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THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST



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1892 1, 1sh green	2 00	95		1p light blue	20	14	
" " 1894, 2p bi-stre	18	08		2p green	1 25	97	
*Br. Cent. Africa '98, 1p on 3sh green	75			2½p carmine	25	15	
*Br. Columbia 1896, 3p blue	60	29		5p lilac	45	28	
*Br. Guiana 1889, \$1 green and black	4 00	2 00		1sh black	1 50	1 00	
Canada 1851, 6p violet, laid paper	6 50	3 15		½, 1, 2, 2½, 5p and			
Registered, 8c blue	2 50	1 20		1sh, 6 var.	1 01	70	
*Colombian Rep. 1890 1, 2c violet	1 00	45		N. Borneo '93 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c, 9 var.	1 01	49	
*Congo 1891, 5 francs car. face value	1 00	1 17		95 4c on 1d to 40c on 1d 5 com	1 75	90	
postal packet 1893, 3frs 50c	1 50	95		Norway 1877 78 1kr green	08	01	
*Costa Rica 1881-1, 10c on 2r scuriat	1 50	75		" " 1kr 50a blue	50	24	
" " 1889, 1 peso blue	20	00		" " 1877-95, assorted 18 varieties	30	12	
*Cyprus 1880, 2½p claret	05	03		Nova Scotia 1851, 3p blue	1 50	75	
" " 4p sea green	90	47		*Paraguay 1884, 1, 2 and 5c	22	10	
Ecuador 1892-3, 5c on 50c maroon	15	06		" " 1895, 5c on 7c chocolate	10	04	
Egypt (unpaid) 1888, 5 pi green	7 50	3 70		* " " official 1893 3c on 15c violet	30	15	
*Eritrea 1892, 5c to 1 toras com. 8 var.	1 58	97		* " " " 5c on 15c red brn	50	24	
*France 1863-70, 5 francs violet	3 00	1 50		* " " " 1, 2, 5 and 10c	24	10	
*Gibraltar 1885, 1st 2p violet brown	2 00	99		*Philippine Is. 1863, 5c verm.	1 50	75	
" " " 1st 2½p blue	1 85	88		" " " 10c carmine	3 50	1 75	
" " " 1st 4p orange	3 00	1 50		*Sierra Leone '92, ½ on 1½ violet CA.	40	20	
" " " 1st 6p violet	5 00	2 50		*Tobago 1879, 1p carmine	1 00	50	
Labuan 1897, 18c brown and black	3 00	1 50		" " " 3p blue	3 00	1 50	
*Lagos 1875, 2c blue	50	75		" " " 6p orange	2 50	1 25	
*Leeward Is. 1800, 4p or. and unripe	15	12		" " " 1883-84, ½ brown lilac	50	25	
" " " 7p slate and "	30	21		" " " 1p red brown	50	25	
" " " 5sh blue " green	2 00	1 00		" " " 1886 92, ½ on 2½ ult.	50	25	
Niger Coast 1892, 2½p lilac on blue	35	17		Tonga 1896, 1, 2, 6p and 1sh 1 var.	55	25	
				*Turks Is. 1889, 1½ on 2½ red brn	50	25	

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VOL. II.

RICHMOND, VA., SEPTEMBER, 1898.

No. 1.

Our Anniversary Stamp.

Friends, others, strangers, think not that we speak, we merely babble, yet but hear us out: we will be brief—impart to all the fact that this most sacred day we souvenir in just commemoration of our birth. Since 'tis but meet, and practic'd oft, that those whose life possessed an hour of great event should honor it in fit memorial on each recurring date.

READING governments, to commemorate some notable event in their political, industrial or traditional history, have in recent years prepared special pictorially symbolical postage stamps suitable to the occasion, more or less to the chagrin of our clan.

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But to the event we celebrate: in August, 1897, three enthusiastic collectors of Richmond, Va., put their heads together

to concoct a scheme by which to unite Virginia collectors into a State Association and publish a philatelic monthly. The three were Mess. Franklin L. Kerns, Franklin Stearns, Jr., and August Dietz. No time was wasted. A prospectus was issued, invitations extended to Virginia collectors, and in September of that year appeared the initial number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Simultaneously was held the first meeting of The Virginia Philatelic Association, an organization effected and officers elected. The meteoric progress of both Association and official journal is philatelic history,

and to-day the projectors of the scheme may with pride look back upon a mission well accomplished. In November, 1897, Mr. Kerns, yielding to the pressure of other duties, severed his connection with The Virginia Philatelic Publishing Company, under which style the

present management continues to publish the Association's official organ.

It befits not well to over-indulge in egotistic flights, yet the many unsolicited tokens of appreciation and expressions of praise bestowed upon our philatelic periodical in the past twelve months could not but, as they have, afforded us a great measure of pleasurable pride, hence, in testimony of our appreciation, to these friends, and to philately in general, do we dedicate this, our Anniversary Souvenir Stamp, which bears the likenesses of our business manager and editor.

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At that time we were fully aware of the difficulties confronting such an enterprise—the frail prospects of success in store for a philatelic publication emanating from the South—of the fact that previous attempts along these lines had perished for want of that confidence and support vital to their existence—aware of the skepticism with which *Southern* efforts are generally viewed.

The aspect was indeed a gloomy one.

And yet, undaunted, we determined to unite philately of Virginia and to give her a representative magazine. We resolved, by earnest and faithful efforts, to gain the confidence and good will of philately of America. The result was phenomenal. The reception accorded our publication from the first was such as to establish—beyond a doubt—the fact that in the realm of Philatelia there exists no sectional feeling—no North, no South.

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Throughout the coming year we shall renew our efforts to retain this prestige. Our faithful co-workers in the past will enter upon the new year with increased zeal, and prominent philatelists will contribute to our columns.

And thus we begin Volume II.

Perhaps we have promised too much for this number.—Whether we have been true to our promise—or failed—we submit our effort to the judgment of a generous fraternity.

We regret exceedingly our inability to present the likeness and sketch of our Boston Correspondent among the group of our co-workers in this number—surely his faithful support throughout the year has merited our gratitude.

An Apology.

WE MUCH regret our inability to publish full reports of the several philatelic conventions held in New York City in August, as was our full intention, but our representative at the last moment unfortunately became indisposed and could not regularly attend—though we fully appreciate the efforts he made to do so. Our candidacy for the official organ of the E. S. P. S. was to us quite exciting, although we were not on the field of battle, and though we were unsuccessful, on constitutional and technical grounds our representative informs us, yet we feel no soreness over our defeat and entertain the sincerest respect for our successful opponent, the *New York Philatelist*, which conducted its campaign in an upright and dignified manner. We wish it all success and feel sure the E. S. P. S. will be benefited by its retention as official organ.

Prof. Mutter's Composition.

PHILATELIA and Euterpe go hand in hand in the Virginia Philatelic Association. This is especially the case with our brother member and prominent musical genius Prof. C. F. Mutter.

In a moment of weakness we attempted to "poetize." Exhibiting our effort to our congenial friend he at once improvised an air and set the music to it. With this dress we present it on our cover design this month—the rally song of Philately.

But we reserve more about our distinguished friend for a sketch in the near future.

WE have the assurance of our printer, Mr. J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md., that he will make this, our Anniversary Number, a masterpiece of typographical art. We are confident he can do so. May his success accrue to his benefit—may his failure—but no—that *will not* be.

Peace.

The Spanish-American war, which has resulted in practically removing the last vestige of Castilian sovereignty from the Western Hemisphere, is at an end. The "Pearl of the Antilles" is free, Porto Rico will add another star to our flag, besides the others to come from the far Pacific—Hawaii, one or more little Philips from the Philippine family, and, well, there's room for more on its blue field, and it is mighty enough to defend those whom it enfolds.

While we are proud of the victory of our arms in this struggle, we feel grateful that it is concluded, and that most of our brother "phils" will return to their homes and occupations.

To philately this result will prove far-reaching. Spanish Colonial stamps—at least those of the West Indies—will be things of the past, and no blank page for new issues need be provided in the next Standard Album.

Speculation is rife as to what will be the character of the stamps for our newly-acquired possessions, Hawaii, Porto Rico, etc.,—will we have the regular issue; or the regular issue surcharged; or will we have an entirely different set of "*U. S. Colonials*"?

SUBSCRIBERS will please note carefully the dates of expiration of their subscriptions as marked on the covers, and if they wish the magazine continued, renew promptly, as we will not send copies after such expiration.

QUEEN Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has reached her majority and we may expect the Commemorative stamps in the near future.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. You cannot afford to miss a single number of Volume II.



WITH this number Mr. John Paalzow assumes charge of the Review Department of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and publishers are again requested to send one copy of their publications addressed to him at 1018 Park Avenue, Richmond, Va. The thoroughness with which this eminent philatelist conducts this department should make it a source of much valuable information to collectors.

WE would again call attention to our offer to bind Vol. I. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for our subscribers at the nominal cost of 75 cents.—The twelve numbers should be sent us *flat*, accompanied by the amount, and name and address of sender.

AN exceptionally fine array of bargains for the collector will be found in the advertisements of this our Anniversary number. Upon our suggestion special offers have been made by our patrons this month, and we trust the returns from their advertisements will demonstrate the "pulling qualities" of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and insure it their valued patronage throughout Vol. II.

WE HAVE printed an extra large edition of this number and are sending them to many new collectors who have never before received a copy of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. That this will prove of great benefit to our advertisers goes without saying. We have selected 1,000 names from *Derlam's Philatelic Directory*, besides our regular subscribers. We shall continue to do this. The wide-awake dealer will find it to his advantage to be represented in No. 2.

THE FAITHFUL few who braved the wind and rain showers to attend the August meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association on the night of the 10th had the pleasure of meeting another of their "fighting members." Just as Corporal Weckert, who had been ordered back to Camp Cuba Libre, was bidding farewell to the boys, a bronzed Virginia volunteer stood at "salute" in the doorway—John Bunce, of the 2nd Regt. Va. Vols.—Securing a twenty days' furlough, like a true phil' reported at once to headquarters. John has been enjoying the best of health and entertained the boys 'till late with tales of camp life, hard-tack and hard drills.

JUST as we are about to close our forms we are greeted with No. 1. Vol. VII. of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

Truly friend Bradley has begun his new year auspiciously, and no Southern collector should be without *The Lone Star*.

We extend our warmest congratulations.

WE ARE indebted to our friend Mr. Archie G. Gibb, formerly of St. Johns, for a specimen of the new 3c. Newfoundland, orange.

The Duchess of York is the lady who has been honored in having her portrait on the denomination that has the largest circulation.

Mr. Gibb also writes that the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of York will appear on the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. value which will probably be on sale this month.

The 5c is to appear about the first of next year.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and *The Porforator* (combined with *Pennsy*) for one year, only 30 cents—the handsomest and the most newsy.

Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

JUST at this time, while a revival of interest in the stamps of the Confederacy is manifesting itself, and eminent philatelic students here and abroad are devoting their attention to the subject, it is to be expected that we of the South contribute our mite to this history of the Confederate stamps.

But it is not to a minute treatise of any special stamp of that historic series I shall devote this sketch; it is rather to the reminiscences of a veteran of the "late unpleasantness," who, during that stormy period, was detailed to Richmond to print stamps; and, I dare say, the philatelist seeking solutions of disputed points, or additional facts, may be disappointed; however — we shall see.

Perchance some of us have, at one time, passed a night in the country — in some *ante-bellum* Southern planter's mansion: Under the very couch upon which we slept was stored away a mouldy hair trunk, containing war time letters franked with Confederate locals representing a market value in excess of that needed to raise the mortgage on the farm — and we slept on, peacefully, unconscious of their proximity — perhaps — who knows? —

The parable is far fetched — yet quite applicable in this instance.

For years I worked beside the man who printed Confederate stamps. First as his apprentice, then as his employe, and now, proud to possess his friendship, I dedicate this sketch to him as an

humble evidence of my admiration and esteem.

Though an active stamp collector through all those years I was not aware of the part he had taken in the history of the Confederate stamp, and slept, as it were, unconscious of the treasure within my grasp.

By mere chance, a remark in conversation, I gained this information.

Intending to secure for philately such facts as my friend could recall, I arranged for an interview, and spent a most pleasant evening, listening to the reminiscences of a Confederate stamp printer.

FRANK BAPTIST.



Frank Baptist was born in Richmond, Va., Sept. 7th, 1845. At the early age of eleven years he was apprenticed to the printing trade, serving in *The Dispatch* (to this day Richmond's leading daily) "job room." The proprietors at that time were Messrs. Cowardin & Hammersley; James H. Love was foreman of the plant. In those days the "devil" was a "general" apprentice — initi-

ated into the mysteries of both case and press. That he deserved the title in other respects I am not prepared to assert; however, in March, 1862, full of enthusiasm, and following the example of so many of his companions, he volunteered to serve in the Confederate States army, and enlisted in Parker's Light Artillery. Seven months instruction at "Camp Lee" served to prepare our young artilleryman for the front. He was with his battery at Stony Run in the Seven Days Fight around Richmond.

Very shortly after this, in the summer of '62, he was detailed by the Department to report to Archer & Daly, who had

been awarded the contract for printing stamps and had purchased a press from his old office, the *Dispatch*. He had been recommended to work it—being perfectly familiar with it and its capabilities.

Archer & Daly's office was then situated on the south side of Main, between 14th and 15th streets, over a store.

When our "detail" reported for duty he found his old friend the "Medium" Washington hand-press, and an electrotype plate of 400 stamps, subdivided into four squares of 100 each—(the five cent blue of 1862.)

Two pressmen were there on his arrival, one Mr. McQueen, a Scotchman, and the other Mr. Donaldson, of New York. These two gentlemen and our young friend constituted the "team" that manipulated the Washington hand-press when Archer & Daly first printed Confederate stamps, and this old press was the only one in the establishment at that time.

The plates, as we all know, were brought from England, and likewise the paper for the stamps, which ran the blockade packed securely in boxes lined with tin-foil. Some of the ink used in printing also dodged the blockade but the greater portion Archer & Daly's pressmen manufactured themselves, grinding the raw materials in a paint mill.

The speed of the press was from 1,000 to 1,200 sheets, of 400 stamps each, per day. This small output Mr. Baptist accounts for in the fact that the plates being of very fine workmanship and the ink oftentimes of very bad, "washing out" was frequently necessary to keep them from "filling up."

An incident may be related which will account for the marked difference in the appearance of some of the five-cent blues: On his arrival at Archer & Daly's Mr. Baptist found the two press-

men Donaldson and McQueen taxing their genius to its utmost to make the new plates "print clear." They tried parchment—they tried linen as a tympan for the press. Neither would render the desirable result, and all proofs submitted to the Department were rejected as unsatisfactory. The contract was in jeopardy. Our young soldier watched them patiently not daring nor caring to interfere in the labors of his seniors; but when at length both "gave it up," he ventured a timid request for permission to try a hand on his old press, and to prepare a tympan suitable for it, after a method taught him by a Mr. Forbes, from *Harper's*, New York, with whom Mr. Baptist once worked at the *Dispatch*. This was readily assented to, and our friend requested Mr. McQueen to stretch a *satín* tympan on the press, with hard "packing" behind, and to "build up," or level, the plate of stamps from the bottom, to secure a square impression. This being done, the first proof showed the efficiency of the young pressman. It was submitted to the Department and accepted at once.

The stamp printing went on lustily, Mr. Baptist alternately manipulating the press and "rolling up" the form. In this latter capacity he possessed a peculiar "knack"—taking especial pride in giving the form a perfect inking.

Shortly afterward Archer & Daly removed to the corner of Ninth and Main streets, the present site of our Chamber of Commerce, then Boscher's Hall. Here, in the fall of '62, they began steel plate printing. The staff of artists consisted of Mr. Halpin, a New Yorker (at a salary of \$8.00 per hour), his specialty being vignette engraving; Mr. Archer, whose salary was the same, excelled in lettering, occasionally executing some vignette work; Mr. Quinlin, who was also a fine letterer; and Daly who supplied the capital and secured the stamp,



Richmond Post Office and Main Street in 1865 after the Evacuation.
Cut from "Guide to Richmond," kindly loaned by J. L. Hill Printery Co., Richmond, Va.

and later on, other government contracts. The three first-named artists engraved all the steel-plate stamps printed by the firm. The transfer press was built by a Mr. Jasper Hall, a machinist of Richmond, after plans furnished by Mr. Archer.

Shortly after moving into the new plant Mr. G. A. Babcock, a New York Bank Note Co. steel plate printer, and a strong southern sympathizer, came to Richmond to enlist in the Confederate service. Passing Archer & Daly's he was surprised to find a Steel-plate Stamp Printery in Richmond and on entering was persuaded to remain. And so for some time he conducted the plant until it was in perfect working order, and then resigned to join Mosby's famous command.

Upon his departure, Mr. Baptist was given charge of the entire press department which had then in daily operation

thirty steel-plate presses, a boy and girl to each, besides eight girls and a lady foreman employed gumming and *perforating* stamps. There was one perforating machine only—worked by a treadle, and sheets were fed to it singly, to prevent the pin holes from clogging with gum. The perforating machine was quite primitive, the holes punched being little better than the punctures of a needle.

In the fall of '64 orders were received to remove the plant to Columbia, S. C. Evans & Cogswell's printery was its destination, and Mr. Baptist was in charge of the outfit during this period. He succeeded in getting the plant in working order in Columbia, remaining with it seven weeks, when his furlough expired. Not caring to await its renewal, he returned to his command, serving with it throughout the remainder of the war, and was on a forage for the battalion when Lee surrendered at Appomattox.

Hearing, upon his return, that the end had come, he surrendered to Capt. Pfeiffer, of Pennsylvania, at Liberty, (now Bedford City) Va.

