, cat 2c	1c
30 " " " " " cat 8c	4c

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1d green, 1881. lithogr	3c
6d, 1sh. sh each.....	1c
1sh 6d. 3, 5sh each.....	2c
St Vincent 1d	2c

INDIA NATIVE MATES

Narvaragar 1 anna	3c
Rajkote 1a blue	4c
Gondal 1 anna blue.....	2c
" " same, retouched.	7c
Berar receipt, 1 anna blue.....	1c
" " large, 2a brown	2c
" " large 12a red	3c

INDIA GOVERNMENT

1a King Head, receipt.....	1c
2, 4, 6, 8a, foreign bill, each.....	1c
10 diff. court fee set	4c
6 diff special Adh set	2c
24 diff India Gov., above included.....	10c

3, 12a foreign bill each	2c
1 rup 8a " " "	2c
Court fee 5, 7 rup each	2c
" " " " 10 "	5c
" " " " 12a orange.	2c
" " " " 12a brown-violet.....	3c

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" " " " 10 diff	4c
Roumania 5l	1c
Hongkong 3c orange	1c
" " " " 20c king	3c
Cyprus 1 piastre.....	1c
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United States

Lot No.		No. in Lot.
1 1856	3c	25
2 1861	3c	50
3 1869	3c 60c	15
4 1873	1c 60c	15
5 1873	2c 50c	10
6 1875-9	2c 60c	20
7 1882	5c 50c	10
7a 1882	3c	100
8 1883	4c 50c	10
9 1883-7	2c each	100
10 1888	4c 50c	10
11 1890	1c	200
12 "	2c	1000
13 "	3c(10) 4c(20)	30
14 "	10c	40
15 1893	Col. 1c	300
16 1893	2c	1000
17 "	3 and 4c (\$1.00) each	10
18 "	5c 70c	14
19 "	6c 60c	10
20 "	8c 96c	16
21 "	10	10
22 1894	1c	100
23 "	2c	400
24 1894-5	3c (100)	40
25 "	6c (76)	20
26 "	8c (1.50)	50
27 "	4c (30) 10c (10)	40
28 1895	1c	200
29 1895	8 2c	400
30 1898	1c	200
31 "	4c (20) 5c (70)	70
32 "	6c and 10c each	15
33 "	15c (50)	10
34	Omaha 1c (15) 2c (25)	40
35 1898	2 fine sets 1-10c	12
36 1901	Pan Am. 1 and 2c each	20
37 1902	1c and 2c each	200
38 "	3c (40) 4c (25)	65
39 "	5c (30) 6c (20)	50
40 "	8c (15) 10c (30)	45
41 "	13	10
42 "	15c	10
43 1903	2c shield	100

44 1804	St. L. 1 and 2c each	20
45 1907	Jamestown 1c (10) 2c (20)	30
46 "	" 5c	10
47 1909	2c Lincoln	15
48 "	2c H. F. and Alaska each	10
49	Set Spel. D 1 55c var.	6
50 1891	dues 1c (15) 2c (30)	40
51 1894-'95	1 and 2c ass't dues	100
52	Blood and Penny Post on entire orig. cover fine	1

Revenues

53 1861	2c Bk. Ch. blue 15 orange	20
54 "	2c U.S. I. R. & 25c Cert each	20
55 "	5c Int. Ex (10) 5c Cert (25)	35
56 "	2c 3d issue (15) & 1c '78 (10)	25
57 "	2c Liberty 5th	50
58 1898	1/8 & 3/8 each	15
59 "	1 1/4 & 2 1/2 each	10
60 "	doc. 1c (35) 2c (60)	95
61 "	" 5c & 10c each	15
62 "	" 25c (10) 50c (20)	30
63 "	" 1c green	50
64 "	" Surcharge 1c (30) 2c (20)	50

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68	Foreign only, mounted in small album cat \$8 var.	350
69	Br. Col. only cat 1.25 var.	85
70	Foreign on y, all diff.	900
71	" " " " " "	600
72	Mixed lot, over 500 diff.	9000
73	U.S. stamps on orig. cover var.	30
74	U.S. entire envelopes var.	30
75	U.S. and Canada post cards var.	22
76	Last 3 lots ass't var.	50
	Above 4 lots are very interesting.	
77	International Postage Album, 19 Century in 2 volumes, printed on one side only, is as good as new fine gilt letters on cover, cost new \$7, reserve	3 50

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*Honduras 1878, 1c to 1p	7	*Nicaragua official 1899, 1c to 5p	11
* " 1889	3	* " unpaid 1896, 1c to 50c	7
* " 1890	11	* " " 1893, 1c to 50c	7
* " 1891, 1 to 1 peso	11	* " " 1899, c to 50c	6
* " 1891, 2, 5, 10 peso	3	*Salvador 1890, 1c to 1 peso	9
* " 1892, 1c to 1p	11	* " 1891, 1c to 1 peso	10
* " 1893, 1c to 1p	11	* " 1892, 1c to 1 peso	10
* " 1894, 1c to 1p	8	* " 1893, 1c to 1 peso	10
* " 1890, official	11	* " 1893, 2, 5, 10 pesos	3
* " 1891, official	11	* " 1894, 1c to 1p	10
*Ecuador 1892	8	* " 1894, 2, 5, 10, pesos	3
* " 1894	8	* " 1895, 1 to 5 pesos	12
* " 1895	8	* " 1897 1c to 5l	12
* " 1896	8	* " 1898	12
* " 1892 official	8	* " 1899	12
* " 1894	7	* " 1895, postal packet	5
* " 1895	7	* " 1895, unpaid	8
* " 1896	8	* " 1896	8
* " 1896, unpaid	8	* " 1898	8
*Nicaragua 1882, 1c to 50c	7	* " 1899	8
* " 1890, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1896, official, 1 to 1p	12
* " 1891, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1896, official 2d	12
* " 1892, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1897, official	12
* " 1893, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1893	12
* " 1894, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1899	11
* " 1895, 1c to 1p	10	* " 1897, registration	6
* " 1896, 1c to 5p	9		
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	Per 100		
1 Heller	.15		
2 "	.15		
5 "	.10		
6 "	.20		
10 "	.10		
20 "	.20		
12 " per 10	.12		
30 "	.12		
1 Krona "	.18		
2 " "	.40		

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50 different Persia fine			.65
100 " " "			1.50
125 " " "			2 00
150 " " "			3 00
200 " " "			7.50
200 Australian			2 50
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5 Malta .10	10 Tunisia .10	2 Samoa .08
10 Turkey .08	2 Seychelles .14	2 St. Helena .01
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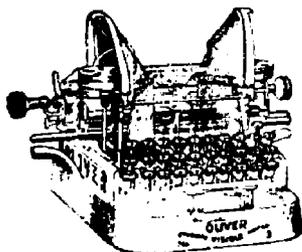
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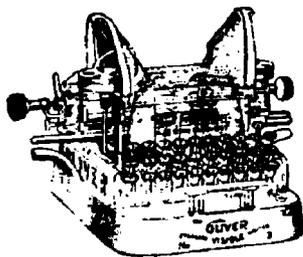
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1852 2c black	" 10	" .05
1867 3c 11 x 13.9 x 13	" 03	ea .01
1869 2c horseman	" 20	" .10
1869 3c locomotive	" 04	" .02
1869 10c Coat of Arms	" 85	" .45
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1883 4c Jackson	" 04	" .02
1887 3c Vermillion	" 10	" .05
1888 4c Carmine	" 05	" .02
1893 3,4 and 5c each	" "	" .02
1893 6c	" 10	" .04
1893 8c	" 0,	" .03
1898 15c olive	" 05	" .12
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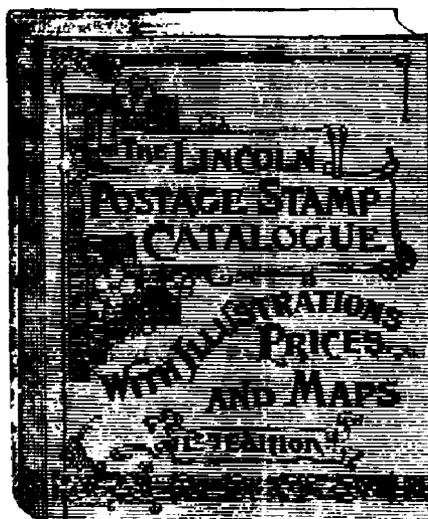
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79 " 6c Numerals15
83-85 " naps & surcharges, ea.04
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9 " ½p blue green 189165
18 Gold Coast 6p orange,CA35
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12 " 17c " (S. G. .50)15
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94 " " 12½ on 6p(" 369,75)35
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The 1910 issue of Portugal has been surcharged "Republica" and it is reported that the stamps of all the colonies will be overprinted the same.

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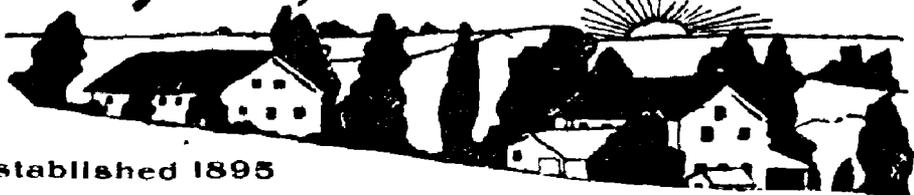


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OSCAR T. HARTMANN, a native of the fatherland, coming from the great seaport, Hamburg, to this country and particularly the far West in 1885 and has been a collector of postage in Germany. He sold his collection and did not collect for about 10 years. The last seven years he is for foreign revenues only and has a good word for the same when and wherever he sees a chance. Always ready to answer anything pertaining to these revenue stamps, and is a writer for several stamp magazines especially the WEST, on this subject. See his page ads past

PAT RYAN, COLLECTOR & DEALER IN INDIAN CURIOS VICTIM OF OPEN GAS JET. Pat Ryan, well known in Omaha and the entire west as an old time Indian curio dealer was found dead in bed in his rooms in Omaha. Ryan was formerly in business at Nineteenth and Farnam streets; from there he moved to Thirteenth and Douglas streets and has ads in WEST from each place. Of late he has had his Indian curio collection in the third floor of the building where his rooms were located. He had a large and valuable collection. He was the exhibitor of a large collection at the Trans-Mississippi exposition. He was well known as a former Indian scout and was a character of the Black Hills in the early days. He was 52 years of age and a bachelor. He used to run on C. & N. W. R. R. into Superior

Mr. Ryan had charge of the Indians in congress at the Buffalo exposition and in that city he stored his large collection of Indian goods where it remained pending a suitable store room in which to display it. The Buffalo collection was said to be valued at \$50,000 and was probably the largest of its kind in the world outside of a public museum.

Mr. Ryan was born in White Cloud, Kansas. Twenty years ago he was a brakeman on the Northwestern road and resided at Chadron, Nebr. He saw there an opportunity for dealing in Indian bead work and he embarked in the business in Chadron twelve years ago. He talked the language of the Dakota Indian and was able to secure many favors that he could not have gotten had he been less in touch with the red men. He was a warm friend of Red Cloud, American Horse and all the more powerful chiefs, who always visited him in Chadron and Omaha whenever they were in those places.

For many years and until a few months ago, Mr. Ryan had a collection of Indian goods and other antiquities in one of the rooms on the top floor of the Omaha public library. This collection is now owned by John Cullivan of Missouri Valley, Ia., who bought it a short time ago. Mr. Cullivan and Mr. Ryan had been intimate friends for a quarter of a century.

ERRATA:—In the Fink at his auction sale takes place on the 24th instead of the 18th as it says in his ad.

The cuts were miscarried which is the cause of the delay. The new issues and other illustrations will be used in the next number.

THE STAMP PACKETS OF TODAY.

Much has been said on this subject of late. Most dealers who sell packets have taken advantage of the collectors by putting all the stamps in their stock, that are torn, damaged, or unsalable on account of some defect in these so-called "packets. This hurts the packet business, loses their customers and gives those dealers bad reputations. The stamp societies should discourage this kind of dealing and would do philately more good than looking up small details about stamps which interest few and do very little good to anyone.

The prices have been driven down so low on variety packets that the dealers who attempt to make up one cannot afford to put good, desirable postage stamps in them. They put possibly 800 postage stamps in them that catalogue at one or two cents each and the remainder they fill in with revenues, cut squares, post cards and damaged stamps that will never be worth anything to the purchaser. Furthermore, the stamp dealers of today put more importance on the scarcer stamps. Very few dealers have a stock of the commoner stamps. The only firm that has nothing but the commoner stamps by the billions, bundled, sorted and already to make up

as many packets of any kind as desired is the largest exclusive package dealer. They are held in a very large vault in Liebenthal, Kansas, by Rev. R. Stollenwerk, a very learned man who came from Europe a number of years ago. He has been to school nearly all of his life and is a master of all of the important languages of the world. Mr. Powell, president of the S. P. A., and Reverend Stollenwerk are conducting the making and selling of this vast amount of stamps. They come mostly from the Catholic Missions from every country on the globe. The proceeds go to help the cause of the church.

This Kansas concern is practically the only one that places all genuine postage stamps in good condition in their packets. Of course, they have an advantage over many other dealers in having the stamps ready to put into the packets. They can afford to put all good stamps in their packets and give fine value also. Nearly a hundred sisters help in making up these packets and the making of the packets is personally overseen by Reverend Stollenwerk.

Another fact about packets is that when a customer buys a variety packet he is apt to think that it contains duplicates. Many stamps look alike, but if one uses the benzine cup and perforation gauge they will find a marked difference in the stamps and the catalogue value of one or both. For instance the three-cent green postage stamp of U. S. There are ten varieties listed in Scotts and the catalogue values run from one cent to hundreds of dollars.

Here is an extract from the "Western Collector" that I think will be of much interest to the readers of this magazine:

"Keep Your Eyes Open," that is the title of the article and the article reads as follows: "We have recently had the pleasure of looking over a variety packet of stamps, and to illustrate how easy it is to overlook specimens of value, the following is given as an example: Among the lot were quite a number of current Japanese stamps, which the ordinary collector would be likely to lay aside as of little value. On closer inspection, however, four of them were found to contain minute surcharges in Japanese characters, which put quite a different value to the stamps, as these little overprints denote that the stamps were for use in China and Korea. Among the number was the 1 yen, surcharged for Korea, and catalogued at fifty cents, which proves that it pays to keep the eyes open. The packet in question, by the way, was one of the thousand variety packets now so widely advertised. So many good things are to be found in these packets that one wonders how they can be sold at so low a price. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded, at that. In this same packet we noticed a specimen of Uganda which we dare say is lacking in most of the larger collections. There were also nearly complete sets of Egypt, Bavaria, Bosnia and Austria. High values of many stamps seldom met with."

The above packet is the one that is advertised so extensively and advertised in this paper by Powell, and we believe that it will catalogue nearly \$30.00, as they claim. Very, very few countries but what are represented. There is a good showing of South America; Asia is represented by stamps from Turkey, Persia, etc.; there are British colonies from all parts of the world. Every specimen is an adhesive postage stamp and in good condition.

Although this packet would be a gold mine to the younger collector, it can be used to great advantage by the collector who has several thousand varieties. They also handle larger variety packets that are as good.

With Portugal's present troubles Philatelists may look forward to another series of postage stamps for the new Republic and it will also make some changes in the colonies that have been under the rule of Portugal. Just what these will be will come later on when the present changes have regulated themselves to the conditions that exist.

NOTES FOR U. S. COLLECTORS.

Cincinnati is now employing a new form of sur-charge in its pre-cancelled—Cincinnati in caps in a curved line, Ohio in a horizontal line and two rows of curved dotted lines below.

I recently saw a double print Chicago, 1902, 8-cent, where the second impression had been placed diagonally, reading from left to right.

I have met with the one and five-cent Jamestown issue pre-cancelled Chicago, but not the two. Does anyone know if it exists?

On Dec. 14th, by treaty, the postal rate between England and Ireland and the United States was reduced from 12 cents to 6 cents, of which 2 cents was allowed for the sea carriage and 2 cents to each country for land transportation.

In 1859 Representative W. H. English of Indiana introduced a resolution into Congress that the committee on postoffice and post roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the postoffice department, and, if it deems it inexpedient, that they report on the propriety of repealing all laws that restrain individuals or corporations from carrying mails or mail matters. It is needless to say that the resolution did not meet with the approval of the committee and on January 21, they reported, asking to be dismissed from further considering the matter. At this time the posts and express companies were struggling to keep alive and the resolution is believed to have been in their interests. To these local posts must be attributed the development of many ideas which the department was forced to adopt.

Permit No. 1, Litchfield, Minn., was used the week before election to send out a postal card circular advocating the election of Alva Hunt for district judge on a non-partisan platform, but even this failed to pull the candidate through.

Bennett's Magazine Agency catalogs are mailed this fall, postpaid with a Fort Wayne, one-cent pre-cancelled, over a South Whitley permit No. 1.

In a plan for improving the postoffice department, submitted on Jan. 20, 1790, by Postmaster General Samuel Osgood to Alexander Hamilton, the secretary of treasury, the statement is made that it cost thirty-three ninetieths of a dollar, equal to thirty-six and two-thirds cents, to pay postage on a single sheet letter from Savannah, Ga., to New York City.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century mail was conveyed three a week in the summer and twice a week in the winter between Boston and New York, occupying five days in transit, and five times a week between Philadelphia and New York, two days being required for the trip. Being usually conveyed at least part of the way in saddle bags, if the amount of the mail exceeded the capacity of the sack the surplus remained over for the next mail.

Three hundred dollars was realized for the Brattleboro local, offered in the Stewart sale. Probably the fact that another copy was offered at another sale occurring but a few days later to some extent affected the price. The offering of two specimens so closely is most unusual.

A fine specimen, unused of the August issue, 1861, ninety-cent, recently changed ownership at public sale for \$127.00.

For the year ending June 30, 1870, there were issued just exactly 100 of the forty-cent envelopes.

ODD THINGS ABOUT THE STAMPS OF JAPAN.

If one were asked to point to the oddest stamp issues within the covers of the philatelic catalogue, the answer would perhaps be "Japan," or perhaps it would be "Indian Native States." We are inclined, however, to award the palm to Japan as being the country whose postal issues reveal a greater variety of curiosities and anomalies than those of any other quarter of the world. There was no properly organized Japanese postal service, as we understand the term, until the year 1871, when the first postage stamps for the Mikado's dominions made their appearance.

And what quaint little squares of gummed paper they are, with their two grim dragons apparently just in the act of sitting down, tete-a-tete, to make a meal of a column of native characters. Odd stamps, oddly produced, and printed on paper most oddly made. The paper, to take the last point first, is generally styled "native" or "hand-made," and is sometimes called "rice paper," but there is not a particle of rice about it. As a matter of fact it is mulberry-tree paper, made from the nether bark of the mulberry tree. The printing of these first stamps was from a plate made up of so many separate engravings, as was done with many of the older British colonial stamps at a time when the advantages of making multiple dies in hardened metal were not fully understood nor appreciated. One great drawback to this crude and laborious method of stamp production was the rapid wearing of the plate, resulting in very poor workmanship after any large quantity of stamps had been printed off. We see a marked instance of the same cause and effect in the "Post Paid" stamps of Mauritius, which are perhaps more remarkable than any other stamps known to the philatelist for the variable condition of the specimens, according to whether they are the product of an early, late, or medium "state of the plate."

Beginning with the issue of 1872-73, all the postage stamps of Japan have borne, as a more or less prominent feature of their design, a chrysanthemum—the crest of the emperor. We find also the paulownia, which is the chosen emblem of the empress; and on the stamp issued in 1900 to commemorate the wedding of the Crown Prince of Japan, the corner ornaments consist of sprays of wistaria, the crest of the family of Princess Sadako, the bride. Flowers mean much to the Japanese, and it is natural that this feature of the national life should be represented on the nation's postage stamps. While we are on the subject of designs it may be pointed out that the birds, illustrated on the 12-sen, 15-sen, and 45-sen stamps of the 1875 series are respectively the wild goose, the wagtail, and the falcon.

On the emperor's silver-wedding stamp of 1894 the chrysanthemum is naturally given the place of honor, but the issue that calls for a more detailed description than any other is that which was produced in 1900 in honor of Prince Yoshihito's marriage. This is quite unlike all other Japanese stamps and its design is "packed with meaning" as we once heard it expressed. Mr. B. T. K. Smith, in his work on "How to Collect Postage Stamps," gives a special description as furnished by a correspondent in the far east. The inscriptions on either side read downwards, and signify "Japanese Imperial Post; To Commemorate the Prince Imperial's wedding." The small box inside the oval is called the "Yanagibako," or willow box, and herein is kept the first letter written by the bridegroom to his bride. Apparently there is another and larger box behind it, but in reality this is a table beautifully ornamented with pictures of cranes and pines. These designs have their own special significance, for it is believed in Japan that the crane has a life of a thousand years and that the pine tree never dies; and thus are the bride and bridegroom wished long and happy days. Special cakes of "mikkayo mochi"—the three days' and nights' bread—are placed on this table, there being as many cakes as there are years in the bride's age. This latter would seem to be a condition of Japanese marriages which in certain cases would lead to no small amount of heart-burning, and one can imagine instances in which the average Japanese table would be all too small to accommodate the requisite number of

cakes.

Originality is one of the saving graces of Japan, and in the matter of these commemorative issues of stamps the Japanese authorities have had the originality to make them of so trifling a facial value that no one could possibly hint that they were brought out with a view to raising money in the philatelist market. The emperor's silver wedding issue, the crown prince's marriage stamp, and the war issue of 1896, represent a total value of only 24 sen—rather less than 10 cents in U. S. money. It was an odd idea, too, to issue two distinct sets of the "victory" stamps of 1896, which bore the heads of two heroes of the Chinese war in order that each head might appear on both values. This, at first sight, would seem to indicate a desire to create an issue of four stamps where half that number would suffice, but it is probably safer to set it down to a desire for strict impartiality as between the two princely warriors whom these two stamps were intended to honor. Conceivably it might be imagined by ignorant or unthinking people that the greater fame belongs to the man whose head appeared on the costlier stamp—the 5-sen—while others might think that the 2-sen stamp, being the more popular value, reflected the greater honor upon the man whose portrait it bore. The Japanese government—as we, at any rate, surmise—resolved to avert all doubts and prejudices of the kind by decreeing that each of the two princes should be portrayed on both the values of the issue. There has never, we think, been another such case in the whole history of the postage stamp.

A feature of Japanese stamps of which much unnecessary mystery has been made, tending to scare the young collector off this country altogether, is the "syllabic character" which appears upon the stamps of 1874-75. This, is, after all merely the equivalent of our plate numbers and a thing that may be practically ignored by a collector who is only seeking to make up a complete set of standard varieties. The "Kata Kana," or numerical alphabet of Japan, includes a distinct character for each number from 1 to 48, but as regards the postage stamps the numbers 1 to 23 are all that the philatelist has to trouble about. The "character" indicating the plate number—i. e., the number of the plate from which the sheet of stamps was printed—is found usually in a small frame at the point where the two floral branches cross—just at the foot of the stamp. It is only in the case of the 2-sen—always the commonest denomination in Japanese stamps—that the plate numbers run as high as 23. The 1-sen and 6-sen are also fruitful in plate numbers. Usually there are only from three to six numbers for each value. Some are very scarce, of course, and the values of all the stamps of these issues have gone up as a natural consequence of specialists in the stamps of Japan desiring to secure specimens of all the known numbers. Young philatelists should content themselves with a good specimen of the commonest plate number in each case until such time as they can afford the time and money to hunt up the others.

The Holiday season is now here and the great majority of us are thinking about selecting presents for those near and dear to us and also many who are in the line of expectation for one reason or another. What better present can a philatelist make than a stamp album or a packet of stamps. In doing this we are not only providing a source of great pleasure to the recipient but are indirectly advancing our own interests as every new collector, young or old adds to the value of our own album. The only possible way for stamps to increase in value is by the new additions to the ranks of collectors. Now to go back to presents. A stamp album can be purchased for twenty-five cents and for any amount up to twenty-five dollars. Stamps, it is scarcely necessary to mention their cost, that part of the present can be made equally elastic. It can run from a selection from your own duplicates into a collection of any size. To get down to practical proportions a collection of one thousand selected stamps for four dollars together with one of this year's best albums complete and bound in cloth for two dollars sent post free to any address in the world is an ideal Christmas present. Met. Phil.



New Issues Column

By *W. S. Lincoln*
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. A postage stamp commemorating the Union of South Africa and the Federation of the British Colonies in the south of that continent is now an accomplished fact, and great credit is due to the designer and engraver of this interesting stamp. One curiosity about it is that the face value represents 2½d. It would be thought that in these days of cheap postage a penny value would have been more in the nature of a universal commemorative stamp. In the center is a splendid portrait of His Majesty King George V. surrounded by a band upon which is an inscription in the two languages both English and Dutch—"Union of South Africa"—"Unie van Zuid Afrika", and "Postage—Postzegel", and on either side are printed the numerals of value. This is the first time on any South African stamp that both languages have been inscribed. In the four corners are the Arms of Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal, and the stamp is printed in an excellent shade a deep blue upon multiple rosette paper, similar to that used upon the stamps of Zanzibar, British New Guinea, etc. 2½d, deep blue.

RHODESIA. (British South Africa). These stamps are very nicely engraved and are the first seen with portraits of King George and Queen Mary representing them as king and queen. The stamps with the exception of the ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d and 6d are printed in combinations of colour giving them an extremely handsome and attractive appearance. The colors are as follows:—½ penny green; 1 penny carmine; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny ultramarine; 3 penny, umber and purple; 4 penny, orange and indigo; 5 penny, olive and mauve; 6 penny purple; 8 penny, lilac and blue; 10 penny, mauve and carmine; 1 shilling, turquoise and black; 2 shilling ultramarine and black; 2 shilling 6p, crimson and black; 3 shilling, deep lilac and indigo; 5 shilling, yellow green and indian red; 7 shilling 6p, sky blue and rose; 10 shilling, orange and sage; 1 pound, purple slate and marone

PORTUGAL. Head of King Manuel surcharged "REPUBLICA". When I last wrote, the news of the Portuguese Revolution had only just reached us and the future as regards stamps was veiled. Now the Portuguese stamps are to hand in a complete set, surcharged "REPUBLICANA" and I have seen all the following values with the overprinting in red except the 20 reis where it appears in black. 2½ reis, Mauve; 5 reis black, 10 reis, sage; 15 reis, pale brown; 20 reis red; 25 reis brown; 50 reis blue; 75 reis bistre; 80 reis grey; 100 reis brown on green; 200 r. green on flesh; 300 r. black on blue; 500 r. brown and sage; 1000 r. black and blue.

I feel certain that my advice last month to collectors to fill up their sets of the Portuguese was quite right for since writing, many of the stamps of this issue have risen greatly in price and in fact some of the values are now almost impossible to obtain. From my correspondent in Lisbon I learn that only a few of some of the values were left in the Post Offices to be surcharged "Republica" so that it is not probable that the surcharged ones will be in use for very long and I hear on good authority that a stamp of a new design bearing the Arms of Portugal, is already well advanced.

We certainly appreciate the kindness in sending us clippings pertaining to coins, stamps, curios, relics, etc., as a great many items of interest to collectors appear in the various publications that seldom reach the fraternity.

THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

No. 1—Barbados; British Guiana.

The huge variety of collectable postage stamps renders specialization necessary, for the purse of a millionaire will scarcely admit of a general collection of the world's postage stamps, even of the less expensive types and varieties. The number of new issues prevent many from keeping their collections up to date, even though they may specialize on some few countries, such as the stamps of the British Empire. It is suggested that for those who like to make their collections of more than national importance, preferring to become acquainted with the doings of other countries, a collection based on some well defined principle which could include foreign as well as colonial stamps would be most acceptable.

A World-Wide Collection.

With a view of placing before our readers a system which comes within the reach of all, and carries with it much greater interest than the mere cataloguing of stamps, it is proposed to deal during the next few months with a collection of commemorative stamps, the word commemorative being used advisedly the present articles referring only to legitimate issues circulating for postal purposes. As enthusiasm in such a collection grows it may be found advisable to include commemorative stamps of other types—of that, however, later. The special feature to which attention is drawn in connection with such a collection is that about them cling historical associations which are absent from the ordinary issues. Consequently the collector knowing something about the purpose for which these stamps were struck feels greater interest in them. Moreover, he is provided with a talking line when expatiating on the beauties of his stamps to his friends. In commemorative issues the history of persons and peoples as well as the contour of the country of issue is brought very clearly into prominence; and it is not difficult to conjure up greater realism about the country where such stamps have been used than from a stamp giving merely the name of the country and its value.

British Empire Commemorative.

To begin with we shall take the commemorative stamps—unfortunately few in number—associated with the British Empire, taking the reader through many different colonies where any such stamps have been issued, drawing attention to those particular issues which may be collected. Stamps may commemorate the discovery of a country or the founding of a colony and its final inclusion within the Empire. Others commemorate the jubilee or centenary of that country's greatness, and as the years roll by recall its early foundation, as the stamps commemorating the tricentenary of Quebec. Those indicative of place must not be altogether confounded with pictorial stamps which simply present views. Such form part of ordinary issues, and cannot altogether be said to be printed to commemorate special occasions or events, although the line of distinction is sometimes narrow and the collector may feel disposed to include certain issues in his collection which, in an outline such as proposed, we cannot admit. The stamps commemorative of persons, by which it is meant all men and women other than the sovereign rulers, are very interesting because they cause us to learn about those people who have for the most part done something for their country and have created a name for themselves by the remarkable feats they have accomplished or the work they have done in promoting the interests of the empire. On some of these commemorative stamps we shall find reference to events predating the taking over of the colonies by Great Britain, long before even primitive systems of postage were initiated. The point we wish collectors to grasp is the desirability of discovering something about each one of these commemorative issues and then attach it to their album, written or typed. The collector, of course, will endeavor to get a full set of each of the values in good condition or postally used.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. V. Perkins

"Economy" is the watchword at postal headquarters these times, and every day goes by without an announcement by the officials of some new innovation designed to help reduce the postal deficit of the past few years. One proposition involves the discontinuance of the franking privilege by the various departments of the Government, the plan being to substitute a set of special official stamps and stamped envelopes for the use of Departments and members of Congress, etc. This plan would be decidedly in favor of the Post Office, as it will compel each Department, or other branch of Government, to secure an appropriation for the purchase of these official stamps. The scheme would lead to a more strict surveillance by the various offices of the amount of mail matter each sends out, and would, the Postmaster General claims, help to abate some of the abuses due to the present unrestricted manner in which the franking privilege is used.

Another proposition of the Postmaster General is to tax the advertising sections of periodicals a higher rate of postage. In a recent report he stated that "in carrying out the administration's purpose to accomplish a reasonable increase in the postage rates on certain kinds of second class matter." The Postmaster General stated that he did not favor an additional tax on reading matter, or educational and religious periodicals which generally derive little profit from advertising, but that increase should be applied only to magazine advertising matter. This plan would be in full accord with the statute governing second-class mail, which never contemplated the inclusion under the second class rates of the vast amount of advertising now transported by the Government at tremendous loss. He does not include newspapers in his recommendations, because they are chiefly of local distribution. The amount of the additional tax would be fixed by determining, from statements each month or week, by the publishers, the relative weights of the advertising matter and legitimate reading matter carried by the magazines. Mr. Hitchcock closes his argument for this change by stating that if the magazines were made to pay what it costs the Government to transport their advertising pages, the postal revenues would be large enough to warrant the establishment of one-cent postage on first class mail.

Beginning December 1st, postmasters have been directed to omit the inquiry of senders of registered mail, whether or not a return receipt is desired, the sender being compelled to request the receipt, if he desires it, on his own initiative.

The old United States \$1. gold note, which was retired from circulation in 1885, has been revived by the Treasury. The old plates for these notes, which have been preserved in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, are being used again.

Although the scheme was abandoned on account of bad weather conditions, some interest attaches to the permission recently granted by the Postmaster General to aviator McCurdy to carry a bundle of mail matter by airship from the deck of an ocean liner at sea, to New York city. The writers of letters so carried, however, were required to consent to the experiment, by writing across the letter "By Aeroplane."

Apropos of recent elections, it has been suggested that in view of the returns, the Postmaster General might consider an application to change the name of Oyster Bay to Blue Point!



WOMAN COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



One Way of "New Collecting"

By Verna Weston Hartway

(Continued from last issue).

The creative force expended in building up a modern specialized collection is of quite as rare a quality as that which goes into the creation of a masterpiece of art, or even of engineering. The philatelist who builds up a specialized collection of the higher order knows that no one will ever create exactly such a collection as he has conceived and carried into execution, because no one will ever have in its entirety just such material, or the personality back of the collection, just as in the masterpiece there is not the same quality of pigment, there is not the same ideal. There are never two Navajo rugs exactly alike.

Admitting this, there is no reason why the same principle should not be carried out in creating a general collection. Evolve an ideal, something with personality, a system, and then try to achieve it. We may never exactly arrive at the ideal but there is the pleasure of the craftsman in trying for it.

Evolve your own masterpiece. Resolve to take the stamps of a continent, if you wish, and try to get everything in used blocks of four! Collect any way your inclination leads you, only remembering that philately is not the collection of stamps for the pictures, the picture collection is degenerate philately. But try to reflect the postal history of a country, a continent, or even of the world, but do it in your own way, provided that you find nothing in accordance with your ideas.

From the standpoint of practicality the plan which I have followed is feasible. As it may appeal to some who are weary of superfluities, yet do not wish their collecting to be child's play, I give a few illustrations of such collecting in practice.

To begin with let us take Ceylon as an instance. This country has not been nearly so much tarred with the surcharge brush as the average British colony, and its surcharges are not of the speculative nature. In fact it is an average British colony in good philatelic repute. From the beginning of stamp issuing in 1857 down to 1904 Scott's catalog lists 177 stamps. If one collects everything in papers, perforation and watermarks, omitting only surcharges, the list is but 96, a saving of 81 stamps in one colony alone.

Some make the very plausible plea that a surcharged stamp makes it as legitimately a separate postal issue as a new design. We cannot dispute this in many instances. But there is the fact that surcharging has been prostituted philatelically even far beyond the limits of the purely speculative stamp. And it

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699. Where can obtain Color Chart? There was one issued not so very long ago, but I cannot recall particulars, neither can I lay my hands on any advertisement mentioning it. Why do you not make one for yourself? Get a cheap packet of 100 to 500 varieties of stamps. Separate them into eight groups, according to the principal colors which undoubtedly you know, to wit: red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, brown and black or grey. Then separate each group again into 6 or 8 minor groups, and these again into smaller groups of shades. Perhaps it will be best to put them in the following succession: Reds, oranges, yellows, greens, blues, purples (including lilacs and violets), greys, blacks and browns. Mount them on a sufficient number of sheets (letter size), 8, 16 or 24 as it may suit you best. Finally consult your catalog which gives you the name of each color, and write the color name under or above the stamp. It may take a little trouble, but it will well repay you in the practice of distinguishing colors and getting them into a system. You will thus learn more about colors than you would from a chart.

700. What are the addresses of the secretaries of the following Phil. Societies? Universal Phil. Ass., Spanish American Phil. S., Iowa Phil. S., Michigan Phil. S., Montana Phil. S., Boonton Collectors' Ass., Subscription Stamp S., United Service Phil. S., Stamp Dealers' Protective Ass., McKinley Phil. S., Moravian College Collectors' Club. The CONTENTIEUX UNIVERSEL, 31 rue de Malagnou, Geneve, Switzerland, wish to know. They are compiling a directory of all Philatelic Societies and desire to make it as complete as possible. It might be to the advantage of all societies to send in to them their addresses, as well as any other information they wish to make public.

701. What are the quantities issued of the last Austrian Jubilee Stamps? According to Der PHILATELIST which just came to hand and which, by the way, illustrates the 10 kronen stamp showing it to be rather pretty with its additions on top and bottom, the following quantities were issued: Of the 10 kronen only 10,000—of the 2 and the 5 kronen 17,000 each—of the 50 and 60 heller and of the 1 krone 70,000 each—of the 25 heller 780,000—of the 10 heller 7,800,000—of the 5 heller 7,000,000—of all the others namely 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 20, 30 and 35 heller there are 100,000 each. If it were not for the fact that stamp collectors made a rush for these stamps and that all the 10,000 copies of the 10 kronen will most likely be preserved and go into collections, this value might become rare. As it is, none will really be rare.