After peace had been concluded Mr. Baptist returned to Richmond and found employment successively on *The Dispatch*, *Evening Journal*, and *The Enquirer*. Later he engaged in business with Messrs. Andrews and Clemmitt, under the title of Andrews, Baptist & Clemmitt—the well-known “A. B. & C.” art-printers of the South. The firm underwent several changes, Andrews & Baptist, Andrews, Baptist & Marquess, and then Baptist & Saunders.

Latterly Mr. Baptist has entirely withdrawn from the partnership.

Thus briefly have I related the reminiscences of a Confederate stamp printer. Limit of space, in this number, has precluded details—these I shall reserve for a future article.

Quite a number of Archer & Daly's as well as Hoyer & Ludwig's former employes reside in this city, and I shall, in company with my friend, Mr. Baptist, call on them, securing as many additional facts and data relative to these interesting stamps as I can, and present them to philately as an humble contribution from a Southern Stamp Collector.

The Stamp of Mourning.



We illustrate the new Spanish “war-torn stamp” issued July 1.

It is printed in sombre black—an emblem of mourning. This stamp of 5c. is required, in addition to the regular postage, on all domestic mail matter.

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Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 11, 1898.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

I herewith submit my report of 12th monthly meeting of our Association.

Members present:—Messrs. John Paalzow, Aug. Dietz, Corpl. J. C. Wecket, J. J. Bunce, Dr. M. W. Peyser, H. C. Scott Jr., C. F. W. Moser, J. H. Knotts, Maj. Jno. F. Mayer, V. E. A. Spott, W. H. Boschen, W. S. Ahern and F. Stearns Jr. Nominations for officers to be elected at the annual meeting September 10th 1898 being in order, the following gentlemen were duly nominated for the respective offices. For President, Maj. Jno. F. Mayer; Vice-President, Dr. Mark. W. Peyser; Secretary-Treasurer, Franklin Stearns Jr.; Exchange Manager, John Paalzow, and Counterfeit Detector, Messrs. C. F. W. Moser, Richmond, Va., and Wm. A. McDonnell, New York. There being no further business the meeting adjourned—to a “Dutch lunch” the evening being a warm one.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN STEARNS JR. Sec-Treas.

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The Virginia Philatelic Association.

ADDISON has said that a club is "a natural and necessary offshoot of men's gregarious and social nature" and Dr. Johnson defines such an organization as an "assembly of good fellows meeting under certain conditions." Here it may be added that a limited sodality is a banding of persons entertaining similar ideas on one certain subject and its collateral branches and, through love thereof, uniting for its fostering and the mutual entertainment derived from the exchange of thoughts pertaining thereto. In organizations having as their objective the fostering of concrete subjects, a prime feature of their existence is the collection and preservation of these subjects and, when their ownership is individual rather than

collective, the inter-exchange of specimens for mutual advancement towards completion of the several collections.

Such, theoretically, are the many philatelic societies scattered throughout the world, but, unfortunately, their practical operation has often been subverted to other and less noble purposes.

There is, however, one such association that yet holds strictly to the motives that underlay its organization and perverts not the etymological definition of the descriptive word in its title, supposed to have been derived from the two Greek words *philos*—loving, and *telos*—a tax; hence, *philatelic*, pertaining to the love of taxes or stamps, the latter being regarded as symbolical of taxes or tolls paid. Nor has there yet entered into this associa-

tion the discordant element of "politics" that has diverted from their proper aims many similar societies and changed them into mere instruments for the attainment of petty notoriety. Strikingly was this freedom illustrated in the recent nominations for officers to serve the second year of the Association's existence when there was noticeable a commendably courteous disinclination to receive nominations over the present incumbents. Again, there has not yet been reported a single act of dishonesty in connection with the exchange department, which has been conducted and of which the rules have been observed in a highly satisfactory manner—all books of stamps having been promptly forwarded by each recipient to the next member on the list and all accounts settled without unnecessary delay.

This is *The Virginia Philatelic Association* which is just entering upon the second year of its existence, having been organized by a mere handful of enthusiasts at the instance of the proprietors of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST on Friday, September 3rd, 1897, and its first monthly meeting held on the eleventh of the following month. Although our roll of members is not a large one, a more enthusiastic number of philatelists have never yet associated for the advancement of the science, nor a more generous and cultured body of gentlemen. To

the Richmond members our monthly meetings have ever been a source of pride and profitable exchange and these they eagerly attend in anticipation of a pleasant evening, ever characterized by the most congenial social and philatelic intercourse. Our out-of-town members have found the exchange department a most excellent medium for purchasing and disposing of duplicates, since the department's rules are strictly enforced and the Association numbers among its members many most liberal buyers who, in turn, have excellent stamps to sell or to exchange.



OUR SINCITUM SANCTUM.

room are held the monthly meetings of the Association's local members and between them and the staff of "our magazine," as it is called by all, there exists the greatest harmony. Long may they both live to foster and advance the principles of philately and guard it against that sordidness which is ever knocking at its doors and threatening the destruction not only of the disinterested love lavished upon it, but of the alluring and educational passtime itself.

Vive la magazine! Vive l' Association!

F. STEARNS, JR.

Accompanying this short sketch is a photograph of a few of the Richmond members taken in front of the office of their official organ, while another illustration shows the interior with the staff of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. In this



ANGRA, FUNCHAL, HORTA, and PONTA DELGADA have issued stamps as follows:

65 Reis slate blue on gray white	} Name and value in blk.
115 " red brown on rose	
130 " brown on buff	
180 " slate violet on lilac	

Printed on colored paper, perf. 4½.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—An additional provisional stamp has been issued here. The 3 pence stamp of Great Britain is surcharged BECHUANALAND *Protectorate*. 3 pence brown on yellow, black surcharge wmk. Crown, perf. 14.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The *Post Office* chronicles the following issue of Jubilee stamps announced to appear a year ago. wmk. Crown CC (?) perf. 14.

- 1c carmine and black.
- 2c blue and brown.
- 5c brown and green.
- 10c red and slate.
- 15c blue and terra cotta.

The 1c, 5c and 15c have a view of Mount Roraima, the 2c and 10c a view of Kaieteur Falls.

GIBRALTAR.—For use of the British offices in Morocco the whole set of Gibraltar stamps have been surcharged in black.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—A new issue of Gibraltar with a return to the value in English currency is looked for at an early day.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The five cent value of this country comes now with perforation 13.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The handsome stamps of this Colony have been increased by two high values. They are of nearly the same shape as the Eng-

lish 2s 6d stamps, and are in Copper-plate print, wmk. Crown C C perforated 14½. Half a crown, 2s 6d, dark blue. Five shillings, brown red.

HAITI.—A new series has made its appearance here. The design is altered, although the palm tree, liberty cap and guns still form the leading features of the stamp, the border surrounding these has been altered.

- 1 cent ultramarine. 7 cent gray.
- 3 " dark lilac. 20 " orange.

GOLD COAST.—The De la Rue pattern stamps have been issued here for the lower values. Stamps are tri-colored wmk. Crown C. A. perf. 14.

- ½d lilac, name and value upon lined ground, green.
- 1d lilac, name and value upon lined ground, carmine.
- 2½d lilac, name and value upon lined ground, blue.
- 3d lilac, name and value upon white ground, yellow.
- 6d lilac, name and value upon white ground, violet.
- 1sh green, name and value upon lined ground, black.
- 2sh green, name and value upon lined ground, carmine.

MAURITIUS.—Here the supply of 4 cent stamps had become exhausted so a recourse had to be had to surcharging. 480,000 stamps were treated as follows:

4 cents black on 16 cents brown	50,000
4 " " " 18c lilac and gr.	300,000
4 " " " 25 cents olive	80,000
4 " " " 50 " orange	50,000

There were also surcharged 160,000 envelopes.

4 cents black on 18 cents blue	80,000
4 " " " 36 " brown	80,000

The wrappers also were surcharged number, however, not given.

- 4 cents black on 3 cents green.

NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE.—Three new values have been issued here. Copper-plate print, wmk. Crown C A perf. 15 irregularly.

Six pence yellow brown.

Two shilling and six pence brown olive.

Ten shillings dark violet.

PORTUGAL.—The depreciation of the currency has brought about new postal tariffs, to conform to which, new value stamps were needed. The new stamp issued are like the 1895 series printed in colors upon colored paper perforated 11½.

65 Reis slate blue on gray white.

115 " brick red on rose.

130 " gray brown on buff.

180 " slate violet on light lilac.

ROUMANIA.—The postage due stamps have appeared with the current watermark P R perforated 13.

2 bani, emerald. 30 bani, emerald.

5 " " 50 " "

10 " "

Soldiers' Letters.

WHEN the Post Office Department issued the order that letters from soldiers could be sent unpaid and the single fee of two cents collected at the point of destination no doubt most people thought that this was an entirely new thing. To show that this is not the case I will tell of a letter which came into my possession only a short time ago. Looking over a lot of Confederate letters in the hope to find some good stamps I found that some one else had preceded me and torn every stamp off the letters. While examining them, however, closely to see if some stray specimen might not have remained, my attention was attracted by a letter which bore no sign of ever having had a stamp on it and which bore the legend "Due 10". The letter was written by a

private of Letcher's Battery, evidently from the Ferguson Hospital at Lynchburg, dated Oct. 26, '63, and postmarked on the outside Lynchburg, Oct. 27, (no year in the dating stamp, the year appearing as a dash.) Besides the address the letter has written on top of the address side "Soldiers Letter" and in lower left hand corner the name of the writer, his rank and command are stamped upon it near the dating stamp Due 10.

While according to the old proverb, one swallow does not make a summer, an inquiry among fellow collectors here has failed to bring to light another such specimen, still I am led to believe that the Confederate P. O. Dept., recognizing, like the U. S. Dept. now, the inability of soldiers to procure stamps in camp and on the march, allowed them to send letters unpaid, collecting the postage at the place of destination.


Human nature is the same through all the ages. In this letter written in German nearly 35 years ago, the writer not having heard from the "girl he left behind him" writes to a mutual friend imploring him to let him know by return mail how she is and while he tries to hide his desire to hear about her, by calling it "curiosity to know" there seems to be weightier grounds for his anxiety and one cannot help but speculate in one's mind, as to whether he ever came back and after peace was declared married her for whom he enquired or whether he shed his blood for his country and his Pauline consoled herself in the affections of another.

JOHN PAALZOW.

CORPORAL Weckert has been ordered to report to his command at Camp Cuba Libre and left our city Sunday, Aug. 13. Weckert as well as Bunce express their disappointment at the prospect of serving in the army of occupation instead of seeing active service at the front.

The Stamps of Paraguay.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

F the many neglected yet interesting stamps of the South American republics, none should appeal more strongly to the philatelist than those of Paraguay, on account of the cleanliness of that country's emissions. Unlike other republics to the south of us, the government of Paraguay has not lowered its dignity by resorting to issues of speculative stamps to replenish its depleted treasury, although the public finances are habitually in that distressing condition.

Surcharged stamps issued in recent years have more or less been tainted with the speculative stigma, although, of course, this is not universally applicable, yet it is only too true that a greater proportion of them have had for their emissions no other object than the raising of revenue from gullible philatelists, and their existence is from no necessity or demand from purely postal duty.

It is true that some of the earlier Paraguayan stamps were surcharged, but in each instance their creation was due to some legitimate condition which moved the officials to their emission, the first being necessitated by a change of currency, and, at a later period, a delay in the receipt of a new set of stamps from the engravers compelled the authorities to provisionally surcharge the old values on hand. Speculation was not rife at this period and the clearly established fact of the legitimate motives underlying these emissions place them in the front ranks of provisionals and eligible to a place in any general collector's album.

Following I hope to present an instructive yet concise history of all Paraguayan stamps and other interesting data thereto pertaining.

Paraguay first began to issue stamps in the early part of 1870 and the entire issue comprised just three varieties, each of a different denomination. The currency at that time was in Reales (1 real equivalent to 7½c in United States money) as is shown on the stamps. They are imperforate and the colors are as follows: 1 real, rose; 2 reales, blue, and 3 reales, black. The workmanship is good and the paper white wove. I have seen a few copies which appear as if on yellow paper,—probably age has so turned them, as no authentic information is obtainable showing that the stamps were printed on other than white paper. The 1 real is scarcer in the canceled condition, but the other values are just as hard to procure, either canceled or uncanceled. Stamps on original covers are rarities. About five years later the adoption of "centavos" and "pesos" as the national currency necessitated a corresponding change on the stamps. The 2 reales and 3 reales were surcharged with a large "5." There are two distinct sizes of this surcharge, the larger being 15½ m. high and the smaller 10½ m. The surcharges are known to exist in either black or blue.

Until recently many claimed that the 1 real was also overprinted and this stamp was even recognized at that time by cataloguers and according to their estimation was worth less than the others. Later it was learned that this surcharge was never authorized and therefore was fraudulent. This may account for the lesser value attached to this fake, although its spuriousness was unknown at that time. Latterly the stamp has been dropped from the catalogues and at present very few are met with in the open market, no honest dealer daring to handle them, although many an old collection still contains such a stamp.

The 2 reales and 3 reales are also found with surcharge inverted and sideways, but these can be totally ignored by the

general collector, although they were made unintentionally. These are local surcharges and printing in that era was not by any means what it is today.

In the meantime new stamps were received, the design being somewhat similar to the previous issue. The border surrounding the lion in the center is perfectly square. In the background appear the rays of the sun, which are absent in the preceding types. The stamps are perforated 12½ and two values comprise the set. It was discovered when the stamps were finished that an error existed thereon—the value being in the old currency, thus: 5 reis orange, and 10 reis brown. These stamps were immediately superseded by two new stamps of the right value. The colors were also changed, appearing as follows: 5c brown and 10c green. There has always existed some doubt in regard to the issuance of the 10c value at the same time as the 5c stamp. Some fix the date 1881, others, 1879. The latter is undoubtedly the correct date, as it would be an impossibility for the public to depend on one stamp for postal duty, and then, again, it would seem strange that only the 5c stamp was issued, when a 10c was originally intended to be issued at the same time, as the errors 5 reis and 10 reis would indicate. The five and ten reis were reprinted to some extent and plates were not, as first supposed, destroyed. The reprints are perforated 11½. The authenticity of the originals has not as yet been established. Many authorities claim none of the originals were sold, that when the error was discovered, before the stamps were put on sale, the entire issue was destroyed, therefore, such stamps as were sold were simply reprints, and, as such, are considered by many worthless trash, to be excluded from the catalogue. Others claim that the whole original issue was sold in bulk, as remainders, and not destroyed

since they are perforated 12½, whereas the reprints are perforated 11½. The latter claim, in the writer's opinion, seems to be correct. According to the standard catalogue these two stamps, (5 R. and 10 R.), are priced at eight cents each. This alone is enough proof to show that the stamps are remainders. Two reis equal 15 cents of United States money and three reis, 22½ cents. The stamps are listed at 8 cents each, which forces us to the conclusion that the stamps must surely be remainders or they *never* could be sold at less than the face value. Furthermore, the stamps are not priced in canceled condition, and never will be, as not *one single copy* was allowed to be used for postage. The two stamps catalogued are simply remainders of an uncirculated issue. The 5 and 10 centavos are also said to exist in an imperforate condition, but as yet I have failed to see an unsevered pair.

About two years later, in 1881, three new values were added to this set, the design being somewhat similar to the first issue (1870) except the new value in the new currency. The denominations and colors are as follows: 1c blue, 2c vermilion, or rose, and 4c brown; various perforations from 12 to 14. The 1 centavos is quite a scarce stamp and not at all as common as the catalogue quotations would indicate. Some time later the supply of the 1 and 2 centavos became exhausted and a new supply was immediately ordered. In the meantime it became necessary to issue two new surcharges, the remainders of the 10c green 1879 issue being the stamps selected for the purpose, making the face value equivalent to 1 centavo and 2 centavos, the stamps being surcharged with large numerals in black. The scarcity of these stamps is well known, they having been on sale but a short time. When the long delayed supply at last arrived, these surcharged stamps were

dispensed with, destroyed and not sold as remainders, etc., as most governments would do to-day.

In 1884 Paraguay was admitted to the Postal Union and like most all the South American stamps, that inscription appeared upon her stamps. The then present issue could not be altered to conform with this vogue, so a new issue was decided upon. The same old trouble prevented the Government from receiving the new stamps as promptly as expected. The 1 centavo again became exhausted, but no other stamp was available for the surcharging. The supply of all values of the current issue were at low water mark, and it was an impossibility to use any of them, as the limited quantity available would last but three days if they were surcharged. Finally there was unearthed in the post-office a batch of the 1 real 1870 issue and these stamps were selected. The stamp was over-printed with a large "1" in black. No other surcharge appears on the stamp and to all appearances still has a face value of one *real* the printers neglecting to cancel "real" and in its place put "centavo." Nevertheless, this stamp passed as 1 "centavo." As no corrections were deemed advisable by the authorities, we cannot term this an error in the correct sense of the word. This is another instance where the Paraguayan officials did not stoop to speculate in their country's stamps. This surcharge helped the philatelic fraternity to some extent by getting rid of the remainders of the first issue of 1 real stamps and giving proof that none of these stamps can be expected to be "found" by some enterprising stamp dealer in the future.

The new issue at last arrived, the design being somewhat unlike former types. The printing is not such as could be called perfect: either the ink was too thick or the paper too thin,

somehow or other the stamps have a blurred appearance. Only three stamps comprise this issue, as follows: 1c green, 2c red and 5c blue, all perforated 12½. The 5c is said to exist as carmine-red, perforated 15. A few years later the necessity for higher values became apparent. As the officials decided to add four new denominations, an entire new set was considered desirable. The stamps appeared in 1887; seven values, as follows: 1c green, 2c carmine, 5c blue, 7c chocolate, or brown, 10c lilac or violet, 15c orange, and 20c pink. The stamps are perforated from 11½ to 13. In the foregoing I have given the 7c and 10c stamps in two shades as there is a difference of opinion existing among some authorities.

The 15 centavos of 1889 issue is a somewhat doubtful stamp. When surcharged "official" it is used for that purpose only, but the stamp in question was not surcharged and was used for ordinary mail matter. Probably by error this stamp was put in circulation, as later events would indicate. A desire of the population to have the "pictures" of their presidents and great men appear on the stamps was gratified in 1892 by the issuance of an entirely new set, of a neat and pretty design, in the center of each appearing the head of one of their distinguished citizens. Originally this issue comprised eight denominations as follows: 1c gray, 2c yellow, 5c violet, 10c violet-blue (with hole), 14c brown, 20c carmine and 30c light green. The 10c violet-blue was, until 1897, issued punched with a circular hole in order to prevent its being fraudulently surcharged. The surcharge referred to above was a Jubilee stamp issued on the 12th of October, 1892, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. The surcharge was circular in shape, containing the following inscription: "1492" at the top, "1892" at

the bottom and "12 de Octubre" in the centre between the two dates. I have seen copies canceled on original cover with fake surcharge impressed with an ordinary rubber stamp, the color of the ink used being a deep shade of violet, could be correctly called purple. This counterfeit can easily be distinguished from the original by the blurred appearance of the entire surcharge.

In 1893, one year later, four higher values were added to the then present, 1892 issue, the type of the 1887 issue being used for the purpose. The denominations and colors are as follows: 40c dark or slate-blue, 60c yellow, 80c light blue and 1 peso olive or brown-green.

The year 1895 saw the birth of a new surcharge: 5c on 7c chocolate, of the 1887 type. The stamp was issued in such a large quantity it will never become scarce. In 1896 the error on the 1c gray was corrected from plural to singular, making the stamp appear 1 "centavo" instead of "centavos." Apropos of this correction, I may recall the speculation that occurred in 1892 when our speculating friends discovered this error, 1 "centavos." The stamps were bought right and left, in fact all the loose canceled copies were in the hands of speculators within thirty days from the first appearance of the issue. They were positive the stamps would be withdrawn and the error corrected, but such was not the case. Either the post-office officials of Paraguay wished to defeat the designs of these speculators or they were ignorant of the existence of such an error. The stamp was issued as first printed until 1896, four long years. The last issue of Paraguayan stamps appeared in 1897, although the stamp cannot be strictly termed a new issue. It is the 10c violet of 1892 issue minus the circular hole. This completes the regular adhesives.

We will now take up the officials,

they being a very interesting set of stamps, the early issues having designs of their own, entirely different from the postal adhesives. Outside of the very first issue, the imperforates, the stamps are within the reach of all; as only one stamp is priced above one dollar. As in the stamps of all countries, there are a few minor varieties, such as "inverted surcharges," "period after officiel" etc., but no philatelist is compelled to add them to his collection. The designs proper of the first and second issues are identical, but the differences lie in the colors, the type used for the surcharge "official" and in the first issue being imperforate and the second perforated. The first issue, 1886, is composed of seven denominations as follows: 1c orange, 2c violet, 7c green, 10c brown or maroon, 15c blue, and 20c carmine. All the stamps have wavy lines printed in orange on the reverse. These lines are called by many "control marks." The type used for the surcharges are of three varieties, as follows: long thick capitals on the 1c., script on the 2c and short thick capitals on the balance of the set. Naturally these stamps are scarce, having been current less than a year.

The second issue, 1887, were, as stated, in the same designs as first issue, but without the wavy lines on the reverse and were perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, the surcharge being in black. Seven values comprise the set, the colors and denominations being as follows: 1c blue-green or green, 2c carmine or red, 5c blue, 7c orange, 10c maroon or deep carmine, 15c brown and 20c blue. The surcharge is one style of type: long thin capitals. In 1890 the doubtful stamp of the 1889 issue of the regular adhesives was double surcharged, first as "official" and then with a numeral. There are four stamps of this issue, namely: imperforate, 3c on 15c violet, 5c on 15c red-brown, and perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, 1c on 15c red-violet or

lake and 2c on 15c red-violet or lake. In some instances I give two colors; this is caused by a difference of opinion entertained by some authorities. All the following officials are regular adhesives surcharged for official purposes. In the latter part of the same year, 1890, the regular stamps of the 1887 issue were over-printed "official" in medium-sized heavy-faced capitals. The entire set of seven values as follows:—1c green, 2c carmine, 5c blue, 7c brown, 10c lilac or violet, 15c orange and 20c pink. These were surcharged with violet or black ink, except the 7c value. It is claimed that the 7c does not even exist with the violet surcharge. I further learn that the 50c gray was also surcharged in black and that the entire set up to and including the 20c pink, has been seen over-printed in blue.

In 1892 these stamps appeared, including the seven centavos, surcharged diagonally with short thin capitals in black, the 50c, gray included, making a total of eight denominations in this issue. This completes the official emissions. Several times during the past two years it has been rumored that a new set of official stamps were in preparation but each time they have been declared false, as the Paraguayan postoffice officials on each occasion denied having given the matter a thought. (Seebeck, where art thou!)

On the envelopes and wrappers I will not dwell long, just mention that but four envelopes were issued, one being a Jubilee surcharge, and only one wrapper.

In the foregoing article I have, to the best of my ability, explained and described the entire postal emissions of Paraguay, adding any necessary comment I deemed interesting. The market value of this country's stamps do not by any means average high. I will give a few statistics or averages to prove my

assertion. Excluding minor varieties, shades, etc., we have a total of 46 regular adhesives and 33 official stamps that are priced by the 58th Standard Catalogue. First take the regular adhesives: the highest priced stamp is \$5.00. There are just eight priced at \$1.50 and upwards and the balance, 38, are priced at \$1.00 and under. The total average for the entire 46 stamps is about 68c per stamp and for those priced at \$1.00 and under, 38, the average price for each stamp is only a small fraction over 28c per piece. Now take the officials. Of the 33 issued, only seven are priced above a dollar. The total average for the 33 stamps is about 65½ cents each and the average for the 26 stamps priced at \$1.00 and under is about 26½ cents each. These averages are based on catalogue quotations, but it is understood that many of these stamps can be purchased from various dealers at a discount of at least 25%; therefore the average would be just so much less in proportion.

In 1896 a series of two stamps were issued by *private* parties, being a telegraph stamp surcharged with a circle containing the words "Correos" (postage) and "Centavos" also a large open "5," as follows: 5c on 2c brown and 5c on 4c yellow. The stamps are blacklisted and put down as fraudulent, which they justly deserve. I have seen a few copies but do not believe the stamps were extensively printed.

The author of this article is neither a dealer nor a speculator, but a plain ordinary collector who studies his stamps and who wishes to disseminate to the philatelic public any information he may thereby gain. He considers the stamps of Paraguay neglected and as an almost complete collection can be purchased for a small outlay of money, he advises all genuine collectors to take time by the forelock and purchase these stamps while they are cheap.

Paraguay.

BY FRANKLIN STEARNS, JR.

AN insignificant blot upon the surface of the globe lies the Constitutional Republic of Paraguay in the basin of the Parana-Paraguay system, marshy along parts of the river courses and reaching its highest elevation of 2200 feet at the interior watershed that divides the tributaries of the above named rivers.

Insignificant not so much in area, which is 91,970 square miles, about that of the State of Wyoming, it yet presents a deplorable example of a country of great natural resources steeped in the stagnation of indigence and illiteracy resulting from misgovernment by selfish and domineering ambition that inflicted upon it an indebtedness exceeding 245 millions of dollars, a sum far more than representing the total value of property, real and personal, and drove to slaughter in foolish wars of attempted conquest such great numbers of men that the female population now represents about two thirds of the total, estimated to be 1,337,439.

The natural resources of Paraguay are almost entirely agricultural, although there is some mineral wealth in its copper, lime, salt and marbles. There are more than 60 varieties of industrial timber, including the lapacho and quebracho, whose durability is so well evidenced by the remarkable state of preservation of the woodwork of the early Jesuit churches. There are fifteen plants from which dyes are secured and half as many furnish excellent fibres, among them the caragatay, from which is manufactured the beautiful handwoven or spiderweb lace that decorates the native belles. Such tropical fruit trees as the cocoa palm, orange and banana flourish so luxuriantly that their fruits have a merely

nominal value, and the maté furnishes the country with a most staple export, Paraguayan tea, extensively used throughout South America and produced almost exclusively in the country from which its name is derived. Tobacco is also an important product, especially as it finds an extensive home market, being smoked continuously by the whole population, including women and children. Sugar cane is thoroughly adapted to the soil and climate, but is grown only for manufacture into rum and syrups, all refined sugar for domestic consumption being imported, chiefly from Brazil. The people wear exclusively cotton goods which are imported from England under a 40% duty, although the plant is indigenous and grows spontaneously. Cattle raising is becoming a prominent industry, although it received a severe check in the war with the allies, nearly all the stock having been then destroyed. Good fertile farming lands are cheap, Oh! *very* cheap, the prices at private sales ranging from 18 to 23 cents per acre, though the Government lands are rated at from \$1.00 to \$1.11 per acre.

The fertility of the land is such that under a careful and industrious system of management prosperity could not be driven away, yet indolence and ignorance are now casting aside opportunities of wealth—or holding them in trust, 'tis hoped, for the contemporaries of some near future regime that shall be not blind to the welfare of its charge or the enlightening advantages of a liberal free educational system that exists not alone on the statutes. In all the republic there is but one railroad and that only 50 miles in length and in operation only four days in a week. There is one telegraph line, also of 50 miles length.

The inhabitants of Paraguay are mostly half-breeds based on the original Guarani stock, and are a peaceful, simple people, much given to love of flowers

and fêtes and trysting-places too, if we may judge from the statistical information that of all the births only 3 per cent are legitimate. What a paradise for the free-love idealist! This deplorable condition is due to the precept and example of Dr. Francia who never married but left several illegitimate children.

On the other hand, criminal offences are comparatively of rare occurrence and their frequency is constantly abating. As is so often characteristic of artless people, the half-breed Paraguayans are possessed of indomitable courage, which they so signally exhibited in the disastrous wars of Lopez II, as well as in the many conflicts to which they and their aboriginal contemporaries were forced in defence of the despotism of the Jesuits, by whom they were controlled.

The present government of Paraguay is, as stated, a constitutional republic. The term of office of the president and vice-president is as in the United States and an incumbent is ineligible for re-election until eight years from his retirement have elapsed. The legislative bodies consist of a Senate and Chamber of Deputies, both elected directly by the people. There are five Government departments and a supreme court presided over by three salaried judges. Education is supposed to be compulsory, but the 178 schools are poorly attended. The standing army nominally numbers about 2,000 men and the navy consists of one small steamer of 440 tons. The country possesses but one public library, containing only 3000 volumes. Trade is somewhat on the increase and as a matter of curiosity it may be mentioned that in 1881 there were exported 20,000,000 cigars valued each about an eighth of a cent. The total annual revenue is about \$4,000,000 and the national expenses exceed receipts about a quarter of a million dollars.

One of the earliest settlers of Paraguay

was Sebastian Cabot, who, in 1528, built the fort called Santo Espiritu. Asuncion the present capital, was founded in 1537 by Juan de Ayolas. The name Paraguay was at one time applied not only to the country between the Paraguay and Parana rivers and that north-east of the Pilcomayo, the present boundaries of the republic, but also to Uruguay and large parts of Brazil and the Argentine Republic. Paraguay proper was not separated from the other provinces until about 80 years after the founding of its capital. The history of the country to the beginning of the 19th century is associated mainly with the struggle between the Spanish and Portuguese for territorial expansion and the career of the Jesuits who formed and maintained for quite a while a despotism based on the religious subjection in which they held the natives. This despotism was antagonistic to the Government at Asuncion and with it the Jesuits had many wars. They were finally defeated about the middle of the 18th century by the combined armies of Spain and Portugal in a war which grew out of their resistance to the cession by Spain to Portugal of several districts which they considered theirs by right of religious "reduction." Though this territorial treaty with Portugal was revoked by Spain in 1761, the Jesuits never recovered their prestige and were finally expelled the country in 1767.

Paraguay declared its independence of Spain in 1811 and after four years of tentative government, the supreme power was seized by Dr. José Gaspar Rodriguez Francia whose despotism, absolute as it was, existed to his death in 1840. The reins of government then passed into the hands of the Doctor's nephew, Carlos Antonia Lopez, who was succeeded in 1862 by his son, Francisco Solano Lopez, whose foolish ambition for conquest almost totally destroyed the

Paraguayan nationality and plunged the country into a five years war with Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina that ended in his complete defeat and death at the battle of Aquidaban, March 1, 1870. The allies now exercised a quasi protectorate over the defeated country and a new constitution was adopted and a president, Jovellanos, appointed, the Brazilian army of occupation not being withdrawn until 1876, since which time Paraguay is supposed to have governed herself.

Pitiable indeed is a country whose very national existence yet depends upon the balance of power existing between its jealous neighbors when its natural resources should raise it to the position of an honored rival. Blessed by nature with a most fertile soil—smiled upon by a kindly temperature—endowed with ample water courses by pre-historic earth formation—free as any from dreaded plagues, save those resulting from shortened diet, it should produce enough for itself and to spare, that by exports to foreign climes the wealth of others might be attracted to its confines as by a magnet, through which, if rightly applied, its people, without fear of losing sight of the foremost, could raise their heads and point with pride to *their* position in the onward march of enlightened progress—now striding side by side, hand in hand, with the most advanced—no stigma of illiteracy, or, worse still, spurious offspring cursed by clouded origin, to render vulnerable their hearts to the rude jests and cruel sneers of the inconsiderate, or dampen the ardor of their righteous ambition or check their noble career by consciousness of their damning truth.

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Many States of the Union may boast of several philatelic magazines, while Virginia of only one, but that one, "The Queen of All" and the "Pride of America" and Virginians and Americans in general, should and do feel proud that they have at least one philatelic magazine, which deserves its title.

Too much cannot be said for this noble paper and its noble cause. A glance at it will prove all I have said in its favor.

I sincerely hope that the day will soon come when this beautiful magazine will find its way into every philatelist's home in this great world, and shall be patronized by every up-to-date dealer in the United States.

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W. C. HARDY.

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Stamp Illustrating.

A Few Practical Hints by a Practical Engraver.

THE philatelic student is a close observer of detail. The study of stamps engenders this faculty, which, when diligently pursued, attains to a high state of perfection.

In reviewing the publications devoted to philately one will frequently note instances where stamp illustrating has been attempted, that the result has proved a dismal failure, and far from presenting a faithful reproduction of the chosen subject.

Undoubtedly the cause of this trouble may be found in the fact that, in most instances, publishers are not acquainted with the various modern processes of engraving at their command, and particularly *which* of these methods will render the best results when applied to the different stamps.

Still this does not justify these shortcomings, which are not alone misleading to the seeker after philatelic lore, but produce, in general, a detrimental effect, and unless we will employ the methods of today, stamp illustrating had better be abandoned.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." I shall therefore enumerate several cases coming under my observation quite recently, and then attempt to describe, briefly, the different processes of engraving, supplementing illustrations, and to assign to them such class of stamps as may be treated by each most advantageously.

The Newfoundland surcharges have been illustrated in nearly every American as well as foreign philatelic publication with more or less accuracy—in most cases with less. In two instances which I clearly have in mind, the printer (with whom necessity oft proves to be

the mother of invention) not having the corresponding "face" of type in his outfit, substituted the "next nearest to it," and today, I suppose, some readers of those papers are on the "still hunt" for that particular type. The false impression left in such cases is difficult to efface.

The most failures occur when attempts are made to illustrate the stamp proper. Some publishers employ (incredible as it may seem) the out-of-date method of wood-engraving, generally resulting in the most distorted presentation of a fine subject, and oftentimes in veritable caricatures.

Especially has this been the case with illustrations of the new Canadian and Newfoundland issues. Some of them baffle all description, and did not the accompanying meager information enlighten the reader to a certain extent, the cuts surely never would have done so.

Some were crudely executed in wood; others reproduced from free-hand pen-and-ink drawings, and in every instance signally failing to justly interpret these fair subjects.

FOUR METHODS OF ILLUSTRATING.

There are four methods adapted to illustrating a letter-press printed publication:

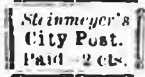
1. Type-set form.
2. Wood-cut.
3. Zinc etching—or line engraving.
4. Half-tone.

Of these but two—zinc etching and half-tone—should be employed.

Either one or the other of these two is adapted to the reproduction of *any* subject, be it a type-set, wood-cut-lithographed or engraved stamp.

I shall treat the methods separately, showing how, when, and where each process is best adapted to the subject.

TYPE-SET FORM.



ONE CENT
ONE CENT
ONE CENT

TYPE-SET.

The utility of type and printer's rule for illustrating purposes is limited to surcharges and early provisionals which were originally type-set. In reproducing, in such cases, the greatest care should be taken to conform strictly to the "face" of letter used on the original. The words or letters should be spaced identically with the spacing of the subject, and here, as in no other case the time-honored printer's rule is imperative: "Follow copy."

If a broken, inverted, or transposed letter occurs in the "copy," break, invert, or transpose the type to conform to it. Do not attempt to correct—you are illustrating—"follow copy." If you cannot secure the same type, *do not substitute another*—prefer not to illustrate at all. Philately will thank you for it.

WOOD CUTS.



WOOD CUT.