702. What is Scientific Philately, compared with common Stamp Collecting? Common stamp collecting has for its object the pleasant entertainment of the stamp collector and does not necessarily imply much study or great knowledge; a child may pursue it. Scientific Philately implies the study of stamps, and not only that but the study of many other matters related to stamps, as paper-making, designing, printing, postal law, postal methods and usages, history, geography and perhaps a hundred other things that will more or less bear on stamps and their uses. Here the minor variety, which in common stamp collecting is mostly neglected, misunderstood, or condemned, is quite in place and plays an important role. Scientific Philately requires a lot of material, stamps and other things, and cannot be successfully pursued except by persons of scientific ability, mental and material means. Mercenary Philately has the object of "making money" out of stamps.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

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Under this title I shall offer to the readers of the WEST and especially the revenue stamp collector the "Why and Wherefore" of the issuing of series of stamps for a tax on the commerce of the world. We all know the commerce of the world, ever increasing, is enormous. Supply and demand, like the pendulum of a clock, swings forward and back. The speculative or commercial transactions of the banking world are centered in New York—Wall street, in London, Paris, Berlin etc., down to less important places. Under Arbitrage is understood: The use of judgment, business acumen, relative to taking advantage of the metal or bond market or commercial papers, like checks, sight drafts, bills of lading, etc. The different governments have taken advantage of this fact and issued series of stamps for the taxation of these transactions and my article shall deal principally about these kinds of stamps coming here and there back to special issues, like the shipment of gold, etc.

This article being so closely related to money, I shall include the standard—gold, silver, nickel, copper—coins of each country, merely giving the different denominations now coined, without going into the relative value compared with U. S. coins. Coin collectors, perhaps will appreciate my effort, and if I can please them, I shall be amply repaid.

Collectors of revenue stamps know, and many readers of the WEST have come across an English one penny stamp, sometimes cancelled by pen or a firm's name printed on the face. Now this has been on a check, bill or note, as the case may be and is a business transaction. But for how much? Do you know? Of this I will speak in my present article. Figures alone are not very interesting reading so I hope to be able to add here and there some other information.

EGYPT. Gold—100 and 50 piastres; Silver—20, 10, 5, 2 piastres; Nickel—1 p., 5, 2, 1 ochr-el-gnerche; Copper— $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ el-gnerche. Silver one piastre, have been discontinued

There is no tax on checks, bills of lading or orders.

ARGENTINE. Gold— $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 Argentino; Silver—100, 50, 20, 10, 5 centavos. Bronze—2, 1 centavos.

All paper money of provincial origin, outside Cordoba and Rio de la Plata, is valueless. Government notes exist from 1 to 100 pesos. 1 Arg. equals 5 pesos. Checks, letters of credit, promissory notes, money orders from the exterior are taxed $\frac{1}{4}$ n mill on each 1000 pesos for action. Some checks and bills or notes require a 5 centavos stamp.

Foreign bills are taxed 1 mil. These stamps are issued in triplicate form.—primero, secundo and tercero.—

Fine for neglect of paying the right sum on checks is 10 pesos.

(To be continued.)

A watermark on a stamp in some cases increases its value greatly. This is specially true regarding foreign stamps. A watermark detector may be made without trouble. Put a piece of black paper in the bottom of a glass cup and pour benzine upon it. Place the stamp, face down, in the benzine and wait half a minute. Soon dark outlines of the watermarks will show if the stamp has them at all. Some of the figures are crowns, stars, shields, letters, figures, birds, anchors, moons, crests, elephants' heads and lions. Dry the stamp on blotting paper and the marks will disappear. If left a long time in benzine a stamp may be injured in its coloring.

is obviously the province of a philatelist to collect as he or she shall elect. Personally, as I cannot hope to get everything, I prefer to throw overboard surcharged stamps, while admitting differences of a minor nature. If the collector chooses to still further cut down the list by eschewing varieties, which are the brain and brawn of collecting to the scientist he still has a comprehensive outline of the particular country's postal issues. In the case of Ceylon, such radical pruning would result in a straight list of less than fifty stamps, all normal varieties, and therefore easily salable at any time.

In regards such issues as the general type for the French and Portuguese colonies I have taken the stamps illustrating the general design. It does not seem necessary where innumerable colonies follow certain set forms, each colony's stamps differing from the others only in the inscriptions under the design to take everything. Here are hundreds and hundreds and hundreds, as like as peas in a pod, nearly always on the market unused. I view with respect the intelligence of the collector who insists upon having stamps of this class in used condition, or otherwise passes them by.

Shining examples of the "no surcharge" collection are Cape of Good Hope, Transvaal, and Orange Free State. In Cape of Good Hope, Scott's lists 188, the straight varieties to 1903 are only 59 stamps. In Transvaal the catalog lists 307 as against 81 to 1903. In Orange Free State 20 stamps complete a collection to 1903, as against the catalog's 73.

Probably you have been accustomed to look askance at such countries as Ecuador. Omitting the sucharges, revenues, telegraph, and wrapper stamps used for postage let us see what we have left in "Collectable stuff". The numbers given are in accordance with Scott's 1910 catalog.

1865,—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; 1872,—8, 9, 10, 11; 1881,—12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; 1887,—19, 20, 21, 22; 1892,—23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; 1894—39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46; (1895, 47 to 54 optional), 1895—55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62; 1896.—63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69; 1897.—127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134; 1898,—137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152; 1904.—156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161; 1907.—166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173; 1908.—174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180. The total is 97 straight varieties, an interesting, well balanced collection of this country's issues, and if used stamps are insisted on the "Seebecks" do not detract from its philatelic worth. Contrast this list with the catalog.

Of course in such stamps as Canal Zone from 1904 on, one must take surcharged stamps or nothing; but Canal Zone is quite a different proposition. Its surcharged stamps may properly be considered separate issues. The American collector will probably allow himself the same latitude as regards the stamps of Spanish colonies surcharged for U. S. postal purposes.

A collection of South and Central American states will be found to be quite a creditable achievement if gathered together on this basis. Even Panama responds to such treatment. In 1878 the 5 varieties will be taken, and perhaps the minor varieties; in the 1877-8 set, seven varieties; one in 1892; 1892-96 contributes seven stamps; 1905 but two 1906-7, a set of nine; 1909, three stamps. The total legitimate varieties are but 34 stamps in all.

I am following this plan because of any bogey of completeness as an objective point. There can scarcely be such a result for the average collector. But a well-rounded, symmetrical collection rather than a ragged, "hit and miss" affair, can be hoped for.

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.

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696. Would you advise me to join the Precancel Club? If you collect precancelled stamps or "Precancels," as they are called for short, I think I would. At least, I think you should subscribe to the Attleboro Philatelist, the official organ of the "International Precancel Club," because this journal makes Precancels a special feature and will give you valuable information. Address Mr. Percy Collingwood, 13 Dean St., Attleboro, Mass., but, please, do not forget to mention **THE WEST!**

697. Who can give the Name and Address of a stamp paper in Africa? There was one a few years ago, but I know of none now. Who does?

698. What firms are there in the U. S. that conduct Auction Sales of stamps? I cannot furnish a list of all, indeed I am afraid I do not know all, but I shall give all that I do know at the present time, enumerating them just as I happen to think of them without any reference to their excellence or inferiority, because I cannot assume authority to pass judgment on the relative merit; I consider all that I do name responsible and trustworthy.

1. United Stamp Co., 1151 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.
2. J. C. Morganthau & Co., 87 Nassau Str., New York City.
3. Co Operative Exchange, 1464 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. Nassau Stamp Co., L't'd., 231 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
5. P. M. Wolsieffer, 1310 Ft. Dearborn Str., Chicago, Illinois.
6. C. E. Hussmann Stamp Co., 211 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
7. Hugh M. Clark, 56 Postal Telegraph Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
8. The International Stamp Co., 18 West Long Street, Columbus, Ohio.
9. Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, Ohio.
10. Western Stamp Co., 702 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska.
11. George R. Tuttle, 116 Nassau Str., New York City.
12. Philadelphia Stamp Co., 1204 Chestnut Str., Philadelphia, Pa.
13. Percy G. Doane, 15 Nassau Str., New York City.
14. Mack Stamp Co., Box 3282, Station 'C', Scranton, Pa.
15. J. M. Bartels Co., 99 Nassau Str., New York, City.
16. B. O. Komorous & Co., 1901 Loomis Str., Chicago, Illinois.
17. The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., L'd., 127 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.
18. St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., St. Louis, Mo.

These are all that I can think of just now but I think there must be several more. If they will send their address it may be given in the **WEST** later on.

612. (Extra) The St. Paul Album, published by the Bills Publishing Co., of 315 Minnesota Str., St. Paul, Minn., is a loose leaf album with 100 leaves $9\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ inches price \$2.50 and \$3.25 according to binding. It is also furnished with interleaving at the same price, but then it contains 75 leaves only, each protected by an interleaving sheet.

652. (Extra) Stamp Papers published in the West Indies: Revista del Circulo Filatelico de Cuba, Apartado 1262, Habana, Cuba (\$1.) Matanzas Filatelica, Cuba N. 12, Matanzas, Cuba. Cuba Filatelica, J. Isern, Guanabacoa, Cuba. (All in Spanish). Who knows of any published in Puerto Rico, Jamai-

Money in Stamps

The easiest thing to do in this world is to spend money and buying stamps is no exception to the rule. But to spend your money so that while deriving pleasure at the present time your profit in the future is the problem which all intelligent amateurs should consider. To commence, a stamp collector naturally wants some stamps and until he becomes posted he is not likely to purchase high priced varieties. What he wants is a large quantity of nice looking stamps for a small amount of money. The money thus spent is practically thrown away or may be put down as paid for lessons in the art of stamp collecting. This period safely passed, the novice has discovered that he cannot amass a complete collection, but there are many interesting lines he can pursue to the end and by diligence and study rival the achievements of the wealthy. A complete specialized collection of any country is always saleable at figures far above its catalogue value. Perhaps our collector is not a student but still very much interested. In this case he can buy new issues as they come out, this makes a splendid showing and at prices charged by our publishers cannot fail to show a good profit in the course of a few years. It always has and doubtless will always continue to do so. All are not interested in novelties, these have the standard old stamps to tackle practically every stamp issued before 1880 and catalogued at fifty cents or over is a profitable purchase at a fair discount from current prices. Such stamps are becoming daily more difficult to obtain. We have in mind a young man who has spent one dollar a week for the past five years. He has repeatedly refused double the price of his investment but as he finds his stock daily becoming more desirable he invariably declines to sell. We have left to the last the consideration of the stamps of our own country. The best investment for a moderate sum of money in sight, taking either used or unused a complete collection in fine condition cannot be purchased from the combined stocks of all the dealers in the U. S. Time as well as money is required to secure such a collection and the cost of such an acquisition increases every year. All tastes can be gratified by stamp collections and all can make money by the transaction who will study the subject, draw up a plan and stick to it.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

An Exchange says, in the field today there are many catalogs each possessing excellent qualities. We have perused and carefully studied them all, but for simplicity and practical composition, we place in preference over all foreign catalogs that compendium issued by W. S. Lincoln, world's oldest stamp dealer.

The young collector will find this catalogue a great help in the arrangement and classification of his stamps, while the more advanced philatelist will reap untold pleasure from studying it. Lincoln's catalog is larger than either Scott's or Gibbons's, and is bound in green cloth, overprinted in red and yellow ink. It is in its 15th edition; is illustrated with 4,835 pictures of stamps, innumerate the dates of issue and names of every stamp, varieties of perforations, watermarks and prices of stamps—used and unused; also historical and geographical notes of interest to philatelists; contains an atlas of sixteen colored maps, specially engraved for this catalogue. Eight pages are devoted to United States stamps, many of which are well illustrated and accurately described. This portion of the catalogue—devoted to U. S. postal issues—will be of utmost value to beginners. The price of this catalogue is 85 cents post free, and may be obtained from the publisher, Mr. W. S. Lincoln, 2 Holles St., Oxford St., London, W., England or will be given together with a yearly subscription to the WEST for \$1.



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From the daily press we gather that President Taft and Postmaster General Hitchcock contemplate a change in second class rate, which will involve a keeping separate of the reading matter and the advertising in magazines, the reading matter to be transmitted thro the mails at the old rate of 1 cent per pound, while the advertising matter will have to pay a higher rate, perhaps 8 cents per pound. It would require keeping both sections separate, so that each can be weighed separately and that the relative weights may be ascertained in order to determine the average rate for each issue, which would probably be something like 4 or 5 cents per pound. This would materially effect the make up of most stamp papers. Newspapers are not included in this plan, but will enjoy the privilege of the old rate of 1 cent per pound.

In several papers we have seen the notice that King Manuel of Portugal, who has just lost his crown and kingdom is a stamp collector. He will accordingly have the sympathy of all stamp collectors. It is said that the King of Spain is also a stamp collector. That the Queen of Holland and the King of England are interested in our hobby has been known for some time. The same is said of the Pope, who is believed to be the possessor of a very fine collection. Princes and noblemen of several countries, especially Great Britain, are reported as showing a growing interest in stamps, and from this conclusion is drawn that our hobby has the very brightest prospects before it.

Dr. Holt's EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST is one of the most welcome magazines at our desk. It always has something new, interesting or spicy that is not only worth reading but remembering as well. In the last issue it gives a lot of figures regarding the issue of U.S. stamps during the present year. We copy the following:

Stamps of the issue of 1902 issued in 1910: 13 cents over 3 million; 50 cents 280,500; \$1 35,000; \$2 1,258; \$5 3,551.

Stamps in coils: 1 cent 10,906,500; 2 cents 21,968,500; 3 cents none; 4 cents 256,000; 5 cents 287,000.

Imperforated and perforated stamps in sheets, series of 1908: 1 cent 3,493,899,400; 2 cents 4,515,700,500; 3 cents 6,696,900; 4 cents 85,424,400; 5 cents 106,059,500; 6 cents 35,537,000; 8 cents 31,638,900; 10 cents 73,547,100; 13 cents 1,321,244; 15 cents 11,814,280; \$1 56,784.

Commemorative stamps:

Lincoln 2c 4,447,691 in 1910 and 150,298,091 in all.

Alaska 2c 32,659,511 in 1910 and 153,412,711 in all.

Hudson 2c 72,851,111 in 1910 and 72,951,111 in all.

The E. P. makes some further remarks about these stamps, but we

will not copy these remarks. We would rather see our readers subscribe for the E. P., which they can do for only 25 cents a year.

The PHILADELPHIA STAMP NEWS has just begun to publish an excellent article on the NEW YORK POSTMASTER'S STAMPS by Mr. O. S. Hart. It is true that most collectors cannot hope to collect these stamps on the same plan as Mr. Hart has done and thus a great many collectors have not and never will have even a single copy of these stamps. Yet the perusal of this article will be profitable to every collector who takes the time and interest to read it carefully. It will teach him a good deal about stamps and stamp collecting in general and will give him a good idea of what scientific stamp collecting really means, and what can be done with most any old issue to make it valuable.

We may congratulate REDFIELD'S STAMP NEWS on the acquisition of "Single C. A." as editor of the NEW ISSUES DEPARTMENT. The very first instalment of his contributions is of such a nature that we have reason to expect the best possible from him. As Mr. Quackenbush says in the introductory note, "London is the philatelic capital of the world" and any able philatelist there has an advantage over any others elsewhere in the facility with which stamp news are obtainable early in London, earlier than in other places. Besides that "Single C. A." is described as "one of the ablest and most prominent of English philatelic journalists" experienced in this very work. We may consequently expect that henceforth REDFIELD'S will be the leader among American publications in regard to new issues of stamps. As gratifying as this may be to REDFIELD'S and its many friends there is a bitter after-taste to it for American philatelists generally, and that is this: Why can't we American collectors compete with the collectors of Great Britain? Why can't we do as well and better than they can? Is there not one among the collectors of our great and blessed country that desires to build up a New Issues Service equal to those of London and to supply the news as early as well as they do it there? We need not be unfriendly toward our British friends, but we need not let them beat us as they do.

Friedemann's PHILATELISTISCHE BERICHTE No. 36. is embellished by a map of the Marianen Island Saipan taken from a work on German colonies which is sold for 4 marks or \$1. This suggests that we Americans too should have some popular work on our American colonies which could be bought at a reasonable price. We believe there is one published by the U. S. government at Washington. Who can tell more about it? We stamp collectors ought to know such things. Herr Friedeman collects not only the different types of German Colonial post marks but the several dates of these as well. The idea of doing so is to obtain a basis for distinguishing between genuine and spurious cancellations. He reports two provisionals from PONAPE issued on July 12th, 1910 and consisting of the 3pf. surcharged by hand stamp "5Pf" and the 20pf. cut into diagonally. But few men have learned of the making of this provisional at the time and most of the stamps came into possession of a prominent German dealer. Copies were received thru the mail in due time at Berlin and Cologne, leaving no doubt that they were postally used. It may result in difficulties for the post official who made them.



Dear Sir We
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ACROSS THE POND

H. STANLEY



Under this heading K. A. Keyman Jr. of Rotterdam, Holland, our representative for the Netherlands and Germany intends to manage this new rubric, giving every month a review as complete as possible of the latest transactions in the European stamp-world consisting of: The describing of proposed new issues, discoveries, varieties, reprints forgeries, reports of meetings associations, review of publications, stamp-market reports, and further anything that can be of interest to stamp-collectors. If any of our European readers would assist him in his work he would be greatly obliged whilst every early information will be welcomed. All communications relating thereto must be addressed as above.

BELGIUM. We learn, that the new stamps of this country will be put into circulation on the 1st of January 1911. At the moment the approbation of King Albert must be obtained for the designs of Mr. Ed Pellens, Professor of "l'Académie de Beaux Arts d'Anvers" for the 10, 20, 25, 35, 40, 50 cents 1 and 2 Francs, whilst the lower values, the 1, 2 and 5 cents will be designed by Mr. M. Lemaire. With a view to mentioned values, we see that the long wanted 40 cents is included in this new set.

Further, we heard that at the Royal Decree of Sept. 4, beginning the 1st of March 1911, the stamps and also the wrappers, cards, envelopes, etc. of the issue 1 Nov. 1865 to Jan. 1889 will be stopped being value for payment of postage.

BULGARIA. Most countries of the Balkan States have new stamps. Austria, Bosnia, Montenegro, and now the fourth, Bulgaria. As an exception they will not be Jubilee stamps, or anything like that, but a common new set of all values. The order for printing is given to the firm 'CALCOGRAFIA ITALIA', at Rome and ought to be ready by the 5th of October. But it seems that this case has been postponed, for at this moment they are not yet issued.

ENGLAND. Some papers of Europe are saying that before the death of the late King the 2d stamp of this country was printed in a new color, and ready for issuing. But, however, they are all burned, only a few have been kept and are obtainable at £1. each. Does one of our English friends know anything more of this matter?

HOLLAND. In the "N. T. v. P.", the official organ of the "Dutch Philatelic Association," we read that a member of said Club has bought at the post office at Amsterdam, ten stamps at 1½ cent, which are perforated in the middle of the stamp, so that the open space between two stamps remains untouched. We think the whole sheet is perforated in this way. For a block of 4 stamps has been offered 3 guilders or 1 Dollar 20 cent American currency. A rare curiosity indeed.

LUXEMBURG. The post authorities want to have printed a new impression of the 10 cents value of 1906, because no stamps were at hand. The color must be the same, only the perforation must be changed. In spite of this, on issuing the stamp, it was observed that the color was orange red, whilst the design was

not so plain as that of the old stamp. Only five sheets of 100 stamps each, have been put into circulation, so that it is to be expected that high prices will be paid for such a curiosity.

MALTA. A new set of stamps values $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 5sh., is announced, and will appear within a short time. The 2d, 1sh and 5sh will have still the effigy of King Edward!

MONACO. For the first time, postage due stamps will be issued, bearing the effigy of the Prince and the word "Recouvrements" meaning "Dues". The set consists of three values, namely 1, 10 and 30 centimes.

PORTUGAL. Preparations are already being made for issuing a new set of stamps with the bust of the Republic, the designs are already sent to Bern for printing, so that before there are new ones. At the moment the stamps of King Manuel are surcharged "REPUBLICA". Prompt affairs indeed.

RUSSIA. A post stamp scandal. Daily papers mention that the police, in St. Petersburg have confiscated about two millions of used Russian stamps, which were bought up by a man, having the intention to send them to Warschau, in which town a gang of ruffians hid themselves and removed the post marks chemically and put the stamps into circulation as new ones. It seems that this profitable business has been carried out a long time. Also the man of St. Petersburg is arrested.

THURN & TAXIS. By order of the Chief Authority there have been issued "reprints" from the original plates, which are still in good condition, of the following stamps.

1859. 15 kr. & 5 Sgr. red-lilac; 30 kr. & 10 Sgr. orange.

1865. 3 kr. & 1 Sgr. rose; 6 kr. 2 Sgr. blue; 9 kr. 3 Sgr. brown; $\frac{1}{4}$ Sgr. black. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sgr. green and $\frac{1}{2}$ Sgr. orange.

1866. The whole set, 1, 3, 6, 9 kr. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, and 3 Sgr. in the known colors.

They are made for worthily representing Thurn & Taxis at the Traffic Exhibition at Regensburg. They are aspiring to get the shade and sort of paper as similar as possible, but gumming was renounced. Naturally the difference between the original and the reprint will be seen immediately, as between the printing of both 50 to 60 years have elapsed. After the closing of the Exhibition a certain number will be obtainable for Philatelists.

THE DICKENS STAMP. The Dickens testimonial stamps, the proceeds of which are to go to a fund for the benefit of the great novelist's descendants, more than one of whom is in straightened circumstances, will shortly be on sale at two cents each at all booksellers". The stamps are being printed to celebrate the centenary year of the birth of Dickens, and it is suggested that owners of his works should buy the stamps and affix one to each book they possess—In England.

The British South African Company has issued a new and attractive set of Rhodesian postage stamps. The stamps differ materially from previous issues in that they bear the portraits of their Majesties the King and Queen.

Triangular Stamps. Four countries have issued triangular shaped stamps: Cape of Good Hope, Columbia, Liberia and New Foundland. One would think the printing of these would result in a waste of paper, but such is not the case. The stamps were arranged in blocks of two or four, forming a large or small square as the case may be. These "sets", were made up into sheets of the required size.

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.

(Continued from last issue.)

13: 25 lbs black and red, control "A". 14: 50 lbs black and red, Control "A". 15: 100 lbs black and red, Control "A". All that are printed in black and red, owing to the two printings show minor varieties. 16: 100 lbs black and red, large control No. Control "C". 17: 100 lbs black on manila.

I judge that 17 is a tag that was printed at the expense of the feed company similar to the postage permits and the sum of twenty cents per ton paid to the commissioner without his issuing tags for the same. The tag is 4 5-16 x 2 9-16 in. Using the string end as the top and reading down we find the following legend: "No. 1823. 100 pounds. Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis, Mo., guarantees this Mill Feed 'Chick and Scratch Size' to contain not less than 3.0 per cent of crude fat, 9.0 per cent of crude protein and to be compounded from the following ingredients: Wheat, Corn, Barley, Oats, Kaffir, Milo Maize, Seeds, Grits. W. J. Jones, Jr., State Chemist, Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station, LaFayette, Ind. Not good for more than 100 pounds." All this is in 18 lines. On the back on the reinforcement around the hole in the end of the tag is "S. C. W. J. J. Jr."

NORTH CAROLINA. Black on blue tag size $3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{7}{8}$ in. same for fertilizer and for cotton seed meal except one line that gives name of article Legend reads crossways with the string end of the tag as the top. "1910. Department of Agriculture) North Carolina. 100 pounds Cotton Seed Meal. Charges Paid. Wm. A. Graham, Commissioner" in ten lines.

C. S. M. 1: 100 lbs black on blue.

Fertilizer. 1: 100 lbs black on blue. 2: 200 lbs black on blue.

TENNESSEE. Size $3\frac{3}{8} \times 1\frac{5}{8}$ in. The legend reads: "Tennessee. Fertilizer. Series L, 1910. John Thompson, Commissioner. Good for 100 lbs." On the back is: "The fact that one of these tags is attached to each bag, barrel, or other package of fertilizer shall be taken as evidence that the sale thereof has been duly authorized by the state. All persons are warned against the buying or selling of fertilizer not bearing such tag."

1:—100 lbs Series K. 1909. Green on uncolored Manila tag. 2:—100 lbs Series L 1910 Black on red Manila tag. Reasoning from the two at hand it would seem that the issue of these tags began with series A in 1899. Who knows?

TEXAS. With one exception the tags of this state are all of one size that is $5\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{9}{16}$ in the exception is No. 3 which is $5 \times 2\frac{3}{8}$ in. All ordinary manila shipping tags. On Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 the legend reads "This is to certify that the Inspection tax on this feed has been paid. John A. Crag director of experiment station College station. Good for 100 pound sack", the words "Good for 100 pound sack" is in the lower left corner on Nos. 1 and 2. on all others it is across the left or string end. In referring to these ur means upper right corner. All are for 100 lbs.

FFED TAX. 1:—100 lbs Rubber stamp Violet. 2:—100 lbs Rubber stamp Black. a. with the upper part of a second stamp printed over the bottom of the first 3:—100 lbs Type set Black "658-711-500M" ur. 4:—100 lbs Rubber stamp Violet. 5:—100 lbs Type set Black "1027-1005-1,000,000" ur. 6:—100 lbs Rubber stamp Black. a. 100 lbs Rubber stamp Blue-green may belong to either 4 or 6. 7:—100 lbs This and all later type set "1097—1015—1,000,000"

ur. 8:—10 lbs, Signature in red different type used. Issues 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 instead of reading "John Crag Director" read "J. W. Carson Vice-director." 9:—100 lbs entirely in red "1317—906—1 Mil" ur. 10:—100 lbs Entirely in red. "8—1006—1 Mil" ur. 11:—100 lbs Black "32—1106—1 Mil" ur. 12:—100 lbs Red "53—2570—1 Mil" ur. 13:—100 lbs Red "532—507—1 Mil" ur. Issues 14, 15, 16, and 17 have "State feed inspector" instead of "Vice Director" and also add "H. H. Harrington Director" 14:—100 Black "1125—10—07—4 Mil" ur. 15:—100 lbs Red "1527—308—1 Mil" ur. 16:—100 lbs Black "1000—439—309—3½ Mil" ur. 17:—100 lbs Black "1000—909—5 Mil" ur a. 100 lbs cut so that the figures which should be in the upper right corner are in the lower.

It is surprising how small an amount of money is required to make a beautiful stamp collection provided it is gone about systematically with a clear idea of what is to be accomplished before the work is started. An old collecting friend the proud father of two beautiful boys, desired to bring up his young hopefuls in the way they should go, and of course provided them with stamp albums. Not the regular printed sort but just nicely bound blank books. Giving the boys his discards or duplicates did not appear to him to be the correct thing. He wanted each boy to collect not accumulate and to have a distinctive collection within their means and appropriate to their age. After mature consultation they decided that the elder should have a "red" collection and the younger a "green" one. In other words one album was filled with unused specimens of the domestic letter rates of every country in the world, while the other confined himself to the newspaper rate and such other green stamps as could be easily acquired. Each collection gives a comprehensive idea of the postal issues of the world and neither conflicts with the other. Every new issue provides a stamp for each album and both are growing in beauty, interest and value. Such collections can be made by anyone and the owner can accomplish what he undertakes. We know of several amateurs who have confined their attentions to dollar or higher valued stamps. These run into considerable money but have proved an exceptionally profitable investment. By the way the collectors of a postage stamp portrait gallery have lately received numerous additions to their stock, with plenty of work to look up the history of the South American heroes whose portraits adorn the new issues.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

FOR THE PHILATELIST.

London Morning Post: Sale of stamps not for postal but for collectors' use is quite an item of revenue in some foreign countries, and even the British post-office receipts are no doubt augmented at times by the purchases of philatelists. Since the death of the late king and pending the introduction of the new George V stamps there seems to have been several interesting changes in the shades of the color of some of the stamps, although the alterations have been effected without notice. On the 2d the color has varied in respective issues from lightest green to a dark or olive green, which is the most recent color. The differences in shade and printing are easily distinguishable. It would appear that in respect of these "shades" some of the philatelists have been "caught napping," and that there has been much inquiry here and there for different specimens. The lighter shades have, however, become practically obsolete and are not easy to obtain. Then the 1½d stamp has also assumed a darker hue. Lilac varieties seem to be scarce, the more recent issues being of a decided purple. The 2½d blue, and the 1d rose red, have occasionally become fuller in color.

HAYTI--The Island of Unrest

"Liberty is a thing which don't agree with niggers." In these exceedingly rare cases where he has been strong enough to rise to political freedom, the black man has proved himself utterly incapable of establishing an orderly state. For over a hundred years the western portion of San Domingo has been occupied by an independent Republic, the Government of which is entirely in the hands of the negroes.

Although it is a fine country, capable of almost indefinite development, scarcely anything has been done in that direction. The real religion of the people is Vaudoux worship, a wierd medley of heathenish rites and customs, among which the adoration of serpents and the sacrifice of white cocks are the most prominent. Nominally the Government consists of a President, a Senate and a House of Representatives. In actual fact, the President is all powerful from the time when a successful revolution inaugurates his term of office, to the moment when flight, suicide, or assassination puts an end to it. The present ruler, General Nord Alexis, has lately given the world a shining example of Haytian politics, and his proceedings are but samples of the kind of thing which is always going on.

Though Hayti is nearly as large as Scotland, and has a population of over half a million, the number of letters posted annually is not great. In spite of this the Republic has produced a series of stamps, which are well worthy of the notice of philatelists, particularly those of limited means, as a complete series can be had for a comparatively modest outlay.

The first issue appeared in 1881, in which year Hayti joined the Postal Union. The native artist who was entrusted with the work of designing the stamp, succeeded in producing a most creditable head of Liberty. The inscription is in French, as this is the language spoken in the Republic, which was originally a French Colony. The word "Cent" is short for "Centime," a coin of which a hundred make up a Gourde, nominally worth four and twopence, but like everything else in Hayti, to be taken at less than face value. The original Liberty Head stamps were imperforate, but towards the end of 1882 some of the values were sent out with a perforation gauging 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, and the rest made their appearance in the same condition at various intervals during the next year. The gauge of the perforation should be noted, as there exist two series of very clever forgeries, one perforate 16 and the other 14, which were for long looked upon as genuine varieties. If offered a label with a female head looking to the left, which purports to be a stamp of Hayti, reject it at once as utterly bogus.

The benevolent-looking old gentleman who looks out from the stamps of 1887 is President Salomon, the worst ruler Hayti ever had. His portrait appears for a curious reason. A cry was raised by his political opponents because the features of the head of Liberty on the former issue were said to resemble those of Madame Salomon. The President had been asked and had refused to have his features portrayed on the stamps, and now it appeared that he had substituted those of his wife, with some dark motive the opposition could not doubt. To get out of the difficulty, Salomon agreed to the new issue. In 1890 the supply of the two centimes stamp of his series ran out, and a provisional label was substituted, consisting of the 3 Centimes, lilac, with the words, "Duex Cent," and the figure 2 surcharged in red letters. An unusually careless official with a hand stamp was given the task of preparing the issue and no one has ever reckoned how many "varieties" there are.

Salomon's career as President came to a sudden end in 1891, but he was for

fortunate enough to reach Cuba alive, though badly wounded. General Legitime assumed the reins of government and under him an entirely new design was adopted, the main feature of which was the arms of the Republic. It is interesting to note that the stamps with Salomon's head, which had to be used up, were ordered to be affixed upside down, and envelopes should be treasured entire if any of the set are found on them in this condition. The first issue of the arms series is distinguished from later ones by the fact that the branches of the palm tree in the complicated device, spread themselves out in all directions. Again, there was a shortage of two Centime stamps, and in 1892 a hand stamp was resorted to to lower the value.

Legitime's term was short, and ended in a hurried journey to New York. He was succeeded in 1893 by General Hippolyte, who was chiefly remarkable for having died a natural death during his tenure of office. Under Hippolyte, a slight modification was made in the design: the leaves of the palm tree being now made to droop. Tiresias Augustin Simon Sam came in, after Hippolyte's death in 1896, but the arms design was not interfered with, the wisdom of preferring it to portraits now appearing. The dies, however, were re-engraved and the colours modified. In 1898 there was for the third time a lack of two Centime stamps and again the surcharging hand-stamp was applied, this time to the twenty Centime value.

GREAT BRITAIN LINE ENGRAVED STAMPS. By Fred J. Melville.
Second Edition, 1910 London. Published by N. H. Peckitt, 47, Strand, W. C.

The rapid exhaustion of the first edition in 1900 of this work, has necessitated an early reprint, but it may be pointed out that the second edition has undergone revision, in part, due to the suggestions contained in the critique by Baron Percy de Worms, in the Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, and also to suggestions of Mr. C. F. Dendy Harshull.

The proofs of the first edition were revised by Messrs Charles Nissen, and H. S. Hodson, and the co-operation of Mr. A. B. Creeke Jr., in revising the proofs of the present edition adds yet another distinguished specialist in the stamps of Great Britain to those associated with the production of this popular handbook.

NOVELTIES:—A new lettering variety is the $\frac{1}{2}$ d with inverted 'S' plate II (see page 86).

The illustrations of dies I & II on page 51 replace the sketches used in the first edition.

Second editions are usually just not so well printed as the first. In this case it is not so. The second is just as fine as the first, and collectors who failed to get a copy of the first edition may be congratulated for the improved opportunity that is offered them now. (Dorpat).

The appearance of the effigy of King George upon the stamps of his Mother country will, no doubt, be closely followed by a similar change in many of the Colonies. The long anticipated Federal series for the Australian Commonwealth may mature; while the newly united states of Southern Africa are likely to issue a series befitting the dignity of the Union. Further changes may result from the alteration of the Colonial color scheme, and the adoption of a similar scheme by the United States. The extension to Liberia of the American sphere of influence will doubtless have its reflection upon the stamps of the African republic, and the Centenary celebrations in South America can be counted upon to swell the total of new emissions.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

There is a good demand just now for the higher values of all pictorial European.

Denominations that are gradually falling out of use are an interesting study. It is not a bad plan to pencil-mark such items in the catalogue.

Passing historical events are almost sure to have some influence on the stamps within the arena of the scene of action. Let the philatelists study well what the nations are doing.

Knowledge is power, therefore study the catalogue. Make notes. Interesting figures occur in stamp journals relative to the number of copies issued of some desirable stamp; occasionally these are worthy of being transferred to the margin of one's catalogue. They may be useful later on. And so on.

Siam appears to be especially popular just now; most sellers seem to have a lot on hand, and in two places at least they are quoted by the thousand. It had occurred to one that the Satang surcharges might possibly turn out to be "rising goods", since they seemed to be of the nature of provisionals; in this matter we must "wait and see."

It appears that here are not always enough copies of the 25 bani Roumania, 1906, upright design, to make complete sets of. Sets are frequently seen advertised minus this denomination. Here is possibly a good stamp.

Will recent events in Portugal have any effect on the prices of the current issue? I suppose it will mean a new issue with the Arms of the Republic in place of the head of the deposed monarch. The question is what will happen to the present stamps? It will at least be advisable to complete the current set.

A Continental firm announces higher prices in future for the drachme values of Greece, 1901. Therefore, no longer may we expect to see the old 1 dr. of this issue priced at its one-time figure of a few pence per copy; also it seems not improbable that one or two drachme values of Crete may go higher presently.

The 8c and 10c Canal Zone of the 1909 issue, seem a trifle more plentiful than were their predecessors of the 1906 set. As the big canal grows the world looks on, and the stamps of this narrow strip of territory grow in popularity.

It would be interesting to know what is the status and value of the current Philippine stamp surcharged "O. B." I have got some in a mixed thousand lot; the "O. B." is apparently a rubber stamp mark (?), of various size and thickness of type, red or purple, chiefly horizontal but occasionally slantwise, and in one instance it is a black, printed surcharge. Copies vary a good deal as to condition, and when a fine specimen is found it is a problem to fix on a price for it. Does any reader know what is a fair price for the 2c, 4c and 10c values with this overprint?

Perhaps the 6c value of the above Philippine Services is not an uncommon stamp, since in one quarter it is offered in some quantity, but the 8c and 12c are probably much scarcer.

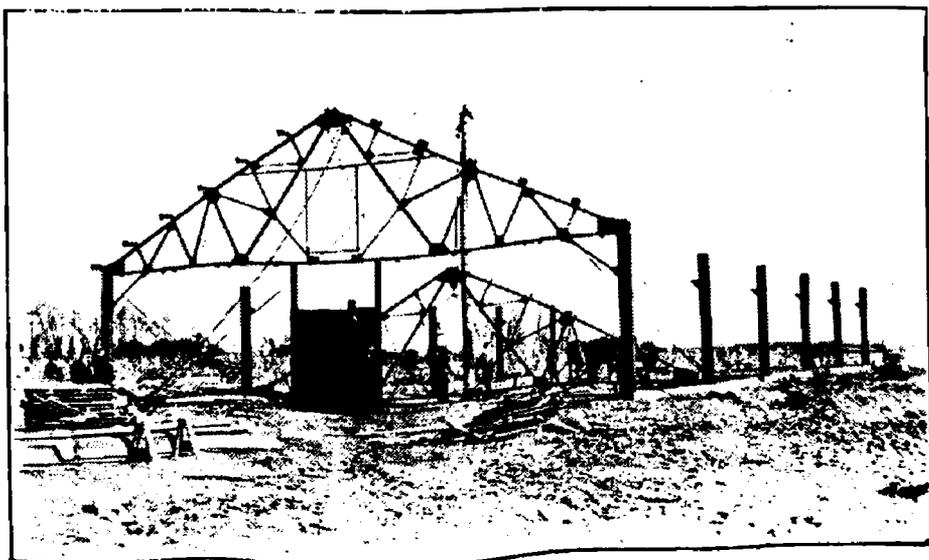
Montenegro, 1910, are already on sale; they seem a beautiful series.

The demand for British Colonial King's Heads is apparently spreading. As some sort of a set-off against this, many British collectors are interested in current French and U. S. Colonial and old German States. And this reciprocity is a good thing. Some British philatelists collect British only; in this (so think we) they perhaps betray something of "our insular mood." Foreign sorts comprise a very wide and delightful field.



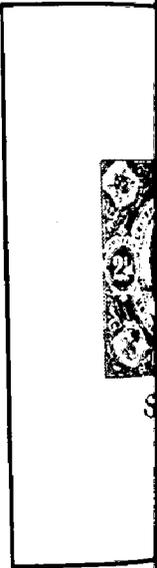
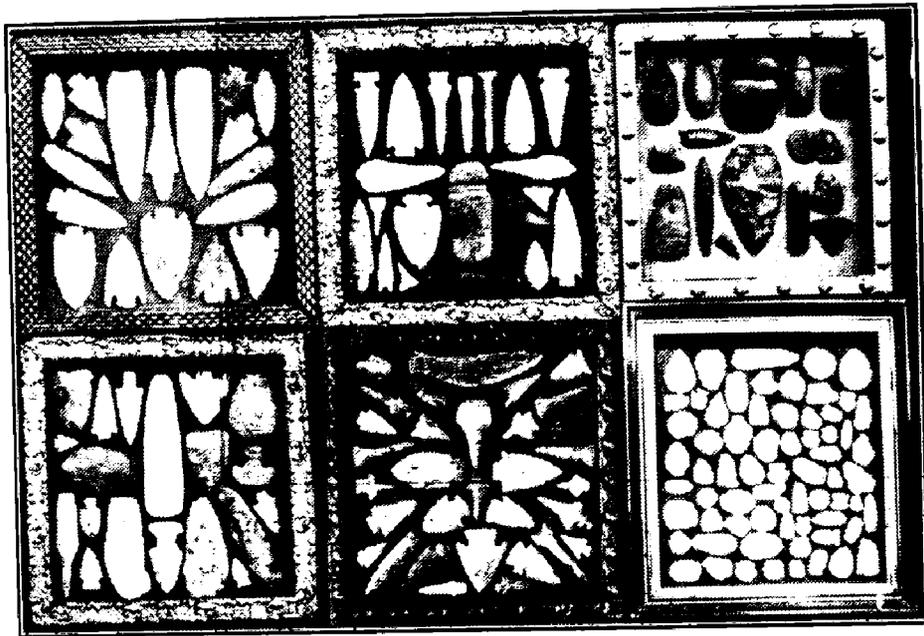
B. J. Bishop, Kansas City, Mo., who is a member of the S. P. A.

Post-Card View of the first steel building in Southern Nebraska, one of the million and a half dollar Portland Cement plant being built at Superior, Nebr. The largest single industry of the state. It will pay anyone to get some of the stock as it pays 7% each six months.

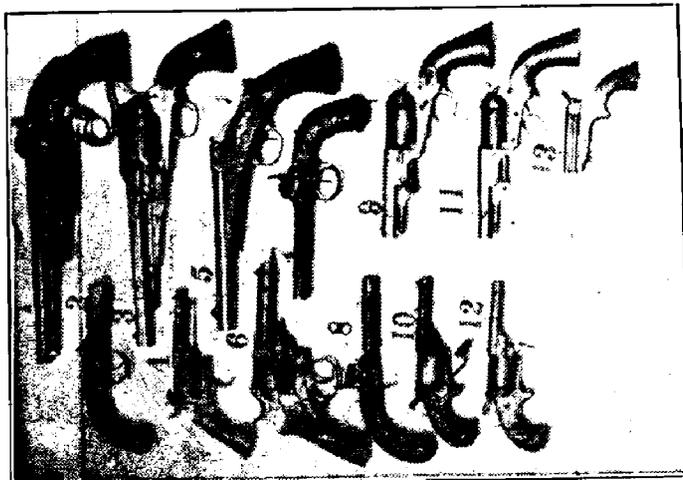


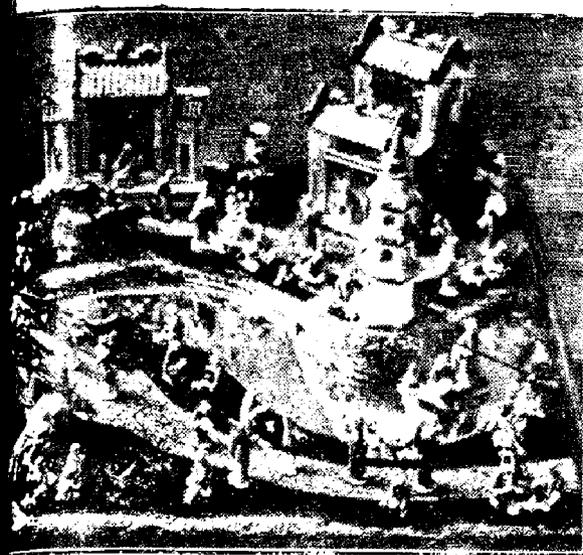


Miniature China



Indian Relics Collection of C. Hope, Sedalia, Mo.
 Dance of the Nations, card published by old English Paper
 Rare Pistols of an Eastern Collector.





Models 1 inch high, property of Edgar Lincoln

Best Stamps -



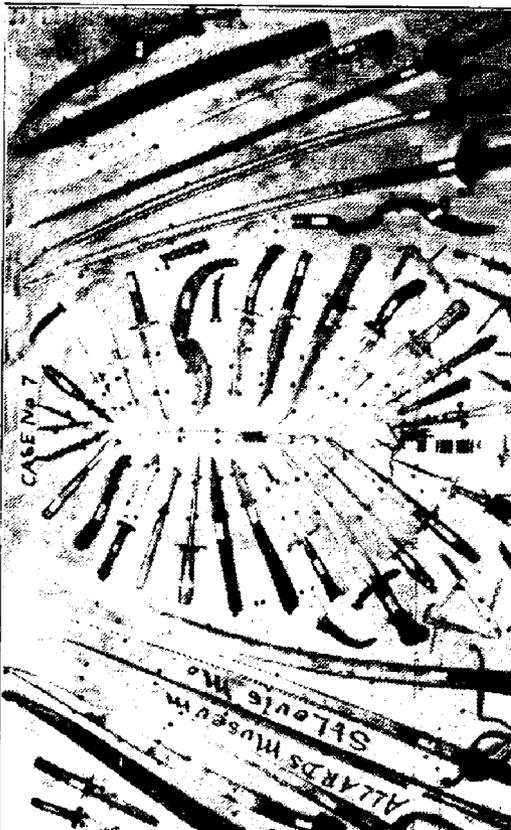
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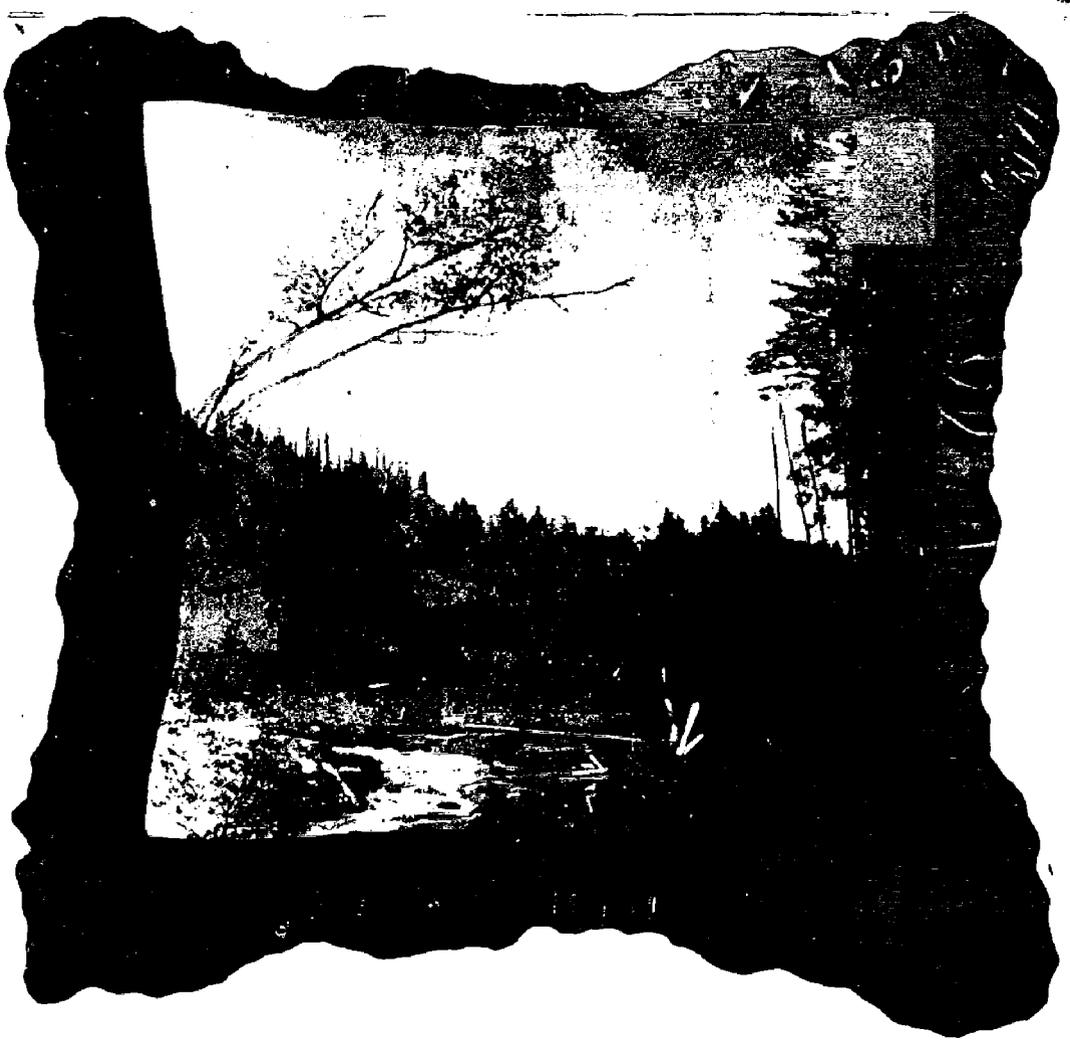


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Pat Ryan who died in Omaha recently
Taken some years ago with Chief Spotted Elk and Old American Horse.



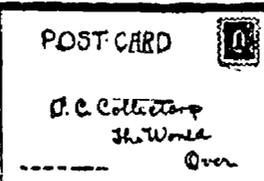


A Very Beautiful Western View Photo Cushion
Meeting of American Numismatic Association last fall New York City.
Cut, loaned by Max Mehl, Numismatist





PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

*D. C. Collecting
The World
Over*

Post Card Collecting is Popular

The postcard hobby is popular because it interests one in art, literature, history, geography, language, philately, postmarks, autographs, correspondence and character reading. There is no other hobby that will interest one in so many branches.

Postcard collecting is also popular for the many attractive and useful articles that can be made with them, especially the leather cards. Such as sofa pillows, screens, pictures, calendars, flower pot stands, small cupboards, overmantels, plaques, panels, splashers, umbrella stands, freizes, baskets, etc. Postcards are made in so many varieties that one does not tire of them and they never grow monotonous. Some of the different varieties are leather, wooden, aluminum, celluloid, silhouette, illuminated, tinselled, phonographic and embroidered ones.

Philocarty is just as popular with women as it is with men; which cannot be said of many other hobbies. It is also an inexpensive hobby although interesting, delightful and instructive. With postcards one can take an imaginary trip around the world, see all the beautiful scenery, important buildings, places of note and famous people.

Postcards are valuable keepsakes sometimes. They bring back memories of days long past, and scenes of familiar places.

It is seldom that one receives duplicates in collecting postcards and at any rate they are not so numerous as the duplicates one receives when collecting stamps, coins, etc.

Postcards are a great convenience when travelling, as many cards are sent home depicting scenes one has passed through that would be hard to describe and would take too much time and then would not do justice to the subject, as a pretty postal would. Many postcards are sent to friends that one hasn't time to write lengthy letters to, and the cards are appreciated and saved.

These are just a few reasons why postcards are so popular and why philocarty has taken such a hold on the people.



The Collectors' Union

An International Society organized Jan. 1 1927, for the purpose of every collector into one great Union for the benefit of all. Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any officer or member. If convenient kindly enclose return postage. Yearly dues are 20 cents to any part of the world preferably by Postal Money Order, to the Secretary-Treasurer only. Subscription to our official organ—the PHILATELIC WEST—is United States 50 cents, foreign \$1.00, payable only to the publisher direct. This society is combined with the International Stamp Club, Kosmopolit Exchange, Kansas Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America and The "Pad" Souvenir Card Club. We still have room for more. Wide awake representatives wanted in every state and country. Don't apply unless you mean business.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships have expired: No's 2185 to 2209. Please renew, as this is your last chance at the reduced rate which expires Jan. 1, 1911.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Mr. Straley, cartoonist, has resigned on account of business affairs.

The address of Mr. C. H. Saint, our former Secretary is now 300 Kensington Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

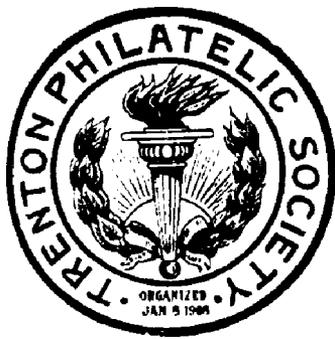
2363. Evald Kvam, Minot, N. D., will always send first.

Mr. Hicks will please take notice that Mr. Hardwick reports not receiving a card from you.

Members will please take notice that Mr. L. G. Tervilliger, Elmira, N. Y., has been appointed Chief of the Stamp Department. He is desirous of having all the members interested in stamps to write him, giving suggestions for the Stamp Department.

Mr. John F. Thompson, Marietta, Ga., our invalid member, reports several collectors as not making proper returns to him. His claims are being investigated and all those owing him are requested to make a settlement at once to avoid having their names listed in complaint column.

Dear Members: I presume that you have all received a letter from our President by this time, informing you of the Year-Book which is going to be published by the Collectors Union. It is your duty to comply with his request for the sooner you do, the sooner the year book will be printed. All members who have not heard from him, should send him their correct address and exchange notice at once. I have written all the officers a special letter about this year book, and those I have not heard from should answer same at once. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Yours Sincerely, The Secretary.



The Trenton Philatelic Society is fast outgrowing the swaddling clothes of infancy and becoming quite a good sized boy, so to speak.

This child of Philately is near three years old, and is growing rapidly. It is living entirely by its own efforts, having no parental organization looking over it, and the time is not far off when it will be a full grown man, and furthermore, a self made man.

At the annual meeting of the Society held Oct. 8th, the Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Edmund S. Jamieson; Vice Pres-

ident, Theodore G. Kitchin; Secretary, C. H. Gibbs; Financial Secretary, William B. Housel; Treasurer, Alvah G. Clark; Librarian, R. E. Johnson; Sales Manager, Edmund A. Andrews.

The 50th meeting of the Society was held Nov. 26th at the office of the Vice President, Theodore G. Kitchin, with the following members present: Jamieson, Kitchin, Gibbs, Housel, Clark, Andrews, Groh, Swallow, and Taylor. When it came to entertainment part of the evening Secretary Gibbs exhibited part of his general collection and Sales Manager Andrews his collection of U.S. and Colonies and Netherlands and Colonies. Mr. Taylor had some very rare Hawaiians, Newfoundlands and others on view.

At the end of the session the members adjourned to Hancock's Dining Parlors where they fitfully celebrated the 50th meeting. President Jamieson donated largely toward the expense of the repast.

For application blanks, or information concerning membership fees, dues and advantages of this the first and only Society in the State of New Jersey, may write to,
You s for Philately.

Alvah G. Clark, Chairman Recruiting Committee.
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SAXON PENNY OF KING EDGAR, A. D. 959-975; COINED AT LINCOLN.



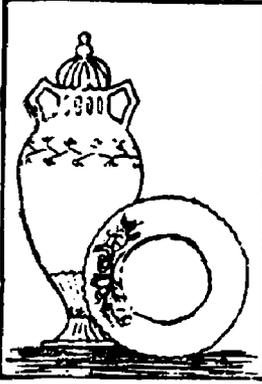
verse
Edgar Rex Anglor
with head of King
EDGAR



Reverse
Eanlff. (Moneyer's Name)
and Liindco for
LINCOLN.

The above Saxon Penny of King Edgar is very rare and Mr. Edgar Lincoln has used it as his trade mark.—being struck at Lincoln, introducing the words Edgar Lincoln. Look up his two ads.

It is well to remember that it is the picture which is framed and not the frame which is 'pictured.' That is, suit the frame to the picture and not the picture to the frame. These remarks are inspired by numerous observations which make such a statement necessary. Some photographers first procure a stock of framed and then fit them out with pictures—the results are evidence of that.



ODDS AND ENDS



Among old china the rarities of Worcester alone appear to be sufficient to occupy the attention of a collector with almost unlimited wealth for a life time; for not only have many well authenticated specimens revealing hitherto unknown types been placed on the market recently, but many minor variations in style in some of the collections of china, which have been brought under the hammer recently, show that the field covered by the works of art produced at the celebrated Worcester factory, under the different periods of its existence, are very extensive and widely diversified. The collection of Worcester is undoubtedly one of the most interesting in which a lover of ceramics may indulge.

The search which so frequently goes on at seaside watering places after "finds" are reported will doubtless be stimulated by the discovery of a gold seal bearing the date 1538, just picked up on the beach at St. Ives, England.

Visitors to Falmouth, Eng. are familiar with John Burton, the owner of the curiosity shop in that town. He was a remarkable personage, once refusing to send a selection of antiquities to the king for selection, inviting his Sovereign to visit his "shanty."

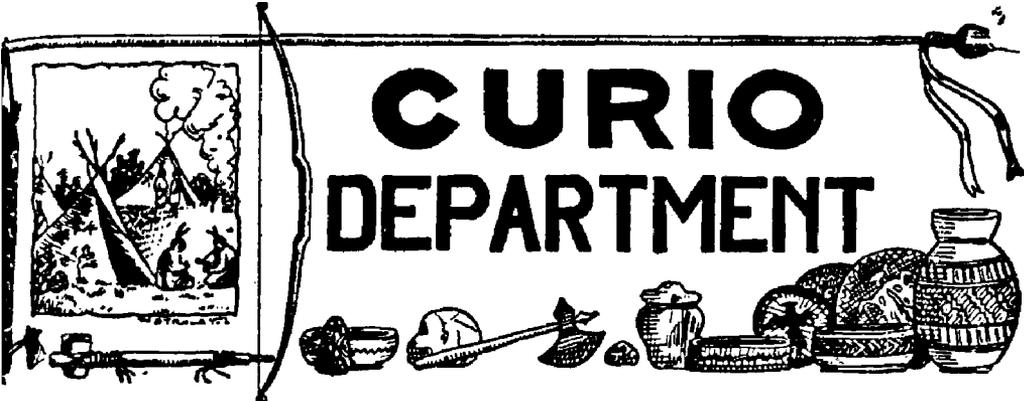
The immense quantity of Roman coins found in England alone points to the prolific mintages of that race who coined money in all the countries their armies conquered. Another find of no less than 7000 small brass coins of the period of Constantine the Great is just reported from Wakefield, Eng. The coins had been deposited in a large earthenware jar.

WHAT POST CARDS HAVE DONE.—Some picture postcards have a highly educational value. What started out as an absurdity may develop into a potent factor for our national welfare. The picture postcard has advertised the beauty spots. It has developed art and has created a new industry. It teaches us both history and geography.

It is generally believed that the most valuable English coin is the celebrated Petition crown issued in the reign of Charles II. This coin is worth from \$1500 to \$2500.

Soldiers in the Japanese army are supplied with very peculiar postcards. These cards are surrounded with an artistic mourning border, printed on a piece of white silk, and are worn by the soldiers on their chests. Before going to war they write on the postcard the name and address of the person to whom they wish to the information of their death to be sent. In case of death on the field of battle the postcards are stamped with the seal of the regiment certifying the death of the bearer, and are sent to their destination.

CURIO DEPARTMENT



The old mahogany bureau desk used by Robert Burns at Ellisland and Dumfries, and at which the poet wrote "Tam o' Shanter", "Auld Lang Syne," and many of his other famous lyrics, was sold in London recently for \$3000. Of unimpeachable pedigree, this relic arouses keen interest. The desks of other famous writers brought far more modest figures. One used by Dickens at Travistock House went for \$65.

Modern Japanese coins and bank notes bear legends in English as well as in Japanese.

An ingenious use for picture postcards has been adopted to a large extent in London houses. It is to decorate the tops of tables such as three corner or occasional tables with cards suitably selected. The cards which are usually landscape scenes, are laid carefully on and permanently attached by a thin layer of glue. Spaces are filled in with trees and flowers cut out from other cards.

HOW TO SELL A COLLECTION Some rather unusual instructions were given to his executors in the will of Mr. William Remrose, whose estate was valued for probate recently at \$460 150. With regard to the sale of his collection of china antiques, etc., he says: "Do not put too many of one kind (in the sale) in one day, but some good things each day. Fix a reserve on certain things, have a friend or two to help by a few bids at first, and keep things going. If by accident he gets a knock down, take responsibility."

A black letter Bible printed by Barker in 1617, and "presented by Hobson, the carrier," in 1627, has just been restored by the University Library, where it was recently discovered, to St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, England, from which it had been missing for many years.

A Viking funeral ship, at least 1,100 years old, has been found buried at a farm near Tonsberg, Norway. It is 70 feet long and 16½ feet broad, and the funeral chamber contained the bones of two women. There were also found on board a chariot, four sledges, and many unique ornaments.

In 1865 the German Postmaster-general thought of the idea of using postcards, but his Government rejected the scheme, but the Austrian Post-office took it up, and issued the first card in Vienna in 1866. All the important countries in Europe used postal cards before the United States, which did not issue them until 1873.

In the Raleigh coin sale at London a silver half-groat of Henry IV was acquired for \$150. The coin was found near St. Ablans in 1849. A groat of the same reign sold for \$120. A gold noble of Henry IV., which came from the Hodol and Tyssen's collection, realized \$305.



—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All inquiries concerning firearms addressed to the editor of this department will be answered under this head. Should an immediate reply be desired, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Address communications to G. Elsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee

Question. I have a North's pistol with date 1828 stamped on rear of lock plate, also stamped upon it is U. S. S. NORTH. The top of barrel is stamped U. S., A. H. and P. in three lines. Its stock, opposite lock, is stamped E. T. and C. F. Is this pistol different from the "North's Berlin" described in the July issue of the WEST? J. T. W., Philadelphia, Pa.

Answer. Yes, this is the common S. North pistol, and is unlike the 1813 "North's Berlin". The U. S. on the lock and top of barrel indicate that it was made for the government; the inspector whose initials were "A. H." stamped the proof mark "P" to testify that it had passed inspection satisfactorily. The marks on the stock are inspectors initials.

Ques. 1. I have lately secured three of Porter's guns in Iowa. When, where, and by whom were they made? 2. What is the difference between the Walker-Colt revolver and the old Colt's Dragoon? R. T. F., Granger, Mo.

Ans. 1. Porter's Revolving Breech-loading Rifle was P. W. Porter's patent No. 8210, July 18, 1851. They were made in New York City. Were made in two sizes—8 and 9 shots, both calibre 50. 2. The Walker model differs from the Army Revolver of 1847 in being a heavier arm, it is marked Patterson, N. J. while the old model army revolver is marked New York or Hartford, Conn. Both models have been called "Colt's Dragoon".

Ques. I understand that one model of Colt's revolving rifle is extremely rare and very valuable. Will you please tell me how to distinguish it? I. W. W., Washington, D. C.

Ans. There are two models that are rare, both were made at Patterson, N. J. One of these is very valuable, being priced by dealers at from \$200 to \$350. It is marked "Colt's Patent Arms Manufacturing Co., Patterson, N. J." calibre 36. Hammerless. Octagon barrel. Made about 1840. The other model which is not so rare yet much scarcer than the later type of Colt's revolving rifle, is marked the same but very differently constructed. This has a round barrel and is about calibre 45, is not hammerless, but the same in principle as the older revolvers.

THE INTRODUCTION OF COL. COLT'S PATENT REVOLVER.

When the Colt's Repeating Pistol, as it was called sixty years ago, was adopted by the United States Army its wonderful mechanism and high degree of perfection, compared to that of the government-adopted pistols that preceded it, caused a wave of interest and admiration to sweep the country equal to the present marvel over the aeroplane.

After a series of government tests, comparing in importance with the tests

of the Wright airship at Fort Meyer several months ago, the U. S. government adopted Colt's repeating pistols as the best weapon known for mounted fighting troops, both for offensive and defensive use.

So anxious was the government to employ this new invention that it issued its first contract during the vacation of Congress. Not being content to wait for several months for the formalities that made the purchase legally valid, the Secretary of War contracted with Col. Colt for 4000 of his patent pistols, as is evidenced by the following extract from President Fillmore's message to the Senate, 1851:

"Such is the favorable opinion entertained of the value of this arm, particularly for mounted troops, that the Secretary of War has contracted with Mr. Colt for four thousand of his pistols, without waiting a special appropriation of Congress."

One of the very old models of Colt's pistol is rarely found today. Its greatest peculiarity is its trigger guard which is different from the commonest of the older models. Printed directions for operating this once marvelous piece of mechanism were written by Mr. Colt and distributed to the people that bought his revolvers—no doubt they were as necessary then as a guide of similar nature would be to an amateur who desires to operate a modern machine gun. He explained loading and firing his pistol in exactly the following words:

"Draw back the hammer to the half notch, which allows the cylinders to be rotated; a charge of powder is then placed in each chamber and the balls, without wadding or patch, are put, one at a time, upon the mouth of the chambers, turned under the rammer, and forced down with the lever below the mouth of the chamber. This is repeated until all the chambers are loaded. Percussion caps are then placed on the tubes, when by drawing the hammer to the full catch, the arm is in condition for a discharge by pulling the trigger; a repetition of the same motion produces like results." See Illustrations in next Issue of pistols and parts.

PREHISTORIC STAMP IS FOUND DOWN IN MEXICO.

One of the most remarkable archaeological and ethnological discoveries made in Mexico since Prof. William Niven found the famous clay tablets of life and death down in the jungles of Guerrero has been made amid the buried pile of petrified idols uncovered by the sand diggers of Atzacapuzalco.

This find consists of nothing less than an official seal or stamp, used by some prehistoric emperor or king in affixing his O. K. to papers of state. The discovery was made about eighteen feet beneath the surface of the old river, or lake bed, which exists near the pretty suburb above named. This stream or pool has long been dead, the waters having been diverted by nature in another direction, so that now it is merely a basin of gravel overlaid with sand. The artifact, which is about two inches in diameter, and in a perfect state of preservation, is remarkable for the fact that it contains, on the side used for stamping, several concentric circles at the margin, then a ring of hieroglyphics much resembling the characters of the Russian alphabet and around the center three more concentric rings. The center itself is a corrugated hole, evidently used for the insertion of a wooden or stone handle. The upper surface of the seal, which is, of course, circular in shape, is rounded so that the entire object forms almost a perfect hemisphere. On the top are two other marks, evidently carved in the seal after the clay had hardened, and possibly intended to represent the signs of the zodiac, as they were known to the primitive astronomers of Mexico. Particles of some black substance, evidently wax or an inklike fluid, were still clinging to the face, showing that the seal had not been subjected to very great action of the waters.—Mexican Herald.

MINERALOGY



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

The September Strand Magazine says that meteors, or shooting stars as they are more generally called, have from the beginning of things been bombarding the world at a rate estimated by the highest authority at many thousands an hour, of which, however, an average of only five or six are visible to the naked eye during the same period of time. Fortunately, owing to our protecting envelope of air, very few of these reach us.

In size, meteors vary from a few ounces to many pounds in weight, and it is only very occasionally that one is of sufficient dimensions to survive the passage of eighty to one hundred miles through an atmosphere increasing in density as the earth is approached. The speed at which they enter the atmosphere, calculated at not less than thirty-five miles a second, generates such intense heat by friction that the iron of which the meteor principally consists is immediately reduced to an incandescent vapor, which is the luminous train so frequently seen in the heavens on a clear night.

The vapor rapidly cools, and condenses in these minute particles, which assume the spherical form as does shot during the fall from the top of the tower. Finally, the little spheres are scattered by the winds and currents in the upper regions, and gradually descend in their millions as an invisible but never-ending shower.

An interesting occurrence of tin ore and diamonds, which is believed to be unique was described in a report of the department of mines and agriculture of New South Wales, issued some time ago. Gravel containing tin ore in workable quantities, together with diamonds, was discovered at Boggy camp, 15 miles west of Tingha, which had been for some time a productive tin field.

The pay streak at Boggy camp, which is from 30 to 50 feet deep, averages from two to seven feet in thickness, the width of the lead not yet having been ascertained. One load of gravel yielded 515 stones of 184 carats aggregate weight and 42 loads furnished 600 carats of diamonds and tinstone at the rate of 13 pounds per load. The pay streak is a quartz pebble drift, underlying a large hill of basalt. E. T. Pitman, the government geologist who examined the occurrence, considers that the basalt filled what was originally an oval shaped depression.

The gravel rests on granite, and granite can be traced entirely around the basalt. The diamonds are white and of good quality and it is thought that when the gravel is drained the district will make a considerable production.

The Insistent WEST

To the student of human affairs at this present time the march of progress in the West is continually thrusting itself into notice. To a certain extent the same may be said also of the East, the South, and the North; but we think the West must be accorded first place in the world's life today. Particularly is this noticeable in philatelic affairs. The marvelous development of the great Dominion of Canada commands the proud admiration of ever true Briton, while the United States of America, as a nation, keeps pace with her. The amount of money invested in stamps on the North American Continent is simply colossal, and some of the keenest of philatelists are to be found there.

We have before us several numbers of *The Philatelic West*, a monthly magazine published at Superior, Nebraska, U. S. A. The journal is not confined solely to philately, for it has incorporated with it the *Collectors' World*, formerly a separate publication, and it now deals with many distinct departments of collecting. The *WEST* which is very aptly thus designated, may be said, we think, to reflect the American Collecting World at its best. By this, we do not mean it is the best American philatelic paper; but it is so characteristically "American" from cover to cover, and withal a typical "collectors" journal, with a delightfully bohemian air about it.

The *WEST* has been issued for over fifteen years, and is now in its "49th Volume. The amount of advertising it carries monthly is truly wonderful; and it publishes every month a series of remarkable illustrations, including portraits of American collectors—mostly exceedingly juvenile in appearance though evidently not so in years or experience—reproductions of newly issued stamps, views, pictures of all sorts of collections, &c.:—pottery, taxidermy, knives, guns, shells, postcards, banknotes, and etc. The regular departments of the *WEST'S* contents includes, besides stamps, mineralogy, relics, antique firearms, archaeology, numismatics, bibliography, ethnology, and we know not what else! We maintain that a paper such as this, got up as this is, is a wonderful educational factor and has the power of interesting and instructing at the same time.

The *WEST* is published by Mr. L. T. Brodstone and is sent post free for 50 cents a year. We wish we had such a paper in England; of course we have others something like it; but to our minds the *WEST* despite its undoubted faults, its Americanism and consequent limitations is incomparable. We wish it all success and we should like to echo in regard to it the inscription on a card reproduced in its June number:—

'Write this above me when my journey ends:
He left no dollars but ten thousand friends.'

At the same time we would not wish for our friend Brodstone a career of poverty!—but the proprietorship of the *WEST* is surely its own reward, and the "dollars" no doubt will look after themselves!

—Taken from *Endle's Paper*, whose editor also gets out oldest and largest English directory at Boscombe, England. Now getting out 20th year edition.

LINCOLN PENNIES MADE BY MILLION.

Inasmuch as Lincoln cents have been turned out exclusively by the Philadelphia mint for the past four months and will continue to be made "until far into November at the rate of about \$600.00 a day" as Mr Landis said. The overwhelming demand for these coins seems to be unexplainable.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire before January 1. Please renew at once:

1030, 1631, 1637, 1662, 1672, 1690, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950.

ROLL OF HONOR.

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

1908. Chas. Cruse	1	2027. Ida J. Kinney	1
2038. Mrs. T. R. Miller	2	2057. Luella M. Whitehead	1

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1510. Donald W. Martin announces that he has been very busy and neglected to promptly answer correspondence, but will now make up for lost time. He desires more foreign correspondents.

1059. Many members are neglecting to send in their renewal dues. If you desire to resign, notify the Secretary. Otherwise please send remittance for the coming year. We will make this special offer:

All members who have expired during past six months and have not renewed, will have their cards dated one year from Jan. 1, if they send 50c at once.

A revised list of members is now printed each month and will be sent on receipt of stamp. Tell the Secretary how many application blanks you can use.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1087. Arthur Solerstrum, 2944 E. 28th St., Kansas City, Mo.
 2008. Miss Arlie Seaman, 510 Nineteenth St., Portland, Ore.

RENEWALS.

1204. Hjalmar Haldorf, North Platte, Nebraska
 1687. Miss Rose Curtin, 278 Highland Ave., Aurora, Ill.

NEW MEMBERS.

2058. Franz Kohring, Pfarrstr. 34, Stuttgart-Gablenberg, Germany. (All lands except Europe and U. S.; all cards except national costumes.)
 2059. Miss Gay V. Shearer, R. 2, Box 36, Reading, Pa.
 2060. Miss Nina B. Shearman, Westport Factory, Mass.

2061. G. M. Abegglen, Ritzville, Wash.

2062. Philipp Schumann, Eisenbahnstr. 22—1, Berlin, S. O. 33, Germany. (view cards; stamp and signature view side. Corresponds in English, German, Esperanto.)

2063. Walter M. Santee, Box 92, Newport, R. I.

2064. Chas. G. Rankin, 745 Prairie Ave., Spencer, Iowa, (desires photo post cards only.)

2065. Theodore Cruse, 36128 Phinney Ave. Seattle, Wash., scenery cards only.

No finer museum for scientific research is to be found anywhere in the world than the national museum, maintained under the jurisdiction of the Smithsonian Institution. Here one may see men and women from every part of the world engaged in studying the various collections. The division of economic geology contains more than a half million different exhibits and holds the world's first rank among all exhibits of this kind. One may find any sort of exhibit from a huge meteorite to a few grains of sand. Its collection of meteorites ranks next to the one in Vienna. Scientists are continually studying it in the hope of finding the source of their origin. One may see the skeletons of extinct animals, so large that the elephant looks small in comparison. He may stand under the skeleton of a huge whale more than a hundred feet long, and look through a microscope at sea shells so small that to the naked eye they seem but specks of dust.

No collection in the museum is more interesting to the ordinary visitor than the anthropological exhibit. Here one may trace human progress from the stone age existence of his antediluvian ancestors to his own twentieth century civilization. Likewise he may trace, in other collections, the development of the arts and sciences. He may follow ship building from the rude hollowed-out log to the perfected ocean greyhound. He may trace the art of printing from the roughest wood-type to the finest steel engraving.

The collection of birds in the National Museum, contains 200,000 different exhibits. There are 13,000 known species of birds and nearly every one is represented. The collection of insects is also a large and valuable one. There may be seen huge bugs as large as the hand and tiny ones as small as a pin's head. Some of them are unusually interesting. The Hercules beetle is the world's original sawyer. He has mandibles which are fitted with saw teeth. He grasps a twig with these and flies round and round until he succeeds in sawing it off. The Bombardier bug is the original shooting instrument of the world. When attacked by an enemy it fires a wad of blue smoke with a report that serves to give it protection.

Through the international exchange service of the Smithsonian Institution the United States is able to keep in close touch with scientific progress in other parts of the world. It is the mission of this service to supply other scientific institutions of the world with such American scientific literature as may be of interest to them. In exchange for this they deliver to the Smithsonian Institution a similar number of sets of the official publication of other countries. These are of great value to students of political and economic conditions.

Letters of David B. Hill, governor of New York, who died last month, have always been scarce. They were at one time in good demand when he seemed likely to be president, but of late years they have been neglected, like those of all other governors.

Chas. J. Fox



J. B. Babcock

BIBLIOGRAPHY

H. H. Bayliss



Frank M. Gandy

BOOK COLLECTING--By Philip Whiteway

It is on mean stalls in back streets and dirty shops in out-of-way places that the bibliophile reaps his harvest. A good and valuable book when sold for a small price, is like a nugget of gold, in that it is for the most part extracted from the mire and dirt.