Wood-cuts are produced by engraving a design on prepared, hard wood, type high, by means of tools similar to those used in engraving on metals. As for all letter-press printing the subject must be in relief, *i. e.* the design left while all surrounding wood is removed. The grade of work being entirely dependent upon the skill of the artisan, the result is more or less satisfactory. The fact remains that elaborate designs cannot receive just treatment in wood, and the process is practically limited to such stamps as the late issues of Gambia, New South Wales 2½d Jubilee, and a number of the so-called De la Rue styles. Steel and copper-plate printed stamps, as well as lithographed issues should not be attempted in wood.

ZINC ETCHINGS, OR LINE ENGRAVINGS.



ZINC ETCHING

This process seems to be the most favored for stamp illustrating, being to a great extent purely mechanical and chemical. The subject is transferred by means of photography to a prepared sheet of zinc. The design thus transferred is neutralized, *i. e.* "fortified," as it were, to resist the destructive acids. The plate is then emersed in a tray of acids. These acids "bite" away the zinc surrounding the "fortified" design, to a certain requisite depth, leaving, as a result, the subject in relief—raised. Imperfections are removed by means of a graver, and, finally, the plate is mounted on a wood base, corresponding in height, after being mounted, to type.

The fact, that by means of this process the slightest details of the subject may be preserved with perfect accuracy, as well as enlargements or reductions to any desired dimensions secured, commends it at once as one of the best methods to be employed in stamp illustrating.

Zinc etching, therefore, is best adapted to subjects in "line," no matter how sharp these lines be, so long as they are clear and distinct, and a white background is visible between them.



REDRAWN.

There are a few exceptions that do not permit of treatment by this process, such as the earlier stamps of Barbados, Trinidad, Mauritius, and the current St. Vincent. Yet even these may be satisfactorily prepared if the stamps are first enlarged by means of photography, a "blue-print"

prepared, and then "traced" by the artist in black water-proof India ink. After "fading" the blue-print the drawing is again reduced to the normal size and prepared as before described.

HALF-TONE.



HALF-TONE.

Half-tone illustrating is the most costly of the four processes, but vastly superior in a number of cases, in fact preferable, and if properly printed the effect is most pleasing,

for the half-tone is the printer's substitute for photography in illustrating.

Especially in instances where cancellations on stamps are to be shown, grilling, embossing, or where two-colored stamps are to be reproduced showing to some extent the different colors by a variation of shade and light in the print.

The half-tone process is adapted to such subjects as are furnished by the earlier Barbados, Trinidad, St. Vincent, Nova Scotia, in short, every stamp too close-lined for the zinc-etching process can be satisfactorily reproduced in half-tone.

Stamps to be treated by this process should be mounted on dull black cards, and to obtain the best results *enlarged* in the engraving--the more so, the better the result.

OTHER REQUISITES.

Finally, the chief requisites are, good paper, good ink, good presses, and a competent pressman, for with him rests the fate of an engraving.

Wood cuts *print* best; zinc-etchings require *little ink* but light, even impression, while the half-tone requires artistic treatment at his hands. It requires more ink than the zinc-etching, it requires a *hard*, even packing on the cylinder or

job press and it requires patience and skill in the "make-ready" to "bring out" the highlights and darken or grade the shades.

With these "pointers" stamp illustrating is commended to every philatelic publication as the most valuable adjunct to the advancement of "stamp science."

AUG. DIETZ.

The VIRGINIA'S Soliloquy.

An Asteroid that autumn date,
When first I life essayed;
A timid child that slumped the fate
Of critics' fusillade;
A friendless waif in this cold world,
I wandr'd o'er the land
And sought kind hearts that, when unfurled,
Would lend a helping hand.

I know not why nor to what end,
It is for them so say,
Yet many do their hands extend
On this, my natal day.
I promised much, I must confess;
Perhaps I've not kept all,
And yet, perchance, my outward dress
May've saved me from a fall.

But outward form and fashion's cloths
The mind do not appease,
Hence plans that made I must dispose
At once, my friends to please.
They leniently my errors here,
For which I've gratitude,
So duty now to them before
A selfish attitude.

Although a single year, 'tis true,
Is all that I have known,
Yet in that time I've rambled through
This world from hut to throne.
To many others of my kind,
Who live with weal or woes,
I social visits pay and find
That they are friends,—not foes.

My future thus seems bright and clear,
I trust 'twill so remain
And that the end of this new year
Will prompt the same refrain.
And though I feel the burden vast,
That duty doth impose,
Yet will I strive to mend the past—
Give conscience sweet repose.

F. S., JR.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

PLEWS of a local nature was rather scarce the past month, therefore my notes are somewhat meager.

There is a noticeable increase in the adherents of United States Revenue stamps; the new revenues are accountable for this boom. Dealers find sales increasing for this stock, and one dealer in particular, intends in the future to devote the greater part of his trade to revenues.

We also notice many new faces around the stamp shops, and it is safe to venture that a large majority of these collectors joined our ranks through the courtesy of our liberal government, in issuing such beautiful and handsome revenue and Omaha Exposition stamps. The latter were originally to be printed in two different colors for each value, but when it became apparent that it would be impossible to adhere to this idea, a local collector wrote to the Post Office Authorities, and suggested, that for each value a different colored paper be employed; the stamps, would then appear, as if printed in two colors.

The rush of work at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, prevented this suggestion being tried, as the officials had in the meantime made complete arrangements for printing the stamps in one color; different for each denomination.

Turning our attention again to the new revenue stamps, we must not forget to state that the minor variety collector is having his hands full in discovering new varieties on these stamps. Here are a few: two sizes of surcharge; in-

verted surcharge; reversed surcharge; numerous shades; imperforated on one or more sides; no periods after I. R., and many more too numerous to mention. Before I drop revenues, I must mention that there is a dearth of the old issues part perforated and pin perforated in blocks and strips. This also applies to Match and Medicine stamps in similar conditions. Other stamps in demand, but rather scarce, are the one cent red Newfoundland and ten cent Canada, with maple leaves in all four corners.

As these notes are written several days before any of the conventions, I am unable to report the proceedings, but full report will probably be found elsewhere in *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*; but there are many minor occurrences that will happen, which will never be chronicled, or mentioned, in the philatelic press; for instance, each member attending the Empire State Philatelic Society's first annual meet will be presented with a handsome and expensive badge; this is really a beautiful souvenir and certainly to be appreciated by the fortunate recipients. The members' badges will be blue and the officers' red.

The Sons of Philatelia, by the way, ask fifteen cents for their convention badges.

As the U.S. government intends to keep or annex the Hawaiian Islands, Cuba, Porto Rico, and possibly the Philippine Islands, publishers of philatelic and other periodicals which have obtained second class rates, can now reduce their subscription prices to these islands, the same as the domestic rates. This ought to boom philately in these new territories as many specimens: copies of the different philatelic magazines can be mailed at a small fraction of the former cost.

There are more philatelic speculators in this city than one could really imagine. The writer coming in contact with many of them in the course of business, is apt to learn of many stamps

that are "slyly" being bought up. A few I mention here, but next month I will submit a much larger list, if it can be procured.

Bavaria, No. 61, three pfennig, green. No. 58, two marks, orange.

Belgium, No.'s 12, 13 and 14, ten, twenty and forty centimes; No. 57, thirty-five centimes. (There are found many varieties on this stamp). Nos. 71, 72 and 73.

Brussels Exhibition, five and ten centimes, (two shades of the latter.)

British Central Africa, Nos. 41 to 45 inclusively. Crown and CA (very desirable).

Canada, No. 23, five cents (Beaver). No. 65, five cents. No. 73, 10 cents. Nos. 82 to 85, inclusive. No. 88, two cents Jubilee. No. 209, envelope two cents.

Cape of Good Hope, No. 5, four pence (triangle).

Chili, Nos. 12, 13 and 14 many varieties, both in engraving and watermark, are found of these stamps. They are rather scarce, especially the ten centavos blue, as any dealer will inform you.

Notes From the Lone Star State.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

Well, for a wonder, the writer had an outing last month. I ran down to Austin and New Braunfels, and saw quite a number of the "boys." In Austin I had the pleasure of meeting E. D. True and H. A. Herzog, whom I found to be earnest, active philatelists. After staying there a few days I took the train to New Braunfels ("Germany," the porter called it), and spent a couple of very pleasant days enjoying the hospitality of my friend Emil Gerlich. Well, we went fishing on Saturday. Nothing very remarkable about that, but there was in the size of our "catch." We caught—but I'll refrain, as I do not wish to give

you reason to doubt my veracity. Bob Kessler accompanied us on our fishing excursion, and—my, but he's loaded with the proverbial "fish story."

The *Lone Star State Philatelist* will be greatly improved commencing with the August issue. Printed on the finest of antique book paper, from new type, it will be typographically perfect. Several new cuts will adorn the cover and inside, the work of my friend Dietz; while such contributors as Miss Amy L. Swift, Emil Gerlich, August Dietz, H. Fenton, Frederic Noyes, E. R. Aldrich, G. A. Hunt, and myself will endeavor to fill its columns with choice reading matter *on stamps*. The standard of excellence will be placed high, but we hope to attain it.

I note in *McKeel's Weekly Stamp News* that Wm. S. Osgood, a philatelist of Massachusetts is now located at Sabine Pass, while M. C. Spears, formerly of Kentucky, is also located at Dallas. Gentlemen, we will be pleased to enroll you among the members of the Southern and Texas Philatelic Associations.

I would like very much to see the *American Journal of Philately* pay more attention to the stamps of the Confederate States. As yet, no reference to them appears in the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," now appearing in that magazine. I presume they will be included among the latter part of the "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," now appearing in monthly instalments. By the way, the Scott Co., write me that it will be several months ere the "Advanced Catalogue" is completed.

Stamp news is quite scarce this month. I've been scratching my cranium for half an hour trying to think of more "news," but it's no go, so my readers will not be afflicted with any more notes this month, for which they ought to be grateful.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

Your humble servant has been requested to put forth his best effort this month, in honor of the great Anniversary Number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. And although he would state that he has complied with this wish, it does not say much for his ability, as he does not pose for a literary man to any great extent. But best is best, and that is all that is expected from anyone.

As regards stamp trade in general, Boston is at present convalescent, and the fall trade is already beginning to show itself at this early date. Thus far we have had a very short dull season, if such it could be called at all.

Our society members are all busy packing "duds" for the conventions which will take place the latter part of August, in New York City, and it is needless to state that the Hub will be well represented.

The New England Philatelic Association will hold their annual convention at Manchester, N. H. This is scheduled to come off also in August, and the trustees have prepared a very attractive programme.

The session will be held at the new hotel on Lake Massabesic, which abounds in magnificent scenery.

It is rumored here that Newfoundland has just issued a new ½c, 3c and 5c stamp. An invoice of these denominations is expected at any date, as the Postmaster-General informs one well-known firm that they have already been shipped.

Now that the ½c documentary revenue has been changed in color from yellow to slate, there has been a great rush for the former, which easily retails at about 3c. I have been told on good authority, that this is only the beginning of several changes, and that eventually the whole

issue is to appear in a perforated state instead of rouletted. If this be the case the stamps in use now will be good things to invest a little money in.

The post-offices in the vicinity of the Hub, have been decidedly short of certain values of the Omaha stamps, (doubtless on account of the Bureau printing enormous quantities of the new war tax stamps) and one of Boston's dealers was obliged to pay a fancy price for some, with which to fill his orders.

It is now apparent that our city will see fewer auction sales next fall, than in years past. One of the firms that do considerable in this line, state that they cannot promise one, and several others inform me that they will do decidedly less in auctions than usual.

For the past two weeks there has been a great demand here for the maple leaf set of Canada. Several denominations of this series are now obsolete, and cannot be obtained at many of the post-offices in the Dominion.

Edward L. Smiley of Milford, Mass., is spending his vacation at Sunapee, N. H. Mr. Ernest M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co. has returned from his trip to the West, after an absence of about four weeks. Mr. Ernest L. Farrin, assistant at Mr. F. P. Brown's office, is at North Woodstock, N. H., for ten days.

Several sets of used Newspaper stamps changed hands at the Hub this week at from \$35 to \$50 per set. This seems to be cheap for these much sought-for stamps, and every indication points to an early rise in price.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, *The Columbian Philatelist*, *The American Collector*, and *The Rocky Mountain Stamp* all for one year for only 50 cents.

You can't afford to miss all of these grand combinations so send in your subscriptions for one or more of them.

Canadian Notes.

 BY CANADIAN.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed at the choice of the *Philatelic Advocate* as the official organ of the D. P. A. as it is believed that a better choice could have been made. However there is a difference of opinion on that point and the *Advocate* has the advantage of the difference.

Now that the Canadian stamps have numerals in the corners instead of the maple leaves there is a wild scramble for the stamps of the latter design and it is safe to predict a good advance in prices in the near future.

The Ontario Philatelist is typographically, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST of Canada. Friend Widdicombe turns out a very neatly printed paper filled with readable matter.

We haven't seen the stamp paper that was to appear from Hamilton, Ontario, and will be more inclined to believe that it is a reality when we see Vol. I No. 1.

The number in attendance at the D. P. A. Convention was very good and shows the great interest taken in our only national philatelic society.

The by-law passed at the convention, requiring all officers to have been members of the society for at least six months, is a good one and will have the effect of keeping many office-seekers out.

Although the agitation for the release of John R. Hooper is still kept up we are not inclined to believe that his sentence will be shortened as the government has evidently passed its opinion on the case.

The new Anglo-Saxon private post-cards are becoming very popular and many merchants are using them to increase trade.

How many 6c Jubilees have you? They are a good thing to have.

Wanted: By Wm. Mulock a good pre-

text on which to issue a new set of stamps. Sealed proposals will be received by the above gentleman.

Since the London conference decided upon penny postage the government of Canada will at once put into operation the bill passed recently reducing postage from 3 to 2 cts. on first-class matter. A new issue is now in order to commemorate the change.

The prompt action of the D. P. A. trustees in expelling a member found guilty of larceny by confession, is to be commended.

Notwithstanding the apparently good showing made by the Dominion Philatelic Association we believe that the society as it is now conducted is but little more than an adjunct to the official organ.

The two-cent postage rate to all parts of Canada and Great Britain will become operative on and after November 1st, 1898. This is a great stride in the right direction.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and *The Montreal Philatelist*—the two "handsomest" of the U. S. and Canada, one year for 30 cents.


I'd like to meet the galoot in the Milwaukee P. O. who evidently cancels the letters with his feet, and probably uses a shovel to put ink on. He spoils a strip of three nice 8 cent Omaha stamps, the first I got.—*Montreal Philatelist*.

It is held that under the new U. S. war tax law, a doctor's certificate of a patient's death must bear a ten cent stamp. This is following a man a long way.—*Montreal Philatelist*.

Grenada has gone stamp jobbing too. A 31. Jubilee stamp is out to commemorate Columbus' landing. Poor Kit, you've got to do for a pretext once more.—*Montreal Philatelist*.

My Stamp Hunt.

BY A. G. GIBB.

EN in all ages have been hunters, and the desire to secure certain objects seems to be inherent to the human race.

From the days of Esau (of Biblical fame) up to the present time, men have been "on the hunt" for something or other.

Students of Scott's works (I do not refer to Scott of philatelic fame, but to the one and only "Great Scott"—Sir Walter) must remember how the old antiquarian used to spend his days hunting amongst the tombstones for inscriptions.

And in our own times we find many people who "collect things." Some collect old china, statuary, pictures or coins, others gather the flora and fauna from the face of nature, while still others (and what a mighty army they are!) are hunters of *stamps*!

All however, pursue their game with the same commendable ardor, and the more trouble they experience in securing a "find," the more they glory in it, and value it.

A short account of a memorable stamp hunt I recently had, may be of interest to the many readers of this wonderful Anniversary number of the popular VIRGINIAN. (*Vivat Floreat!*)

The scene of my hunt was in Newfoundland, where I had resided for a number of years, and where, as may be supposed, there is a good field for the philatelic sport.

I had been commissioned by a lady friend abroad to employ a carpenter to do certain repairs to a dwelling-house in which she was interested. The house had been unoccupied for some time, and considerable repairs had to be done. Among other improvements, my wife

suggested that the paper should be stripped off the walls, and new paper hung, and said she would send up the servant girl to do the stripping. On my return from business about 10 o'clock that night, my wife informed me that on stripping the paper off one of the rooms, the girl had disclosed a hole in the wall, stuffed with all sorts of "rubbish," and amongst it were a lot of old letters and newspapers.

Greatly interested, I called in the girl, and asked her if she had noticed any stamps amongst the papers, and she replied there were "lots of them," but she did not think they were any good, *as they had been all used!*

As it was too late to do anything that night, I went to bed, determined to be up "bright and early" in the morning.

That night I had a dream, or rather a series of dreams. All night long, visions of philatelic wealth appeared before my delighted eyes; and I fairly revelled in the early issues of Newfoundland. There were 1sh. scarlet vermilion, brown 5's; vermilion "star 3's," and other gems. In New Brunswick there were several "Connels," and many other rare B.N.A.'s.

What a feast I had! But alas!—Waking up early, I dressed hurriedly, and managed to reach the house just as the carpenters came along.

On entering I at once repaired to the room and found the floor covered with scraps of wall paper, old newspapers, etc. From the mess I fished out a few Canadian postals, but nothing of any value. Turning my attention then to the "hole in the wall" I off coat, and set to work.

First I pulled out a big bundle of newspapers with "nary a stamp" on them. Then I came across a few more post cards—American and Canadian. Scattered amongst the rubbish were a number of the common 1 and 2c U. S., of '79 and much to my disgust, *not a solitary N. F. in the whole jolly lot!*

OUR CO-WORKERS.