If we search for the precise period in which illustration appeared in the history of the book, we shall perhaps have to go to the time of Albert Pfister, a Bamberg printer, who published in the year 1461 an edition of the "Fables of Ulrich Bohner" with 50 figures on wood. This was the first attempt at combining typography with developed engravings.

It is a curious fact that the fourteenth century designers and makers of wood cuts never signed their work—one of the few exceptions to this rule is the Nuremberg Chronicle, which contains many designs by Wohlgemuth (the father-in-law of Albert Durer) and Pieydenwurff.

It is believed that the first dated book (1467), printed in Italy with woodcuts in the text, is the work of a German who established a press at Rome. This man—Hahn—was an engraver, that is, he cut in relief designs to be inset in the type. It is supposed that the illustrations for this book—the "Meditations" of Torquemada—were taken from the compositions of Beato Angelico. Five years later (1472), appeared at Verona a work on the military art by Valturius, with eighty-two illustrations in simple outlines, by Matteo Pasti.

An important point which should be carefully noted in connection with these old picture books is, that the Italian process, consisting chiefly of lines without shading, differed widely from the Dutch and German productions. Notwithstanding the primitiveness of the technique, we see in these woodcuts Italian art at its height, despite the crude interpretation of the engraver.

It was at Venice, a city where at the end of the fifteenth century, printers' offices and booksellers' shops were counted by the hundreds, that for the first time a title with frontispiece indicating the contents, the place of origin, the date and name of the printer, was first used. The earliest book with an ornamental title, was the "Calendario" of Montebregio, printed by Pictor at Venice in 1476.

Before concluding our remarks on early wood engraving, an art which did not show signs of decay until the close of the sixteenth century we will describe a few German illustrated books, of genuine artistic value.

Two fine examples are the "Biblicae Historiae" (4to, 1536), and the "Apocalypse" (1539). They are both illustrated with beautifully executed woodcuts, by Sebald Beham, and were published at Frankfort. Jost Amman was one of the greatest of German wood engravers; by birth a Swiss, he passed most of his busy life at Frankfort-on-the-Main, working for the brothers Feyrabendt. His compositions are graceful and elegant. Two of Amman's masterpieces are—the "Biblia Sacra" (1571), and his "De omnibus illiberalibus artibus liber" (1574).

Some other books worthy of mention, embellished by the same artist, are his collection of animal pictures, published in 1569 under the title of "Ein neww Theirbuch," a second—"Kunstbuchlein"—a small book containing cuts of artistic and scientific objects, and of costumes; and a very rare work, illustrating a game, which was played with fifty-two cards, which was called "Kunztliche und folgerissene figuren in ein neww Kartenspiegel."

We have already said that Amman was a native of Switzerland, the fatherland of a second and greater book illustrator, Tobias Stimmer, his friend and contemporary; and with whom, as a craftsman, he had more than one point of resemblance. Stimmer executed a number of woodcuts in which may be recognised the hands of a master of the highest rank. Among his best known works are the "Testamentum Novum" of Erasmus published at Strasburg (no date); the "Stultifera navis Mortalium" (Basle, 1572), of Brandt and Locher; the "Emblems" (1581) of N. Reussner; and the "Kunztliche figuren Biblische Historien" (Basle, 1576), containing plates characterised by true artistic feeling and a most extraordinary facility of execution. Some years later, Rubens declared that he had the utmost admiration for these engravings, and that he made copies of them together with the "Dance of Death" by Holbein.

The invention of the art of engraving on metal is said to be due to the Florentine, Maso Finiguerra—the most celebrated goldsmith of the second half of the fifteenth century. The story goes, that one day a woman, carrying a bundle of damp linen, entered Finiguerra's workshop, depositing her package on the table, on which was a specimen of niello work (silver or gold incised with fine lines, filled with black enamel). At the end of a few minutes, the woman removed her bundle, and Finiguerra was astounded to see all the lines of the engraving impressed on the wet linen. He commenced experimenting on his own account, first with linen and then with paper, blacking the engraved lines with a preparation, which closely resembled our modern printing ink. After a series of experiments, Finiguerra succeeded in engraving a picture on a sheet of copper, on which he placed a piece of wet paper, and finally passed a wooden roller over it. When the paper was stripped off, he was delighted to find the impression of his engraving on it. This invention of the Florentine goldsmith probably dates from the year 1455.

The earliest example of the use of engraved metal plates, in England is the device first employed by Pynson about 1496. The frontispiece to the "Galea" of 1521 is the oldest specimen of English copper-plate engraving.

To be continued.

\$1000 were paid by the Hon. F. G. Wynn for an Elizabethan oak bedstead, with the original tapestry at London.

A Kolumn for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

William Kern, a young farmer living south of Potter, Kans., brought to me as a donation to my private museum recently, the antler of an elk which he found in the bed of a small creek flowing through his farm. The elk disappeared from this region over 50 years ago. Three quarters of a century ago they seem to have been plentiful in Northeastern Kansas.

Prof. Mitchell Carroll, general secretary of the Archaeological Institute of America, delivered a lecture in Topeka November 19, under the auspices of the Topeka Archaeological Society which is an auxiliary of the A. I. of A. His subject was, "Thirty Years of Archaeological Achievement." The lecture was illustrated. The A. I. of A. was organized in 1879, and now has about 3,000 members. Dr. A. H. Thompson is president of the Topeka branch of the Institute.

There is a fine exhibit of about 30 mounted birds and animals in the window of the Hockaady Auto Supply company's store. The specimens are all from the private museum of K. D. Olin, a contractor of this city, and Frank Olin of Winfield. The specimens were all secured in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. —Wichita Eagle.

Several petrified buffalo heads were recently found by workmen engaged in excavating for a concrete dam across the Little Arkansas river at Wichita. One of them was secured by Father Charles, a local Catholic priest and placed in the museum of the German Catholic church there. Another has been varnished and mounted by Bert C. Wills, city engineer, and now reposes in his study. They are said to be fine specimens, even the horns being well preserved.

Atchison people have been digging up some old heirlooms lately. Mrs. C. A. Wright has an old pewter spoon that is a relic of the 18th century. A. J. Haskins owns an old fashioned pot-hook that is over 100 years old and W. H. Sawin is the proud possessor of a patent to a farm in Edinburg, Ind., that his grandfather bought in 1824, and which is signed by President James Monroe.

John M. Loper of Pomona, Kan., owns an interesting relic of the Quantrell raid at Lawrence, Kan., in the shape of an old revolver found in Lawrence. The weapon is what may be called a six shot double action cap and ball revolver, and was made in 1860 on patents issued in 1856. Of the two triggers the larger, with the ring was used to raise the hammer, while the smaller released it and fired the shot. When found the old revolver was broken, giving the impression that it was used in the raid and discarded when it got out of order.

The natives of the the Malay Peninsula have in use the smallest current coin in the world. It is a sort of wafer made from the resinous juice of a tree, and is worth about one-tenth of a penny. The smallest metal coin in circulation at the present day is the Portugese three-reis piece worth twelve one-hundredths of a penny. The smallest coin circulating officially in any part of the British Empire is the five millessima piece of Gibraltar worth about half a farthing



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.

Waco, Texas, was an original Indian village, named after the Huaco tribes.

Some remains, believed to be those of prehistoric man, have been found during excavations at Coldrun Cut, on a floor of iron sandstone, says the London Daily Mail. They have been submitted to two experts, G. Payne, F. S. A., of Rochester, and Mr. Reader of London, who had many years of exploration work of this character with the late General Pitt-Rivers. Both experts were much impressed with the importance of the discovery and the necessity of continuing the exploration on a larger scale. The skulls and bones are to be submitted to Dr. A. Keith of the Royal College of Surgeons, who is compiling a monograph on prehistoric man in Great Britain.

The tusks of some huge prehistoric animal were unearthed in a gravel pit about three miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, some weeks ago, by workmen at a depth of 15 feet below the surface of the prairie. They were embedded in sand and gravel and extended from north to south, lying flat. Several small remnants of petrified bone were also found near the tusks, and these were gathered into boxes. The tusks are, or were of ivory and each is about nine feet in length. They are united in a "V" shape and the upper opening is possibly seven feet across. The ivories are somewhat flattened and pointed at the top and are in a perfect state of preservation. Each tusk is perfectly round and is probably a foot or more in thickness at the base. The weight of the pair is considerable.

We are in receipt of Volume 1, No. 3, of the Curio Bulletin, issued by the American Society of Curio Collectors, 1202 Main St., Osage, Iowa. This, the Autumn Number, is a most attractive and well printed and edited piece of work and contains much matter of interest to collectors in all lines of curios.

Vol. 1, No. 4, of The Archaeological Bulletin, published by the International Society of Archaeologists, has been received and contains the following interesting articles: "The Navajos," J. A. Jeancon; "The Boone Mound," Prof. T. Van Hying; "Some Chipped Implements of Alaska," H. B. Parks; "The Archaeology of Central Illinois," Milo Custer; "Old Village Sites in Doniphan County, Kansas," Pryor Plank; "Gleanings from European Journals," E. A. K. Killian. Non members in the U. S. can get the Bulletin for 40 cents per year, foreign countries 55 cents. Address Jesse Reynolds, Box 151, Connersville, Ind.



The 82nd monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Nov. 4th, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following 18 members were present: Messrs. Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Leon, Tuckerman, Vercouter, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Loer, Krausz, Wilson, Mayer, Kelly, Green and Verkler. Lieut. Fitzgerald was present as a visitor.

A communication was read from Dr. Eugene Merzbacher, Munich, Germany.

The committee appointed to make a preliminary report on organization for 1911 American Numismatic Association Convention recommended that there should be five general committees appointed to look after the work. The Finance committee of five to secure funds for the expenses of the convention was appointed as follows: Messrs. W. F. Dunham, Verkler, V. M. Brand, Tracy and Holmes. A committee of three on Exhibitions to secure a suitable place and the necessary cases and to superintend the installation and care for all exhibits and to invite members to make displays, was appointed as follows: Messrs. M. P. Carey, Ben G. Green and F. M. Tuckerman. The committee on Entertainment, Program and Hotel as well as that on Publicity was deferred until a later date. On motion the committee on Medallion Production will comprise the committee on Official Badge and Medals. It was moved and carried that a sub committee on Printing be selected by the chairman of the various general committees. On motion the appointment of a Convention Executive Committee was authorized and the appointment deferred to May meeting. The Medallion Committee announced that fourteen students of the Art Institute had submitted drawings and models for the proposed medal commemorating the progress of aviation in 1910. The designs were exhibited, eleven of the number being modeled in clay or plaster. On motion the President appointed Messrs. Krausz, Simpson and Brand as a committee on award for the prizes offered for first, second and third selection. Mr. Brand announced that he would donate the further cash prizes of \$10.00 each to first and second choice and \$5.00 to the third. His offer was accepted by the President with thanks.

Messrs. M. H. Jackson, C. H. Lamson, W. J. Blacklock, P. Lawton, Rudolph G. Mueller, C. Staub and Fred Michael were elected to membership.

Mr. Baker exhibited his collection of fractional currency consisting of 226 varieties. Mr. Krausz showed first bronzes of Didius Julianus Diademianus and Macrinus, second bronzes of Vitellius and Trajan; third bronzes of Aelius and Domitian; denarius of Gordianus Africanus II; and four restrikes by Gallianus of Vespasian, Nerva, Trajan and Commodus, all in superb condition.

Magazines received since last meeting were: Numismatischer Verkehr, Spink's Circular, Philatelic West, and Mehl's Monthly, all for October. Auction catalogues from Elder, Green, Hamburger, Hess, Hirsch (3) Kube, Low and St., Louis Stamp and Coin Co.; catalogs with fixed prices from Boudeau and Majer; priced catalog from Low; and the Year Book of the American Numismatic Association.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 2nd, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Among the most valuable pens in the world are those owned by Mr. Isaac Reed of New York, carved from a portion of George Washington's lensbox, and used by Lincoln when president, and the quill of a golden eagle's wing, the property of the Empress Eugenia, with which the treaty of Paris was signed in 1856.



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. Fawcett Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES BY S. P. HUGHES.

During the state teachers meeting at Lincoln, the latter part of November, Dr. Hutton Webster of Lincoln and some others interested in the departed and extinct races of early Nebraska, organized a Folk-lore Society, with Hon. A. E. Sheldon as secretary. Nebraska readers of this paper, who are at all interested in the early history of the state and especially the Gilder exploration work, should make application for membership. The dues have been placed very low, only fifty cents, and with an initiation fee of fifty cents, makes the first year's cost just one dollar. Robert F. Gilder, one of the most noted of American archaeologists, has been elected to one of the offices and with such a personnel one can rest assured it will be one of the very best in this country.

Readers of this paper who are at all familiar with the work carried on by the writer will be interested to learn that continued explorations in the ancient ruins north of the town of Howe, are bringing many things to light that will add evidence to the chain of facts that the ancient house builders came into this country from the south. The work carried on by Mr. Gilder and associates in and around Omaha, has produced thousands of implements of these departed races, and of a type wholly unknown to any scientist unacquainted with the artifacts of eastern Nebraska.

The writer recently cleaned out a cache in the work that is known as D. F. 2 Bedford District, that was almost entirely filled with bone, horn and other implements made from these materials. Almost every article was in perfect condition, with the exception of one bone hoe that had been gnawed by rodents. One peculiar thing and very noticeable was the entire absence of any flint implements of any kind. In fact, only one stone artifact of any kind was found and that was a limestone celt near the top of the cache, and it lay in such a position that would indicate it had fallen there from the roof or from some other place where it had hung when its owner left so hurriedly. Skulls and jaw bones of many animals were found that would indicate these early settlers were trappers as well as hunters. The skull of the muskrat or a very similar animal were very plentiful, as well as beaver. More than a hundred shells were found hidden in niches in the walls and of a type that is found near Muscatine, Iowa. The shell is entirely foreign to this part of the country, and must have been carried here from the east or obtained in barter. The writer has in course of preparation a very lengthy article dealing with these ancient ruins, as well as the large mounds in the eastern part of the county, and it will be given to the public as soon as proper arrangements can be made for the illustrations.



The Market Value of Old Coins

There are many interesting features connected with coin collecting that do not come under the head of any special section of numismatics, but which are matters of general interest to collectors. Occasional articles dealing with these features will appear from time to time. Several of the minor group of ancient and present day coinage which are worth collection will also be touched upon. Some of these are small in themselves, and even when a fully representative set has been obtained do not consist of many specimens, neither does the collection of them involve an excessive outlay.

The coinage of Great Britain and her Dependencies, the coins struck by the ancient Romans and the modern monies of the Continent of Europe, have along with other branches of the science of numismatics, been already dealt with but there are many side issues and special currencies connected with them that are matters of considerable interest.

One of the most important matters to the neophyte is the market value of old coins. The present day value of a long hoarded up specimen is a question that vex the soul of many a possessor of a "few old coins."

There are many really rare, if not unique specimens, which would be highly prized by the owner of valuable cabinets, still lying in odd drawers or stowed away with miscellaneous trinkets. In the majority of cases, however, the "few old coins" which have been handed down from father to son are of little intrinsic value, and are very frequently in much too rubbed a state to be worthy of a place in a collector's cabinet. There is no fixed rule whereby coins can be valued. It is difficult to assess their realisable value, for not only are collectors at variance, but dealers place in their catalogues different prices on coins bearing the same description.

Of course there is a metal value about every coin, and all coins if still current have the same face value, whatever their condition may be. Current coins however, from a collector's standpoint, vary in value as cabinet pieces according to their condition; and in the case of coins which have ceased to be a legal medium of currency their condition makes a vast difference in their actual worth. Especially is this so with the commoner classes of coins and those struck in the less expensive metals. The metal value of copper coins is so very little that they are often described as valueless when in a much worn state. Of course this is so in the case of isolated specimens; in bulk they would "weigh up," and so in some small measure fetch a certain price. Again, some coins which in ordi-

nary cases would not be worth collecting are valued by a collector wishing to make up a complete set of some issue or by one specialising in coins of a particular district or type.

Well preserved English copper halfpenny and farthing tokens issued during the closing years of the 18th century can usually be bought from dealers and in curio shops for about 10c per dozen, but dealers who pay special attention to tokens and who search for the scarcer types, sometimes at considerable expense and loss of time, require more and obtain as much as from 10c to 50c each, according to their apparent rarity. Again, seventeenth century traders' tokens have a well established value. Roughly speaking they may be priced at 20c each for fair condition, 35c for good and 40c for very fine specimens of these interesting little coins. Of course in this case also, special prices are asked for tokens the rarity of which has been ascertained by experience.

The large penny tokens issued during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries are somewhat scarcer than the smaller denominations, and many of the later types are large and well struck coins. 50c to 75c may be named as their values, but this only refers to really fine specimens.

There is a vast difference in the preservation of coins, and this fact is keenly appreciated by advanced collectors, who have learned by experience in which division to place specimens submitted to them.

What has been said of copper coins applies to silver and gold. The value of a sharp and clear specimen of silver money—say of this country—is worth double or treble the value of a badly preserved one. The older hammered coins of the period ranging from the early silver pennies of Saxon times to the Commonwealth are frequently rubbed, clipped, bent, and in various ways defaced, so that clear and sharp impressions are sought after by collectors, and silver pennies worth a copper or two if badly rubbed, are worth several shillings if very fine. The smooth milled money of the Georges, which was in circulation so long before it ceased to be legal tender, is often rubbed so smooth as to be only worth its metal value, but a very fine coin would be worth several times its face value. Of course it is impossible to quote actual values because to do so would require a book of many volumes, so numerous are the different types and issues.

Some amateurs who have not had the opportunity of inspecting a good collection of coins have rather an uncertain idea of what a really well preserved coin is. A coin when it leaves the Mint is spotless, and although a "bloom" gradually creeps over it and eventually forms a deposit, giving it a rich dark shade, its face is carefully preserved, and it retains its freshness and sharpness even when examined with a lens. A scratched coin, or one slightly rubbed on the most prominent projection, cannot be described as in "Mint" state, and a very little rubbing prevents the correct application of the term "finely preserved," or "very fine," which is the state collectors aim at securing.

It is intended to give in a subsequent article more details of the market value of Roman coins, but some points of value may here be mentioned for the benefit of those who have "just a few" of the ordinary type, and who are wishful to know their value. The coinage of ancient Rome differs widely in its present value. Condition largely influences price, rarity is even a greater governing power than that of metal. indeed, there is very little difference between the values of well preserved silver and the small brass pieces realise much higher prices often exceeding those of gold coins of the same reign and similar scarcity. Silver Roman coins of the Consular Republic are fairly common and sell from 50c to 15c.—English Paper.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members:—It is with pleasure that I note the growth of this society. We have nearly 500 members. Let each one get to the wheel and see if we cannot grow to be the largest society. Application blanks for the asking.

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Want a live person of age, willing to work, good hand writing to apply for the position of chairman of the recruiting committee. The only thing that you must have is a membership in this society that is paid up to 1911. Write me and get this fine office. That's where I got my start.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. POWELL.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 28, 1910.

102 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$1,436.61
39 books received since, value.....	1,207.46
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151 books, value	\$2,644.07
45 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$149.55	
or 28 per cent were sold.....	\$ 533.60
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106 books in circulation.....	\$2,119.47
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Insurance Fund.	
Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$ 139.02
1 per cent from retired books.....	5.34
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\$ 144.36	

I am desirous of having those members who are not receiving books at present, to send me orders to place their names on the circuits, as it takes some time to get them on circuit.

Members, placing stamps in the Department, must use the regular S. P. A. sales books, which will be furnished by the superintendent at five cents each.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ROEMER,
Superintendent.

DOINGS OF SCRANTON BRANCH.

Scranton Branch of S. P. A., held their monthly meeting at the resi-

dence of Jas. H. Dunham, Nov. 19th. As there were only four members present besides one new recruit there was no business or the usual auction.

Mr. Kjellstadt entertained the ones present, McKee, Mack, Dunham and recruit, with some very interesting stamp notes and experiences, which were very much appreciated, also showing some works such as Jno. Luff's U. S. Hawaii and Sweden. Writer cannot recall publisher of the Hawaii and Sweden. As Mr. Mack is rather run down in health and busy, it was decided not to go on with the stamp exhibit.

LETTER TO S. P. A. MEMBERS.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 24, 1910.

Dear fellow members:—I wish to announce that I expect to take charge of the Exchange Department very shortly, and in order to induce you to hustle in some books I will mail you the first five for twelve cents. You can have books holding sixty or one hundred. I already have five books entered from members who are anxious for a circuit. Can you not enter one or two books and get the ball rolling? As I intend to only handle a few countries I will give all members a chance to get some good stamps below cost. Let's make 1911 the best year yet. If you co-operate with me we can do it. Trusting you will all take advantage of my offer, I am,

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AUGUST MACK.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications.

1. Edwin P. Seeborn, 1228 Broadway, Oakland, Cal., 31, Stamp Dealer, International Barking Corporation. Proposed by L. Harald Kjellstedt.
2. Oscar Jaurasch, 533 Austin St., San Antonio, Texas. 41, Druggist, Charles Roemer. Proposed by Charles Roemer.
3. Jos. L. Weber, Osborne, Kans. 60, General Utility Mgr. H. Weudt. Proposed by H. Wendt.
4. Geo. B. Diver, Box 393, Port Huron, Mich. 26, Cashier. J. B. Dagen W. Alcock. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
5. R. T. Schafer, Gainesville, Fla. 36, Baker & Merchant, T. S. Dorsey, Huber Bros. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
6. Albert Hancock, 147 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. 39, Merchant, C. B. Harrold Edwards & Hancock. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
7. B. J. Bishop, Gen. Del., Kansas City, Mo. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
8. Postage Stamp Market, Miller, S. D., L. Arthur, Citizens Bank. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
9. Dwight Savage, 724 W. 17th St., Sioux Falls, S. D., 16, Student, Harold R. Gardner, C. D. Savage. Proposed by Oswald Christopherson.
10. A. Kier, 225 W. 37th St., New York City, Stamp Dealer, 24 Metropolitan Stamp Co. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. A. G. Clark, Terryville, Conn., 40, Locksmith. H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
12. Omar G. Loeser, 15 Hanover St., Lynn, Mass. 26, Bookkeeper, Jas. W. Craig, J. P. Martin. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

The above will be admitted to membership within 20 days, provided no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that time.

Reinstated.

93. L. F. Cramer, P. O. Dept., Galveston, Tex.

Change of Address.

Geo. S. Falk, from Bellingham, Wash., to 4-D Hannover Apts., Seattle, Wash.

S. C. Bushnell, from Milwaukee, Wis., to 4107-A Hartford St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Charles K. Warren, from Coconut Grove, Fla., to 320 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

NOTICE OF DUES FOR 1911.

This is to inform you that your dues for 1911 are now payable, which I hope all will be very prompt in remitting so as all may be included in the new Year Book, which will appear the fore part of the year and not as late as heretofore.

The amount of the dues for the year will be 50 cents, which is very small considering all the departments which are maintained to assist all S. P. A. members in adding to their collections. It is no doubt generally understood that the Association can not send you the West free, as heretofore, but you must order the paper either from the publisher or you may add twenty-five cents to your dues and the secretary will see that you get the paper for the coming year. Hoping that I may hear from all with a remittance of the small amount, which will save me considerable trouble and expense in notifying you personally. Should you already be a subscriber or have remitted for the West for the year you will not need to renew the subscription. If your card is dated 1912 you will not need to remit, but if your card expires January 1st, 1911, it will mean that you should renew at once.

Hoping that one and all will look after this matter at once. I am,
Fraternally,

R. L. DOAK, Secretary.

CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE NEXT YEAR BOOK.

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Mr. Geo. F. Brown of Pittsburg, well known to most collectors of antique weapons, was run down by an automobile Oct. 26th, and sustained a fractured collar bone, his left leg broken below the knee and two broken ribs on his left side. The accident occurred at Center and Liberty Avenues as Mr. Brown was returning home. The automobile, owned by Dr. Paul H. Franklin, struck his body and hurled it a considerable distance when the chauffeur stopped and picked him up and rushed to the Homeopathic Hospital. He will not be able to return to his office work for several months.

Mr. Brown is about 40 years old, and is Traffic Manager of the Bell Telephone Co. in Pittsburg.

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On Tuesday evening, November 22nd, the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society gave a very successful entertainment in this city, the occasion being a public stereopticon lecture on "The Postage Stamps of the World," kindly loaned by the Chicago Philatelic Society. The event had been widely exploited, not only by the individual "boosting" of the Society's members, but by the daily press, by cardboard posters displayed in public places, and by means of very artistic, printed invitations, which had been freely distributed.

The lecture was admirably delivered by Mr. H. A. Diamant, the well-known Canal Zone specialist, and a member of the St. Louis Society. That his efforts were appreciated and enjoyed, was evidenced by the complimentary remarks from both philatelists and lay visitors. Mr. Walter Bain, as president of the Society, made a brief prefatory address and then introduced the speaker of the evening, who entertained his audience for an hour and a half with his breezy talk on stamps, accompanied by almost one hundred colored pictures on the screen.

At the conclusion of the lecture, President Bain, in a few closing remarks, announced that souvenirs would be distributed to all in attendance before leaving the auditorium. The souvenirs were packets of stamps, which had been kindly donated by one of St. Louis' enterprising dealers, and which are hoped to form the nucleus of many a new collection in the city though every visitor was impartially provided.

The attendance for the evening was extremely flattering. The auditorium of the Cabanne Library, with a seating capacity of several hundred, was the scene of the entertainment, and "standing room only" served as the ushers' welcome to late arrivals. As one of the daily papers expressed "nearly all the stamp collectors of St. Louis were present," but there were also collectors from Kansas City, Detroit, and other places, and a fairly number who were not collectors at all, but who probably will be hereafter. Several new applications for membership in the Society were promptly tendered.

Without doubt, the affair was a complete success from every angle of vision, and cannot but lead to a creditable advancement of philately in this city, as well as of philately at large. St. Louis is still on the map!

C. KRITT MARX.

St. Louis, Nov. 23, 1910.

GIRLS NOW COLLECT BOOK-PLATES. Many young girls are now taking a great interest in making collections—perhaps it would be better to say in starting collections—which they hope to continue for many years. Indeed by beginning early one has more chances to pick up good things and need not be in a hurry. All sorts of things are collected, and one of the latest notions is for book plates. Some girls who own a considerable number of them have already book plates of their own, and they really have a good deal of knowledge of the subject. There is much to learn about the different kinds of plates and the different makers of them, the difference between the engraved and the printed ones and other details, but a girl who starts in to make a collection soon learns all this, and becomes more and more interested. Most book plates are kept in cabinet drawers either mounted on cardboard or unmounted, but some frame them and hang them on the wall. A girl who is looking for an original way to decorate her room will find this a most attractive one. She should have the plates framed in a plain wooden moulding in a color that tones with her room.

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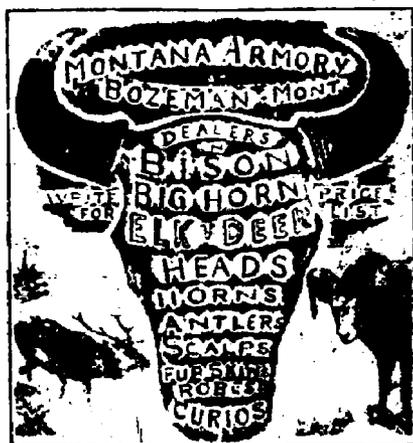
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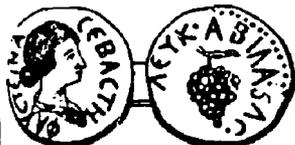
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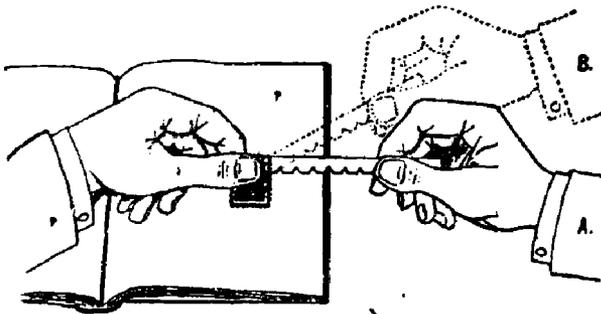
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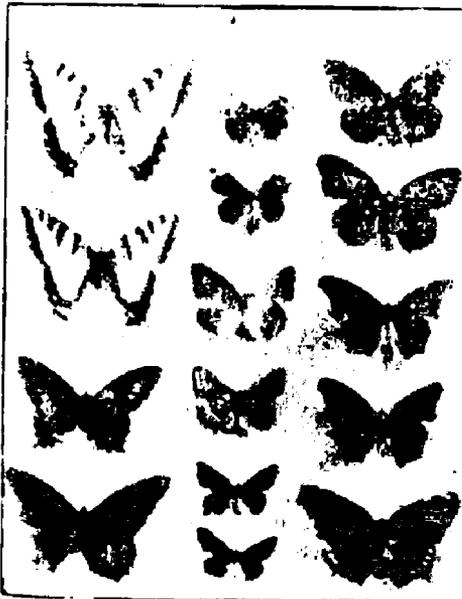
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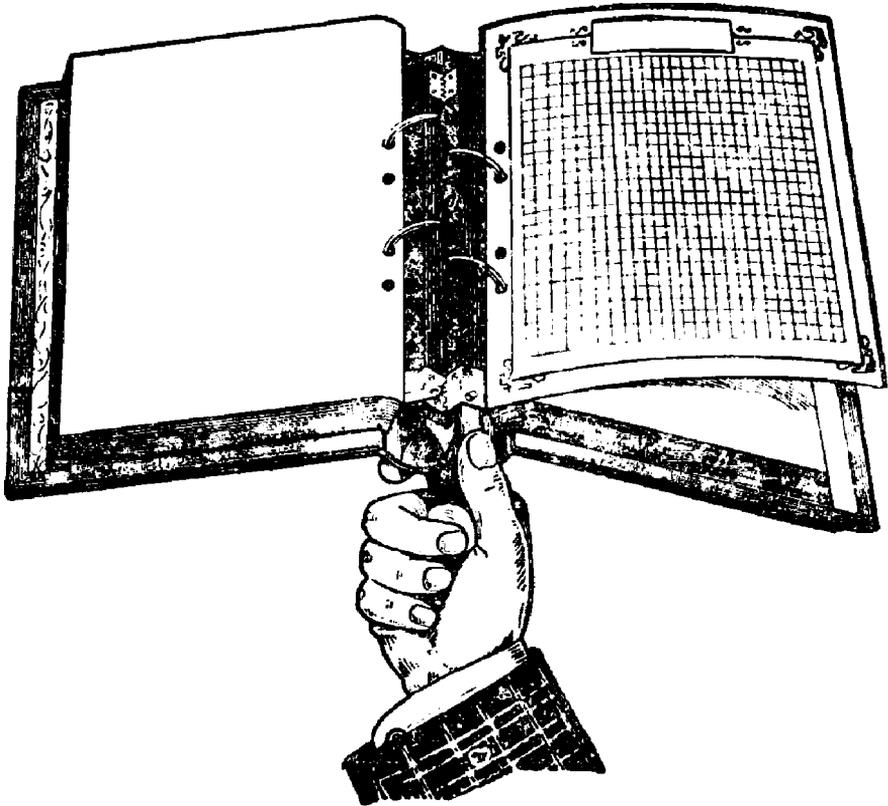
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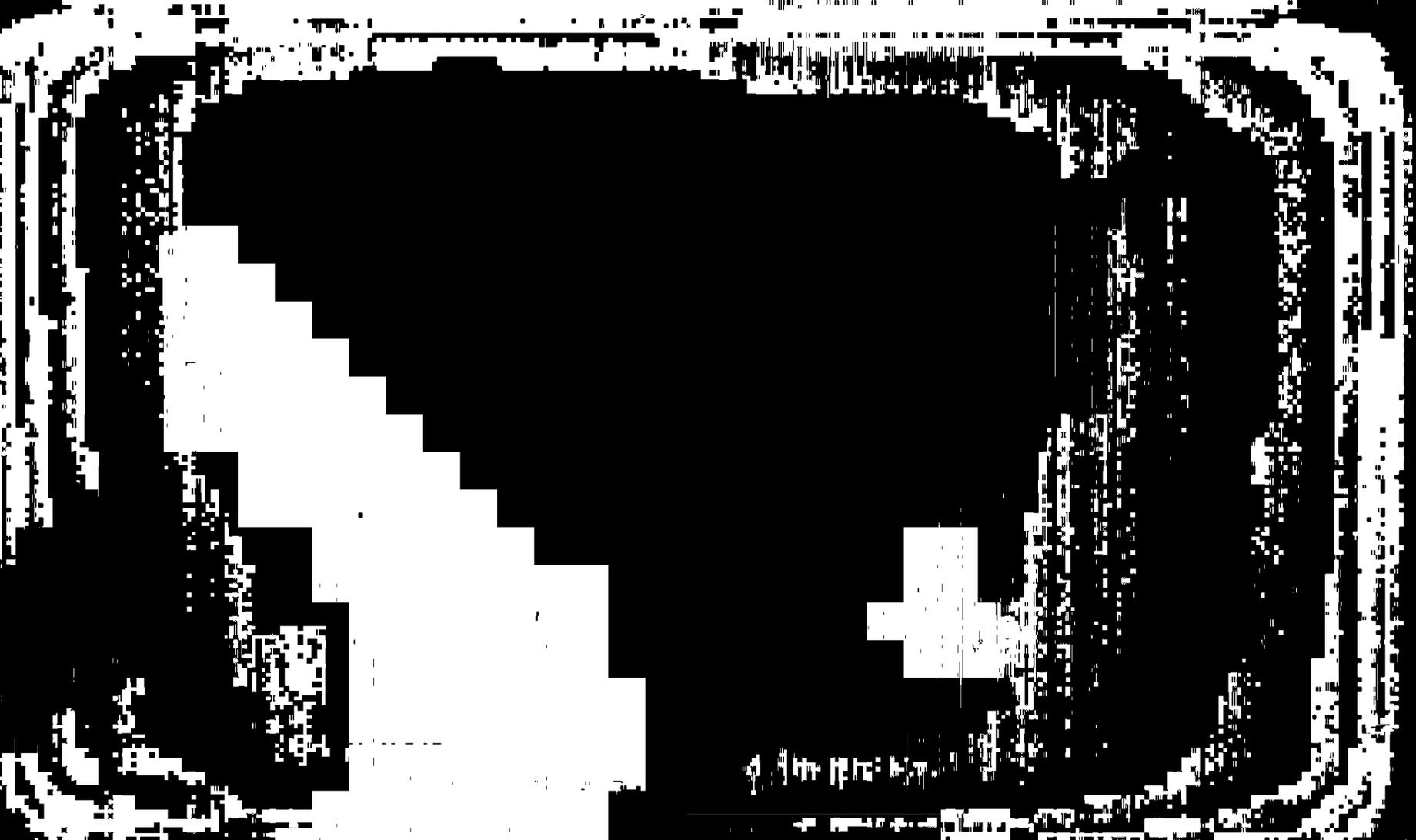
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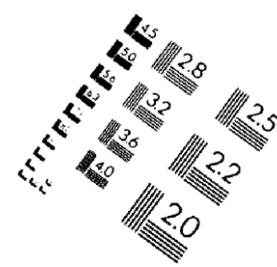
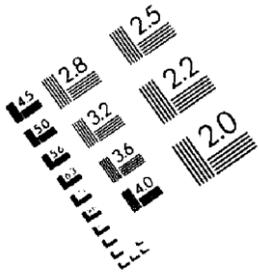
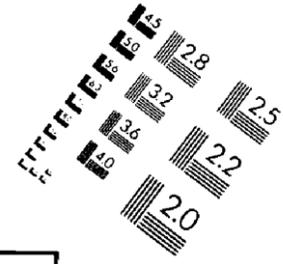
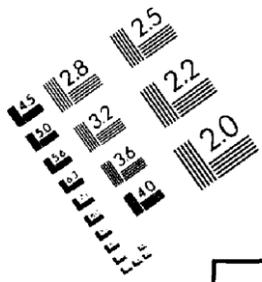
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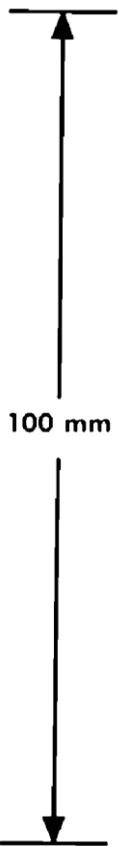
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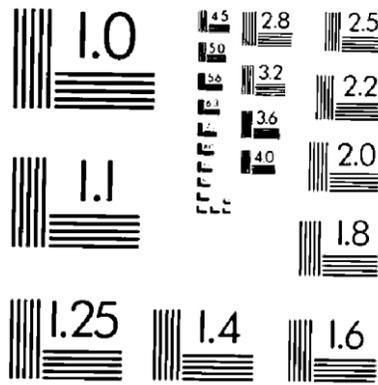
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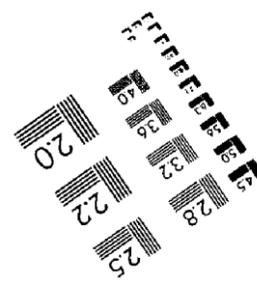
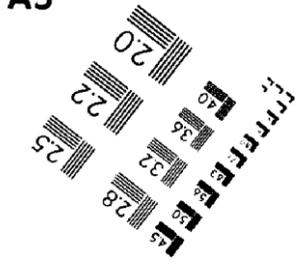
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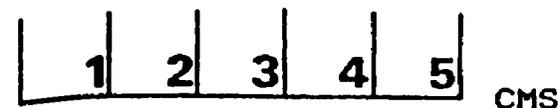
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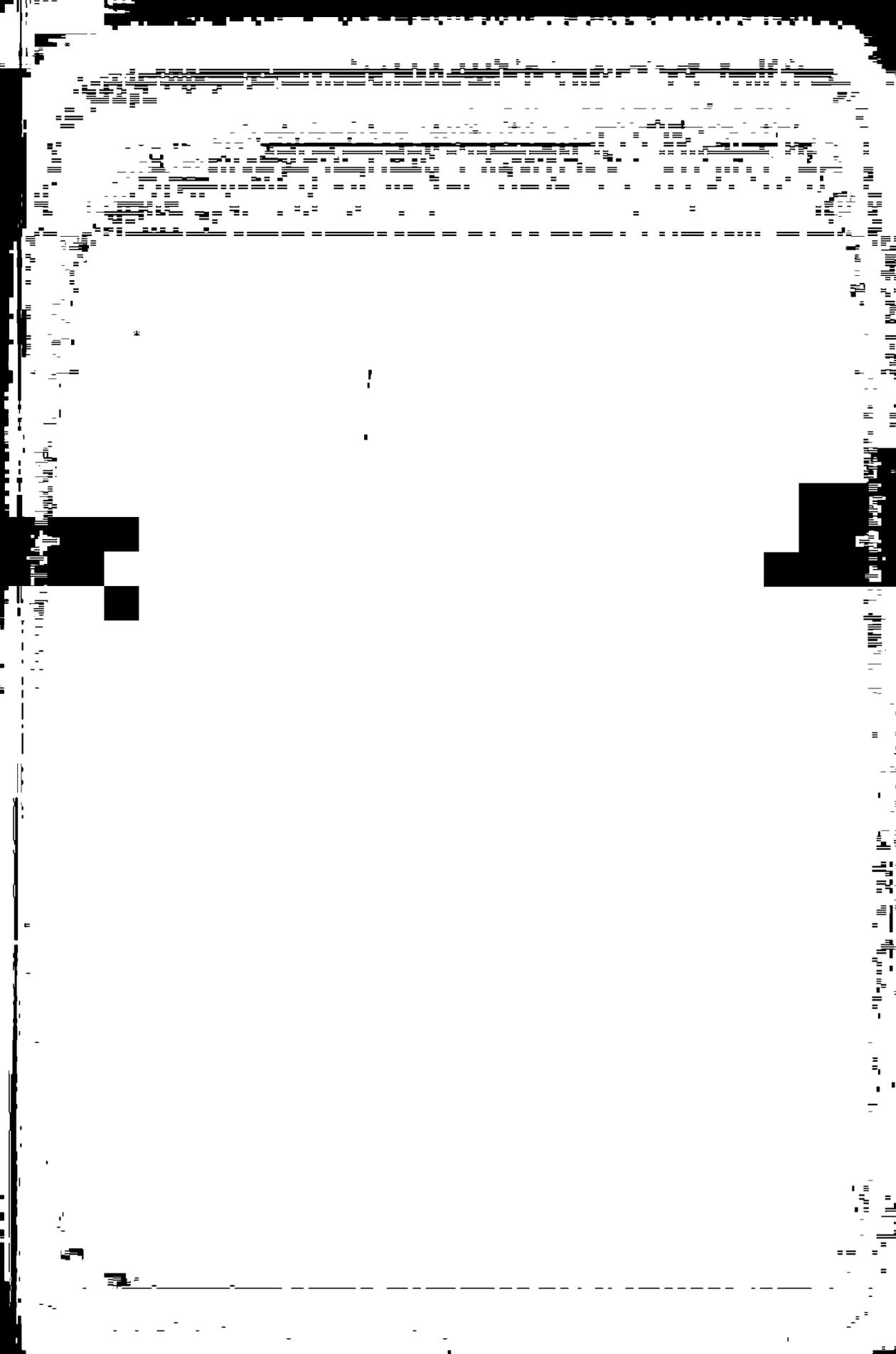
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10c	.10
12c	.35
1862 2c	.05
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1870 1c, 2c, 3c	.12
6c	.08
10c	.10
12c	.35
15c	.50
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5c	.06
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12c	.35
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4	1883 2c	200
5	1887 2c	200
6	1890 1c and 2c each	200
7	" 2c	800
8	1833 1c Col	300
9	" 2c "	1000
10	1894-95 1c	400
11	" 2c	400
12	1898 1c	200
13	1898 4c	100
14	1898 Omaha 2c	100
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23	" 3rd. issue 2c	200
24	" " 5c \$1.00	10
25	" 5c issue 2c	100
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51	" " " 1 00	1
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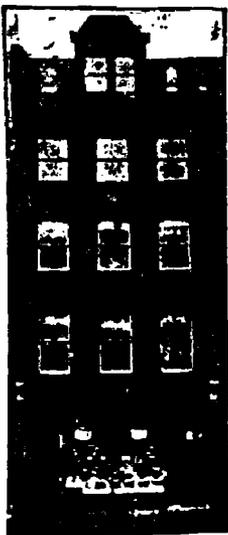
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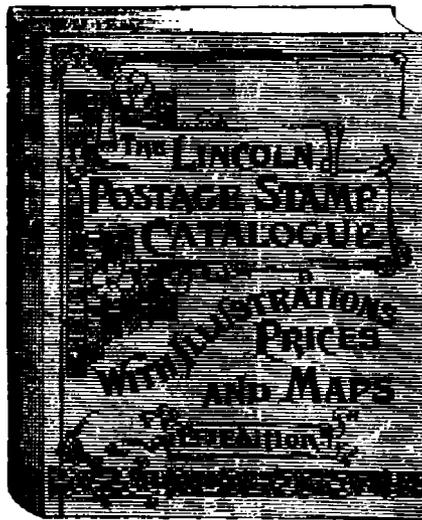
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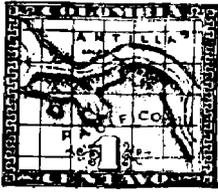
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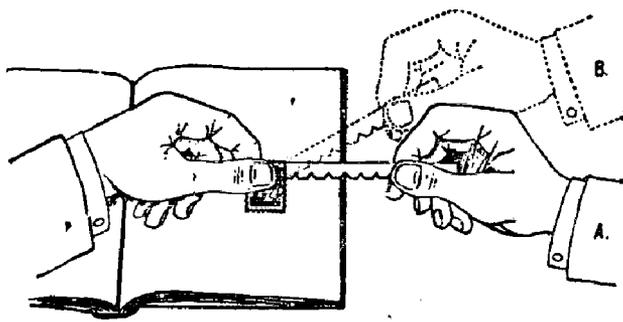
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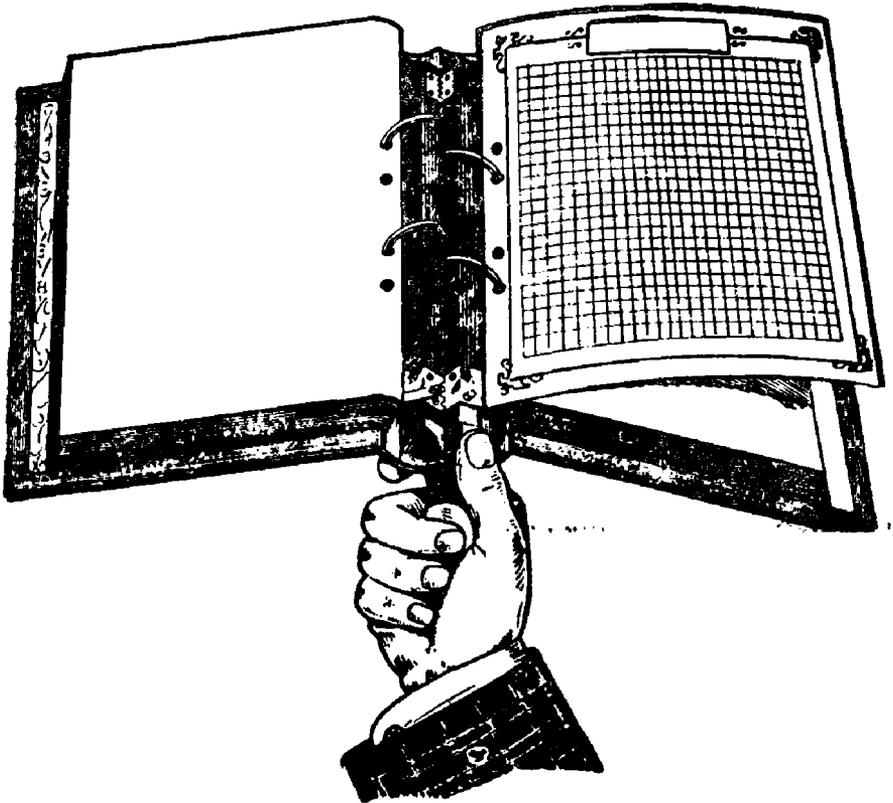
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ian History. ■

To fully appreciate their historic value we must note a few biographical details of the gentleman portrajes. Count Camillo Rensó de Cavour was born at Turin in 1810, and in 1846, when a new era seemed about to dawn for Italy, he founded a journal, *Il Risorgimento*, for the purpose of advocating his views regarding a representative system and a new liberal constitution. His advocacy was not in vain for two years later the constitution was granted. Cavour entered the Chamber of Deputies, and after holding several offices he became Prime Minister in 1852. He now entered his life work as the unifier of Italy. By inducing Sardinia to take part in the Crimean War, he paved the way for bringing the Italian question before the Congress of Paris (1856) much to the chagrin of Austria, whose influence was paramount in a large portion of Italy. In 1858 hostilities between Austria and Italy became acute and in the autumn of that year, at a secret interview between Cavour and Napoleon III, the programme of the war of 1869 was arranged. The allied troops were victorious; but Cavour was suddenly thrown into the deepest dejection by the Peace of Villafranca, which left Venice in the possession of Austria. Almost broken hearted he resigned office but was induced to return to power in January 1860. Still keeping his one great ambition of unification in view he secured the absorption of Parma, Modena, and Tuscany into the dominions of Victor Emmanuel of Sardinia. To appease France he had to acquiesce in the cession of Savoy and Nice, this finally fixing the Alps as the borderline between France and Italy. In March, 1860 the central state of Italy acknowledged the sovereignty of Victor Emmanuel and by the autumn of that year the Sardinian troops and their Taribaldian allies had secured the Papal States and Southern Italy. Freed from Bourbonrate the question as to whether the Two Sicilies would unite with Sardinia or not still remained. Cavour settled matters by negotiating a "plebiscite." The people gave their verdict in favor of unification; King Victor Emmanuel of Sardinia became King of Italy and the meeting of the first Italian Parliament in 1861 completed the work of Count Cavour. With such an educational and historic value attached who will quibble at the issue of these two stamps?—Bertrand W. H. Poole.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

The "CIRCULLO FILATELICO DE CUBA" is in the Habana capital, is the official building with the department and the officers in Obispo corner, Havana. Has many members in Cuba and every part of the world. The official organ, the "Circulo Filatelico de Cuba" Review, is published every month and printed in three languages—English, French and Spanish. For further information and application blank write to Dr. Francisco Penichet, who is the Federal Secretary, Box 1262, Havana, Cuba. The "Corculo Filatelico de Cuba" was founded in the year 1899. It was called at that time "Sociedad Filatelica Cubana." ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

WILLIAM C. JEFFRIES is a collector that has "just growed up" collecting. At present he is interested in stamps on cover, and view cards from foreign countries, he is actively exchanging cards at present, with 98 countries. He is a member of Kosmos, the C. C. C., the S. P. A., Collectors Union, Weitall and a few postcard clubs. He says that the WEST and "Kosmos" are the two essentials for progressive Americans and all who read and write English. Mr. Jeffries is agent for the WEST. See Kosmos ad in this issue.

► The photo in this month's WEST shows one of the extremely rare dark blue platters showing an early view of New York City from Weehawk that has recently

come in to the possession of Capt. John N. Haseltine of Philadelphia, who is an enthusiastic collector of antique colonial china, particularly those bearing views of New York City. Philadelphia and Boston, also pitchers bearing portraits of Washington, Lafayette, Lincoln and other celebrities. Among other things are autographs of such great men as Washington, Lafayette and Lincoln, each being of great historical interest; unique engravings of Geo. and Martha Washington, Indian beadwork, rare medals given to the Indian, extremely rare pipes, many of very curious design, gold, silver and copper coins of all nations, numismatic books, old play bills, cameos, fractional currency, colonial and continental paper-money confederate buttons, etc. Among the collection of old guns and pistols, worthy of mention are a flintlock pistol with two barrels, an extremely rare flint lock pepper box with seven barrels, fine duelling pistols in pairs, old blunderbusses, many odd and curious brass barrel pistols with daggers, see ad of Nagy.

ROBERT MACMILLAN, joint owner of the MacMillan Stamp Company, was born in Omaha and has been in business for a number of years. He was educated at the Omaha High School and VanSant Business College. He had more trade this season than ever before. See large ad in Vol. 50, No. 1, issue of the "WEST", also ads this month. He is a member of S. P. A. and other societies.

HAROLD WOODLANDS was born near Kapunda, South Australia, on November 10th, 1882, and is principally interested in stamps, although not in position to collect very extensively, although he has been able to get a fair number together. He cannot state number, as he has a considerable number not arranged. He is also interested in philatelic literature and is a member and fellow of Royal Philatelic Society, London, and a member of Southern philatelic society.

W. SPITLER while looking over the December number of the WEST, saw a request for photos of subscribers. He is a collector of coins, relics, and stamps. He has quite a nice little collection of coins, relics and stamps and cannot see how he did without without America's greatest collectors magazine as the WEST. The WEST and staff certainly deserve praise for the splendid publication. He has several natural curiosities which would be of interest to readers.

A. C. Gruhlke sends photo of armor breast plate which was found in the woods near Vincennes, Ind., about three years ago, and is one supposed to have been used by some of Gov. Hamilton's soldiers when he occupied Old Fort Vincennes in 1788 and 1789, when the fort was captured by Geo. Clark. It is remarkably well preserved for having laid in the woods for over a century, as the canvas lining in back is still in a good state of preservation, also the buckskin binding around the edge. The face of the plate is enameled, which preserved it from rust. It is a relic of considerable historic interest. The top flintlock pistol is a genuine Charleville, made in France in 1808, and is considered very rare, there being only one other specimen of this type in this country. It was used as a model by our government for its early horse pistols.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Is there not one in this Society that is willing to be chairman of the recruiting committee for 1911? If you are of mature age and are willing to give this department the attention it deserves and place a report in the official organ each issue, YOU are the one WE WANT.

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H. S. Powell, Pres.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, DECEMBER 28th, 1910.

106 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$2110.47
26 books received since, value	384.25
132 books, value.	\$2494.72
17 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$169.14 or 42 per cent was sold.	402.27
115 books in circulation.	\$2092.45

INSURANCE FUND

Amount on hand as per last month's report.	\$144.36
1 per cent from retired books	4.02
Total amount	\$148.38

There are still some members sending stamps for the Department, who do not arrange their stamps in alphabetical order by countries and in numerical order according to the catalogue, giving catalogue number and value and also not selling price. Many of the members who are good buyers from the circuits, informed me that they will not touch a book, where stamps are not properly arranged or this information is lacking.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

SCRANTON BRANCH.

The December meeting was called to order Dec. 13th at 8:30 p. m., at the residence of August Mack. Next meeting to take place at the home of L. Harold Kjellstadt. The Nov. minutes were read and also the report of Treasurer, which showed a slight increase. No objections, minutes were adopted as read.

After refreshments, the members had a very enjoyable visit. Those present were: Messrs Kjellstadt, Dyer, Singer and Mack. Mr. Dunham was present for a short time, having other matters to attend to. Our President, Alex McKee, was laid up with a cold, also Mr. Peabody.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE MGR., Dec. 20, 1910.

Dear Fellow Members: As I cannot write to you all I take this means of communicating to you. I have received 12 to 15 books and have sold over 40 blank books, a very good start. I have mailed several books as an inducement to members to take advantage of the Exchange. For the benefit of those who have received no answers from me will say that owing to recent illness I have been unable to get out approvals or to attend to my correspondence, doctor forbid working at any kind of book work. My wife has had to write some of my most urgent letters, but ere this reaches you I expect to have full charge and to do my duty.

Hoping to receive your support, and wishing you a happy New Year, I am
Fraternally yours. August Mack

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. H. G. Miller, Bright Angel Camp, Grand Canon, Arizona, 28, hotel book-keeper; J. J. Gibson, L. L. Ferrall. Proposed by Frank Lohmer.
2. Edwin G. Hunter, Talladega, Ala., 64, clergyman; A. F. Riddel. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
3. Frank Divine, 705 St. Paul Ave., Beloit, Wis., 26, Chauffeur; Lester L. Davis, J. J. Divine. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.
4. A. E. Jepp, Eugene, Ore., 30, Hardware dealer; J. F. Berger, F.A. Anderson. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
5. Carlos J. Acosta, "Lope Recio" No. 33, Camaguay, Cuba, 19, clerk, Jeronimo Acosta, Banco Agricola. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
6. Louis Giesey, Lawrence, Kans., 35, Laborer, L. A. McCurdy, S. H. McCurdy. Proposed by Chas. H. Williams.
7. Herbert Maass, 1438 Meridian St., N. W. Washington, D. C., Stamp dealer; H. A. Blackwell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
8. H.A. Truby, New Kensington, Pa., 27, Plate glass research expert; Jno. C. Tuttle, Jno. P. Connor. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.
9. George Ewell, Bogard, Mo., 14, Student; L. E. Ewell, Earl B. Stone. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
10. A. Pubillonesy Duran, Dolores bajo No. 4, Santiago, de Cuba, 30, Employer. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
11. Theo. C. Oldehoff, 18 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, N. Y., 19, clerk, W. A. Styker, J. R. Mott. Proposed by W. A. Styker.
12. Douglas M. Ward, Ambridge, Pa., 29, clerk; J. G. Foster, J. H. Aten. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
13. Robert Hughes, 64 High West St., Dorchester, Dorset, England, 56, Iron merchant; Charles Roemer, A. P. S. Proposed by Charles Roemer.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the secretary prior to that date.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Cash on hand Oct. 15th, 1910	\$13.90
Receipts Oct. 15th. to Jan. 1st, 1911	19.20
Total	32.80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to WEST for subscriptions remitted to Secy.	14.14
Pres H. S. Powell Postage Oct. 15 to Jan. 1st	3.81
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Express on blanks to L. T. Brodstone96
Printing circular letters acknowledging dues	2.75
Cash on hand Jan. 1st 1911	\$6.64

RESIGNATIONS.

- 358. Robert F. Kelly, City Hall, Baltimore, Md.
- 411. Charles Grattan, Lorain, Ohio.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Ed Kirkland from 722 St. McKinley Ave., to 1018 W. South St., Canton, Ohio.
Alden A. Hawkins, from 722 Swiss Ave., to 4612 Swiss Ave., Dallas Texas.

DEAR MEMBERS:—It is somewhat of an arduous task for me to make a report, due to my sickness and if I am behind in answering your communications don't get uneasy, as I will reach it soon.

To those members who have not sent in their dues, I wish to state that no name will be included in the 1911 year book except those that are paid up; and I hope you will look up the matter and see if your card is good for 1911; if not remit the dues, 50c, and if the WEST is wanted add 25c which I will forward to the Publisher.

Hoping all will assist me as much as possible and be prompt in remitting,
I remain
Fraternally
R. L. Doak Secretary.

Stamps of the Portuguese Republic

The Portuguese Republicans have not disappointed us, but have come forward in good time with the surcharged issue of the current set of their country, without which no evolution could be considered complete. In this case they have printed the simple word "Republica" diagonally across the features of poor King Manuel whose solitary set, only produced at the beginning of the present year, has had such a pathetically short run. Except the 20 Reis, rose red, in which the overprint is green, the whole set is surcharged in red. The appearance of the stamps, which were designed by a native artist, Senhor A. Rego, is, of course, well known to collectors. The head of the King in a circle, the little shield above, and the figures below, are in the stock Portuguese style, but the values and colors differ considerably from previous sets. The former are eloquent of the wretched poverty of Portugal. The highest value, the 1,000 Reis, is worth in our money 8c., the lowest, 2½ Reis, one hundredth of a penny. The colors are of a subdued kind, not very easy to describe in words. The 2½ Reis is in the shade of lilac, the 5 black, and the 10, grey-green. Pale purple-brown is the best term for the 15 Reis, rose-red for the 20, chocolate for the 25, indigo-blue for the 50, and yellow brown for the 75. The 80 is French grey, the 100 brown on green, the 200 deep green on salmon, the 300 black on azure, and 500 chocolate and olive, and the 1,000 black on Prussian blue. The paper is of the chalk surfaced variety, which has finally killed the old industry of rubbing out postmarks, so that a stamp could do duty twice over, it being quite impossible with this type of paper to remove the post-

mark without at the same time removing the impression on the stamp itself. When we have added that the perforation is 14 by 15 we have completely described the set now appearing with the overprint "Republica."

The next question is, will it be worth while investing in numbers of the issue in the hope that they will rise in value? If we were to judge by the sets surcharged in various fashion "Habilitado por la Nacion," which were issued by the Spanish revolutionary government of 1868, we should say that these Portugese provisionals will rise to a very high value. There is, however, a great difference between the conditions under which the issues were brought out. Very few of the Spanish stamps were ever really used. It is not likely that a letter with one of them on the envelope would ever have got to its destination, and it is evident that the Government soon got tired of producing labels for which there was no sale. An eminent Spanish collector relates that he examined more than thirty thousand letters from all parts of Spain, which had been posted during the period when the stamps were supposed to be current, and not once did he come across the surcharged "Habilitado por la Nacion," which explains why specimens are now so rare. The Portugese stamps are really being used, and there will, of course, be a vigorous demand on the part of dealers, that the Government will be pleased to supply. The Servian stamps issued at the beginning of the reign of the present King Peter, were a surcharged provisional set, consisting in fact, of an issue with the portrait of the murdered King Alexander, overprinted with the Servian eagle. This series was not in use very long, and yet the ordinary types are of no special value, used or unused.

We said the ordinary types, for there are certain errors and abnormal overprints which are catalogued at anything from three dollars and upwards. It is, in fact, a general law of provisional issues of this kind that there should be a number of irregularities in the overprints. Everything has to be done in a hurry. The new Postmaster General is anxious to prove his loyalty to the new government by supplying all the postoffices in the country with sets, and so he is not too particular how the work is done. So long as a surcharge looks all correct it need not correspond exactly to the standard type. Take the case of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State at the time of the war. Though the overprint applied by the British only consisted of the letters "V. R. I." or "E. R. I." what a fine crop of minor varieties was there. The ordinary Transvaal and Orange Free State sets with the British overprint, are worth hardly anything so far as the low values go, but when one comes to specimens with missing stops, double surcharges, and so on, the values begin to run into many dollars.

Now, two things seem to be fairly certain with regard to the Portugese provisionals. One is that they will remain in use for some time. An issue of stamps costs money of which the Republic has none too much, and also takes a considerable period to get ready. The second is that there will be a number of minor varieties a proportion of which, probably a large proportion, will eventually be catalogued at high prices. The collector who looks ahead must not let a chance go by of getting into his hands as many as he can of the Republic's provisionals, and above all if they are on letters which have come from Portugal, as in that case its stamps will not have been examined by dealers. By the time that the Republic issues a set of its own, which will probably be a pictorial of gorgeous appearance, the provisionals will have been scientifically catalogued, and the far seeing one will find if he has been fortunate enough to draw a prize out of the lucky bag.—Exchange.

United States Colonial Stamps. I--Guam

By Bertram W. H. Poole

The little island of Guam, in the Ladrones, while the smallest and least important of the territories under United States government, boasts of an issue of stamps of its own, an issue that was short lived, and yet caused quite a flutter in philatelic circles at the time of its appearance. Collectors nowadays accept the set without question as one of the interesting series resulting from the territorial expansion of the United States in 1898-99 and probably the majority have only the vaguest ideas of the situation and political importance of the island. Memory is proverbially short and philatelic memories occur more than ordinarily forgetful; or perhaps, we are an especially lenient class, all too prone to forgive the sins and shortcomings of stamps the issue of which was totally unnecessary if not flagrantly speculative. And yet so short a time ago as 1899 our journals were full of references to the Guam surcharges and the majority of the notices were anything but complimentary.

GEOGRAPHICAL.

Guam, or Guaman, is the largest and most southerly of the islands forming the Ladrone archipelago, in the western Pacific. The group was discovered by Magellan in 1521 and his sailors called them the "Thieves (Ladrones) Islands." They were re christened the Mariana Islands in 1668 but notwithstanding this they are now more generally known by their original name. Guam itself is a well wooded and fruitful island some 225 square miles in extent. It has a population of about 10,000 of which the majority—quite two-thirds of the total—live in the chief town, Agana. This island was added to the United States by Spain in 1898, and it has since been used as a naval station.

THE FIRST SUPPLY OF STAMPS.

The decision to have a specially overprinted supply of stamps for Guam was evidently arrived at in a hurry if the following paragraph from the New York Sun of May 4th, 1899, is to be relied on:—"When Captain Richard P. Leary starts for Guam to assume his duties as Governor of the island he will take with him a large supply of postage stamps to be used only on letters mailed in the island. These are like the ordinary stamps of the United States, except that each will be surcharged with the word GUAM. Leary had a conference with the third Assistant Postmaster General yesterday and it was arranged that the stamps should be printed at once as the "Yosemite", which will convey Capt. Leary to his post, will start from New York on May 6th."

The gallant Captain was actuated by the most innocent motives in asking for these special stamps, and fondly imagined that the small supply indented for, would last him a couple of years or even longer. Permission to have the stamps overprinted having been obtained, the Navy Department made arrangements with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for a supply. The word GUAM was set up in type a hundred times, an electrotype was made, and the stamps were produced post haste. The supply consisted of three values only, 1c 2c, and 5c, in the following quantities:—10,000 1c; 30,000 2c; 5000, 5c. The stamps overprinted were those then current in the United States, i.e., the 1c green, 2c carmine, and 5c blue.

(To be continued.)

ERRATA: In the Toledo Stamp Co.'s page ad the beginners outfit should be 50c instead of 10c.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. U. Perkins

The most important item of the month is the announcement that since the last week in October, the style of the watermark on our stamps has been changed from double lined Roman letters to single lined Gothic letters "U. S. P. S." It is stated that the new watermark is being used in printing all the stamps including the dues and special delivery, with the exception of the 13ct., 50 ct. and \$1 values of the regular set. The printing of the 13ct issue was discontinued a year ago, when the registry rate was increased to 10 cents, and it is stated that the supply of 50 ct. and \$1 stamps on hand, with the old watermark, is sufficient to last for a long time

As to the sale of the new stamps, it was not expected they would reach public until after Christmas, but as early as November 29th. I was able to get a sheet of the two cent value at the wholesale window of the Washington office and a few days later the 1 cent was on sale at the wholesale window. These values were the only ones up to December 6th, available.

The reason for the change is said to be due to the fact that the smaller letters of the new watermark tend to increase the strength of the paper and to give it a more uniform thickness, and therefore a better printing surface.

A comparison of the early printings of the present set, designed under former Secretary von Meyer, with stamps recently printed shows a decided difference in shade of color, the later printings being in most cases much darker than the early issues.

JAMAICA. By Fred J. Melville London. Publisher:—W. H. Peckitt, 47 Strand, W. C. The history of the postal arrangements of Jamaica contained in this work is of special interest, by virtue of the fact that this is the fiftieth year of the establishments of the Colonial Post Office in that Island.

Stamp collectors will be interested in the record of fifty years of stamp printing for the Colony, by one firm of contractors, Messrs. De la Rue & Co., of London.

In additions to 90 pages of letter press, the book is furnished with a pocket, containing plates of the settings of the Provisional overprints, and a sheet of descriptive labels gummed for use in stamp albums.

This new booklet should appeal especially to U. S. collectors because Jamaica is so near our own country. A better book cannot be produced for the low price of 15 cents. (Dorpat).

HINGES. It cannot be insisted upon too strongly that one of the most important things for the stamp collector is the possession of good hinges. Some hinges are too thick, some too thin, some are not gummed enough and some stick so tightly that it is impossible to release the stamps again from their tenacious grip. We have been making many experiments with various makes of hinges and have come to the conclusion that those made by W. S. Lincoln, of 2, Holles Street, Oxford Street, London, England are by far the best. The gum is pure, adhering strongly to the stamps although easily peelable, and the shape is about the best we have seen. The price including postage is 16 cents per 1000. We thoroughly recommend every stamp collector to try 1,000 of these. See their page ads.

The Royal Scottish Museum has had a collection of postage stamps bequeathed to it. It includes 18,000 specimens arranged in six volumes, over 100 pages each.



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ACROSS THE POND

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Under this heading K. A. Keymans Jr., of Rotterdam, Holland, our representative for the Netherlands and Germany intends to manage this new rubric, giving every month a review as complete as possible of the latest transactions in the European stamp-world consisting of: The describing of proposed new issues, discoveries, varieties, reprints, forgeries, reports of meetings associations, review of publications, stamp-market reports, and further anything that can be of interest to stamp-collectors. If any of our European readers would assist him in his work he would be greatly obliged whilst every early information will be welcomed. All communications relating thereto must be addressed as above.

Contributions from foreign readers, relating to new issues, other description of proposed new issues, reprints, forgeries, discoveries, varieties etc. will be gladly accepted (Expenses will be defrayed) and must be sent to K. HEYMANS JR., Hertekade 5 A, ROTTERDAM, Holland.

Publishers of foreign catalogues, directories, and similar publications, wishing to have them reviewed in this column, should send one copy to above mentioned address and another copy to the publisher of this paper.

ENGLAND. The following I read in "Alfr. Smith & Sons Monthly Circular: "POSTAL FORMS REVIVED".—It is announced that with the new year the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny postcards are to be sold at their face value instead of at $\frac{3}{4}$ d each, and so on, according to the complicated scale of charges at present in force. It does not appear to be generally known that this will be merely a reversion to the original state of things. At this time of their introduction, under Lord Hartington's regime in 1870, up to April 1872, the cards (which were sold at $\frac{1}{2}$ d each) by taking them in wholesale quantities of £21, at a time there was actually a discount for some reason or other, of the curious amount of 4 Sh.—Above mentioned paper gives further a review of $\frac{1}{4}$ d postcards.

Next year a Philatelic Exhibition is to be held in London, organized by the JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY, viz: Mr. Fred J. Mellville, president; Mr. Douglas Ellis vice president; whilst among the names of members I heard: Mr. H. P. Johnston, Mr. Gilbert Lodge, Mr. Armstrong and many others.

GERMANY. I received, very unexpectedly, intimation of the death of Mr. Carl Sternheim of Schöneberg, Berlin, one of the best known men in the Philatelic world, president of THE INTERNATIONALE POSTWERTZEICHEN HANDLER VEREIN (The largest Dealers Association in Europe, perhaps of the world), and editor of DER BRIEFMARKENHANDLER, the Club's official organ. We feel sure that his decease will be sincerely regretted by a good number of Philatelists, as almost every stamp dealer is a member of above mentioned Association.

SALE OF HANOVERIAN REMAINDERS. On December 9th there is to be held in Berlin, by order of the Postal Administration, an auction sale of a large stock of used German Colonial stamps, cut from used parcel post, money order form, etc., together with a stock of unused stamps taken over from the former

Hanoverian postoffice. The regulations for the viewing lots are certainly curious for while the German Colonial stamps are to be freely open to inspection, the Hanoverian stamps (Laid out in the Postal museum, (will be shown only to those who deposit 150 Marks in cash, presumably as a guarantee of seriousness.

1859. 1 GROSCHEN, ROSE, IMPERF. Of these stamps there are no less than 45835 in sheets of 120. They are described as comprising "various printings", Out of the 381 entire sheets only 44 sheets are free of defects; most sheets show discolourations, have one or more stamps torn, and are stained by the red gum.

1859—2 GROSCHEN BLUE, IMPERF. 12966 stamps in sheets of 120. Out of the 108 sheets 48 are perfect, the remainder having similar defects to those described above.

1861.—3 Groschen, RED BROWN, IMPERF. "various printings" all with red gum. Here the stock consists of 5047 stamps only. Out of the 42 sheets of 120, nine are in good state, the remainder defective as above.

1861, 10 GROSCHEN, GREEN, IMPERF. Of this rare stamp there are 1564 specimens, but all the sheets are defective to the extent, in some cases of one-third of the stamps; the defectives are due to the stamps being torn or creased. The red gum has also caused stains in various places.

1864. 1 GROSCHEN, ROSE, ROULETTED, ROSE GUM. 3007 stamps, some off center or slightly torn.

1864. 1 GROSCHEN, ROSE, ROULETTED, WHITE GUM. "various printings", 8174 stamps, as preceding lot, but with discolourations in addition.

1864. 2 GROSCHEN, BLUE, ROULETTED, WHITE GUM. Of this there are only 99 specimens, two being torn.

1864. 3 GROSCHEN, BROWN, ROULETTED, WHITE GUM. 519 stamps, some off centre.

1864, 3 PFENNIG, GREEN, ROULETTED, ROSE GUM "various printings." Of these are 1657 stamps, mostly a little off centre.

1864. 3 PFENNIG GREEN, ROULETTED, WHITE GUM. 3151 stamps, as preceding, and with some discolourations and small defects in addition.

1864. ENVELOPES, 1 GROSCHEN AND 3 GROSCHEN. From the first mentioned there are 230 specimens, from the other there are only 5 specimens.

FRANCE. New stamps required for France, the "Semeuse" (the woman sewing) not dignified enough." On this subject, Mr. Georges Brunel, the editor of "LE TIMBRE POSTE", contributes an article in which he makes disparaging comparison of the French stamps with those of the South American Republics, printed by the American Bank Note Co., New York, alleging that the stamps of his country are exceedingly common looking objects. Why, he asks, cannot the republic "Le France", issue stamps bearing decent effigies, and print the higher values in two colors? He suggests a number of celebrities, who would be worthy of a place on these new stamps, whilst in a special supplement he gives quite a number of sketches, which he considers would do honor to the republic. I don't like to discourage anybody, but now can any well meaning person propose new stamps; in the first place: I do not for a moment think that the government will pay any attention to these suggestions, and secondly, I can't understand any collector yearning for more stamps, there being in truth enough novelties offered by the governments themselves. Of making of books there is no end, of stamps still less.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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703. How and where can one obtain all new issues of stamps as soon as they make their appearance? By subscribing to Ewen's New Issues Service 32 Palace Square, Norwood, London, S. E., you may obtain most stamps at face value and others at actual cost to Mr. Ewen, plus 8 to 10 per cent commission. There is, however, no guarantee given that ALL stamps can be supplied. This is sometimes impossible. But Mr. Ewen's connections are very ample, and you will get most stamps that are issued, and as quickly as possible. It is all a relative matter, as you will soon learn, if you try to build up a new issue service for yourself. If you really want ALL stamps that are issued in the whole world, that is not a small matter, and you will have to deposit a pretty handsome sum in advance. You might also try the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club of Milwaukee, Wis., many members of which, living in foreign countries, are willing to supply other members with new issues of their respective countries at cost, i. e., at face value plus postage and registration. Cost \$2.00 a year, must always be sent in advance. See Lincoln's ads. He has new issues cheap.

704. Is there any import duty on stamps? No, not unless they are contained in a stamp album, in which case they have to pay with the album 35c per cent ad valorem. Used and unused stamps, as such, are both free. It is not impossible tho, that by a new ruling the unused stamps be brought under some other heading and into a different schedule making them dutiable.

705. Who can tell about an "Annual Post Card Directory" published in England? Where may it be obtained. We fear that the enquirer hasn't given the right name of what he means. The Philatelic Printing & Publishing Co. of Rotheram, England, publishes "The Collectors' Year Book and Directory" in which post card collectors and dealers are included. There may be some other publication tho, of which we do not know.

706. What is the value of a 2 cents Documentary stamp of 1898 on a letter, used instead of a postage stamp? As a curiosity an amateur might pay for it any price he saw fit. Otherwise it has no special value, as the postal use of documentary stamps in place of postage stamps has never been authorized in the U.S. If one, or a few, have been so used, it must have happened by mistake, oversight, or in some similar way. Where the post clerks are very busy it may happen that most anything passes thru the mails and receives the cancellation instead of the regular postage stamp. Such things belong into "freak collections." We have seen two or three a few years ago, and no extra value was attached to them. As freaks, they may be worth keeping.