A COMPLIMENTARY SKETCH TO THE
STAFF-ASSISTANTS OF THE VIR-
GINIA PHILATELIST.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

IN CELEBRATING our Anniversary we deem it the most pleasant duty to present brief sketches of our faithful co-laborers, to whom, in a great measure, we attribute the success of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Untiring in their efforts to contribute, monthly, the news philatelic—be it in the sparkling notes from New York, Boston, Texas, Canada, Newfoundland, and the far Antipodes; or in the meritorious articles on philatelic subjects which have appeared in our columns from time to time, they have certainly won for themselves a place of honor in our Anniversary number.

J. G. GRIFFIN, AUSTRALIA.

Undoubtedly our readers have perused with great interest the notes from far Australia contributed from time to time by Mr. J. G. Griffin of Sydney, New South Wales. A brief sketch of this eminent philatelist and gentleman will lend a new charm to his future philatelic letters:

Mr. Griffin was born at Richmond, a

suburb of Melbourne, in Victoria, Australia, March 4, 1846. At the early age of 10 he was sent, in company with his brother (who is now general manager of the Nitrate Railway and Mines at Iquique, Peru), in a bark of 600 tons, all the way from Victoria to London, England, to be educated. At the age of 15 he was articled as a Civil Engineer on the Great Western Railway in England. At the age of 19 he was sent as Assistant Engineer to Turkey in Europe and assisted in building the railways

from Varna, on the Black Sea, to Ruschuk, on the Danube; and thence from Guirgevo to Bukarest, the capital of Moldau - Wallachia. He was in Bukarest during the Revolution, when Prince Couza was "ousted" and the present King "brought in". Before returning to

England he spent two years on the Continent, visiting Vienna, Paris, etc. Then bidding Albion farewell, he returned to his native Australia. Here his career has been chequered and successful. He has been employed as railway engineer and government surveyor; he has taken great interest in public affairs, and was once Mayor of Manly (the chief marine suburb of Sydney), and is now for the third time Mayor of Hurstville. He is a J. P. for the Colony, and is now contesting a seat in the Free Trade interest for the Parliament of New South Wales.



Mr. Griffin is a keen philatelist and rejoices in old Australians. His collection numbers some 6,000 choice stamps as well as a large number of entires. Possessing most of the varieties of the rare "Sydney Views" and the other Australian Colonials, Mr. Griffin desires to complete his collection of U. S. and Confederates, and but few are yet wanting, which he hopes to secure in exchange.

Mr. Griffin is a member of the Sydney Philatelic Society, a Mason and a prominent writer for the press of his city. We are proud of his friendship, grateful for the interest he takes in our publication, and feel confident his kindness will gain for him many admirers among philatelists in our country.

ROYAL BENNETT BRADLEY, TEXAS.

Philately of America—and beyond our borders—needs no introduction to this eminent and enthusiastic laborer in its cause. His publication, *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, has carried his fame far and near and *The Lone Star* has become a household word to stampmen of the South and West.

Royal Bennett Bradley is a native of Indiana, a descendant of Virginians. He has resided in Texas since his eighth year. His first experience in publishing a stamp paper was the weekly *Lone Star State Philatelist*. This appeared uninterruptedly for 77 issues. It was then suspended for several months on account of ill health, during which time the "sub"-list was filled by Mr. Lowry's paper, *The Texan Philatelist*. In August, 1896, the *Lone Star* again appeared, as a monthly. In September was added, by purchase, *The Dixie Philatelist*.

Mr. Bradley is a versatile writer for the press, being business manager of *The People's Forum*, owned and edited by his father.

He possesses a collection of about 4,000 varieties of better class stamps free from Seebecks and like rubbish, as well as another of entires.

He has held various offices in the different philatelic societies; was among the organizers of the Anti-Seebeck Society that blazed the way for the "Four S's.," was secretary-treasurer of the S. P. A. and reorganized that society; is Vice-President of the Texas Association, also holding membership in 7 or 8 other societies. But it is in *The Lone Star State Philatelist* we come to appreciate the true merit of the man—one of the pioneers of philately in the South and West.

Ranking with the best monthlies of our country, its success must be attributed to the earnest labors of a sincere, enthusiastic stamp-collector, and the ability to understand and cater to the needs of *collectors*. No trivial subjects find reception in its columns—sterling philatelic articles—instructive to the seeker after philatelic lore, greet the reader from month to month, and serve to endear the *Lone Star* to its large constituency.

Mr. Bradley is a regular contributor to our columns and his notes from the *Lone Star State* have won for him new laurels in the Old Dominion.

WM. A. MAC DONNELL.

Another philatelist and writer requiring no introduction to stampdom, is our New York correspondent, Mr. Wm. A. MacDonnell, whose monthly letters, replete with news and valuable "pointers," have proven not only interesting but instructive and beneficial to the collector who strives to keep abreast of the times.

Mr. MacDonnell has contributed his notes to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST since its infancy. Represented in No. 1, he has never failed to supply the cream

of the news every month, and his valuable services are again enlisted for the coming year.

Wm. A. MacDonnell was born in New York City, Nov. 1, 1875. He attended the public and private schools of that city, graduating with high honors at the age of 16; excelling especially in free-hand drawing, arithmetic and algebra. His intention to enter College was frustrated by a trouble with his eyesight, which compelled him to discontinue studies of any kind. In 1891 he commenced collecting stamps, occupying his many leisure hours in their study. Thrice he sold his collection, but two years ago began anew, devoting especial attention to the stamps of Uruguay, Paraguay and the Hawaiian Islands. His excellent article on the Stamps of Paraguay, appearing in this number, is an evidence of *how he collects stamps*, and studies them.

Mr. MacDonnell is an extensive writer, and contributes notes to many of the leading philatelic publications.

He is a member of the P. S. of A., S. P. A., D. P. A., N. P. A., C. P. S., auction manager of S. of P.; and secretary-treasurer of E. S. P. S., as well as member No. 49 of the Virginia Philatelic Association.

Mr. MacDonnell is a staunch friend of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and has exerted every influence to raise it to its present position. We feel under many obligations to our faithful "Lenmod."

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

The gentleman who contributes the interesting notes to our columns from "across the border" is Mr. Irving E. Patterson, and, like Bradley and MacDonnell, is well known to philately.

Mr. Patterson was born in 1878 at Wyandotte, Mich. He began collecting in 1891 and later on became a dealer.

Uninterrupted has been his devotion to our science—U. S. and Canada being his specialties.

He was one of the organizers of the Michigan Philatelic Association in 1895, holding the responsible offices of secretary-treasurer and chairman of trustees thereof. He was also a charter-member of the L. A. P., its first librarian and, later on, its secretary. Mr. Patterson, among his many offices, filled that of librarian of the Peninsula Philatelic Club of Detroit, and is a member of all the prominent societies.

In 1895 he removed to Guelph, Ontario, resigning all offices he then held in philatelic societies.

Shortly after his arrival in Canada, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the D. P. A., and Canadian vice-president of the L. A. P.

He succeeded in raising the D. P. A. from a society of *three* paid-up members to its present strength and prominence.

Mr. Patterson was a candidate for International secretary of the P. S. of A., and but for the cumulative ballot would have been elected by a large majority. Mr. Green, a presidential candidate, winning by a cumulative ballot.

In June, 1897, Mr. Patterson removed to Detroit where he now resides, but he keeps posted on Canadian stamp matters as well as any man across the border.

Patterson is a prolific writer for the philatelic press, and we are fortunate in securing his services for the coming year.

A careful student of stamps, his notes are ever brimful of matter to interest the collector.

ARCHIE G. GIBB, NEWFOUNDLAND.

From time to time philatelic articles have appeared in our columns from the pen of Mr. Archie G. Gibb, formerly of

St. Johns, Newfoundland, now of Roxbury, Mass. Prominent among them were the articles on the Newfoundland Surcharges and West Indian Fake Fiscals.

Mr. Gibb is an enthusiastic stamp collector, studies his treasures and our reader may look forward to some interesting sketches from his pen during the coming year.

Mr. Gibb is a native of Scotland. He was born at Dollar on the "clear-winding Devon" at the foot of the "heather-covered Ochils," and about 7 miles from the historic field of Bannockburn. Receiving a thorough education at the Academy of Dollar, he was afterwards apprenticed to a dry-goods merchant. In 1877 he sailed for Newfoundland. In 1886 he opened a large gents' furnishing and clothing house. When the great fire took place,—July 1892, which devastated about three-fourths of the entire city of St. John's, Mr. Gibb's place of business was destroyed. Two months later he located in Boston, Mass., engaging first in the dry-goods, then in the music business. Another removal to Newfoundland preceded his final settling in Boston, where he intends to remain, permanently.

Mr. Gibb began collecting stamps as a boy in Scotland, but sold out before leaving school. There were many stamps in the old collection he would prize to-day. After years he began anew—saving all the Newfoundlands that came his way.—But alas,—these treasures fell a prey to the great conflagration. Our Columbians reawakened his interest in stamps and now his collection—though small, contains some 2,000 choice stamps.

Mr. Gibb is a Mason, being a member of Lodge Tasker, No. 454—a versatile writer, a musical genius and one of the most interesting correspondents, his letters sparkling with wit and congen-

iality. A staunch friend of our magazine, we are fortunate in enlisting his pen in our cause.

OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

We regret exceedingly our inability to present the likeness and sketch of our Boston correspondent, whose monthly letters have contained so much of interest to our readers and who has kept us posted throughout the year on the prices realized at the auction sales in Boston. Our friend seems to have an unconquerable antipathy to facing a camera, still, we may yet induce him to do so. In the meantime his bright notes from "the Hub" will speak for his ability as a philatelic writer.

WE ARE indebted to Mr. Geo. S. Davenport, of Toronto, Ontario, for a specimen of the new one cent envelope of Canada.

The stamp is printed in olive green; the design is identical with the new 3c. envelope with the exception of the Queen's head, which in this stamp is the well-known youthful profile.

How readily a fair design may be spoilt is shown in this series, in the placing of the word "Canada," and why this was done we cannot understand, unless Canada intends loaning the original die (minus the word "Canada") to some of the other British Colonies. "Economy is the road, etc."

THE new Senf Catalogue for 1898-'99 is announced to be out of press.

OUR advertisers are offering, in this number, some of the best bargains that ever appeared in our column, and our friends should not fail to avail themselves of these opportunities.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Our Review closes on August 25th.

The following publications have come to hand during the past month :

	Vol. No.
American Collector, New Oxford, Pa.	4. 6.
Boston Stamp Book, Boston, Mass.	4. 3.
Columbian Philatelist, New Oxford, Pa.	5. 3.
Eastern Philatelist, New Market, N. H.	21. 6.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	8. 1.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Tex.	6. 6.
Metropolitan, New York.	9. 18-21
New York Philatelist, New York.	1. 5.
Perforator, Federalburg, Md.	2. 6.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.,	1. 11.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.,	1. 12
Postal Card Bulletin, Springfield, Mass.	5. 5.
Weekly Philatelic Era, Portland, Me.,	12. 14-16
Youth's Realm, Boston, Mass.,	1. 8.
Texas Philatelist, Abilene, Texas,	8. 6.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	12. 306-309
Post Office, New York,	8. 89.
Herald Exchange, New York,	6. 6.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, Reading, Pa.,	11. 3.
FROM CANADA.	
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1. 4.
Ontario Philatelist, St. Catharines, Ont.	2. 6.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5. 2.
Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown N. B.	2. 7.
FROM ABROAD.	
Jornal Philatelico, St. Paulo, Brazil.	2. 7.
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salisbury, England,	8. 91.
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2. 7.
Seif's Ill. Bismarcken Journal, Leipzig, Ger.	25. 11-15
Revue Postale, Geneva, Switzerland,	1. 8.
Monthly Advertiser, London, Eng.,	63.

The *American Collector* has a very good article entitled "The Philatelic Scarecrow," giving a portrait of the collector who is afraid to buy, to sell or to exchange, for fear of getting the worst of his bargain. That such men exist in every community is only too true, they really do more harm to our hobby than

low prices and the large discounts from catalogue prices.—In his "Chats on Confederates" Mr. Corbaley speaks of the issues of 1863.—He mentions the 10 cents blue with line between the stamps, but does not mention that the 20 cents green was similarly treated. Copies of which are however exceedingly rare; the writer having never seen more than one specimen.

The Lone Star State Philatelist opens with an article on Underpriced Medicine stamps which we have seen copied in other papers and which is certainly of interest to those collectors, who include Match and Medicines in their Revenues. The author makes a very good plea, why they should be more valuable.—Filled with good reading from beginning to end *The Lone Star State Philatelist* is one of the most welcome of our visitors.

The Lone Star State Philatelist for August, Vol. VII, No. 1, chronicles and illustrates the newly discovered Selma, Ala., local issued by Wm. H. Fagan. This stamp, sustained as it is by affidavits of two children of the late Mr. Eagan, is undoubtedly a genuine confederate local and nearly takes rank with the Emory Va., recently discovered by Mr. N. P. Strause of Henderson, N. C., and described and illustrated in a recent number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The credit for the discovery of the Selma is due Mr. R. S. Nelson of Birmingham, Ala. *The Lone Star State Philatelist* deserves credit for securing the absolute evidence of the true nature of this provisional Envelope which undoubtedly shows that they were signed by Mr. Fagan and stamped "Paid 5" and sold over the country in that condition.

A new departure in stamp-dealing was made by the J. W. Scott Co., in their advertisement in the *Metropolitan* giving a list of 178 stamps naming a selling

St. Johns, Newfoundland, now of Roxbury, Mass. Prominent among them were the articles on the Newfoundland Surcharges and West Indian Fake Fiscals.

Mr. Gibb is an enthusiastic stamp collector, studies his treasures and our reader may look forward to some interesting sketches from his pen during the coming year.

Mr. Gibb is a native of Scotland. He was born at Dollar on the "clear-winding Devon" at the foot of the "heather-covered Ochils," and about 7 miles from the historic field of Bannockburn. Receiving a thorough education at the Academy of Dollar, he was afterwards apprenticed to a dry-goods merchant. In 1877 he sailed for Newfoundland. In 1886 he opened a large gents' furnishing and clothing house. When the great fire took place,—July 1892, which devastated about three-fourths of the entire city of St. John's, Mr. Gibb's place of business was destroyed. Two months later he located in Boston, Mass., engaging first in the dry-goods, then in the music business. Another removal to Newfoundland preceded his final settling in Boston, where he intends to remain, permanently.

Mr. Gibb began collecting stamps as a boy in Scotland, but sold out before leaving school. There were many stamps in the old collection he would prize to-day. After years he began anew—saving all the Newfoundlands that came his way.—But alas,—these treasures fell a prey to the great conflagration. Our Columbians reawakened his interest in stamps and now his collection—though small, contains some 2,000 choice stamps.

Mr. Gibb is a Mason, being a member of Lodge Tasker, No. 454—a versatile writer, a musical genius and one of the most interesting correspondents, his letters sparkling with wit and congen-

iality. A staunch friend of our magazine, we are fortunate in enlisting his pen in our cause.

OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

We regret exceedingly our inability to present the likeness and sketch of our Boston correspondent, whose monthly letters have contained so much of interest to our readers and who has kept us posted throughout the year on the prices realized at the auction sales in Boston. Our friend seems to have an unconquerable antipathy to facing a camera, still, we may yet induce him to do so. In the meantime his bright notes from "the Hub" will speak for his ability as a philatelic writer.

WE ARE indebted to Mr. Geo. S. Davenport, of Toronto, Ontario, for a specimen of the new one cent envelope of Canada.

The stamp is printed in olive green; the design is identical with the new 3c. envelope with the exception of the Queen's head, which in this stamp is the well-known youthful profile.

How readily a fair design may be spoilt is shown in this series, in the placing of the word "Canada," and why this was done we cannot understand, unless Canada intends loaning the original die (minus the word "Canada") to some of the other British Colonies. "Economy is the road, etc."

THE new Sent Catalogue for 1898-'99 is announced to be out of press.

OUR advertisers are offering, in this number, some of the best bargains that ever appeared in our columns, and our friends should not fail to avail themselves of these opportunities.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Our Review closes on August 25th.

The following publications have come to hand during the past month :

	VOL. No.
American Collector, New Oxford, Pa.	4. 6.
Boston Stamp Book, Boston, Mass.	1. 3.
Columbian Philatelist, New Oxford, Pa.	5. 3.
Eastern Philatelist, New Market, N. H.	21. 6.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	8. 1.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Tex.	6. 6.
Metropolitan, New York,	9. 18-21
New York Philatelist, New York,	1. 5.
Perforator, Federalburg, Md.,	2. 6.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.,	1. 11.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.,	1. 12.
Postal Card Bulletin, Springfield, Mass.	5. 5.
Weekly Philatelic Era, Portland, Me.,	12. 14-16
Youth's Realm, Boston Mass.,	1. 8.
Texan Philatelist, Abilene, Texas,	8. 6.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	12. 306-310
Post Office, New York,	8. 89.
Herald Exchange, New York,	6. 6.
Pennsylvania Philatelist, Reading, Pa.,	14. 3.
FROM CANADA.	
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1. 4.
Ontario Philatelist, St. Catharines, Ont.	2. 6.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5. 2.
Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown, N. B.	2. 7.
FROM ABROAD.	
Jornal Philatelico, St. Paulo, Brazil,	2. 7.
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salis- bury, England,	8. 91.
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2. 7.
Senf's Ill.Bfuarcken Journal, Leipzig, Ger.	25. 11-15
Revue Postale, Geneva, Switzerland,	1. 8.
Monthly Advertiser, London, Eng.,	63.