707. What are the most marked tendencies of present day collecting: specialization, semi-specialization, new issues, or what? This indeed is a pretty hard nut to crack because it pre-supposed a very thorough and upto date knowledge of collecting all the world over. Yet such questions are welcome, very welcome, because they induce thinking. Now, as far as our observation goes, we must distinguish between classes and nationalities among collectors. Some still advocate simplified collecting, but they seem to so more silently now than they did a

few years ago. Some lay much stress on new issues, but their influence seems quite balanced by the admirers of old issues. Thus it seems that all sides have and retain their devotees. If, however, we look over the stamp publications of Europe, where stamp collecting is strongest, and especially if we look into the recent reports about stamp exhibitions as that at Ferne and that at Bueno Aires, we shall find that specialization is at the front and carries away the biggest prize. Dealers too, seem to prefer highly specialized collections to any common general ones. In the U. S. this is not so evident as in Europe, but still it is noticeable.

708. What is the present status of the S. S. S., and has it ever issued a list of all the issues it condemns? We have not heard of the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps for some time, and we are of the opinion that it is dead if not its influence, generally speaking, is about nil. Partial lists have been published years ago and can be found in the London Philatelist, but a full and recent list is unknown to us. Perhaps some of our readers are better informed?

709. When will the new editions of Gibbons', Senf's and other prominent Catalogs make their appearance? Senf's was out in September. Bright's appeared, if we remember right, in October. Gibbons' will most likely be out before this can be printed, and so it will be with most of them. Like Scott's they all come some time between August and January.

710. Are catalog prices going down or up? They are doing both. Some stamps have been quoted lower last year than the year before, and so it is this year again, while others are steadily climbing up. On the average, we think, there is an upward tendency.

711. Are there any stamp collectors or dealers in Bolivia? Undoubtedly there are, tho, we do not remember many at this moment. There is the collector D Jose Sanchez of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, who advertises in the "Revista" of Buenos Aires. Then there is Leopold Koerting of Oruro, Bolivia, a member of the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club, who appears to be a very reliable man and collector. There are other members of the C. C. C. whose addresses can be learned by joining the C. C. C.

712. Why are South American Stamps so little popular? There appear to be several reasons. One is that we have little connection with South American countries and are not able to correspond in their languages, which are Spanish and Portuguese. Another reason is that many of the South American stamps, especially of the older issues are rather rare and hard to get, they are not much seen in our country. In Europe this is a little different, and there they are more appreciated than here. A third reason are the speculative issues of several of the S. A. countries and the sale of remainders, as well as the appearance of some counterfeits. A fourth and very strong reason is the lack of good handbooks treating of these stamps. There is a big field for study there, and it seems that it will prove very rich too, if worked properly. Gibbons are establishing a Branch House there, and there are other indications of a vigorous philatelic invasion of South America. It will take much study tho to do good work in these countries.

713. Are there many more collectors now than ten years ago? That is hard to say, but we think there are, and that because the dealers of today are flourishing as well as they were then and they are all, or nearly all reporting increased business, notwithstanding that there are more now than there were a decade ago. Just think of the thousands and thousands of stamp albums that are sold every year! They are not going to old collectors only.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool

Mr I. Henniker Heaton is the champion of Postal Reform in Merry England, and he is constantly on the move for innovation or improvement in postal matters and he has lately put before a long suffering B. P. a number of proposals which might with advantage be adopted by the Postal authorities, and thus confer a benefit upon the said public, and themselves at the same time.

Mr. Heaton points out truly, that many nay, the majority of date stamps that is postmarks, are illegible, or badly struck, and to judge of late the Electric or machine variety do fairly, as John Bull says "take the biscuit", and it would not be out of place here I think if the P. O. people, or at least their engineering department, would pay just a little more attention to the renewals of the dies, and also the quality of the ink which is attached thereto, when it happens to stick on.

A correspondent, Mr. H.K. Thompson of Boston, your country, has very kindly sent me some interesting postmark specimens that he has happened across, as an enthusiastic postmark collector, to be noticed from Attica, New York, large circle variety with an outer pointed ring about two inches in diameter violet impression, from Broken Sword O. (is this Ohio?) exceptionally large fancy type very clear on the impress and dated 1894, and I think such a postmark would be "too good", or expensive to use nowadays when everything points to cheapness.

Rawhide, Nevada—what peculiar names you Americans take a delight, or torment in—issued a very neat design last year, also Mound House in the same state came out in violet about the same time, shortly followed by Hawthorne same district in very bright red.

Chowch, Cal., which is purely American instead of Welsh, issued a postmark on a memorable May 12th, and forgot to record as to whether it was Anno Domini 1910, or the year dot, and Bondurant, WYO, this year issued a very large date stamp, and ridiculously small obliterator as a counterbalance. A very old variety issued from Philadelphia, Pa., to judge by its very rough appearance for it also bears no year of issue, informs me that when I receive my letter the sender has very kindly, and considerately PAID ALL; and Boston, Mass., imparts the information that my letters are treated there by a Registry Division, who announce the fact in violet coloured ink, but Greenwood, Colo. and Toronto, Mo., advertise their virtues from the M O. B. in scarlet. I have received, but cannot make out the issuing office, a very fine Maltese obliterator exact counterpart of those issued in this country in 1841. History thus repeating itself; also a fine star from Angola, Ind., issued in 1899. Boston, Mass., aspires to things not exactly mundane but musical, having issued in 1891 a line and stave variety in the Key of E and it only required a few Crotchets and Quavers to make it evidently tuneful. Lacombe, WASH., and Philadelphia, Pa., have evidently been "en conflict" for they are nearly wiped out of existence with a large waving Stars and Stripes flag, bearing large letters RECLAIMED, but as to which place re-claims the pound of flesh the reader is left to puzzle out. Mount Vernon, N. Y., issued in 1894 a very neat office stamp with four rings for obliterator, and Bland in New Mexico, a very similar design from its office with a very small five ringed obliterator—both black impression.

I have not much to say this time as to "our country" but suppose Bonnie Scotland to be a part of it, having received some very fine specimens from Lass

wade, in the heart of Midlothian, or somewhere very near to it.

Weaverham, as also Kirton, Boston here have also issued very neat office stamps.

In making a collection of postmarks always cut your specimens square—avoid cutting into any postage stamp preferably mount the two for front specimens, get uniform in style, irregular shapes are an eyesore, discard full moons, or cut round specimens. They look childish in an album.

(To be continued.)

POSTAL DIFFICULTIES IN SOUTH AMERICA.

The following notes are extracted from the Annual Report on the Posts of Ecuador 1907-08.

The rural posts in connection with the railway line were also improved. This is especially the case for the postal communication between Banos, in the province of Tungurahua crossed by the railway, and the town Andoas, situated in the Eastern part of the country where population is very scarce, which was thoroughly reorganized. A difficult and dangerous road crosses long and inhospitable forests. Between Banos and the intermediary station of Canelos, the mails are transported by four carriers, who, two together, make a trip every fortnight. Each carrier has to carry up to 3 arrobas (34.5 kilograms) in weight and receives 10 sucres (1000 centavos) a journey. From Canelos to Andoas the mails are transported twice a month in a boat worked by three rowers. Each rower receives 7 sucres a journey; the Post has also to pay 4 sucres for the hire of the boat. Considering that the return journey takes over 20 days, when the water is high, the indemnity may be regarded as very modest. The number of postoffices amounted to 169 at the close of the financial year.

The sale of postage stamps is in the hands of the school masters.

The postoffice of Guayaquil receives in sealed sacks all foreign letter and parcel mails. Owing to the lack of sacks for the further transmission of these mails to the interior of the country that office also makes use of foreign sacks, which thus circulate all over the country and are returned with much delay to the country of origin; it sometimes happens that these sacks are lost enroute. For 1904 France claimed in indemnity for 214 such sacks. In 1905 and 1906 a number of foreign sacks were also lost; for 1907 the losses are not yet known. In order to remedy this evil, the Director General of Posts proposes to buy a stock of sacks sufficient for the domestic service.

The postage stamps sold from June 1st to December 31st, 1907 amounted to 47,757 sucres. This sum does not however include the sale of the provinces of Pichincha, Leon, Tungurahua, Azuay and Manabi, the persons entrusted with the sale of stamps in these provinces not having given notice to the Treasury of the fortnightly sale as requested by the regulations. During the last seven months of 1907 the expenditure amounted to 152,954 sucres. The statistical records known are only those of the offices of Guayaquil and Quito.—Philatelic Journal, Great Britain.

PUERTO RICO. When the United States occupied Porto Rico during the Spanish war, the first stamps sent to that island bore the surcharge "Porto Rico." After considerable discussion, it was decided that "Puerto Rico" should be the correct official spelling. However, only 1 and 2 cent stamps were surcharged with the corrected spelling before the special issues were withdrawn. The stamps now in use are the regular U. S. stamps, without overprinting.



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Regarding the U. S. stamps on experimental rag paper, or bluish paper, which we mentioned in the November number of the WEST in connection with an article on The Hobbyist, we find an excellent summary in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News written by Mr. Eustace B. Power and originally printed in Gibbon's Weekly which, by the way has been discontinued—a summary which clearly shows that crooked work can hardly have been connected with the issue or handling of these stamps. It shows that the 1 and 2c values were printed in large numbers and could be bought at Washington by anybody who desired to do so. A "limited quantity" of the 3 cts came into the possession of Mr. Power of the Firm of Stanley Gibbons, not directly, but through the instrumentality of a person not named. It would be nicer if this person were named and circumstances described, but this can hardly be demanded. Of the 4 cents none have been found. Of the 5 cents only 7 copies are known, and these were found in a remittance to a mail order house, indicating that a sheet or more were somewhere used up, and that these 7 copies are the only ones saved. Others may exist, but they are not known. The 6 cents turned up in Chicago, and 1,100 were secured. The whereabouts of the remaining 4,000 are unknown. The 8 cents have not yet been located. Of the 10 cents Mr. Fower bought two sheets of 100 stamps each without knowing it, and when he looked for more no more could be found. The 13 cents must yet be discovered. The 15 cents turned up in Cleveland and was marketed by a collector there. Any collector may at any office in any part of the U. S. run across any one of these values, as the whole lot—with the exception of 100 stamps of each value, which were kept in Washington—was mixed up with the regular stock, and any part of it may turn up anywhere. As yet, there is no evidence of crooked business.

The JOLLY JOKERS' CLUB has favored us with a copy of its Club Directory and The Jolly Joker, the official journal of the club, whose membership list runs up to 6563 and includes many foreign members. Mr. ALF. LOEWY conducts a stamp department and exerts himself to interest members in stamp collecting, otherwise the main object of the club seems to be the exchange of picture post cards and pleasantries among the members tho all kinds of collecting may be indulged in incidentally.

A. C. ROESSLER'S STAMP NEWS is a bright little house organ, the reading of which will always cheer one up, even if there is no cash in the pocket to make use of the bargains it offers. The way Mr. R. offers his bargains makes one think that he will always have some to offer. It seems to be his hobby, pleasure, habit or affliction; he can't quit it!

"Post officious" in The Philadelphia Stamp News again gives some very interesting information about alterations in U. S. stamps. He tells of the change of watermark from U. S. P. S. double lined capitals to U. S. P. O. D. single lined capitals. He further tells of the Department's plan to issue the higher denominations of stamps in a larger size than those of 6 cts. and below. He says,

it is almost an assured fact that the various government departments will soon get their own sets of department stamps, and finally he promises some more news for the near future. Will it not be worth while to watch The Phil. Stamp News?

The PHILATELIC GAZETTE was the first magazine in which we noticed the reference to a change in watermark for the U. S. stamps. Its specialty is U. S. envelopes, but it is prompt in furnishing other news besides.

It is something quite unusual that a new stamp journal should not solicit subscriptions and make no promises for the future, but come out in such a form and with such an equipment in contents that expectations for the future are aroused and the desire in collectors to see more of it is engendered. This, however, is the very thing The PHILA. STAMP CLUB BULLETIN is doing. If it keeps on in the way it has started, we dare to predict a large growth for the Club, because there will be a growing number of collectors who will want the BULLETIN. We quote from its pages regarding the 2 cents U. S. special printing of 1883: "Only 55 copies were sold, which included the imperforate—between pairs (Scott's 211c.). Of the latter probably nine or ten pairs exist, reducing the number of the normal variety to about 37. The stamp, therefore, is decidedly underpriced in the catalogs, which place a value of \$20 on it. The same may be said of the rarest special printing, the 4 cents, of which only 26 copies were sold."

Mr. Joseph Allison Steinmetz, whose portrait is given on the first page of The P. S. BULLETIN, tells us in an interesting article about stamp collecting with reference to the limitations of the printed album and the inconsistencies of the Standard Catalog, of a U. S. 30c of July 1860 printed in black. He has seen certain letters of the printers relating to the printing of this stamp in black, so that no doubt further remains concerning its issue and early withdrawal followed by the issue of the 30c orange. This 30c black is not listed by any catalog, as far as we remember and may prove the rarest of all U. S. stamps. Mr. Steinmetz also makes a strong point against the 90c imperforate of 1851, which is still listed by some catalogs. He says the use of a 90c was not considered before early in 1860, and the Trumbull design was not accepted until after June of the same year, consequently it is impossible that any imperforate copies should have been issued before 1857, and it is clear that no copies whatever were issued before the acceptance of its design in 1860. There is some more solid meat like this in the BULLETIN, and we dare say that if the present standard is kept up there will soon be demand for it.

Auction Catalogs are coming in from East and West and contain a fine line of good things to delight the collector's heart. It is especially remarkable how many pairs, strips and blocks of stamps have lately been offered in auction sales, showing that stamps in this condition are appreciated now more than they were a few years ago. Specimens and proofs, too, appear here and there, but they seem to disappear gradually, becoming rarer by absorption into private collections. It is interesting to look over these catalogs and to see what is on the market. Some comparatively low priced stamps are hardly ever mentioned, others figure in almost every sale. If publishers would now and then favor us with a copy of their PRICED catalogs, we should be glad to give notice of the prices realized, which certainly would interest our readers.

The SOUTHERN PHILATELIST has also entered the movement started by Dr. Holt of EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST to present "shut-ins" with stamps for Christmas. Collectors wishing to donate stamps, albums, or anything of value to a stamp collector, may send it to Dr. J. M. Holt, Astoria, Oregon.



WOMAN COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(Publishers of philatelic literature in English desiring an impartial review in this magazine will kindly forward a review copy to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, 1638 S. Dallas, Pa., U. S. A. Note to reader: M indicates a monthly publication; W, weekly; F, fortnightly; Q, quarterly; L, intervals)

"The Wonderland of Stamps" by W. Dwight Burroughs. Frederick A. Stokes & Co., N. Y. Cloth; pp. 238; price \$1.50. Send order to WEST and get paper 1 yr.

Every now and then a publisher brings to the attention of our little world of philately some new book on philately, designed for our amusement and instruction. "The Wonderland of Stamps" is designed for amusement, and the amusement of girls and boys, particularly; but this does not mean that it is not at the same time instructive. Instructive it certainly is in the broad, cosmopolitan, romantic sense. There is nothing of the pedantic, what we are accustomed to term scientific philately about it. "A good-natured" uncle in a series of talks or stories tells his little nephews and nieces of "the wonderland of stamps". He describes the designs, dwells on their meaning, and never fails to bring out all the romance connected with each design. The book relates from cover to cover all those picturesque little incidents attached to all stamps—for each stamp has its story if we did but know it, forgotten so easily by the philatelist engrossed with his microscope, benzine cup and perforation gauge. But Mr. Burroughs has remembered these and has woven them together into an ideal story book of stamps.

The book is all stories; it does not even contain the ubiquitous chapter, "Hints for New Collectors". A glance at the chapter headings will give a very good idea of the scope of this charming book:—The Smallest Show on Earth; The Songless Aviary; A Diminutive Athletic Carnival. Bits of United States History. Pickings from Foreign History; Our Northern Neighbors; A Little Peep at a Little Land; Small Records of Big Wars; Miniature Edition of Don Quixote; Myths in Miniature; Christmas and the Cross; Thumb Nail Maps; Ships That Pass Through the Mails; Tiny Locomotive Mail Carriers; Bits of Paper Worth Fortunes. Could subjects be selected more suggestive of quaint fancies and incidents to the childish mind than these? Or indeed to any mind, for he would be a sad churl who could not feel a pleasant response to the chord sounded. Robert Louis Stephenson once wrote in reply to a laughing remark that he took life, and supposed that others did as well, in the spirit of a boy on a quest for hidden treasures that if a man had never been in search for hidden treasures it could be said that he had never been a child; and the gallant, boyish spirit was one Stephenson took to his

grave. Applying the remark we will assert that the philatelist whatever his years, who could find no interest in "The Wonderland of Stamps" has never been a philatelist.

Time presses and I find that there is so much that I could write about the spirit of the book that I would have no space for the subject. But I must at any rate, mention in detail one chapter, "Miniature Edition of Don Quixote," with which I confess myself enchanted. As all the philatelic world knows Spain issued a series of Don Quixote stamps commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of the author of Don Quixote's Adventures, Cervantes.

The subjects chosen for illustrations on the stamp were:—Don Quixote starting in search of adventures; Don Quixote battling with the windmills; Don Quixote paying homage to the country girls; Sancho Pauza tossed in the blanket; Don Quixote dubbed a knight; Don Quixote attacks a flock of sheep; the enchanted horses; Don Quixote bearding the lion in his den; the Trip in the Enchanted Ox Cart. Mr. Burroughs relates in a pleasant simple style, the story of each of these incidents, and so smoothly does the chain of fancy run on that the chapter is indeed, "a miniature edition of Don Quixote."

Probably all children will not be interested in the book; such a subject would not carry the same appeal to some as one of Algiers, or a similar writer, tales might. But if the child to whom the book comes has any interest in stamps it will make a fairy land of his album. If a chapter of the book were read aloud on successive evenings, the reader particularly calling the attention to the illustrations it would find interested auditors among children who might not care for reading.

The publishers bring the book out in appropriate form, excellently printed in readable type, with very attractive "cloth" covers in blue with stamp design. The various subjects are illustrated with two hundred illustrations. A feature which will make the book of more than passing interest, particularly to the philatelist in search of interesting stories about stamps, is the index covering twelve pages.

PHILATELY IN THE PRESS.

The Daily News said in its issue of May 24th: "Of all forms of collecting of stamps is probably the most widespread. It is almost the only youthful hobby which is enjoyed and pursued in manhood and old age. The field is practically boundless. There are at least 55 000 varieties, not counting what Chantecler calls varieties of varieties. The British Empire has about 18,000 different sorts of postage stamps; and there are many more in immediate prospect. The adult stamp collector is often spoken of as if he were a rare and essentially ridiculous sort of person, though most of us know that the King is one of the keenest of philatelists. But, as was pointed out some time since by a high authority, a glance at the London Directory will reveal the fact that the number of stamp dealers is a large one and as their shops are for the most part in such crowded thoroughfares as the Strand, where rents are high, their turnover must necessarily run into several figures."

The Daily Express also contained the following in a recent issue:—"On the stamp of King Edward and Queen Victoria the head faced to the left, so that apparently the coinage rule does not hold for the purpose of the stamps, and in view of King George's known interest in philately the design of the new stamps is awaited with considerable anticipation." Look up English ads in this number.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

(Continued from last issue).

BOLIVIA has silver currency 1-10, 1-5, $\frac{1}{2}$, and 1 Boliviano (Peso National) Exchange tax 1 centavo for each 100 Boliviano.

BELGIUM: Gold, 20 Franks; Silver, 5, 2, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ Franks; Nickle 20, 10, 5 cents. The 5 & 10 have holes in center Copper: 21. cts. Drafts require stamps as follows: To 200 frs. 0.10 Frs. 200 to 500 frs. 0.25 frs. 500 to 1000 frs 0.50 frs. 1000 too 2000 frs 1. frs. and 0.50 frs for each further thousand. These stamps are blue All drafts issued and payable outside Belgium and are only indorsed in Belgium require only half the tax: To 200 frs 5cts. 200 to 500 frs 13 cts. 500 to 1000 frs 25 cts. 1000 to 2000 frs 50c.; and 25 cts for every other commenced thousands. The stamps are red. All Belgian papers carry an imprinted stamp. Bonds are free.

BRAZIL. In commercial or any large transaction the following designation is used: For example, 15:342 \$600 would read d15 Contos, 342 Milreis and 600 reis, or a comma is used in smaller amounts like 15,340 would be 15 milreis and 340 reis.

The English Sovereign is used largely. Coins are gold: 20, 10, 5 Milreis. Silver: 2, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ milreis. Nickel: 400, 200, 100 Reis coined in different European mints. Bronze: 20, 10 Reis. Paper money exist from 500 Reis to 500 Milreis. Drafts require a stamp. To 200 Milreis 0.300 Milreis. 200 to 400 milreis 0.440 Milreis 400 to 600 milreis 0.660 Milreis. 600 to 800 Milreis 0.880 milreis. 800 to 1000 Milreis 1.100 milreis; and for each other 1000 Milreis 1.100 milreis more. Personal checks on banks have a fixed tax of 300 reis.

BULGARIA: Gold: 100, 20, 10 Levas. Silver: 5, 2, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ Levas. Nickel: 20, 10, 5, 2, $\frac{1}{2}$ Stotinki. Copper and bronze: 10, 5, 2, 1 Stotinki. Banknotes for either Gold or Silver are issued. Drafts are stamped: To 200 Levas 0.20 Levas. 200 to 400 Levas 0.30 Levas. 400 to 800 Levas, 0.40 Levas. 800 to 1200 Levas 0.60 Levas. 1200 to 1600 Levas 0.80 Levas. Above 10,000 for each 7.50 Levas. Protest require 1 Leva stamp tax.

CHILE: Gold: 20 Pesos (1 Conder). Gold: 10 pesos (1 Doblón). Gold :5 Pesos (1 Escudo) Silver: 1 peso, 50, 20, 10, 5 centavos Paper money, from 1 to 1000 pesos. Drafts require only a 5 centavos stamp.

CHINA has no regular coinage. The copper or brass coin called Cash or in Chinese Tsen, are used everywhere, and to facilitate business are strung up in 1000 each 100 divided by a knot in the string. I guess you are all familiar with the square hole in the coin. Some of the oldest have on the front side the time of reign of the respective emperor and on the back are either smooth or have a half moon or some kind of design. The present ones have inscriptions on both sides. Under tael is generally understood, a certain amount of silver. The highest weights are named: 16 tael—1 Catty and 100 Catty—1 Ticul. Of taels exist among many more, the Canton, Chouping, Haikuan, Kuping, and Mexican dollar. 50 tael silver are generally in the form of a shoe and bear the "Chop" of the smelter. The Chinese do not like drafts or checks.

CUBA uses the U. S. coins. Drafts are stamped: To \$100 \$0.05. 100 to 200 dollars \$0.10. 200 to 400 dollars \$0.20 400 to 600 dollars \$0.30 600 to 1000 dollars \$0.60 and so on. The rate is a little lower than \$1 to \$1000.

(To be continued.)

Gleanings from the Foreign Press

(Continued from October issue.)

Mr. Nils Strandell, in the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift furnishes a philatelic index for the year 1909, including European publications only, as follows:

India. Issue of 1891: P. J. G. B. 5; obliterations: G. S. W. IX 306; K. M. 53; falsifications: S. C. F. XV. 5; V. K. B. 53; N. F. T. 93.

Ionian Islands. G. S. W. IX. 333, 354; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 229.

Iceland. G. S. W. X. 389, 485, 563; obliterations: D. B. Z. 4, 62; N. F. T. 22, 25.

Italy. G. S. W. IX. 65, 215, 359; X. 29, 125, 221, 341, 437, 533; dues: Riv. F. 77; Echo T. 445; falsifications: G. F. No. 2 | 7; No. 3 | 7.

Italian States. Falsifications: G. S. W. IX. 400.

Italian Levante. Issue of 1908-9: B. B. Z. 40, 135, 415; D. D. P. 9; I. B. J. 111, 140; N. T. v. P. 43; G. F. No. 3 | 2. No. 4 | 4; falsifications: B. B. Z. 62; G. F. No. 3 | 6.

Jamaica. G. S. W. X. 417; issue of 1890: G. S. W. IX. 239.

Japan. B. B. Z. 153, 186; P. R. 71; issue of 1875: S. F. T. 159; K. M. 114; falsifications: I. B. J. 507.

Johore. G. S. W. X 253.

Cameroon. Obliterations: Post 14, 31, 63, 95, 159; F. P. B. 330, 348, 366, 430, 449; I. Z. d. K. 84, 98, 100.

Cape of Good Hope. S. C. F. XV 65, 73; T. P. 89, 101, 114, 127, 136; G. S. W. X. 205, 400, 471; Post 130, 147.

Caroline Islands. Obliterations: Post 15, 96, 144; F. P. B. 330, 348, 366, 411; I. Z. d. K. 86, 88, 90, 96, 100; falsifications: V. K. B. 39.

Kashmir. P. W. II. 39.

Kiauchou. P. Z. 60; issue of 1905: F. P. B. 314; obliterations: Post 160, 176; F. P. B. 330, 403, 448; I. Z. d. K. 96, 98.

Roman Church State. Riv. F. No. 1 | 6; Echo T. 254; S. B. Z. 36; P. J. G. H. 122; B. B. Z. 327; Coll. T. P. 289; reprints: T. P. 43.

Confederate States of America. St. Louis: P. S. III. 200.

Congo Free State. P. S. III. 197.

Crete. S. C. F. XIV. 243, 265; XV. 10; British Post: P. S. V. 117; issue 1899: N. P. No. 5 | 3; issue of 1908 9: Le Post 6, 321; D. B. Z. 9; N. T. v. P. 44, 109; B. B. Z. 138; I. B. J. 208, 305; Post 77; V. K. B. 63; falsifications: P. Z. 16, 68; V. K. B. 12, 53, 179; D. B. Z. 63, 79; T. P. 67; N. F. T. 76; N. T. v. P. 125; Le Post 274.

Lagos. P. S. III. 209.

Liberia. K. M. No. 2 | 2.

Lombardy Venice. Falsifications: N. F. T. 44.

Luebeck. Post 98, 114.

Luxemburg. P. W. I. 112; II. 3, 25; pre cancels: Phil. 307; falsifications: V. K. B. 2, 97; S. C. F. XIV. 247; N. F. T. 160.

Macao. Falsifications: Le Post 83.

Federated Malay States. T. P. 27; W. E. P. VI. 50; P. S. IV. 163; G. S. W. X. 304.

Malta. T. P. 1; G. S. W. IX. 73, 137, 222, 364, 427; P. S. III. 210; P. Z. 89, 109, 125.

Marianna Islands. F. P. B. 305, 334, 464; obliterations: Post 47, 78; F. P. B. 325, 467; I. Z. d. K. 83, 85; falsifications: D. S. Z. 74.

Marshall Islands. F. P. B. 308, 410; G. B. 11, 18, 39; Post 28; obliterations: Post 32, 176; F. P. B. 426; I. Z. d. K. 86, 98, 100.

Mauritania. Dues: G. S. W. 255.

Mauritius. S. L. I. 253; T. P. 57; P. S. V. 147; issue of 1847: D. B. Z. 52; I. B. J. 260; B. B. Z. 433.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Post 66.

Mecklenburg-Strelitz. Post 82.

Mexico. M. R. H. P. S. II. 81, 101, 122, 146, III. 19, 36, 52; issue of 1872: G. S. W. X. 444; issue of 1874; G. S. W. X. 36; Guadalajara: B. B. Z. 356.

Modens. P. R. 24, 49.

Moheli. Falsifications: Echo T. 179.

Montenegro. S. F. T. 2; Phil. 106, 133, 274, 312; N. F. T. 133, 149, 173, 193; issue of 1893: K. M. 33; D. B. Z. 155; perforations: D. B. Z. 26; B. B. Z. 247; Phil. 251; obliterations: B. B. Z. 38, 40; falsifications: N. F. T. 58; B. B. Z. 326.

Nangson. K. M. 39; G; S. W. X. 87; 159, 249.

New Caledonia. Le Post 8, 79; N. T. v. P. 48; falsifications: Le Post 274.

New Hebrides. E. W. S. N. 1724, 1732, 1736, 1833; K. M. 35; P. S. V. 10, 32, 40.

Newfoundland. Echo T. 779.

Nova Scotia. P. J. G. B. 261; falsifications: Le Post 439; N. F. T. 207.

New Zealand. Echo T. 93, 253; S. C. F. XV. 124; issue of 1898: B. B. Z. 77, 101, 125, 162, 192; P. S. III. 271; G. S. W. IX. 203; officials: E. W. S. N. 1725; 1736; dues: E. W. S. N. 1736; perforations: P. J. G. B. 161; P. S. IV. 268; V. 102; S. C. F. XV. 104.

New South Wales. Issue of 1851 4: S. C. F. XIV. 237, 247; issue of 1888-9: P. S. IV. 258; Essays: L. P. 168.

Nevis. Falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 261; N. F. T. 57.

Nicaragua. G. S. W. X. 1, 53, 101, 149, 197, 245, 317, 413, 509.

Netherlands. N. T. v. P. 29, 40; M. R. H. P. S. III. 33, 54; B. C. No. 20-3; P. S. IV. 63, 76, 91; issue of 1952: N. T. v. P. 147, 163; issue of 1861-71: B. B. Z. 195; issue of 1872: P. Z. 47; perforations: M. R. H. P. S. II. 137; dues: M. R. H. P. S. II. 139; N. T. v. P. 96; reprints G. S. W. X. 563; falsifications: I. B. J. 268.

Netherland Indies. Issue of 1908: N. T. v. P. 59; proofs: B. B. Z. 33; obliterations: N. T. v. P. I.

Niger Coast. Falsifications: K. M. 46.

North Borneo. Issue of 1909: G. S. W. X. 230; reprints: P. Z. 68; falsifications: Le Post 81, 203; V. K. B. 21, 55; N. F. T. 62, 93, 123; Echo T. 294; G. S. W. IX. 299, 338, 347, 367, 385; X. 16; P. A. 50, 69, 85, 95; N. T. v. P. 116; D. B. Z. 97; F. P. B. 395; S. F. T. 96; P. S. IV. 105, 166; L. P. 104, 120, 157, 167, 172; T. P. 67; S. C. F. XV. 41, 46, 59, 68, 79.

North Nigeria. P. S. III. 173; reprints V. K. B. 2; T. P. 8.

Norway. Dues: I. B. J. 52; S. B. Z. 18; railway stamps: N. F. T. 3, 24; P. Z. 110; private stamps: P. Z. 30, 44.

Nyassa Company. S. F. T. 12.

Orange River Colony. S. C. F. XIV. 245; P. S. IV. 75; M. R. H. P. S. II. 142; entires: N. P. 163.

Orcha. P. S. III. 175; G. S. W. X. 568.

Austria. K. M. 42; issue of 1850: D. B. Z. 25, 166; F. I. B. O. 518; issue of 1907: G. F. No. 6-4; issue of 1908: D. B. Z. 48; newspaper: F. I. B. O. 466, 479; obliterations: K. M. 108; falsifications: P. Z. 35; V. K. B. 12; K. M. No. 2-14; N. F. T. 58.

(To be continued.)

America's Four Great Collections

By O. J. B.

The most valuable stamp collection in the United States, and one of the largest in the world is the famous Worthington collection of Cleveland Ohio. It is noted for blocks of four and stamps on original envelopes. There are many of the world's greatest rarities in the collection such, as the much advertised Mauritius Id., which is on original cover. Another rare specimen is a Hawaiian Missionary, worth over \$4000. The well known 10c Baltimore is also in this collection, which is valued at about \$5,000. The Alexandria provisional is also in this collection, for which it is said Mr. Worthington paid about \$4000 to a Philadelphia firm several years ago. Another valuable stamp is the United States City Dispatch post, worth several thousand dollars. These are only a few of the rare stamps in this great collection, in which stamp after stamp lists high up in price. Experts have recently estimated the value at over three hundred thousand dollars. After the death of Mr. Worthington the collection will not be broken up, but will go to the Cleveland Museum, where it will be exhibited for future philatelic reference.

Probably America's second greatest collection is that owned by Mr. H. J. Duveen of New York. The British Colonials are especially valuable, and British Guiana is practically complete, of which he has a pair of the typeset stamp of 1850, on original envelope. They are valued at about \$5,000 apiece. Also the 1856 4c, which is worth close to \$5000. The whole collection is said to be worth about \$250,000.

Mr. Charles L. Pack has the honor of being the possessor of America's third greatest collection of postage stamps. He is a specialist of British North Americans, of which he has an extra ordinary variety. He started his collection when a student in a Canadian school, and has collected ever since. His collection includes the "1 penny red" Cape "Wood block," of which only two copies are known, the other being in the famous Tapling collection at the British Museum. He also possesses some of the half used British Americans, and many original envelopes, many unused, and blocks of four, also many varieties of shades. He has 187 copies of the famous Cape "wood blocks." His entire collection is valued at about two hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. H. J. Crocker of San Francisco has another valuable collection, which ranks fourth in America's collections. His Hawaiians are especially very valuable, and is probably the most complete in the world, and he has won several championship medals for his Hawaiian stamps. He has a block of six 2c pale blue Hawaiians on bluish white, which would be hard to duplicate. He has many shades, blocks, and unused specimens; also the inverted double surcharged stamp of the provisional government of 1893. He also has many other rare stamps of British Colonies, rare United States, and many others from the world over. His collection is valued at over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

A PROFESSIONAL OPINION.

As a physician, I appreciate the benefits of stamp collecting as a means of relaxation from professional cares, and in a similar way, it stands unsurpassed as one of the most accessible avenues to absolute recreation and mental rest for both mind-worker and hand-worker. If its virtues were known more generally by the alienist and nerve specialist, there would be fewer cases of so-called nervous prostration.—John M. Holt, M. D.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

It is reported that The Wonderland of Stamps, by Dwight Burroughs, is having a very great sale, and is one of the booksellers' best sellers. There is meat in this book for the stamp collector, and the book opens the way to new fields for the specialist. Have you bought your

copy yet? We offer it and the WEST one year at price of the book \$1.50.

Commemorative stamps are the most stimulating tonics for stamp collectors. Oftimes a collector is having half a mind to "quit", when along comes a commemorative issue of stamps and renewed interest in the fine art of stamp collecting is engendered in the person of the almost dormant collector.

Our advertisers must look to their laurels. The Japanese advance in advertising as in everything else. Here is an illustration. "Our wrapping paper is as strong as the hide of an elephant," "Goods forwarded with the speed of a cannon ball." "Our silks and satins are as soft as the cheeks of a pretty woman, and as beautiful as the rainbow" "Our parcels are packed with as much care as a young married woman takes care of her husband."

The stamps of the various Australian Colonies are already interchangeable, orders to that effect having been given on October 13th.

Recent reports from Belgium are that the charity stamps issued some months ago have not been particularly successful and the period of sale has been extended through January 13, 1911. They will be good for postage only until June 30th, next.

Some values of the Montenegro jubilee set announced some months ago, have appeared.

You can tell whether a postmark has been cleaned from a stamp by photographing it. No matter how good the cleaner cleaned the stamp, the marks of the postmark can be seen in a photograph of it.

The post office Department sprung a genuine surprise upon collectors last month. Without previous announcement the current United States stamps began to appear with a brand new watermark. The letters of this watermark are smaller than the old, the idea being that one letter shall appear plainly upon each stamp. The new letters are also single-line, instead of double-line.

It is believed that the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c, which are made in sheets of 400, have already been printed upon the new paper. The special delivery, the postage dues and the new postal savings bank stamps will also be printed with the new watermark as fast as needed. Of the 50c and \$1 00 stamps a sufficient supply on the old paper is now said to be on hand to last some time. If a general new series should appear within a year it is possible that these high values in the present colors will not be printed on the new paper at all.

If dealers producing "house organs" would use the money which it costs them to make the production to good advantage in advertisements in the stamp papers and magazines, perhaps it would help the stamp papers to get more subscribers. Subscribers to stamp papers want to see dealers' advertisements in the papers they subscribe to. When they don't see the dealers' advertisement in some papers, they either think the paper is not worth the advertisement or that the dealer is not large enough to advertise in all the papers. Which is it?

Our own Uncle Sam is certainly making philatelic history with his new issues now-a-days.

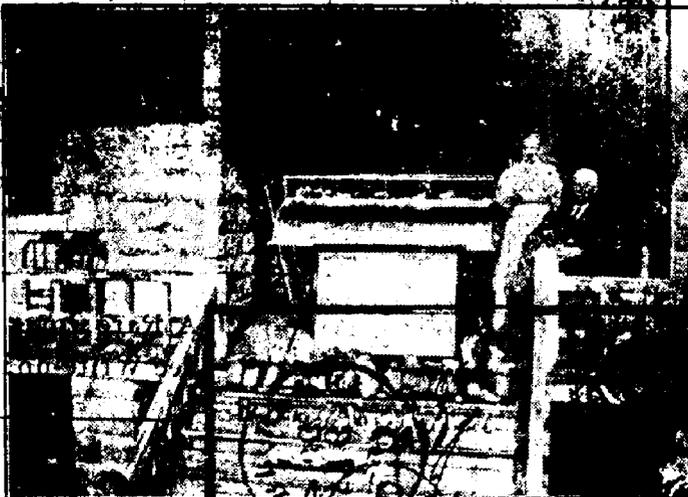
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Thornbrough, Lincoln, Nebraska, in part of his collection of relics.