The *American Collector* has a very good article entitled "The Philatelic Scarecrow," giving a portrait of the collector who is afraid to buy, to sell or to exchange, for fear of getting the worst of his bargain. That such men exist in every community is only too true, they really do more harm to our hobby than

low prices and the large discounts from catalogue prices.—In his "Chats on Confederates" Mr. Corbaley speaks of the issues of 1863.—He mentions the 10 cents blue with line between the stamps, but does not mention that the 20 cents green was similarly treated. Copies of which are however exceedingly rare; the writer having never seen more than one specimen.

The Lone Star State Philatelist opens with an article on Underpriced Medicine stamps which we have seen copied in other papers and which is certainly of interest to those collectors, who include Match and Medicines in their Revenues. The author makes a very good plea, why they should be more valuable.—Filled with good reading from beginning to end *The Lone Star State Philatelist* is one of the most welcome of our visitors.

The Lone Star State Philatelist for August, Vol. VII, No. 1, chronicles and illustrates the newly discovered Selma, Ala., local issued by Wm. H. Egan. This stamp, sustained as it is by affidavits of two children of the late Mr. Egan, is undoubtedly a genuine confederate local and nearly takes rank with the Emory Va., recently discovered by Mr. N. P. Strause of Henderson, N. C., and described and illustrated in a recent number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The credit for the discovery of the Selma is due Mr. R. S. Nelson of Birmingham, Ala. *The Lone Star State Philatelist* deserves credit for securing the absolute evidence of the true nature of this provisional Envelope which undoubtedly shows that they were signed by Mr. Egan and stamped "Paid 5" and sold over the country in that condition.

A new departure in stamp-dealing was made by the J. W. Scott Co., in their advertisement in the *Metropolitan* giving a list of 178 stamps naming a selling

and buying price for each, limiting however the number of any one stamp which they would purchase at the price named to 200. This test of the market was open for two weeks only and resulted as can be seen from this tabulated list:

Number of different stamps offered	168.
Value of stamps offered	\$462.01.
Total number of stamps sold	2 346.
Number of different stamps sold	123.
Value of stamps sold	\$547.09.
Number of stamps bought	4,215.
Number of different stamps bought	56.
Value of stamps bought	\$463.45.
Percentage between buying and selling price	26%
Cost of advertisement	\$40.00

The report then continues :

The above statement does not show all the business that might have been done as we had to return nearly one hundred dollars because the stamps had been all sold. Then again, we limited the buying to 200 specimens of any one stamp, and of nineteen stamps we bought the full limit and returned others. Many stamps had to be returned as the specimens sent were not up to the standard. Several times it happened that after an old stock was sold out, two letters would come by same mail, one ordering the stamp and the other supplying it. We had more U. S. stamps offered than foreign, perhaps because the time was not sufficient for foreign dealers to compete. Next time we prepare a list of this sort more time will be allowed, so that our foreign friends can reap some of the benefits of this style of trading. The list embraced 29 countries and selling prices ran from three cents to fifty dollars with corresponding buying prices of from two cents to fifty-five dollars. It must be borne in mind that the selling prices were in nearly every instance at least 50% off catalogue; the buying prices therefore naturally from 60 to 70% off Catalogue, showing again that in order to do business dealers have to go away below catalogue at least in the lower priced stamps. The average price

paid for those the Scott Co. bought was about 11c and of those sold by them about 25c, which average would indicate that not many high priced stamps changed hands.—Then again if this experiment was made to determine the relative selling and buying demand it would demonstrate that there were more sellers than buyers, there being nearly 2000 stamps more bought than sold. For this fact however, the scarcity of money may account.

To review in the short space allotted in a monthly magazine, four numbers of such a journal as *Meekels Weekly Stamp News* is almost an impossibility for as ever the pages of the *weekly* are filled with information which every collector should have and the very best advice the writer can give to his fellow collectors is to do as he has done for years, subscribe to the *Weekly*, the cost of subscription being as nothing compared to the benefits and information received from a careful perusal of its well filled pages every week.

In the August number of *The Eastern Philatelist* the publisher announces that the paper has been sold to Mess. B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston, Mass., who will hereafter conduct the paper upon improved lines. We are glad to see that the "oldest stamp magazine in America" will remain still in the "ring" even though it is moved to the "hub."

The Philatelic Messenger, coming from its new home in Boiestown, N. B., is still a little behind in its appearance, it having gotten now as far as its June number. However it promises to have July and August follow in quick succession and then proposes to keep up with the procession regularly.

The August 20th number of the *Metropolitan* contains the programme for the thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association, and as far as the amusements laid down in it, it was certainly an enjoyable affair. During the session of the A. P. A., the *Metropolitan* printed a daily record of the proceedings entirely at its own expense and to make it entirely free it did not even charge for advertisements in the daily numbers. Surely such zeal should have been rewarded by electing the *Metropolitan* the official organ of the A. P. A. This same number of August 20th contains a picture gallery of 15 well known Philatelists with short biographical sketches of same. One of these makes us ask a question. The sketch we refer, to is this :

"C. W. Kissinger, of Reading is the irrepressible representative of the younger element in the A. P. A. It certainly is not his fault if any benighted stamp collector has failed to hear of Clifford Washington and the *Penny*, and there are not many who failed to read of his marriage, while future events will doubtless be chronicled."—So far the *Metropolitan*. The question we want to ask is: Do coming events cast their shadows before?

The advice given by the *Perforator* in its leading article on Philatelic Helps is certainly one that should be heeded by a great many collectors who imagine the cost of subscription to one or more good philatelic publications as an expense which they cannot afford. How often can a year's subscription be saved by buying some of the many bargains advertised by enterprising dealers. Then again forgeries are told about and the collector warned not to invest his money in such worthless stuff. The story of a Famous Southern Coin copied from the *New York Tribune* is interesting read-

ing. We only regret that we are not in possession of one of the other three half dollars of the Confederacy whose whereabouts are unknown. Perhaps one of these days some stamp collector will send us one to pay for his subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Senf's Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal warns against again appearing forgeries of high value State Department stamps. The printing of them is genuine, as they are manufactured out of cardboard proofs. The paper has been moistened and then split down to be of the required thickness and gummed and perforated. It is in the perforation that one can first detect the forgeries, for the genuine are perforated 12 while these are only 11½. Then again the paper has not the same feeling to the touch as the genuine stamps, being more like woolen cloth. If however, a doubt still remains, and it might easily be so, another test would show that one has only a proof, and that is, to moisten the stamp. The paper has remained like blotting paper and lets the moisture through at once.

The record of new issues shows among others pictures of the two very handsome stamps issued by the Falkland Islands of the value of 2sh 6d and 5sh respectively. Used specimens of these two stamps may be expected to rank among the rarities.

Niger Coast has also added to her issue stamps of the value of 6d, 2sh 6d, and 10sh, similar in design to those of the last emission.

Senf's, the standard German Catalogue for 1898 has just been issued, and in it a step in the right direction has been taken, viz: a reduction in the prices of over 8000 stamps. If our own Catalogue makers will follow in the footsteps of the Germans, we may hope in the future to hear less of discounts of 60 and 75%.

A Dealers' Special or Midsummer Trade Boomer is what the *Philatelic Bulletin* calls its July number, and it should not belie its name for some of the ads in it do certainly offer bargains and ought to boom trade. The Mistake of Publishers is well written and points out some of the rocks upon which so many stamp papers have stranded. Consolidated with the *Bulletin* is now the *California Stamp*, which has been purchased by the *Bulletin*, the owner of the *California Stamp* having heeded his country's call and gone to Manila. No doubt he is now specializing that country and studying the numberless surcharges.

Imperial Penny Postage is the first theme of *Stamps* for July. We can only devoutly wish that such a movement may be speedily inaugurated between Great Britain and her colonies (except Australia) and if found successful there, that it may be extended to the Universal Postal Union, for it would then do away with the so-called necessity to issue postage stamps of as high a value as \$5.00.

Fashion in stamps is treated in a very exhaustive manner, and the collectors advised to improve their collections in those countries which are at present unfashionable and therefore not unnecessarily inflated in price.

Stamps is an interesting paper to read and is well worth its subscription price to any collector.

The Montreal Philatelist leads off with a discussion of the so-called two cent Navy Error and makes out a very good case that it should really be called a State Error. It claims that the set of two cent State plates were mislaid and as two cent State stamps were needed, the two cent Navy plates were used, the stamps however being printed in the color of the State set. In the meantime

the two cent State plates had been found and a new supply printed from them, so those printed in green from the Navy plate were destroyed except a few sheets saved as a curiosity and these are the genuine error now in existence.

Mr. Bach announces in this number that he has changed his printers and the improved look of the magazine shows that he made a good selection. We are satisfied that continuing to improve as the *Montreal Philatelist* has, from its first number to date, Mr. Bach's claim to having the *best* stamp paper in Canada will be fully sustained. The German part of the magazine is quite a feature and should gain him many subscribers on the other side of the "frog-pond."

If one reads the figures given in the *Revue Postale* of the numbers issued and actually sold of the first issue of Moldavia one can easily understand that they are rarities of the first order. In all there were only 24,000 of the four values printed, distributed as follows:

of the 27 paras	6,000.
" 54 "	10,000.
" 81 "	2,000.
" 108 "	6,000.
	24,000.

The stamps were only in use three and a half months when supplanted by a new series and when withdrawn there remained in the P. O. unsold:

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

which shows that of the rarest of them, the 81 paras, only 693 were sold. How many of them were saved and how many destroyed? It is hard to tell, but the number seems to be exceedingly small, and it is no wonder that specimens are valued at from \$600 to \$700.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain contains a full report of the International Philatelic Exhibition held at Utrecht. In reading the description of the different exhibits one cannot help but be impressed with the idea of what a wide field most countries show for the specialist. We see mentioned among others an exhibit of the stamps of Buenos Ayres comprising over 600 specimens and being valued at 20,000 florins. The Catalogue quotes 23 numbers, but those of course do not include all the minor varieties, in which the specialist delights.

Very interesting to read is a translation of the first ordinance of Louis XI., King of France, establishing the Post-offices in France. This edict bears date of 19 June, 1464. It is too sad to think what the French missed in 1864 in not issuing a commemorative series.

Under the head of Forgeries it calls attention to the 1867 issue 6c stamp of Virgin Islands. The best point for the detection is the irregular perforation of the forgeries, whereas the originals are perforated regularly 12 or 15.

The Australian Philatelist for July 25th, Vol. IV, No. 12, clips from the *Brisbane Courier*, an account of an Australian Postmaster's Stamp issued at Bowen by a Mr. Day, its postmaster. This stamp was issued provisionally pending the arrival by steamer of a fresh supply and was made of small squares of paper with the Postmaster's name written across them. However, not one of these stamps has ever been seen. The issue is supposed to have been in the sixties. Several pages of this magazine are devoted to the 2d. and 3d. N. S. W., imperforated diadem frauds and the announcement is made that Mr. Fred Hazen has disposed of his interests in the periodical to Mr. Oscar Schulze, of 113 Pitt St., Sydney, N. S. W.

In *The Columbian Philatelist* the leading article treats of "Curiosities in U. S. Revenues and other items" which sets forth many minor varieties in color, etc., of the first issue of U. S. Revenues, perforated, and will well repay careful reading and subsequent looking over duplicates to see if any of the varieties are to be found there. U. S. Revenues are certainly very pretty stamps and it is a wonder why so many collectors exclude them from the pages of their albums.

The Philatelic Bulletin has as a leading article in its August number a very interesting and concise historical sketch of the Hawaiian Islands, recently annexed to the United States. Such articles as these are not at all foreign to philately, inasmuch as they greatly assist a collector in the study of his stamps and shed much light on their *raison d'etre*, besides affording an instructive yet pleasing diversion. It is to be hoped that their frequent publication will be encouraged.

The Ontario Philatelist has in its Hamilton Notes a warning from Mr. Marris against a party in Italy, viz., E. Oneglia, Piazza bitoria Emauele No. 14 Torino. It seems that in a registered letter received by Mr. M. from the Italian was a consignment of stamps for exchange for Canadian stamps. When examined it turned out that all the stamps sent were counterfeits, and to save other collectors from being duped by similar stuff a list of those sent is given:

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WM. R. SMITH.

WE resume, with this number, our custom of presenting brief biographical sketches of members of our Association, and surely a more devoted disciple of Philatelia could not have been selected than the subject of our illustration, Mr. Wm. R. Smith.

"Will" Smith, as he is familiarly called by his associates, was born in Richmond, Va., April 9th, 1861, therefore now in his 37th year and the head of a small but interesting family.

He received a thorough education at some of our best schools, finishing his course at the Richmond College.

During his business career he has been connected with some of the leading houses in this city and is now engaged with the largest shipper of railroad ties in the South. He is also interested in several other enterprises.

"Will" Smith is the popular secretary of the Photographers' Society of Richmond—himself quite an expert in this art.

Though a very busy man, Mr. Smith can always find a few moments to spare to "talk stamps."

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For a long time "Will" was a general collector, and his album showed many countries well nigh completed. Several years ago, however, he abandoned general collecting and now devotes his entire energies to completing his U. S. postage and revenues and his Confederates. The latter are, naturally, his especial favorites, and not a single variety of the general issue is wanting—it is complete.

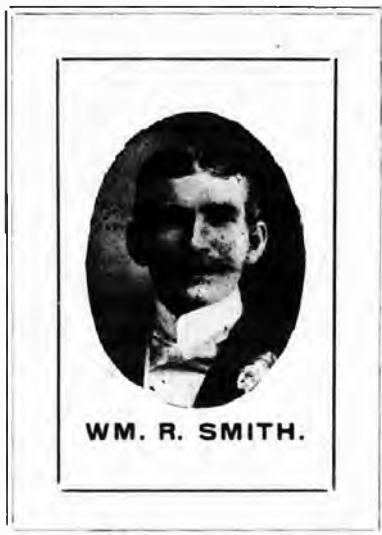
In U. S. he possesses nearly all the older issues, as well as a number of Confederate locals.

His revenues especially are admired by all. "Will" Smith is

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Our Thanks.

LACK of time, unfortunately, precludes an individual reply to the numerous kind letters elicited by our "Anniversary" number. To all these—from our friends—we would speak our deepest gratitude, and in doing so, assure them that their evidences of good will and appreciation shall inspire us to still more improve THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many assurances of our friends to the contrary, we are somewhat disappointed in our "Anniversary" number. Especially in our selection of colors for the cover.

We hope future numbers will show an improvement.

WE desire to correct an error—which, by the way, several of our esteemed contemporaries have also made, *i. e.* the identity of the lady whose likeness graces the new 3c. Newfoundland.

Our Mr. A. G. Gibb informs us that it is the *Princess of Wales*, and *not* the Duchess of York.

We trust H. R. H. will pardon us.

A Defeat That Was a Victory.

"Miss Griffin's Philatelic Snowball."

WE WERE induced, some time ago, to enter THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST in the race for official organship of the E. S. P. S. at their Convention in New York City last August.

The matter was placed in the hands of our New York *chargé d'affaires*, Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell, with *carte-blanche* to proceed with the campaign.

Now, for the first time, we read the proceedings of the Convention in *The New York Philatelist*, and the tenor of this record has a tendency to reflect discreditably on our representative as well as on our publication.

We are also informed that certain passages of the proceedings were suppressed and eliminated, to suit the occasion, so to speak.

We are charmed by the first mention of our publication—it is ushered in with a proposition to "throw it out"—quite ethical, we dare say.

Then Mr. McDonnell is scored severely for soliciting support for our publication, and in the next breath, as it were, he is tendered a vote of thanks by acclamation for excellent services—very touching, indeed.

We also learn that of 67 proxies and votes 39 were cast for THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. To these friends (unfortunately we can not learn their names) we tender our thanks.

We lost by some *coup d'état*, of which we shall endeavor to learn more—just for our own peace of mind.

Our sentiments toward *The New York Philatelist* and friend Herbst are too well known to be questioned here; neither will this defeat effect THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST in the least degree; but, we do rebel at the treatment offered our representative—and, indirectly, ourselves, and a full disclosure of the *modus operandi* of that ballot, from any source, will be appreciated.

The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly for August 20, prints an article under the above title, in which one of the noblest and most disinterested acts of charity is stigmatized as a "swindle."

We are acquainted with the design and its author. We saw it in its incipency, and we have been advised of its growth. Miss Griffin is the daughter of our distinguished correspondent in Sydney, Mr. J. G. Griffin, a sketch of whom we presented in our "Anniversary Number," and a young lady of rare refinement and personal charm. Her social position in Sydney, as well as that of her father, should alone preclude every doubt as to the purely philanthropic object of her scheme.

However, the facts in the matter are these: Miss Griffin, by means of a so-called "chain-letter" proposed to collect a million used stamps. These stamps were assured a ready purchaser at a figure which, with the Colonial government's endowment in such cases, would be sufficient to build a children's ward for the small hospital of St. George's, near Sydney.

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Now, at this late day, one Labochere, assails in the rudest terms a cause too pure and lofty for his own comprehension, and, with no evidence to substantiate his assertions, forgets that his venomous slanders are aimed at a woman.

We are aware of the many "swindles" that have been perpetrated on guileless people by this same method of "chain-letters," but this case is an exceptionally worthy one—vouched for by a name that is honored in the Colony, and it is indeed unfortunate that a publication of such high order as the *Fortnightly* permitted this article to enter its columns.



IN A letter just received from our correspondent in Turk's Islands, we are informed that his Colony will, in all probability not enter the Penny Postage movement, to take effect in England and the majority of her colonies next year; but that most likely the single letter rate will be reduced from 2½d. to 2d., and a 2d. stamp be issued to supersede the 2½d.

He also calls our attention to the fact that the Scott Co. do not chronicle a Turk's Islands *Registration envelope* in their catalogue—and that there is one on sale.