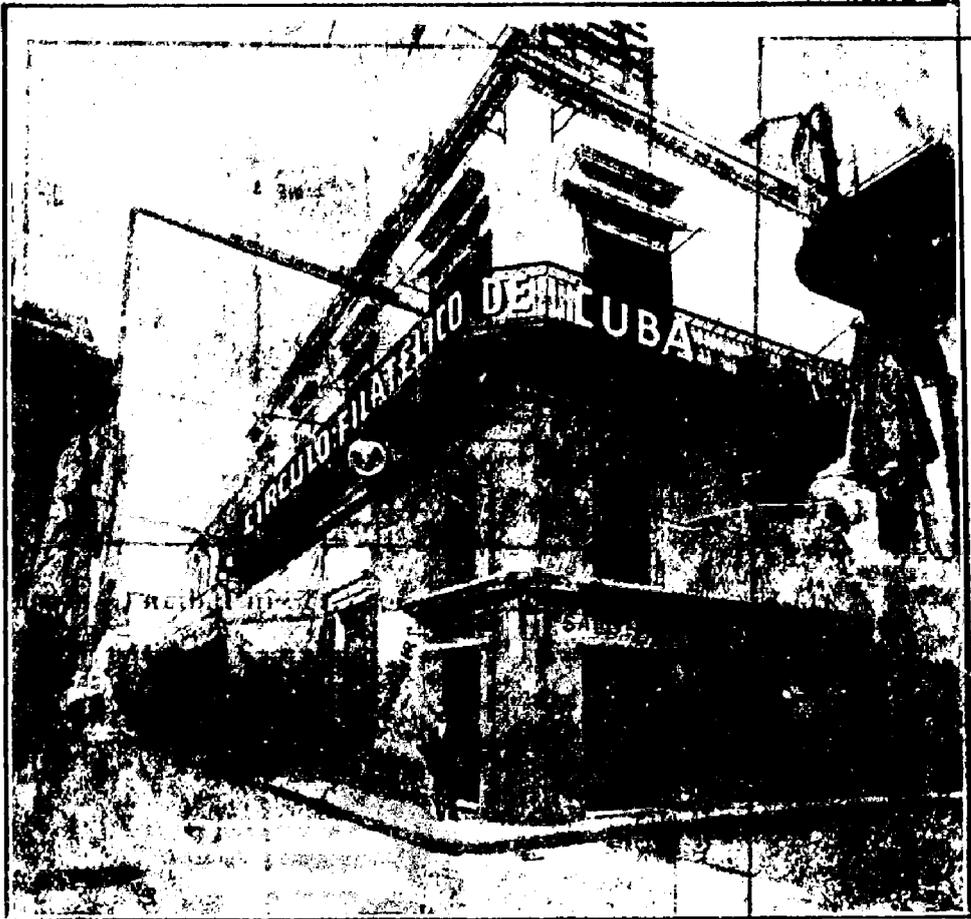


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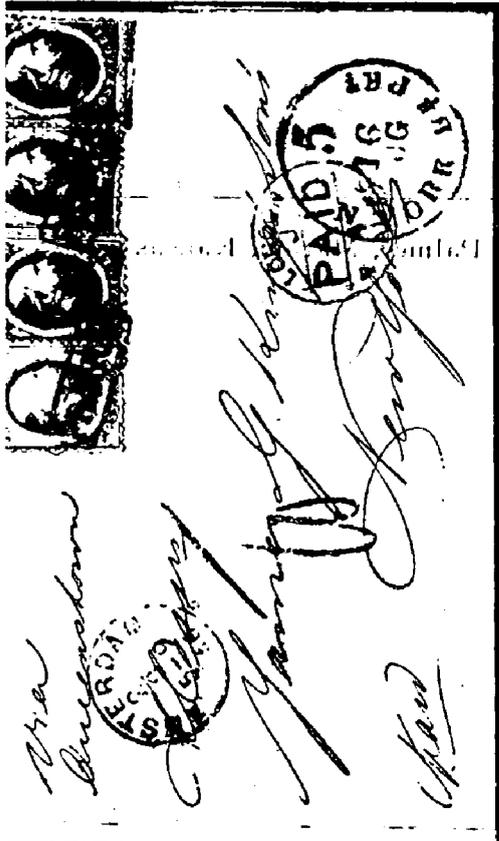
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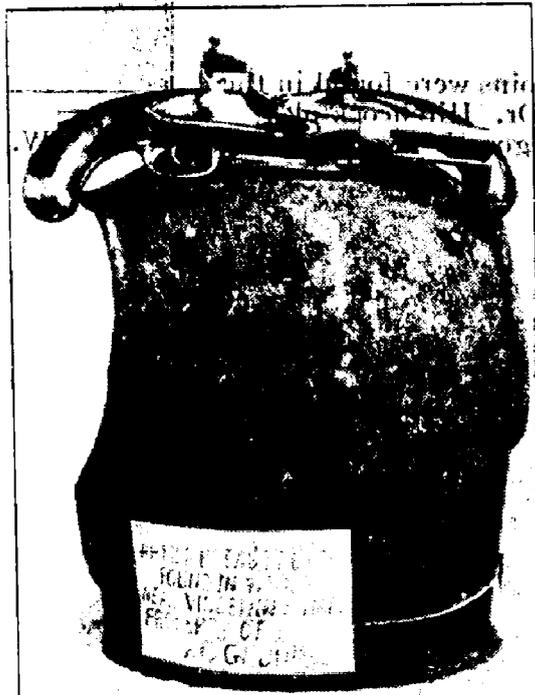


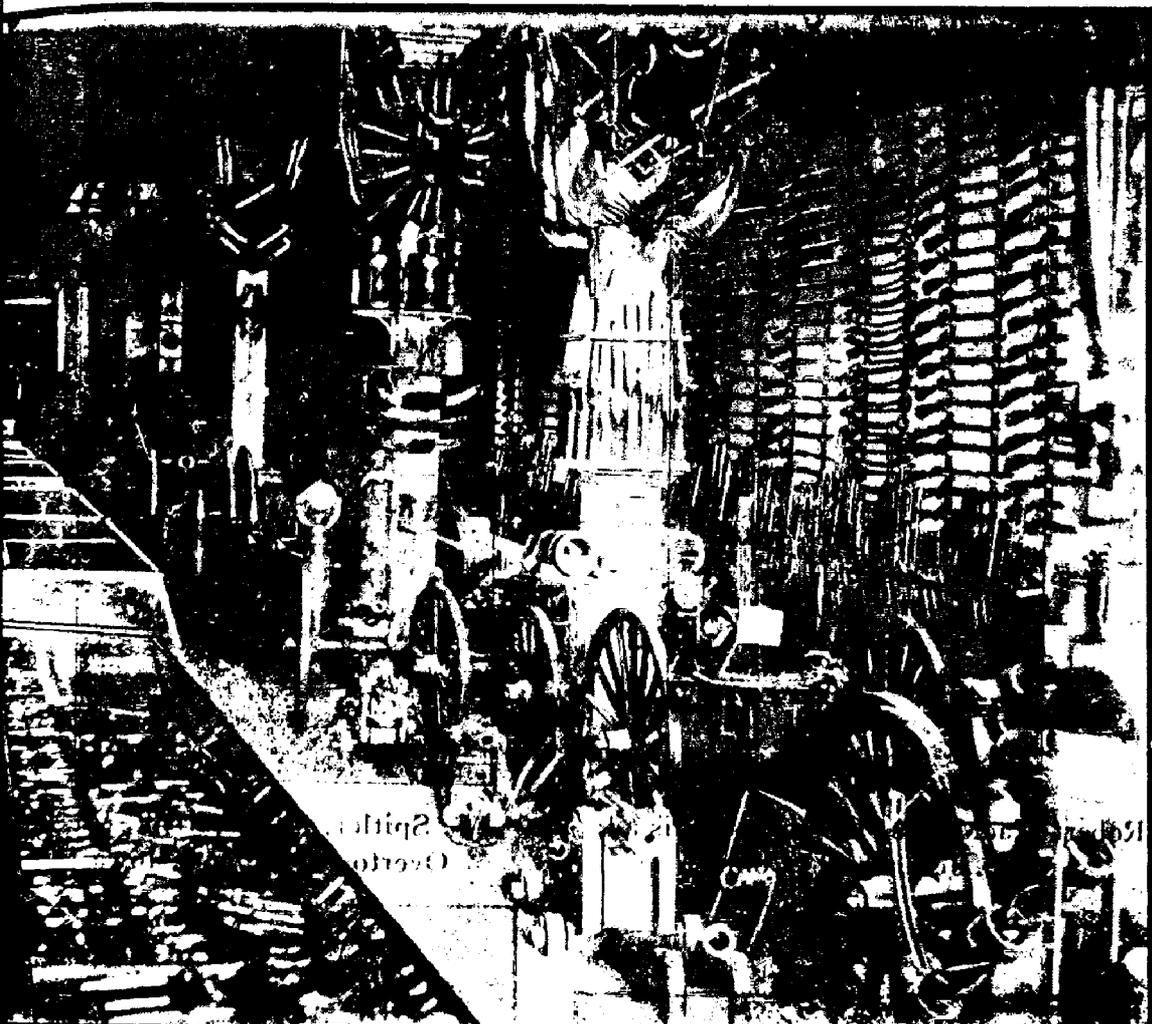
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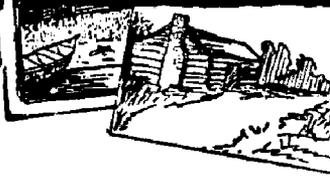


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Various pretty new cards from New York show the Literary Landmarks of New York. Places associated with memories of Washington Irving, John Howard Payne, N. P. Willis and various others whose names belong to the history of American letters. Nearly all the homes of the writers who are living now or have lived within the past third of a century are to be found about either Washington or Stuyvesant Squares. The area covered by these little parks and their immediate vicinity is still what it was in the days of Artemus Ward, the literary center of the town, and includes nine tenths of the places that are likely to be of interest to the student of Manhattan's Literary history. In early times the Park Theatre was the resort of fashion and Castle Garden a popular place of entertainment, the neighborhood of the Battery was the favorite literary quarter of New York—if literary quarter there was at that time; while at the other end of the town, just beyond the Harlem River, Edgar Poe had his home in the little frame house which is still standing on the hill above Fordham station. As for the Battery, it is impossible to picture it in those early days without Irving, Halleck, etc. Nearly the whole literary history of the city from the time of the Civil war belongs to what might be termed the 14th St. latitude, which includes both the Squares mentioned and extends from Sixth Ave. to Second. On the eastern side of Washington Square, at the corner of Waverly Pl., a tall business block marks the site of the old University Bldg., one of the earliest. Rose Hawthorne lived for a time in an apartment house on the western side of the Washington Square. Edgar Poe had his home at one time in this neighborhood. Richard Watson, Gilder Paul Potter and others lived there until recently. The house is still standing at 24 Clanton Pl., where the Century Club was founded by some of the best known artists and written of fifty years ago. In a back alley on the South side of 20th St., is a curious little house within whose walls have been gathered many of the best known literary men of the present day. At one time the home of Edwin A. Abbey it afterwards served as a home for an association of artists called the Tile Club, and for the fortnightly meetings of the Author's Club during the earlier years of its existence.

Laurence Hutton was entertained there on the eve of his marriage by a small company of his friends which included Mark Twain, Edwin Booth, Julian Haw-

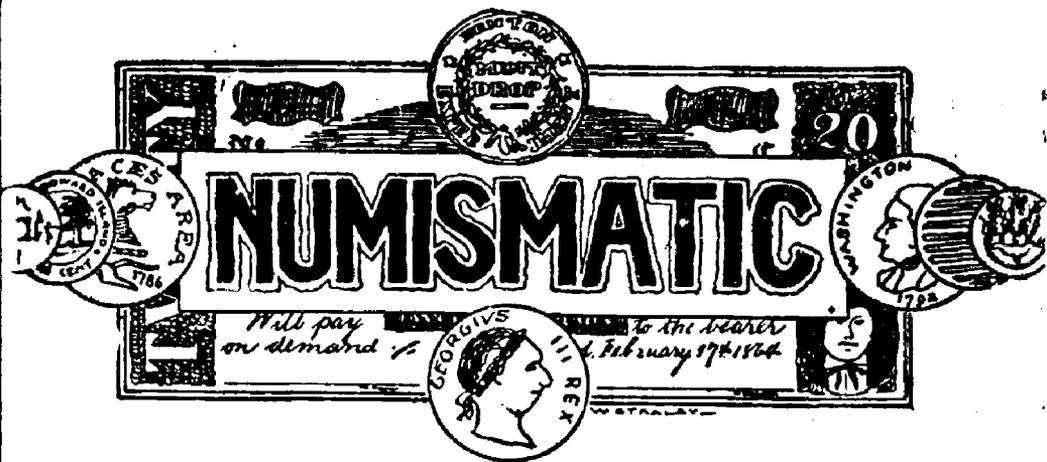
thorne, John Fiske, H. C. Bunner and others. Getting back to Stuyvesant Square, east of it rather, the venerable poet Richard H. Stoddard and his wife—the latter a writer of no small note in her day—have lived for nearly thirty years; and here Mr. Stoddard has gathered together a large number of interesting and valuable autograph letters and other relics and curios. In this house lives also the poet son, Lorrimer.

James Parton and his wife, Fanny Fern had their home near the square on second Avenue, and at its northeastern corner there is a building formerly a private residence, but now divided into apartments which has sheltered at various times many literary men of great note. Washington Irving's old home is also standing at the corner of 17th St., and Irving Place. It can be recognized by its curious projecting windows, which were constructed by its owner in order that he might have a view of the shipping on the East River. Some three blocks above the old Irving house on the western side of 4th Ave. stands a small double house which was noted thirty years ago and more as the scene of some of the most remarkable literary and social gatherings of the period. Herein were entertained men and women of eminence in art, letters and journalism. The Merchantile Library in Astor Place occupies a site that lives in the history of the town as the scene of the bloody riot that grew out of the bitter rivalry between Marcready and Forrest. In Lafayette St. nearby we find the Astor Library, always a favorite resort of writers and scholars, but the house in which Charles Astor Bristed lived on the same street has long since been destroyed. It was in this house that part of "The Upper Ten Thousand," the first novel of New York society was written.

There are writers to be found in other parts of the town, and some have even made their homes in Brooklyn, but the only quarter that could ever lay claim to any distinction as a literary center is the one alluded to here. The fact is that most of the publishing houses and magazine offices in the city are situated within the limit of these literary landmarks.

Visitors coming to my place, and I am often honored by a great many from the very prominent noted persons, appreciate the collection and on taking leave invariably express their amazement at what they had seen and heard and the pleasure it afforded. At home the collection is, as it were, unappreciated and I am alluded to as a junk shop dealer. While it has not the least semblance to Indian relics, consisting as it were of implements of the stone age, a tall slender full blood Indian girl, wearing an Indian blanket, hair hanging straight down and very long, beautiful to behold, intelligent, educated, very elite, was wandering over our city, viewing the sights. She stopped in front of my window which was filled with a collection of stone implements and raised her hands as in the attitude of prayer, crossing her hands over her heart and gazed as if paying reverence to them. I said, "Those interest you?" She replied "Those are reminders and sacred adornments of my people. Yes." So I invited her in to revel with them to her heart's content. She said "If they were mine I would not allow human hand to touch them, so sacred are they. I wonder that you would allow it." My question as to who made such articles and how such difficult and seemingly impossible things were made, so unsolvable by the most learned human beings, was answered by a look pitying my ignorance and showing sympathy for it. Raising her hand gracefully in a sweet poetic voice she said, "Those were not made by human hand. The Great Spirit made them and laid them in the path of the Red Man."

G. W. BANTZ, North Vernon, Ind.



The Coins of King Edward VII.

By Edgar Lincoln

With the current English coins now in circulation, issued by our late beloved King Edward VII., DEI GRATIA or D. G. (By the grace of God) appears on all his coins, as shown by illustrations of the Florin, Shilling and Farthing.

But strange to say that with some of the Colonial coins the omission is made and also in many of the earlier English Coins. In some cases coins with the letters D. G., or words DEI GRATIA appear, and in others they are omitted on coins of the same reign.

For instance, as far back as Edward III. the silver groat has the D. G. for Dei Gratia added to the King's name for the first time on coins (although they appeared upon the seals from the time of William II.), but with his coins of smaller denominations these letters are omitted, and the same irregularity occurs on most of the later reigns.

With Charles II. the silver coins have Dei Gratia or D. G., but the copper have not, the same applies to the coins of James II., William and Mary, and William III.

With the coins of Queen Anne, Dei Gratia appears in all cases. With George I. and II. the silver has the letterings or words, and on the copper they are omitted.

George III. silver has the wording, and the inscription as seen by above.

George IV. and William IV. the wording appears and also of Victoria except the small florin that was issued in 1849 with inscription "Victoria Regina" only; the absence of the words Dei Gratia caused a storm of indignation and remonstrance, and at once this coin received the title of the "Godless" florin, and the authorities felt compelled to withdraw this issue and in place of it issued a larger florin with Dei Gratia appearing on it. See ad of writer.

The above roughly describes the English series.—From English Paper.

A police officer has learned by chance, says a Brussels message, that in September 1908, during the execution of some work in a building in the Rue Assault, the workmen discovered a copper cauldron containing thousands of pieces of money of the 13th Century, making them 80,000 English gold pieces. The owner of the building states that he sent the treasure to England.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to the 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 Gainer

Closer and closer connection is yearly being established between the sciences of mineralogy, geology, meteorology, etc. They all have to do with the past, present and future life of this great sphere on which we live.

The United States Geological Survey is at present taking account of many things other than merely those relating to geology alone. The present behavior and past history of Great Salt lake is attracting more and more attention each year and is now the object of a special investigation by the survey. The United States weather bureau precipitation records, beginning in 1863, present a comparatively accurate record of the levels of Great Salt lake, dating back to the year 1850. In 1850 the lake stood at 3 feet. In 1868 the water rose to 14 feet, dropped to 7.5 feet in 1873, and rose again to 14 feet in 1877. The lake then gradually lowered until the water stood at 2.4 feet in 1902, and 2.2 feet in 1905. Since 1905 the water has gradually risen, reaching the 6-foot mark in May 1910. The lake is now falling.

Many millions of dollars have been spent in the construction of railroads and resorts over or near the shores of the Great Salt lake. If data can be secured which will enable one to make a reliable prediction as to the behavior of the lake ten years in advance, the information would be of inestimable value. It will be necessary to determine whether or not there are regular periods of wet and dry years; also to determine this point one should have precipitation records dating back 100 years or more.

Taking, for example, a forest tree which is some distance from a flowing stream, and one which receives no moisture from artificial sources. It is believed that the annual growth of this tree would bear a direct relation to the amount of precipitation which fell during the winter just prior to the growing season. The amount of growth made during each year may be determined by measuring the thickness of the tree's annular rings. The temperature during the growing season would have its effect upon the growth of the tree, and it is therefore not expected that the data obtained from measuring the thickness of annular rings would give reliable records for successive years where there is little variation in the annual precipitation. It seems reasonable to believe that the high, normal and low years can be determined.

The forest service has extended its assistance in this interesting investigation by cutting a big tree from the big cottonwood drainage area which lies about ten miles southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah. This tree is between 400 and 500 years old. A section will be cut and polished in order that the thickness of the

annular rings may be easily measured. A thorough study will be made of the first sixty annular rings, and a comparison made with the sixty year record of the levels of Great Salt Lake. If a definite relation can be determined showing that a certain amount of precipitation produces a ring of certain thickness, this relation can then be applied back to the center of the tree and an estimate thereby secured for the annual precipitation for a period of 400 to 500 years. An effort will be made to complete this study during the next few months.

Any information concerning the progress of this work can be secured by writing or calling upon C. E. LaRue, district engineer, Water Resources Branch, U. S. Geological Survey, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Autographs and Play Bills--By C.B.Lovell

While rummaging through an old trunk on rainy day, I found an old Boston Museum play bill, all yellow and crumpled with age. Glancing down the cast of characters I found all the familiar stars of today playing in this stock company. Among the players were John Drew, Ada Rehan, Augustin Daly, Annie Yeamans, Otis Skinner and many other of the leading players of today and also a few who have passed away in the years since then. From that day I took an active interest in playbills. My thoughts then turned to the signatures of celebrities and combining the two, I found one of the most pleasant hobbies that I have ever enjoyed.

To have on the walls of your library around you the handwriting and playbills of celebrities who held their popularities in the time of the Great Civil War and even earlier is a source of continued inspiration.

The most valuable thing to my mind of my entire collection which numbers some three hundred lots is the programme of the first appearance of any stage of Edwin Booth on Sept. 10, 1849, with his father in the Shakesperian production Richard Third. This rare and valuable program which I have refused to collectors from all parts of the world announces an exhibition of glass blowing between the acts.

Not only have I hoarded together articles of dramatic worth, but I have amongst my collection the signature of early colonial celebrities and from then on up to the present time listing my last article as an autograph of Theodore Roosevelt signed while police commissioner in New York City.

The worst difficulty in the collecting of autographs and play bills lies in the fact that you seem to be all alone. There is no association of collectors of this kind, no books written on the subject and outside of that delightful paper The Collector published By Mr. Benjamin of New York, there are no publications on the subject in this country.

I should be more than pleased to get into communication with other collectors in the quest for autographs and perhaps by this method organize ourselves into some kind of a body and not be drifting around with no idea how to increase or better our collections.

I shall be pleased to hear from such of the readers of this magazine as are interested in this branch of collecting. All letters pertaining to the above will be cheerfully answered if sent to this address: 62 Florence St. Worcester, Mass.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following numbers expire before February 1. Please renew at once: 924, 1120, 1271, 1325, 1367, 1668, 1695, 1698, 1699, 1716, 1724, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured:
 1510. Donald W. Martin—1

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

2030. J. R. McFaran, 1120 N. 17th St., Omaha, Neb., writes that he desires exchange with U. S. members as well as foreign and especially desired Mexico, South and Central America.

SPECIAL TO NON-MEMBERS.

Believing that numerous card collectors have subscribed to the WEST in the past few months, who are not members of the UNION, we are making the following exceptional offer: All subscribers to this paper (not belonging to our Club) who send the Secretary 20 cents during the next thirty days, will have their names placed on our list as full members, will receive the membership certificate and complete list of members, and be entitled to all benefits of the Society for one year (except that no official organ can be furnished). It is very unusual for Clubs to make such an offer as this during the winter months when collecting is at its height, and we trust large numbers of collectors will take advantage of it.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

2047. Everett O. Phillips, Box 771, Oshawa, Ont., Canada.

RENEWALS.

945. Alois Vedernjak, 243 E. 87th St., New York City (foreign only).
 1637. Bernhard Easterling, 621 W. 27th St., Kearney, Nebr.
 1710. Mrs. Jessie Beals, 2531 Tenth St., Boulder, Colo. (sends first).
 1900. Chester Juntti, 104 Washington St., Astoria, Ore.

NEW MEMBERS.

2066. Lambert Rossler, Pfaizerstrasse 13, Magdeburg, Germany; colored cards only; stamp view side. Also exchanges good cards for stamps.
 2067. Nicolai Brasol, Kolokolnia 5, logt. 2, St. Petersburg, Russia. City

views only; stamp view side. Speaks German, French, Russian.

2068 Georges A. Araman, Box 85, Poste Allemande, Beyrouth, Syria; corresponds in French.

2069 Harry Bauer Jr., 311 Mifflin St., Butler, Pa.; scenery only.

2070. Fred W. Baltz, Route 1, Box 90 Sheboygan, Wis.; views only.

2071. L. E. Kane, Box 131, Conad, Montana, good colored views—no comics.

2072. Rudolph Falke, Hedwigstrasse 6, Eblefeld, Germany; only very fine views stamp view side.

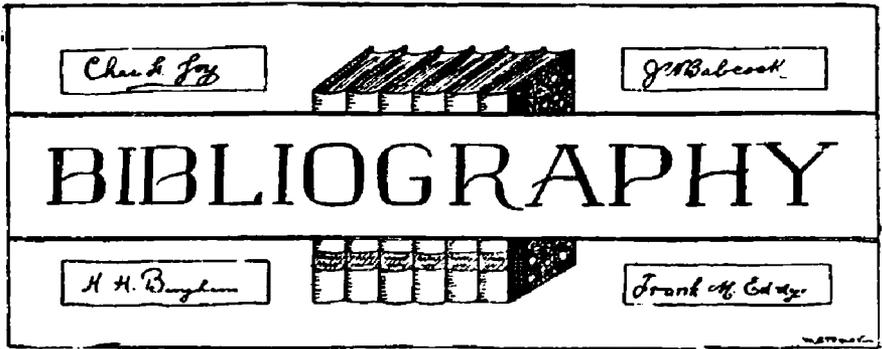
2073 Paul Kopka, Kalkau, Kreis Neisse, Germany; fine colored view cards, stamp view side. Sends first to U. S. members.

We are constantly in receipt of inquiries as to the best method of cleaning coins and are inclined to give Punch's celebrated reply to "advice to those about to get married." "Don't." From what we can learn the advice has not been taken to any considerable extent. A similar answer to the coin query would meet with the same result but we must say, don't attempt to clean or improve any valuable coin unless you are an expert and even then it is better to let the "expert" who buys it do the cleaning. Don't use sapolio polishing powders or acids on any coin. Some of this kind has been found in the deposits of the Nebraska Portland Cement Co., Superior, Nebr., U. S. A. See their ad.

Any coin can be washed in soap and water, green soap is the best, without injury and this can be applied with a brush to all except proof specimens. Gold, although the most valuable, can have more liberties taken with it than either of the baser metals. Usually there is only dirt to be removed but occasionally we find stains or deposits of other metals which can be removed by acids without injury to the coin. Silver is frequently found stained from contact with rubber bands. These marks cannot be removed except by removing the silver with the stain and of course is not to be thought of. Silver exposed to the sun will turn black and if the stain is of long standing cannot be removed without injury to the coin, but if of comparative recent date can be removed by a bath of from six to one hundred hours in a strong solution of green soap, but the soap must not be allowed to become incrustated on the coin. If this treatment fails the coin can be left for a long period in a pint of water to which five drops of sulphuric acid have been added. After a thorough washing in green soap a bath in strong ammonia will remove the last vestige of stain. Ammonia is also an excellent wash for base silver or billon coins which easily turn black with age and accumulate dirt. Copper is the most difficult of all to clean and the only safe treatment is to wash in soap and water with a stiff brush but care must be taken to stop the instant the first sign of redness appears.

Proof silver tarnishes very easily and must be kept from light and wrapped in good paper uncontaminated by any chemical substance. To remove the tarnish the coin can be dipped for an instant in a solution of cyanide of potash, then rinsed in pure water and wiped dry with a soft piece of linen. Cyanide is a deadly poison and must be handled with great care; moreover some people are very sensitive to the fumes. Occasionally ancient coins of great value are found badly stained or corroded—do not attempt to clean these but give them to an expert for treatment.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

If you want to boom things like the man who is wise.
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BOOK COLLECTING--By Philip Whiteway

(Continued from last issue.)

It is not till 1540 that we find a book illustrated with engravings in this country. This was Thomas Raynald's "Byyth of Mankynde," which contains four plates of surgical diagrams. In 1545 another medical book appeared, the "Compendiosa" of T. Geminum. It has a frontispiece with the arms of Henry VIII., and forty plates of anatomical subjects. Other editions were issued in 1553 and 1554, the title-page of the latter has a portrait of Queen Elizabeth in place of the royal arms.

The "Stirpium Advasaria" of Pena and Lobel, issued in 1570, is embellished with a beautifully engraved title page. Archbishop Parker's "Bible" of 1568 contains notable portraits of Elizabeth, the Earl of Leicester, and Lord Burleigh. The 1572 edition of the same work has, in addition to the portraits, a map of the Holy Land, with the following inscription in an ornamental label—"Graven by Humfray Cole, goldsmith, an Englishman, born in ye north, and pertayning to the mint in the Tower, 1572." Saxton's "Atlas" appeared in 1579, and was the earliest book of its kind printed in England. Most of the maps were the work of native engravers, for A. Ryther and Augustine Reynolds were responsible for at least eight of them. The most ambitious book illustrated with metal plates published in this country in the sixteenth century, is Sir J. Barrington's "Aristotle," which is embellished with no less than fifty plates—a large number for those days.

The great collection of voyages issued under the name of "Purchas his Pilgrims" was printed in five large folio volumes, 1625-6; and was adorned with finely engraved plates by Elstrack; in addition, it has a famous map of the world—the work of Hondius.

The first edition of Walton's "Angler" was printed by R. Marriot in 1653 (16mo.), with plates in the text, engraved on steel by Lombart.

The French artist-engraver, Cochin, gave a great impetus to the art of engraving books. From his earliest years he worked for the publishers, inventing frontispieces, ornamented letters, and tailpieces, or engraving on copper the designs of other artists. Cochin was highly educated, a gentleman, an epicurean, a spendthrift, the friend of great nobles, and a protege of Madame de Pompadour. Most of his work was executed for Jombert, a learned bookseller and publisher. It was in this house that Cochin produced his best frontispieces, among them being that of the "Astronomie Physique," the "Calcul Differentiel," and the title-page of the "Method de Dessin," after Boucher. He was one of the first artists

produce engraved title-pages, of the style that remained in vogue until the latter years of the eighteenth century.

The small engravings, known as vignettes, were very characteristic of the French books of this period. Originally the vignette was a small device, representing fruit or grasses, which was placed at the head of the first page of a book or chapter. The eighteenth century vignettes were small historical or allegorical composition, having some analogy to the subject of the book. Later, the name vignette was extended to all the small engravings in a book, whether they formed head or tail-pieces, or were included in the ornamentation of the frontispiece. Nearly all the frontispieces with vignettes engraved in the eighteenth century have an elaborate draped border, with garlands of flowers and amorini, in the centre (as in a frame) is the title printed in red and black, and frequently a scroll inscribed with the printer's name. Representations of little winged cupids, goddesses and gods were very popular, the goddesses were often portraits of Madame de Pomadour or the princesses; the kings and princes were the gods.

The celebrated French artist-engraver Gravelot emigrated to London and illustrated many English books in the early part of the eighteenth century. His "Songs in the Opera of Flora" (1737) was one of his earliest works. Gravelot's charm of style was perhaps best exemplified in his engravings to Fielding's "Tom Jones" (4 vols. 4to. 1750), in which the graceful attitudes and poses of his characters have rarely been surpassed. He designed a set of plates to Shakespeare (12mo.), in 1740, and a second (4to) in 1744, in addition to numerous frontispieces and other plates in all kinds of books—such as Richardson's "Pamela" (1742).

Hogarth engraved the plates for Butler's "Hudibras" in 1744; and among other curiosities of English engraving before 1750, were Sturt's edition of the Prayer Book (1717), and an edition of "Horace" (1733) illustrated by Pine.

That the taste for books with pictures soon became general is evidenced by the publication of Boydell's "Shakespeare" in nine volumes, folio, commenced in 1791, and adorned with 100 plates from pictures especially painted for the work: Claude's "Liber Veritatis," with 300 engravings, by R. Earlom (1777); Sir R. Strange's engravings of fifty historical prints (about 1750); and 150 plates to Shakespeare, engraved by S. and E. Harding (1793), all of which cost large sums to produce, and greatly contributed to the formation of public taste.—Eng. Paper.

THE SHEKEL.

The Shekel (from shakal, to weigh) was originally a certain standard weight among the ancient Hebrews. Gradually it became a normal piece of money, both in gold and silver, marked in some way or other as a coin, but not stamped. The gold shekel is reckoned approximately to contain 161 Troy grains, the silver shekel 275. It was first under the Maccabaeans that national currency began to be struck, adorned with sacred emblems, and with inscriptions in the native language and characters. One writer assumes that Jewish coins have existed since the time of Alexander the Great. In the year 138 B. C. Antiochus VII gave permission to strike these coins. The emblems are sacred branches, sheaves, flowers, grasses, &c., and the legend (in a peculiarly ancient "Samaritan" alphabet) contains the date, the name of the Jewish ruler, and the inscriptions "Shekel of Israel," "Jerusalem the Holy," "Redemption of Israel." The value of the silver shekel is reckoned to be something over fifty cents.

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Forest Gaines, President of The American Geological Association

Mr. Forest Gaines, whose articles under the head of "Mineralogy" have appeared in this magazine for several years, was recently elected President of The American Geological Association.

In the same election the other officers were elected as follows: Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Lysitt, of Little Falls, N. Y. Treasurer, Miss Myra W. Case, of West Hartford, Conn. Solicitor, Prof. Carl Gottschalck of Bozeman, Mont. Librarian, Walter D. Weinland of Hope, Ind. Of these Mrs. Lysitt and Mr. Weinland were re-elected from the old board.

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SOME NEW ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF ANCIENT HISTORY.—By Norcross

There has recently been brought to the United States by Prof. Henry Muller of the University of Pennsylvania what he says to be the largest collection of papyrus ever brought into this country at one time. He has been spending a number of months in Egypt and besides bringing the above mentioned collection has brought 300 inscriptions found in that ancient temple of Philae, on the Island of Philae. These ancient documents are expected to give information on the great international wars of Egypt that happened during the Greek period somewhere about 200 years before Christ and some of these documents go back even as far as 700 years before Christ. The Museum of Arts and Science of the University of Pennsylvania with this addition are said to have the finest collection of Egyptian and Babylonian documents in this country.

An Ancient Relic

Mr. W. J. Chamberlain, of Denver, Colo., possessed a valuable relic in the form of a small jug of white vitrified ware with figures in relief, with a pewter lid, that is the oldest, and doubtless the first bit of English pottery ever brought west of the Missouri river.

In the early days, 1856, W. Green Russell came to Colorado to prospect for gold, in the Pike's Peak district, and with him came an old prospector named Arthur Akers. Akers carried in his "pack" this queer looking jug of porcelain.

Arriving at the head waters of Cherry creek, these early day prospectors found a band of Indians encamped thereabouts. The red men had never before seen a porcelain vessel, and this jug of the white man was looked upon by the Indians with a great deal of awe and reverence, and its owner immediately became a "medicine man," and his possession of this ancient bit of English ware secured for Akers absolute immunity from danger.

Mr. Chamberlain had been interested in the old prospector and "grubstaked" him many times, and when Akers passed over the "great divide," he bequeathed to his friend the jug which possessed such great value in his estimation; this conclusion being borne out by the fact that Akers never left the jug out of his sight during all his prospecting pilgrimages in the mountains. How the fragile bit of ware ever escaped destruction under such circumstances is truly marvelous.

When Akers gave Mr. Chamberlain the jug, he stated that he had taken it from a British brig of war, the Royal Charter, in 1856 which was then cruising in Cuban waters. Mr. Chamberlain has possessed this interesting and ancient bit of pottery for the past thirty-five years, and will doubtless present it to a Denver museum as a reminder to future generations of the early days gold diggers.—
Sent by H. G. Ferris.

THE BODY OF HENRY VI OF ENGLAND.—By Norcross.

Some interesting documents now lie in full view of visitors to Westminster Abbey Chapter House and they are in connection with the supposed discovery of the body of Henry VI in St. Georges Chapel at Windsor. These manuscripts have for many years suggested that Henry VI was buried in the abbey. The first manuscript which bears the sign manuel of Henry VII is a bond from one George Fastel, who was then the Abbott of Westminster, dated July 6th, 1498, to pay 500 pounds to aid the King in transferring the body of his Uncle, Henry VI, from Windsor Collegiate Church to the Abbey Church at Westminster. And the second manuscript is equally as strong as the first in that respect as it is emphatic about the money having been paid. It is the roll of account of one John Islip, the sacrist of Westminster Abbey, dated Michaelmas Day, 1501, and contains among other items the payment of the \$2500.00. These records with the other documents and records of the chronicles of old believed that the body was actually removed to some unknown place in the Abbey. For had not Henry VI himself on the occasion of a visit to the Abbey said "Lend me your staff, good Lord Cromwell. It is not fitting I should have a place here, where my Fathers and ancestors lie, near St. Edward." And then he pointing with the white staff to a point between the tomb of Edward the Confessor, founder of the church, said to the nobles who were with him, "Here, methinketh, is a convenient place, Forsooth, forsooth, here will he lie." and taking an iron pike the master mason of the Abbey traced the position of the grave the marks of which were discernable to many generations of pilgrims. In Henry VI's time preparation was made at the Abbey for the body of Henry VI from Windsor, but the bones have been found in St. George's Chapel.