WE are told the 59th edition of the Standard Catalogue will not be issued this year.

Now is the time for those quill-pushers who know "just how the catalogue should be gotten up" to tender their services and advice to the compilers.

For our part we're perfectly willing to leave it in the hands of the "old force"—we're only hoping they'll come down a few pegs on the price of a '69 90c.—That's all we need just now.

IN REPLY to numerous requests for back numbers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST we regret to state that copies of Nos. 1, 2 and 11 are out of print, and but a few dozen of each of the subsequent numbers are on hand.

MR. ROBT. S. NELSON, of Birmingham Ala., in sending us beautiful blocks of the new revenues, calls our attention to two very distinct shades in the 1½c. Proprietary, as well as in the ½c. of the same series. The difference is very marked.

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Proprietary series: ½c green; ½c brown; ¾c orange; ¾c ultramarine; 1c dark green; 1½c dark purple and 1½c in brown violet; 2c violet brown; 2½c lake; 4c purple; and 5c brown.

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*LOCALS AND HAND-STAMPS.

THE stamps of the Confederate States of America have long been neglected by the writers in our philatelic journals, and I am pleased to see the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST opening its columns and urging the collectors of the Southern States to contribute their quota of information. It has been my wish for some time to write down my views on these interesting stamps, and taking advantage of a few minutes' idle time I will endeavor to occupy a few columns of the V. P.'s space.

*The above illustrations present reduced facsimiles of some of the subjects of Mr. Bradley's article. The postal cancellations, which are not included on the cut, appear on the left side of the envelopes as follows:

No. 1.—"Grove Hill, Ala. Aug. 10."

No. 2.—"Talladega, Al. Jul. 9."

No. 3.—"Aberdeen, Miss. Jan. 20."

No. 4.—"Greensborough, Ala. Aug. 17."

No. 5.—"Norfolk, Va. Aug. 7, 1861."

The cancellation stamp is, in every instance, unlike the frank stamp; and in the case of No. 4, the name is spelled Greensborough on the cancellation stamp, and Greensboro on the frank stamp. The figure "5" on No. 1 is written with pen and ink, while the "Paid" is handstamped.—Ed.]

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IN A letter just received from our correspondent in Turk's Islands, we are informed that his Colony will, in all probability not enter the Penny Postage movement, to take effect in England and the majority of her colonies next year; but that most likely the single letter rate will be reduced from 2½d. to 2d., and a 2d. stamp be issued to supersede the 2½d.

He also calls our attention to the fact that the Scott Co. do not chronicle a Turk's Islands *Registration envelope* in their catalogue—and that there is one on sale.

We are told the 59th edition of the Standard Catalogue will not be issued this year.

Now is the time for those quill-pushers who know "just how the catalogue should be gotten up" to tender their services and advice to the compilers.

For our part we're perfectly willing to leave it in the hands of the "old force"—we're only hoping they'll come down a few pegs on the price of a '89 90c.—That's all we need just now.

IN REPLY to numerous requests for back numbers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST we regret to state that copies of Nos. 1, 2 and 11 are out of print, and but a few dozen of each of the subsequent numbers are on hand.

MR. ROBT. S. NELSON, of Birmingham Ala., in sending us beautiful blocks of the new revenues, calls our attention to two very distinct shades in the 1½c. Proprietary, as well as in the ½c. of the same series. The difference is very marked.

We wish to thank Mr. Nelson for this information and the handsome blocks.

Our "War Tax Stamps."

Our pretty, suggestive Revenues seem to be great favorites with the collector specializing in this branch of philately, and their appearance has, undoubtedly, lent a new stimulant to Revenue collecting.

Quite a large variety of values and colors make up the set, and others are looked for. A few changes in color have already been made and it is advisable to secure the entire set of the lower values now, inasmuch as the cost is nominal.

To date the following values and colors have been chronicled:

Documentary series: ½c orange and ½c gray-brown; 1c pale blue; 2c rose; 3c ultramarine; 4c pale rose; 5c lilac; 10c dark brown; 25c purple-brown; 50c violet; \$1 yellow-green; \$2 lilac; \$3 brown; \$5 red; \$10 black, and \$50 brown.

Proprietary series: ½c green; ½c brown; ¾c orange; ¾c ultramarine; 1c dark green; 1½c dark purple and 1½c in brown violet; 2c violet brown; 2½c lake; 4c purple; and 5c brown.

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Now is the time to place your ad for the coming season. Try THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST—it reaches more buying collectors than any philatelic monthly in America.

A SELECTION of stamps valued at some \$40.00 were stolen from a Richmond collector last month. Though our police are at work on the case no clue has as yet been found.

Confederate Locals and Hand-Stamps.

ROY B. BRADLEY.



*LOCALS AND HAND-STAMPS.

THE stamps of the Confederate States of America have long been neglected by the writers in our philatelic journals, and I am pleased to see the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST opening its columns and urging the collectors of the Southern States to contribute their quota of information. It has been my wish for some time to write down my views on these interesting stamps, and taking advantage of a few minutes' idle time I will endeavor to occupy a few columns of the V. P.'s space.

*The above illustrations present reduced fac-similes of some of the subjects of Mr. Bradley's article. The postal cancellations, which are not included on the cut, appear on the left side of the envelopes as follows:

No. 1.—"Grove Hill, Ala. Aug. 10."

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other hand, if the envelopes are stamped after being received at the post office they would be classed according to this ruling, as "hand stamps," having no philatelic value. I believe this is the logical and correct dividing line between these two classes. But I fail to see the reason for refusing admittance to the catalogues of the "Paid 5" envelopes that did postal duty in the regular manner. Is it to be supposed that under the pressing demands in the opening months of the war, the postmaster's inability to have stamps printed, that the public would submit quietly to being deprived of their mailing facilities? Does it not stand to reason that the postmaster would adopt some temporary means of overcoming the difficulty—*i. e.*, franking envelopes with "Paid 5," and perhaps signing them, selling them over the counter? I am convinced this was done in some instances, because of a difference in color of the inks used in the "Paid 5" and the regular cancelation. Should not the so-called "hand-stamps," consisting of the "Paid 5" or "Paid 10" as the case may be, *sold over the counter* be catalogued as provisional envelopes?

I claim that they should be. Others have claimed the same but the only results therefrom are perhaps a note or two in *Mekcel's Weekly* or some other paper saying the writer probably has made a "find."

Is not the above claim a reasonable one?

Look at the recently discovered Emory, Va., locals. Two of these were discovered. They merely consisted of a "Paid 5" stamped *on the margins* of some old sheets of U. S. stamps. Among the lot was an envelope from Emory, Va., stamped "Paid 5." The stamp "Paid 5" was used on the margins of old stamps in the instance of the two adhesives and on an envelope in another, yet

the "Paid 5" on the margins of the stamps is an adhesive local, while the same stamping on the envelope is merely a hand-stamp.

I claim that if the Emory envelope was sold over the counter, and used in the regular manner, that it is just as much entitled to recognition as the above adhesive. And why not?

I would be very much pleased to see some of our leading writers take up the matter in some of our papers, discussing the subject from the various view points, free from ridicule and abuse.

Who will start the ball a-rolling.

A Circumnavigator.

BY ARMINIUS.

HERE is a peculiar fascination in listening to the yarns of an old tar.

They arouse in one a longing for the sea and the sights of splendor in the countries beyond—and the narrative sheds a halo of adventure around the speaker that will linger long after sunset.

Many of my stamps—and of yours—are such "yarn-spinning tars." There are few collectors indeed who cannot exhibit one that has its own history, and I dare say, in many instances, the "spinning" of its "yarn" has been the means of enlisting the attention and interest of a non-collector in our science, resulting, finally, in a complete conversion to our hobby.

Among the "yarn-spinning tars" in my own collection is a Circumnavigator of the Globe, an old sun-burnt, weather-beaten seafarer, who could tell of many adventures: of the far Antipodes, of the blue Mediterranean, of sunny Italy and old Albion, but, alas, he is mute, and naught but the marks of cancelation on

his body give evidence of his long journey around the world.

It is a letter—this old tar—and I treasure it from the fact that it is the only one of six despatched, at various times, that ever returned with its mission completed.

Briefly, its itinerary is as follows: The letter was posted at Richmond, Va., Aug. 19, 1894, crossing the United States, and via San Francisco, the Pacific Ocean, arriving at Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, on January 7, 1895. Redirected and left Sydney, January 11, via Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Brindisi-Naples (Italy), arriving at London Feb'y. 19, 1895. Forwarded to Dead Letter Office, London, and from there returned to me, crossing the Atlantic and arriving at Richmond, March 16, 1895—thus circumnavigating the globe in four months less three days, including all delays *en route*.

I have seen but two similar letters—one in the possession of Mr. Edgar Nelson, the well-known philatelist, the other exhibited by a collector in the Ethnological Building at the Great Fair at Chicago. These awakened a desire in me to possess an "Around-the-World Letter."

At the time I was not aware of the fact that the sending of such "letters" is prohibited by the postal laws of Great Britain and her Colonies and, that when found in the mails their career is promptly brought to an end; nor of the many other obstacles to be overcome.

My first attempts repose somewhere in a foreign dead letter office; but, undaunted, I determined to succeed, and accordingly set to work scheming out a plan to "get around" the laws on this particular subject, inasmuch as I could not "get around" Her Majesty's possessions lying in my route.

As a necessary precaution I directed registered letters to my correspondents residing in the various countries through

which my letter was to pass, notifying them a month in advance of its coming, with a list of the route and other particulars, and requesting them to send to the next upon the list of the letter's stations.

The "letter" itself was but a linen-lined envelope (one best suited to stand the wear and tear) directed to *myself*, in care of the correspondent at the first station. I franked this letter with an 8c. Columbian (though 5c. was all that was necessary).

My correspondents were instructed upon receipt of the letter to return it (re-addressed to myself in care of the *next* party on the list) to the postmaster with the request to "forward." Additional postage was not necessary.

Everything worked smoothly and this letter returned to me, bearing all postmarks and dates as evidences of its journey.

Encouraged by this success, I attempted to repeat the experiment, this time choosing a different route and providing for more stations. I also desired the letter to be re-franked in each country with its respective stamps.

Proceeding as before, I notified my friends of its advent and requested them to *register* the letter at each station. This letter left Richmond on August 11, 1895, and to the present date has not returned.

Invoices from Hawaii, Australia and India told of its safe arrival and re-forwarding, but from there all traces of the letter are lost. Subsequent attempts to "run the blockade" have been equally futile, though every obstacle formerly encountered was taken into consideration and provided for.

Will not some brother collector induce one of his "old tars" to "spin us a yarn?"

OUR review editor, Mr. Paalzow is on a business trip in New York City.



New York Correspondence.

BY LENNOD.

THE 1398 Philatelic Conventions have passed into history. Out of the four meets, the American Philatelic Association not only had the largest attendance (sixty-three), but was conducted and arranged in the most satisfactory manner. The entertainments offered were largely attended, not only by the delegates, but by their lady friends and acquaintances, who were always welcomed, and every one enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

The Philatelic Sons of America meet was very poorly attended for a society of such strength. The only explanation Mr. Kissinger could advance the writer was that he expected many of the A. P. A. members to stay over for the P. S. of A. meet, but such was not the case. This was a perfectly correct view to take, but no excuse can be offered for the absence of the many city (and vicinity) members.

The Sons of Philatelia and the Empire State Philatelic Society's conventions were held at Miller's Hotel; both societies occupying the same room, and holding their meetings alternately. The attendance was satisfactory, and each session progressed pleasantly, good will prevailing throughout. The defeat of the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as official journal of the Empire State Philatelic Society was one note-worthy event. This paper received thirty-eight votes to twenty-nine for the *N. Y. Philatelist*, but the constitution framed at the convention, prevented the award being made, as a

two-thirds vote of those present was necessary to elect the official journal. At the conclusion of all business, a banquet was served at Terrace Garden, and the members ended the first annual convention in a most quiet (?) and joyous manner.

The A. P. A., P. S. of A., and the S. of P., will convene at Detroit, Mich., in 1899, and the E. S. P. S. in New York City again. The National Philatelic Society did not hold any meeting, although I understood that it was the intention to do so.

Where, oh! where are all the eighteen cents, Labuan, of the 1892 issue coming from? This is the "error" stamp, the inscription on the lower left hand side reading "postal" instead of "postage." In the February number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I wrote, "that a block of four sold for \$1.75" at Bogert & Durbin's 94th sale. Today I notice they (the stamps) are advertised as low as *nine cents*. Now, as the face value is equivalent to 10 4-5 cents of United States money, it is mighty strange that such a stamp can be purchased below face value, and the dealer to make a reasonable profit besides. This stamp is a good thing to leave severely alone.

One of the queerest varieties shown me recently, was what the owner called a "broken plate variety." It was a pair of 5's of the first issue of Chili. The upper left corner of the second stamp (right hand one), a piece of the plate, about three-eighths of an inch square was actually broken off. The piece was so clumsily re-set, that the border of the piece is $1\frac{1}{2}$ millimeters higher than the rest of the stamp proper. The appearance of the stamp is decidedly odd, and the fortunate owner holds this variety at a high figure; he also claims that he does not know of another such pair in existence.

A continuation of the list of stamps that are being purchased on the quiet, by our shifty ones, is presented herewith. It is impossible to make a complete list, as the stamps in demand by the speculators vary, and one month it is this stamp, next month that stamp, therefore I desire it understood, that I don't claim that these lists are entirely complete.

Columbian Republic, 1865 issue 5c, 10c. Many varieties not yet catalogued. Cyprus, 1886, $\frac{1}{4}$ d green, Die A. Danish West Indies, 1873-96, various values. Many varieties of paper. Denmark, 1851, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusively, 10, 11 and 13. Dutch Indies, Nos. 17, 22, 32 to 39. A new issue is expected at any moment.

Falkland Islands, No. 9. Finland, No. 83, 98 and 110. France, all early issues, priced at ten cents and under. Large demand. Many uncatalogued varieties. Gold Coast, 2 shillings brown. Great Britain, 1883-84, one pound, brown-violet. Greece, all early issues. Numerous varieties. There are enough already catalogued, but "there are others." Hanover, Nos. 1 and 2. Hawaiian Islands, Nos. 35, 44 and 50; and 1894 issue, especially the 12 cents value. All stamps quoted are in used condition. Continued next month.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

The stamp business here is steadily improving, now that the season sets in. Old issues of U. S. Revenues, just at present seem to be commanding much attention, and dealers report that they are receiving more orders than they have for some time past.

Mr. Stone of Concord, N. H. has been visiting the city during the past month and according to his idea, (and he ought

to know) the surcharged \$5 Documentary stamp, is one of the coming stamps. He reports a good demand for them here, and elsewhere.

The Colonial Stamp Co., of this city, has purchased the entire stock of unused current issue which has been imported by Mr. E. A. Stevens.

The demand for used Canada's, (maple leaf issue) is at present exceeding the supply, by about double; in fact some of the higher values are almost unobtainable, the 10c denomination being notably so.

The following faces have been noticed about the Hub recently: J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass., C. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y., A. E. Tuttle of the Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, and H. F. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ c orange Documentary is at present quoted at \$4.00 per sheet, and in some cases, even higher figures than that. I see that several New York dealers are advertising them at 8c each. They have certainly turned out to be a good investment, for their fortunate possessors.

Recently it has been discovered that the \$5 newspaper stamp surcharged for revenue is printed two different ways. One surcharge reads from the bottom to the top of the stamp and in the other from top to bottom. One of these two must therefore be inverted, but the question is, which is which? At the present writing none of the Boston dealers feel that their philatelic knowledge is sufficient to allow them to decide this all important question. Nearly all the stamps of this denomination that have been sold in the Hub, read from top to bottom.

B. L. Drew & Co. have purchased the old *Eastern Philatelist* from editor Pinkham of Newmarket, N. H., and it is stated that Mr. Smiley is to be editor.—The size of the paper is to be reduced.

Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

Mr. Mulock met with an enthusiastic reception since his return to Canada, but not more enthusiastic than he deserved.

He went as Canada's representative in connection with the Imperial Penny Postage, and performed his part well in an act that again places Canada in a prominent position before the world.

There is no doubt but that the Penny Postage scheme will be a success, even supposing that there should be a slight loss of revenue, which there is no danger of if it is properly managed.

The Anglo-Saxon race are the first as correspondents, which is an acknowledged sign of a high state of civilization, and the increased intercourse, which will inevitably take place with a cheap postal rate, will more than counter-balance any possible loss of revenue, in one department, by bringing about an increase of trade.

Mr. Mulock says there will be a diminution in revenue to the postoffice department of \$50,000, if there should be no increase in the amount of mail matter sent, but there will be an immense increase, and with a fast mail service the increase will be still greater, in fact the faster the service the greater the increase.

The Elder Dempster Steamship Co. offer to carry the mail for nothing, which though a magnanimous offer, and made in a business way, it would in our opinion be false economy to accept; for a fast mail service is essential to the future development of the country.

Because a Toronto wholesale house wanted its letters delivered on Labor Day the Toronto postoffice did not observe this Dominion holiday this year.

Business is very slack and dealers do not seem to have the energy or the money to advertise. If a stamp business

is kept up during the summer months the dealer must advertise freely—in good papers of course—and the sooner Canadian dealers awake to this fact the better it will be for them.

Speculation in Newfoundland stamps is still at its height.

The D. P. A. cannot long exist if its members indulge in the petty warfare upon each other, that they are now waging. Many of the recently elected officers think more of their own personal interests involved than of the interests of the society which they were elected to watch over.

Many Canadian collectors are using the patriotic envelopes, with Union Jack and Stars and Stripes crossed, in their correspondence. Good idea too.