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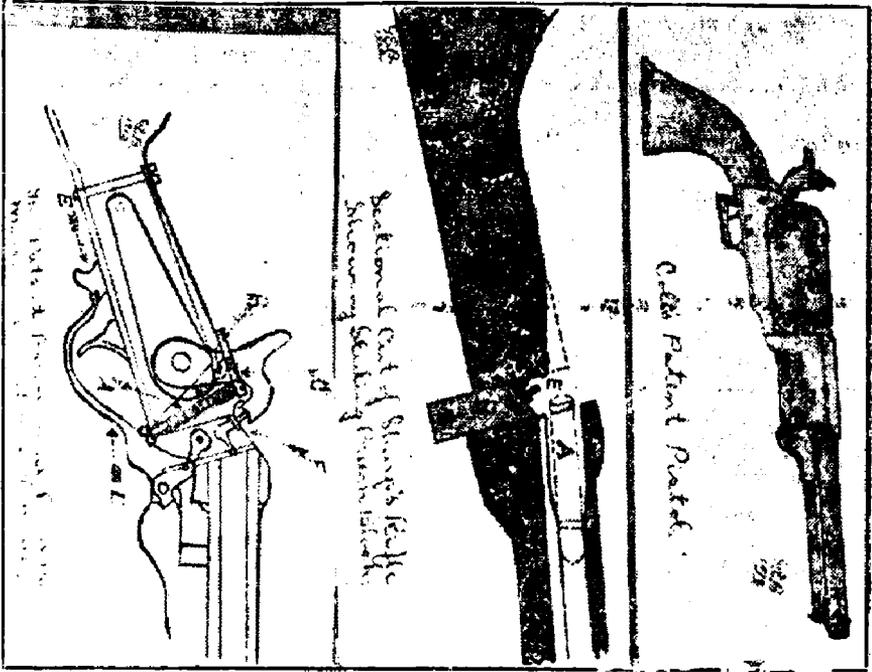
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SHARP'S MAGAZINE-PRIMER RIFLE.

This weapon was undoubtedly the most deadly fire-arm of its age considering it from the work it was intended to perform. Its inventor, Christian Sharp, startled the military world by proving that ten shots per minute could be fired from this rifle, each of which could destroy human life at a distance of a mile. During the excitement of a battle an inexperienced soldier could at least fire 50 shots per minute, so a thousand men could fire 360,000 per hour.

To appreciate the importance of the possibilities of this rifle in the early fifties it should be viewed from the standpoint of then, and not now, when our up to-date military rifles far exceed the 1852 Sharp's as it did in its time surpass the old inaccurate and slow muzzle-loader. So effective was its fire from well trained men that the ones using it were called "Sharp shooters"—an important military phrase of today applied to troops using any deadly rifle with deadly aim. This rifle was loaded at the breech with paper cartridges, size about 32 gage. Referring to the first illustration: The breech block B, which took the place of the muzzle-loader's breech pin, is a single piece of solid steel, shown lowered, to permit loading. On the cone E the primer is exploded, causing the discharge of the load in the barrel. The breech-block is raised or lowered by the lever action of the guard as can be seen from the second illustration. When the cartridge is inserted, and the breech is raised its cutting edge on the anterior upper side removes the end of the paper cartridge and exposes its powder to the action of the primer. By many its primer is considered its most interesting feature. Before 1852 the Sharp's rifles employed kernels of fulminate inclosed in paper strips called Maynard's Patent Priming, but Mr. Sharps found this unsatisfactory on account of its uselessness when exposed to moisture. Therefore the ingenious inventor contrived the primer lock that is illustrated in the last drawing consists of the tube A, which is of steel 2 1/2 of an inch in diameter and 2 inches in length. This is called the magazine. In the bottom of this magazine is a spring above which are 60 thin, round, copper envelopes of fulminate, perfectly waterproof. The spring pushes these primers up against the slide C. When the hammer is at full cock the slit B, operated by C's arm which is connected to the lock plate, draws C from over the magazine, and allows one of the tiny discs to place itself in front of C. Upon pulling the trigger, the slide throws the copper primer through the air in front of the hammer. The hammer propels this primer toward the cone where it is instantly exploded and ignites the charge in the barrel. Perhaps the most curious part of this mechanism is the manner in which

the disc is struck while flying in the air between the hammer and cone. It matters not in what position the gun may be, the primer never fails to explode in the proper place. This contrivance was soon replaced by the introduction of the metallic cartridge in which the primer is fixed in the metal shell.



(Colt's Patent Pistol was described in last issue.)

Prof. Sawyer, in a letter to the editor, says that in a few months Vol. II of "Firearms in American History" will leave the press. This volume will deal solely with the revolver in American history between 1800 and 1895. It no doubt will be met with the universal appreciation that greeted Vol. I., which has proved the most popular work of its kind in American historical literature.

Collectors of firearms should be careful to remove the old loads that may remain in some of the pistols and guns in their collection. Often arms are found containing a load which seems difficult to remove. If it cannot be safely or easily fired out it would be wise to remove the breech pin and empty by hand. In case a flint lock pistol or gun is of such a nature that it would be damaged by removing the breech pin, the old powder may be removed through the flash hole by picking it with a bent wire, moistened to prevent accidental sparks; fresh powder may be injected and the arm fired, or the ball may be safely drilled out. Do not ever attempt to drill out a ball if there is powder behind it, for the drilling may heat the lead causing the powder to explode.

Do not under any circumstances allow any of your specimens to remain loaded. Go over your collection at once and see if some of your arms are not loaded.

A very prominent firearm collector in the state of Washington, while re-arranging his collection was instantly killed by the sudden and unexpected explosion of an old revolver last month. The revolver has been in his collection many years.

The Lost Mine of Chisos

By James W. Mullens

According to Mexican tradition, there is in the spur of the Rocky mountains which breaks at the Rio Grande, in Texas and takes up the southward course on the other side of that river in Mexico, a rich mine once worked by Indian slaves for their Spanish masters. All actual trace of this mine has been lost for about a century, but from time to time, exploring parties encamp in the region between and around San Antonio, state of Chihuahua, and San Vicente to try their luck. On Halloween, at locating the peak around which the legendary story novers. The formula, according to the tradition of the locality, is to stand upon the lintel of San Vicente church at sunrise, and the peak upon which the rays first fall is the one upon whose sides will be found the lost mine of the Chisos. As usual, however, tradition does not give the season of the year when the charm will work and by this omission hangs not only one but many tales.

The "I spy" neophyte who tries to locate the mine must stand upon the lintels of the church of San Vicente just as the rays of the morning sun shine through a gap in the dark Fronterisas mountains in the rear of the town of San Vicente, and as the point of vision and the slant of the rays will be different at different periods and in different individuals, a great many persons have tried the charm. Not many years ago a company was organized to exploit the mine and spent \$5,000 in pumping the water from a cave on the side of one of the Chisos peaks. They found nothing in the cave. The Chisos and Fronterisas belong to one range of mountains, through which the Rio Grande has cut its channel and valley, the former being in Texas and the latter in Mexico. Chisos is an Indian word said to mean "ghosts", and local tradition says that the Indians massacred the last men who worked the mine, they being Americans. Only three of them escaped, and from them the legendary system of locating the peak and mine was obtained. The residents of San Vicente village are Mexicans, a few Americans and a goodly number of what is locally called "coyotes". They are far above the average of their nationality in intelligence and in commercial lines.

The origin of the name given the mountain peaks dates back farther than the tradition of the mine, and is derived from a species of ignis fatuus which may be seen upon the mountain sides at night. American miners and scientific men have offered numerous reasons for the so called "ghostly lights". Dr. W. D. Phillips of the geological department of the Texas University has written a semi-historical, semi-romantic, semi-scientific book dealing with the stories and traditions of the Chisos as well as giving an explanation of the "Phantom lights". One mountain group is described in particular in his book. It is one of the peaks having the outlines of a priest at the altar, and a nearby peak has the outline of a woman, kneeling, with the form of a baby at her feet. This latter peak is called "The sweetheart of the Chisos." From this, it may be supposed, came the direct connection between the lintel of San Vicente church with the lost mine of the Chisos, as most of the population is devoutly Catholic. The old lintel is said by recent visitors to be nearly worn into three pieces from the kneeling of the devout worshippers and the shod soles of those seeking to locate the peak where the lost mine is. The patron saint of the village is not Vicente, however, but San Antonio, the Restorer, hence all work nicely into the ghost legend.

Scientists, meanwhile discovered that the "phantom lights" were to be seen only after heavy rains or long wet spells, and furthermore that there were beds of

alts of nitrate in considerable quantity in that region. To this they attribute the ignis fatuus—that the salts of nitrate of the mountain side were dissolved by the moisture and formed a gas, which when it reached the surface and the oxygen, was ignited by spontaneous combustion and made the lights. One rather ingenious explanation by a scientific man is that the moon enters into the formation of the lights by crystalization of the rays with the escaping moisture and form a kind of moon rainbow, or a reflection like the phenomenon of a "ring round the moon". This might explain it if the "ghosts" did not persist upon being active on the nights when the moon is not shining!

In a cave at the base of one of the peaks was found a few years ago a skeleton of a man. The stock of his gun, which had been set against the side of the cavern, was rotted off almost to the barrel, and quite a lot of ammunition was found in the cavity. Between the leaves of an old magazine was a \$10 bill, still intact, it having been laid upon a shelving rock and escaped the water which entered the cave. The identity of the skeleton was never established.

Prof. A. B. Davis, writing of the Lost Mine of the Chisos for an eastern paper, has the following to say: "The existence of a rich mine in this section is not improbable, as indications of both silver and gold are plentiful, but it is more probable that some person who was a chemist had spent considerable time in quest of this old mine, and, not finding it, had located the nitrate beds. Knowing of the value of this mineral if found in sufficient quantity, and piqued at the irony of fate, he doubtless passed the story on to others. Many of the stories told in regard to the mine are not consistent with the geographical surroundings."

All of which reminds us of the lesson in the old Goodrich reader, where the dying man told his two sons of a chest of gold being buried on the farm and dying before he could tell its location. They spaded the entire farm over and found nothing, but the younger son, seeing the value of having the land in so fine a state for cultivation, proposed that they plant it in corn, which was done—and presto! the crop sold for enough to fill a "Chest of Gold" with the shining metal! Who knows but the nitrate beds of the peaks of Chisos may develop into the "Lost Mine of Chisos"?

NOTE.—A "coyote" is a localism for a person born of a Mexican woman by an American or white father. It is not in any manner a term of contempt, but is used to designate those of half blood from "mestizos", who are from Indian mothers by Mexican fathers. The natives say that as the animal called a coyote is "neither wolf nor a dog, so the person of half each of different races of the same color is not a member of either, nor a 'mestizo'".

GIANT CRYSTALS.

If you are a fancier of mineral specimens, you probably treasure one or more three or four-inch crystals, and fondly imagine that they are of unusual size. As common cabinet specimens go, they are certainly large enough, but as compared with real large mineral crystals they are as a mouse compared with an elephant. In New Hampshire are found the largest crystals known to the geologists and mineralogists. A single specimen weighed nearly two tons and a quarter! Another, found at the same place, is the largest crystal in the world, so far as is known, is a perfect six-sided prism, having a circumference of 12 ft. Three weeks' labour by two men was expended in exposing this giant of the mineral kingdom. The crystal is of beryl, and according to estimates made by experienced quarrymen, weighs not less than five tons. Look up the mineral ad of a London, Eng., firm, one of the best we know of.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

James Glancy, living near Potter, Kans., recently found a petrified deer foot in a shipment of sand from the Kansas river.

A discovey of interest was made at the home of Mrs. Margaret Merritt, 12 Kentucky street, in Lawrence, Kans., recently in the unearthing of a quantity of American coins considerably over a century old, together with paper currency issued payable to Henry Clay and John Quincy Adams. The find developed from the discovery of an old fashioned leather wallet which had been forgotten and undisturbed for years in an old bureau drawer in the Merritt garret. Probably the most interesting pieces are an American half dollar dated 1807, a dollar greenback issued by the Bank of Illinois July 2, 1837, payable to Henry Clay, and a bill for the same amount issued January 1, 1838, to J. Q. Adams or bearer by the River Raisin and Lake Erie Railroad company of Monroe, Mich. The collector will probably be presented to the state historical society.

Miss Rose Kinney of Atchison, recently presented to the Atchison high school museum, several valuable ethnological specimens. They are a war spear, a totem pole and a hoe. The curios came from the Ruk Micronesia islands, in the Pacific ocean. Miss Kinney spent some years in the islands as a missionary, and upon her return to the states brought them with her. The war spear is made of cocconut wood and is finely polished, the totem pole is made from a small native tree and the hoe is made from the shoulder blade of a turtle, lashed to a crooked stick.

The curios show the manner of making both implements of warfare and those used for domestic work and are therefore interesting. The high school has quite a collection and when they are classified and encased properly, they will be creditable.

P. L. Jones, 515 R. street, has a Commentary on the book of Psalms, that was printed in 1813 and is still in a remarkable state of preservation, the printing being perfectly legible and the leaves not even loosened from the binding. Under a number of the Psalms is the word "Argument," which is an entirely different arrangement from the later editions of the Book of Psalms. In the front of the book is a steel engraving of Dr. George Horne, bishop of Norwich.—Atchison Champion.

While digging a mammoth well at the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth recently many fine specimens of petrified fish four to six inches long, and fossil ferns were unearthed at a depth of 60 feet.

Several citizens of the town of Independence, near Kansas City, have organized a branch of the Kansas City Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. The leaders of the Independence auxiliary are Frederick M. Smith and John R. Haldeman.

Mr. W. K. Palmer, of Marion, Kans., has sent me a photo post card of his collection of Indian relics and other specimens gathered in Marion county. (See illustration this issue). Mr. Palmer promised to furnish me an account of his finds in that section, but for some reason not known to the editor of this column it has not been received.



The Collectors' Union

An International Society organized Jan 1, 1907, for the purpose of drawing every collector into one great Union for the benefit of all. By the word UNION we don't wish to have it construed that we are a Labor organization, but a union whereby collectors of every class can be a member of one society and yet receive the same benefits as though they were a member of several societies each of a certain class. It is our intention to eliminate the dishonest collector from our ranks as far as possible. For this purpose and to help us to keep those dishonest collectors out of the society we ask every collector and every dealer who has a list of dishonest people to send same to us and if any of those complained against are members of this society we will do all we can to have them make returns and if they are not members your complaint will keep them out of this society until they are in good standing with all those who have complained against them. Send your list now. To date we have combined the International Stamp Club, Kosmopolit Exchange, Kansas Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America, The "Fad" Souvenir Card Club.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

No's 2210 to 2223. We want you to renew, but please DONT' RENEW unless you mean to become an active member. We want only live active members in this society from now on.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 2364. L. G. Terwilliger, 110 West Sec. St., Elmira, N. Y., stamps and cards.
- 2365. Etsuziro Fuzii, Horizumecho No. 3, Chome, Nagaya, Japan, stamps.
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- 2366. G. Crozel, a. Collonges sur Laone, Rhone, France, offers numerous kinds of French fossils well determined. Sells or trades trilobites, fish teeth fossils, crustaceous fossils and anything of prehistoric value. Corresponds in French.
- 2367. A. E. Churchill, 46 Hillsboro Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada. He is an advanced collector of post cards and will always send first. Corresponds in English and French.
- 2368. Morton E. Douglas, Box 34, Warren, Illinois, Desires exchange of souvenir postals with all members.
- 2369. Donald O. Bondeman, general insurance, 110-112 West South St., Kalamazoo Michigan.
- 2370. Shige Oishi, c-o Bank of Corea, Pyeng-Yeng, Corea, Post cards,

stamp view side. Can write English.

2371. Nasoyosni Miyosijima, c-o Bank of Corea, Pyeng-Yeng, Corea. Post cards, stamp view side, Can write English.

2211. Renewal.—E. J. Runner, Overland Park, Kansas, view post cards and unused stamps.

2372. Anton Heitmullea, 608 14th St., Washington, D. C., Real estate broker and valuer. Makes a specialty of disposing of collections of autograph letters and Literary curios for estates, and collectors. Mr. Heitmuller would be pleased to hear from all members who are interested in autographs for he wishes to make his department interesting to all. Secretary.

2373. E. A. Andrews, 216 Perry St., Trenton, N. Y. Stamp collector.—specializes in U. S. Colonies and Netherlands and Colonies. Mr. Andrew is Sales manager for the Trenton Philatelic Society.

EXPELLED.

2130. Mrs. M. W. Verbon of S. F. Nzelon, Dfombang Java, D. E. I. Complaint made by F. J. Seibert 360 East 138th St., New York, N. Y. He sent her a selection of stamps March 10, 1910; value, Scotts \$3.32. Has written her repeatedly without any result. All members and stamp dealers are warned to have nothing to do with member hereafter. Also beware of F. B. Stedman, Warsaw, N. Y.; he also has failed to make returns to Mr. Seibert. Claims to be editor of a paper called "Fraud Stamp Collector". Can anyone give any information about this party or his publication?

The following collectors have defrauded our invalid member, Mr. John F. Thompson, 311 Powder Springs St., Marietta, Ga. Please beware of them for if they will take advantage of an invalid they surely will beat you:

Miss Marie Frey, Richmond House, Woolloongahha, Queensland, Australia. Sent her 100 unused postcards and five used postcards. No reply to several letters written her. (Mr. Seibert of New York claims a loss of \$1.00 worth of stamps through the same source.)

Dr. J. M. Horter, 295 Main St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Sent \$4.41 worth of stamps, no reply.

Harry Edson, Palo Alto, Calif. Sent 144 shells, no reply.

To whom it may concern: We wish to call your attention to the class of people we are now enrolling as members of this society. To keep this up we must have you co operate with us. In the future the secretary will keep a list of all dishonest collectors whether they be members of this society or not. We invite all members and dealers to send us a list of all those who have defrauded them in any way. In doing this please give a brief cause of complaint, etc., as some will help us to keep this class of people out of the society and it will also help you.

Yours for business,

"The Secretary."

Copper coins in France seem to be doomed. Their fate hangs on a simple decree, which may be signed by the Government at any moment and aluminum coins will take their place. The Mint has already struck a number of five and ten centime pieces of the new metal, and their production is said to be as easy as the striking of the copper pieces. The same dies were used as for the copper coins, and the new aluminum coins of five and ten centimes will be exactly of the same size, thickness, and design as the old copper ones. Of course they will be ever so much lighter, and will look neater and cleaner. The reign of aluminum may, therefore, begin at any moment.

A Review of "Aboriginal Pottery, Susquehanna Region"

By Verna Wescon Hartway

(Aboriginal Pottery, Susquehanna Region, Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania; by Christopher Wren, being a reprint from Volume IX, "Proceedings and Collections" of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; 1905, pp. 36 and covers.)

We do not remember having seen a review of this important monograph, possibly the most authoritative publication extant on the pottery of the north branch of the Susquehanna river, from the New York State line, to the junction with the west branch at Northumberland, Pa. We do not even know if the attractively printed and excellently illustrated booklet, on your reviewer's reading table is for sale, as the copy we have is an author's presentation copy, autographed. But it is possible that by addressing the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society at Wilkes-Barre details regarding the work can be had.

Mr. Wren has possibly given the study of the pottery of this locality more study than has any other archaeologist. He has a thorough general knowledge of the archaeology of the Wyoming Valley as well, and has presented to the Wyoming Historical Society a collection of local relics numbering over fifteen thousand pieces. Regarding the relative importance to the archaeologist of the field traversed by the north branch of the Susquehanna, he says:

'In the study of the aboriginal remains of the United States but small attention has been given to the implements found along the Susquehanna river, which like the Hudson and Delaware rivers, was a principal highway between the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence river regions on the south. Time will doubtless remedy such apparent neglect and give this section the place to which it is entitled as one rich in archaeological remains. Our country is so large and the study of the American Indian through his weapons, implements, etc., of such comparatively recent beginnings, that time is necessary to cover the entire field.'

We give in the following paragraphs, a brief digest of the main conclusions, deduced by Mr. Wren from study and personal observation, but of a necessity the subject cannot properly be treated in the confines of a hasty review. The reader who wishes to pursue the subject further will of course endeavor to procure the monograph.

It is very difficult to procure intact or whole specimens of pottery, the principal material for the student consists chiefly of fragments. There are only about fifty whole specimens of local pottery in existence and the society at Wilkes-Barre possesses a large number of them.

Because of the fact that the better grades of clay suitable for the basis of the finer pottery is not to be procured in this region the earthenwares found along the Susquehanna are in many respects not so finely wrought or artistically decorated as were those of various other regions. The tribes were migrating, a condition that would not conduce to the development of the art. The pottery was always made in simple, useful forms, and there was no effort to produce the fantastic and original forms that can be observed in the pottery of various other localities. There is no evidence that the local tribes used baked clay for purposes other than the making of pottery and pipes.

The characteristic features of local pottery as described in the booklet are 1. a spherical bowl with a round or slightly conical bottom. 2, the neck generally oc-

curs about one-quarter of the length down from the top; it is nearly as large in diameter as the bowl, the result being a wide mouthed vessel; 3, "the collar or rim occurs at the top of the vessel and forms its mouth. In rare instances there is no distinct outward flare to the rim, and therefore no neck or collar, the shape being a simple truncated spheroid, the top finishing with a simple inward curve as the wall of the vessel arches inward from the largest diameter."

The method of finishing the top was often a simple curve outward from the neck or smallest part of the vessel. Often where this cornice effect was produced the inner modeling does not follow the lines of the outer, resulting in a thickening of the wall to procure the overhanging effect. "In a number of cases the rim is given a different shape on the outside from the body of the bowl by being carried out and thickened, generally at two, or more, points, making an angular or square outside finish, while the inside retained a circular or oval shape." The top outline of the rim consisted of a simple straight line, occasionally being "raised at regular intervals into obtuse points, giving the edge of the rim the reverse of a rounded scalloped effect."

In some cases it is difficult to determine just what method was used in modeling local pottery. No device being known which even remotely resembles the modern potter's wheel or other devices of the potter. But some specimens show plainly the method used. One was the "coil" system, the coiling of a band of clay, beginning from a center at the bottom. Another was to build up the vessel in sheets or layers. In both of these methods care in welding the different layers was necessary; some specimens show plainly a breakage occurring where the welding was imperfect.

The outside finish was then rubbed down to give a smooth finish, and to make the joints smooth and solid. Sometimes a clay mixed to a finer consistency was used for a surface finish, and occasionally this clay was of a different color from that used elsewhere in the vessel. There is no indication of glazing on local wares.

There is no data as to the manner of curing and burning. It is suggested that it was similar to that practiced in other localities. The finest vessels contain mica, bits of which sparkle on the surface. Many different sizes are known, specimens varying from a capacity of one quart to ten or twelve gallons.

Susquehanna River potters shows decorations chiefly on the neck or rim, but examples are known where the upper rim and inside at the top were decorated. The decorations were produced by indentations while the clay was in a plastic state. The decorations are of a varied character, and are illustrated with fidelity by plates in Mr. Wren's little work. Many designs were formed by the use of straight or curved parallel lines, massed according to the design aimed at. Specimens show the use of a rouleteer, and it is suggested that a serrated arrow point, or similar implement, was used in other instances. Other decorations are simple series of headlike protuberances. This pottery shows no attempt at illustrating anything of human, animal or vegetable nature. "It never was flat bottomed or stood on feet or a bottom ring of any kind nor had it handles or a spout. It never had the small neck or bottle shape, nor was it made in the general form of the human figure nor of any animal or bird."

In conclusion Mr. Wren makes some mention of soap stone vessels found in the field covered by his booklet, and mentions the different localities where they were numerous, and vice versa. He stated that he has seen an example of such a vessel in which perforations or indentations were so numerous as to give it the appearance of a colander. Soap stone is not native to the Susquehanna river region, so the material must have been brought from a distance.



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The first magazine on the list this month is "Records of the Past", Part VI Vol. XX for Nov. Dec. 1910. This number contains considerable of interest to American archaeologists such as the article on "A New Type of South Western Ruin", by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes. Also the article by H. C. Powers on Opening an Indian Mound near Sioux City, Iowa; and a well illustrated and interesting article by A. Hooton, Blackiston, on the old Mexican Ruins near Cuernavaca Mexico, called "Xochcalco," or "The Hill of Flowers." Other interesting things in this number are the visit to The Pyramids of Gizeh, Part II and the Archaeological Remains in the Mazatec Country, and last but not least are the Editorial Notes which contain lots of good things. Published bi-monthly by The Record of the Past Pub Co. Washington, D. C. 50c per copy \$3.00 per year.

No. 1, Vol. II, of The Archaeological Bulletin came promptly to hand. Each issue of this popular Bulletin shows an improvement over the preceding number. The contents of this issue is as follows: "Mound Builders or Indians Controversy" by E. Rolston Goldsborough. "Mound Builder or Indian? and the Origin of Material in the Rough." By John Sexton Ambercrombe. "Newly Discovered Ruins of the Ancient Pueblos" by J. A. Jeancon. "Notes from Pulaski county, Kentucky" by W. I. Griffin. "Notes on Canadian Archaeology," by Capt. J. L. S. Strong. "The Treasures of a Lake," by L. D. Becker. "The Indian Trails of Clarke County, Ohio," by W. H. Ryner. "Mutilated Missouri Hematite axes," by Dr. H. M. Whelpley. This magazine is published quarterly by the International Society of Archaeologists at ten cents per copy. Free to members of the Society. For Copy and information address the Secretary, Allen Jess Reynolds, Lock Box 8, College Corner, Ohio. By the way, the Society is improving as well as the magazine, with the applicants for membership it now numbers 234.

The clipping below was sent in by an unknown correspondent who stated it was taken from a Maryland paper:

"Recently evidences that tropical fruits and plants once flourished near Penn Marr, Maryland, have been found on the farm of George G. Rock, near Tomstown, in the valley below this resort. The discovery was accidentally made by workmen while excavating for sand for Mr. Rock at the foot of South Mountain at a

depth of about 75 feet. They unearthed a number of varieties of tropical fruits that Mr. Rock has preserved for inspection.

These include lemons, now turned to stone, and cocoanuts and oranges, which are so like those in their natural state that the pores and even the seed of one of the oranges that had been broken with a hammer had turned to stone. There were a number of nuts about the size of mangoes containing a number of nuts resembling butter nuts. The latter were shown to Professor Uhler a geologist of Baltimore who said that there is not in existence today any fruit grown in the tropical regions like it. There are also many varieties of other fruit, large and small very much different from the fruits grown about here now.

Another curio unearthed resembled a sweet potato, about six inches in length.

A tooth of some large animal that probably existed in prehistoric days was also found. In the sand pit there were also discovered a petrified horned toad and the head of another horned toad and a small fowl of some kind resembling a duck. Geologists claim that the horned toad was never known to exist farther north than Mexico and the arid regions of the far Southwest. Near the fruit and other specimens found at the bottom of the pit the workmen discovered the petrified root of a tree which was evidently a monster in size. The root measures seven feet in length and is composed of solid substance similar to a slate formation.

The following clipping relating to a Canadian expedition, was sent me by Stanley Gibbs of St. Johns, New Brunswick:

William McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Museum, returned to the city yesterday after a most successful three weeks' expedition in search of Indian relics through the country to the east of the St. John river between Marysville and Grand Lake. Although hunting chiefly for relics of ancient Indian habitation, he was also on the lookout for tree pests and found not a few.

Mr. McIntosh was accompanied on his trip by five young ladies whom he had taken with him because girls had not been able to take part in any of the previous association outings which were for boys only.

Speaking with a reporter last evening Mr. McIntosh said the expedition had proven eminently pleasing in its results. He would have been satisfied with a quarter of the specimens obtained. He had been able to bring home not only what the party itself had gathered, but a large number, the gift of collectors whom they had visited. Two specimens were obtained entirely new to the collection of the association, an agricultural implement probably a hoe, and a knife, both of stone.

Among other articles brought home were 103 perfect arrow heads; 7 plummets or sinkers and a number of gouges, stone axes, spears, hide scrapers, chips of knives and nearly 300 fragments of pottery. The fragments in no case, however, fitted together to form a complete stone pot.

When enough fragments have been obtained to get an idea of the general shape of the pot it has invariably been found to have a circular bottom, the reason for this appearing to be that the heat from the fire circulates much more quickly around such a pot than it does in the case of one with a flat bottom.

The expedition started its exploration at Savage Island, south, and across the river from Fredericton. Evidence was found of there having once been a famous encampment of Indians in the Island, a large number of stone axes, fragments of pottery and some plummets were collected. There is considerable doubt as to the use of these plummets or sinkers. Mr. McIntosh said that there was a tradition that the smooth ground ones that had also been somewhat picturesquely

shaped at the neck were used for neck ornaments. They were also said to have been a valuable part of the outfit of the medicine man, and the rougher ones seemed to have been used as sinker for the nets of the Indian fishermen.

After collecting a number of specimens at Savage Island, the party ascended the Oromocto river, and then crossed to the Porto Bello and down it. This was a famous fishing and hunting ground of the Indians and even at the present time abounds in game. The borders of the river were strawn with fishing houses. Here the party found a number of ancient hut bottoms, with the evidences of the fire still showing red on the sandstone.

Among the fire charred sandstone they found many axeheads and stone knives of a pattern that indicated that our Indians had been at least well acquainted with the Esquimaux and their methods. It was not necessary to dig very much. Mr. McIntosh said that hardly anything had been a great deal disturbed.

From Porto Bello the party made their way to French Lake where they were joined by Mr. Leavitt who went with them to Maquapit Lake, a famous old Indian encampment. Here they were presented with a number of relics by Manford Longton. At Indian Point they called on New Brunswick's veteran collector, David Balmain, aged almost 80 years. Mr. Balmain, the curator said, seemed as enthusiastic as ever, and presented them with a number of fine specimens. From Indian Point they crossed Grand Lake and John and Harry Gunter gave them a splendid collection of stone axes, adzes, gouges, arrows and spear heads. After that they investigated the old camp sites on the Jemseg and then went through the Jemseg district to Queenstown and from there took boat for St. John.

Mr Gibbs has since supplied me with a description of the strange knife mentioned in above article. This description will be given in next month's WEST, also want and can use more notes and Clippings.

KING CANUTE'S COINS.

The antiquarian treasures recently discovered in Gothland have arrived at Stockholm, and examination by the State Museum authorities shows that the coins unearthed are of great interest and antiquity. The treasure trove consists of 1,904 whole coins and 58 imperfect coins, a fragment of the border of a clasp, a portion of a buckle, and some plain pieces of silver. The most recent of the coins date back to the middle of the eleventh century, and the oldest are Arabian, of which there are 28. In the discovery are 1,115 German coins, and 726 Anglo Saxon pieces, bearing the effigies of King Ethelred and of King Canute. There are also 33 Danish and Norwegian coins. It is interesting to note that more than 80 per cent of the total discoveries of Anglo Saxon coins has been made in Gothland, on the Westering coast, nearest to England, but few English coins have been discovered, which would seem to prove that Gothland was once the commercial center of Scandinavia.

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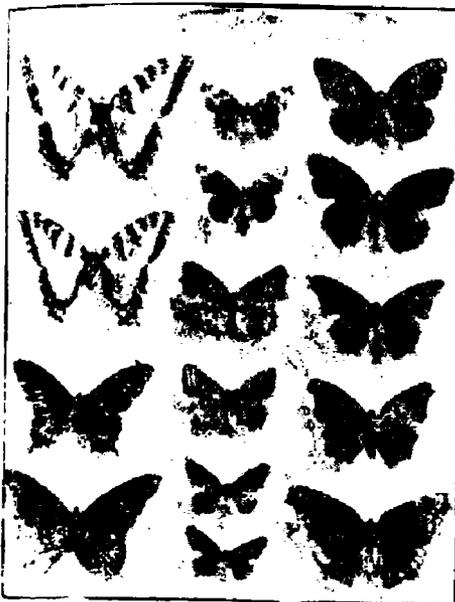


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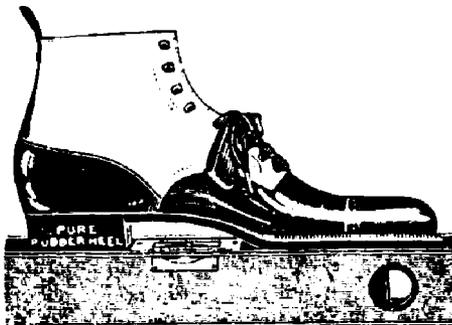
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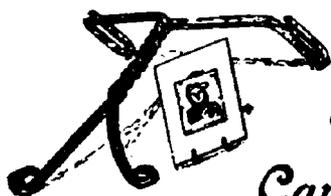
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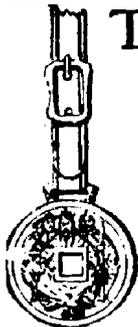
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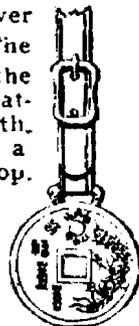
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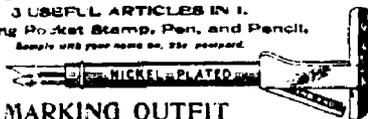
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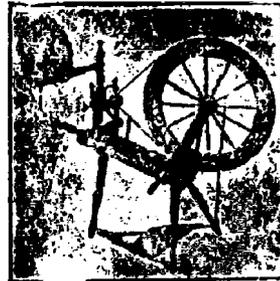
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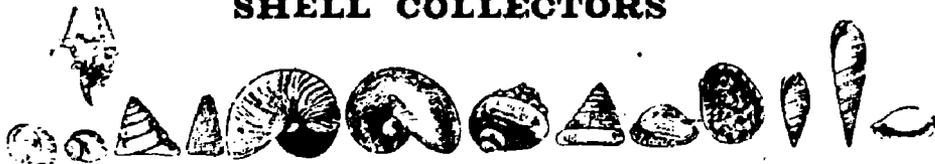
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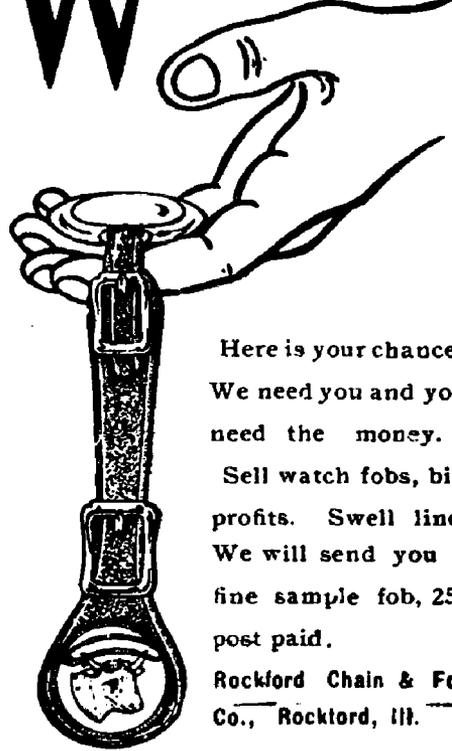
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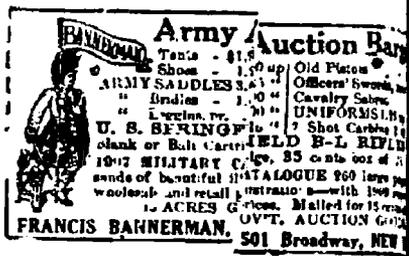
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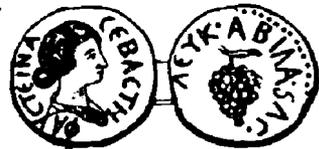
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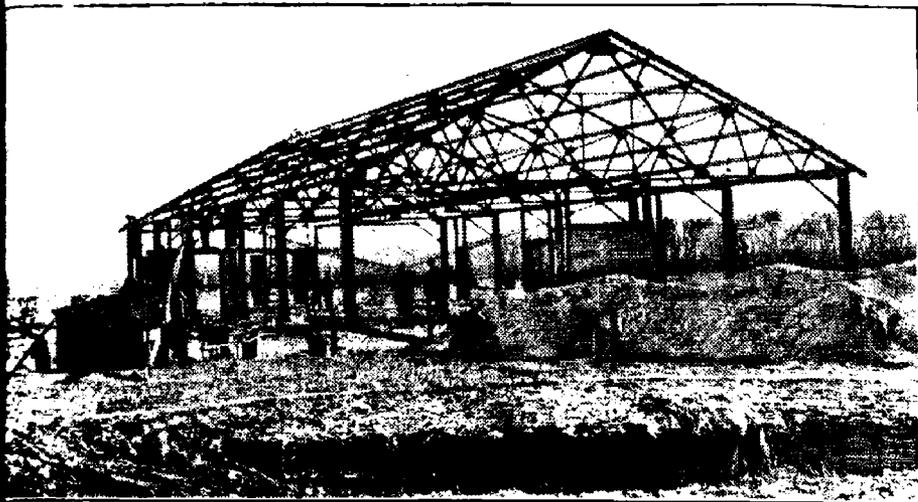
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