The new postal notes are in use at all offices and are meeting with general approval. The notes are the same size as bank notes and are issued for certain amounts only. They are a cheap and safe means of sending small remittances through the mail, but are not negotiable in the United States. The highest denomination of the notes is \$5, and the cost of sending that amount down to \$2.50 is 3 cents; from \$2.50 to 50c is 2 cents, and from 40c to 20c is 1 cent.

The deposit in the Postoffice Savings Bank have increased during the past year notwithstanding all assertions to the contrary.

The Customs Department is refusing to accept Jubilee stamps in payment of duty. With October will end the acceptance at the Customs Department of any stamps for duty.

It is said that Lieut. Polo, of the *Maria Teresa*, had a valuable stamp collection destroyed with that ill fated vessel. Uncle Sam also put to soak a collection of nearly 2500 postage stamps, many of them extremely rare, and the property of Midshipman Morris, of the *Vizcaya*.—*Evergreen State Philatelist*.

English Items.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General for the year ending March 31st last, contains some curious facts. More than half a million sterling (£593,947) was found by the postal authorities in undelivered letters which were opened in the Returned Letter Office.

As many as 38,860 letters were posted without addresses, and unaddressed parcels rose from 8,649 in the year 1896-97 to 12,143 last year.

More than 7,000,000 letters and 11,620,374 book packets could not be delivered to the persons for whom they were intended; this is ascribed mainly to circulars being sent out to addresses found in old directories.

The Government of India have taken the preliminary step towards the introduction of Ocean Penny Postage.

The rate for inland letters is to be reduced to one anna for one and a half tolas, which is slightly more than one ounce. This reduction is to come into operation on October 1.

The sale of Hospital Stamps having proved such a success last year, it has been decided by the committee of the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund to issue a new set for 1898. The new issue will consist of four stamps each having a distinct design, with a face value of 1s, 2/6, 5s and 10s respectively. The 1s stamp will be printed in red, the 2/6 stamp in blue, the 5s in dark green, and the 10s in a lighter shade of the same color. The design, which has been selected by the Prince of Wales, includes a vignette of the figure of Charity, the words "Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund," with the date 1898 in the top right-hand corner, and a fac-simile of the Prince's signature at the bottom of each. In the case of the 2/6 stamp the *fleur-de-lis* will take the place of the Prince of Wales' feathers which are introduced into the design of

the others. The most expensive stamp will also display an ornamental border containing the rose, shamrock, thistle, and leek.

The work of production has again been undertaken by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., and the stamps will be issued on September 20. The present issue will consist only of 340,000 stamps.

SUCH special, "sectional" (if we may style them thus) issues as Mckeel's "New York" boom edition and Scott's "Pacific Slope" number, undoubtedly prove of incalculable benefit—not alone to the sections so commemorated, but to philately at large.

We admire and heartily endorse such enterprise and vim, especially as we can appreciate the labor connected therewith, and the fraternity cannot but be—as they are—indebted to these "hustlers" in philately's cause.

WE ARE indebted to Mr. Geo. S. Davenport of Toronto, Ontario, for specimens of the "new" new Canadian ½c and 2c; also the new Canadian foreign post-card.—This post-card is very pretty—steel-plate printing. The stamp is the maple-leaf type. Will that be changed to the figure-of-value type?

OUR friend Wm. S. Abern, who has been spending a ten-days' vacation in the marshes of the James on a sora-hunt, has returned laden with game and the proverbial "fish-stories."

He did not run across any philatelic game though.

CORPORALS Weckert and Bunce of the 2d Regiment arrived with their respective commands in our city, where the "2d" will be quartered until mustered out of service.

We are glad to again greet our brother phil's after their long absence.

The Selma, Alabama, Provisional Envelope.

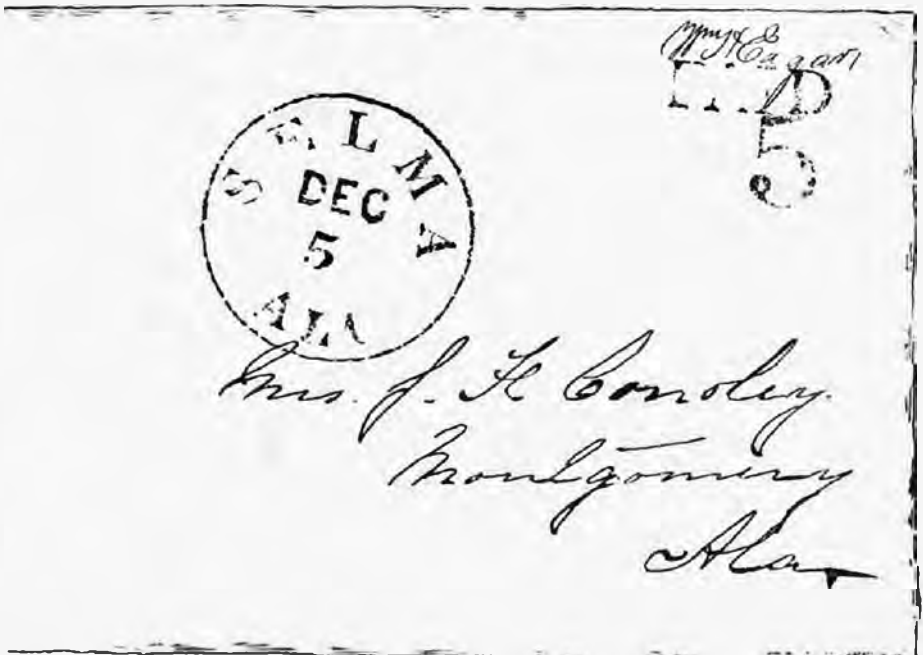
ROY B. BRADLEY.

It is indeed seldom in this day and time that a philatelist is the fortunate discoverer of an uncatalogued provisional envelope of the Confederate States of America. Speaking briefly, Mr. R. S. Nelson, a stamp hunter and philatelist of Birmingham, Alabama, has discovered four specimens of an uncatalogued provisional envelope, issued by the postmaster at Selma, Ala., in 1861—Mr. William H. Eagar.

Mr. Nelson has sent us the four envelopes for examination, together with statements and other facts regarding their issuance. We illustrate one of the specimens above:

The provisional envelope illustrated above is on white or whitish paper. Three of the specimens are on white, the remaining one on orange. Two of the specimens on white are unused, One of the used ones is addressed as in the illustration; the one on orange to "Miss M. Gertie Goodwin, care W. W. Goodwin, Macon, Miss."—the other two to "Noel Pitts, Columbiana, Shelby County, Miss." and "Mrs. M. F. Conoley, Selma, Ala.," respectively.

Mr. Wm. H. Eagar was appointed postmaster in 1860, but owing to the outbreak of the Civil war, and the confusion resulting therefrom, he did not receive his appointment until May, 1862. Mr. Eagar's daughter, Mrs. Turner Saunders, has found his appointment by President Davis, which we reproduce, as it may be of interest.



JEFFERSON DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRES-
ENTS, GREETING :

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability and Punctuality of Wm. H. Eagar, I Have Nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Do Appoint him Postmaster at Selma, Dallas Co., Ala., and do authorize and empower him to create and fulfil the duties of that Office, according to Law ; and to have and hold the said Office with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same right of appertaining unto him, the said Wm. H. Eagar, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the Confederate States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the Confederate States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the city of Richmond, the 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.
SEAL and eight hundred and sixty-two.
By the President :

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

J. P. BENJAMIN, Sec. of State.

Mr. Nelson is somewhat of a "stamp hunter," and has made many a nice "find," among which were Uniontown, Ala., Athens, Ga., Macon, Grove Hill, Mobile, Nashville, New Orleans, etc. Each of his Selmas was discovered in different localities at different times.

Mr. Wm. H. Eagar is now deceased, but his two children, Wm. H. Eagar, Jr., and Mrs. Turner Saunders, are now living in Tennessee, and they state that their father prepared a number of envelopes with the "Paid 5," signed them with his signature and sold them over the counter.

While investigating the history of the Selma envelopes, Mr. Nelson had the good fortune to make the acquaintance of a Mr. Lyman, of the firm of Lyman & Store, book and stationery dealers of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Lyman states that he resided in Selma during the war,

and that he conducted a book store there for some twenty-five years. He also stated that he distinctly remembers Mr. Eagar stamping, signing and selling the provisional envelopes over the counter.

As to the genuineness of the signature, we have secured the following affidavit from the son and daughter of Mr. Eagar.

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,)
HAMILTON COUNTY.)

Personally came before me, J. P. Hoskins, a Notary Public in and for said State and county, Wm. H. Eagar, Jr. and Mrs. Turner Saunders, who on oath say that they are the children of Wm. H. Eagar Sr. and that said Wm. H. Eagar, Sr., was the postmaster at Selma, Alabama, from the year 1860 to the year 1865 and during that time in charge of the postoffice at that place, and that he is now dead. Affiants further state that the signatures of the said Wm. H. Eagar Sr., which are endorsed on two envelopes now shown us, one directed to: "Mrs. J. F. Conoley, Montgomery, Ala.," and postmarked: "Selma, Dec. 5, Ala.," and indistinctly stamped: "Paid 5" just under the name of said Eagar, and the other directed to: "Miss M. Gertie Goodwin, care of W. W. Goodwin, Macon, Miss.," and postmarked: "Selma, 20, Ala., Paid 5," just under the name of said Eagar, are both genuine.

SEAL

MRS. SAUNDERS.
WM. H. EAGAR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 30th day of June, 1898.

J. P. HOSKINS, Notary Public.

At the recent convention of the Texas Philatelic Association, I submitted a photograph of one of the Selma envelopes, and the members present were unanimous in the opinion that it was a legitimate provisional envelope of the Confederate States.

I sent two specimens to Mr. F. Noyes, who states :

"The Selma stamps are quite interesting. If they have been sold 'over the counter' they are certainly legitimate provisional envelopes."--*One Star State Philatelist*.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York,	9. 22-24-26.
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Stamps, Kushden, England,	2. 8.
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salisbury, England,	8. 12.
Le Timbrophile Gaulois Moyen montier France.	2. 22.
Der Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany	3. 4.
The Australian Phil., Sydney, N. S. W.	4. 12.

In *The American Collector* Mr. S. A. D. Cox speaks of "The Fascination of Searching for Stamps" and tells well what it is that makes the devotee of Philatelia care not into which places he dives, if there is the remotest chance to find something that will increase his collection and give him some duplicates to exchange for what he has not in his collection. The moral courage, of which the author speaks as being a necessity to the successful stamp-hunter must be of a very pronounced quantity, for how often has the hunter to put up with ridicule

and scorn when he approaches a man or woman either, whom he thinks can aid him in his search or give him permission to look over old letters. How often is he looked upon as a specimen of mild lunatic and has to hear remarks that people would not make if they did not slightly doubt his sanity.—But we all are willing to put up with this if in the end our search is rewarded with those treasures we look for so eagerly. And yet again, how cheerfully we resign ourselves if the hunt is unsuccessful and hope for better luck next time, which, however, like to-morrow, may never come.

Stamps has an editorial on "The Off Season" which is timely and which we copy in toto.

"There is nothing more natural than that at this season of the year, when the excursion agent stalks abroad, and the sun and the sea-side Hotel proprietor form dark plots to entice us from our busy desks and duties, we should for a little while neglect our hobbies and town amusements until the newer attractions are stale and spent. Yet every year so soon as this feeling becomes apparent, our philatelic journals, or at all events, that major proportion of them that are the official organs of their proprietors stamp business, rise up in shocked displeasure, wroth that we should be so fickle and inconstant to our hobby. The tenor of their indignant remarks is evenly consistent and never varies from year to year. The only noticeable variety is that some are more heavily postmarked with pessimistic forebodings than the rest.

A trans-Atlantic contemporary has been enquiring of various dealers their opinions as to the state of things in the trade over there, and though the reports, which of course were written for publication, are not bad, there is an under-current of wistful longing for the fall, in

every one of them. The war of course is blamed for the dullness, and one gentleman optimistically remarks 'when Spain is properly whipped I confidently look for a great revival in the stamp business.' Another considers that the Fourth of July holidays are responsible for the slackness, while a third vaguely speaks of the general commercial depression.

Looking at this from a collector's standpoint it seems absurd that our friends in the trade should so wilfully close their eyes to the inevitable fact that we must put aside our albums at holiday times, and that the strongest enthusiasm cannot, to speak figuratively, withstand the heat that is now prevalent. They should remember that stamps are not our necessities, they are only our delights, and at a season when rival enjoyments take us out of our homes in the evenings we cannot follow our hobby so closely. Besides it is well, we think, for philately that we do for a few weeks in the year take a little rest from the somewhat close study our stamps require, for it is certain our enthusiasm will afterwards return greatly strengthened and invigorated after its little holiday."

The notes in *The Lone Star State Philatelist* on Confederates are always readable and they are a theme to which our journals south of Mason and Dixon's line should give their best endeavors for to the Southern collector they are most interesting, and the time is getting nearer every day when it will be almost impossible to prove if any new discoveries are entitled to recognition or not, for the men who served in the Post Offices of the Confederacy are by this time old and as they and their immediate descendants die it becomes harder and harder to establish facts which in their lifetime they could prove by affidavits. So all honor to those of our Southern journals

who devote to Confederates a great part of their space and attention.

The new cover design is a very appropriate one for a representative Southern Stamp Journal, but if we might suggest an improvement, we think the cover would show so very much better if it was printed on calendered paper.

The Australian Philatelist of July 25 contains a very interesting account of the clever way in which certain stamps of New South Wales were provided with forged watermarks and so their value increased from next to nothing to quite a handsome figure. The story in brief is as follows: Early in April Mr. Fred Hagen of Sydney purchased seven stamps of the imperforate "Diadem" issue which was in use in the Colony from 1854 to 1862. The stamps bore errors of watermarks, the 2d stamp wm. 8, the 3d stamp wm. 2. Mr. Hagen sent four of the stamps to London, one of each kind to Mr. C. J. Philipps and Mr. Perkitt. After sending these stamps Mr. Hagen's suspicions were aroused by hearing that other copies of these rare stamps were being offered for sale and he at once wrote his London correspondents to return the stamps as he had fear that the stamps were faked. Before the letter of recall reached London however one of the parties remitted to Mr. Hagen the money for the stamps sent, showing that these well known authorities had accepted them as genuine. Mr. Hagen tried to have the P. O. authorities take hold of the matter, but after considering the matter nine weeks, he was informed that if he thought he had been faked to proceed against the parties who sold him the stamps. Mr. H. had, during the time the P. O. authorities were making their investigation, put a detective to work, so when the government would not take hold of the matter, he was prepared to lodge complaint against the sellers of the

stamps and to have them arrested. The party who sold the stamps to Mr. Hagen was a young married woman who with her husband, a Japanese engraver was charged with forging the stamps. The way in which this was done shows considerable ingenuity and it was so well executed that even experts were deceived. The stamps were genuine, but had been trimmed down as fine if not finer than the Prussian stamps on so-called goldbeater's skin. To this two layers of paper were attached, both covering the entire stamp. Both papers are very white and exceedingly thin, one appearing thinner than the other, both similar to fine Japanese rice paper. The thinnest is attached to the stamp and the w. is either impressed or cut out. The second paper is placed over the lot. The mucilage used in fastening the papers together must have been very strong to withstand the boiling as applied in England and the soaking given in Sidney for three hours and then placing in boiling water. This would not separate them and Mr. H. was unable to remove the layers of paper intact. However it proved how the fraud was perpetrated.—We can only hope that the sentence in this case will be as severe as in the case recently in New York in which the seller of faked Horseman carriers received one year in the penitentiary.

Evidently the text-books of geography in some sections of France are not up to date for how else could *Le Timbrophile Gantois* call the Trans-Mississippi stamps as issued a *P'ouasion de l' exposition d' Ornaha*. Surely the West will have to assert itself and see to it that its large cities at least, become better known in some of the back districts of foreign countries. While the managers of the Omaha exposition were about it, they ought to have insisted on having their city mentioned on the stamps for as we

understand it, the scheme was originally gotten up to advertise the Exposition, and how can it do that if the great City of Omaha is not even mentioned on the labels.

With the August issue *The Philatelic Bulletin* closes its Volume I. and announces that it has purchased *The Tennessee Philatelist* and *Home Worker*. While we will miss the latter from our exchange table, still we cannot help but think that it is better to have instead of a great number of weak papers, a smaller number of really good papers and such can only be made through a good subscription list and liberal advertising patronage. We wish the *Philatelic Bulletin* the success it deserves.

The number of August 27th of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* contains a full account of the thirteenth annual convention of the A. P. A. The number of September 10 reprints from the *American Journal of Philately* the announcement of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. not to publish the Standard Catalogue this year, but to postpone its issue till Spring or Summer of 1899, hoping that by that time conditions in the trade will be such as to allow a truer and stabler basis of values to be quoted. No doubt from their standpoint the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. are right, for they know full well that if they issued a Catalogue this fall they would have to follow in the footsteps of their German colleagues and have to make a sweeping reduction in the greatest number of stamps, and as they advertise that they sell their stamps at Catalogue price this would of course mean a serious loss to them. On the other hand is it just to collectors to keep as the Standard Catalogue one of such inflated values, that nine-tenths of the dealers would be willing to sell at from

50 to 75% discount from such prices. We think anyway that the *Standard* should not contain prices at which a certain firm is willing to sell their stock, but should be made up of prices such as have been obtained at auction sales and at which the bulk of the trade are willing to sell. It would be only when such a state of affairs has been reached that such slurs will be impossible as a writer in *Town Topics* casts in a recent number in discussing the A. P. A. Convention held in New York, in which stampdealers and collectors are called some unpleasant names, and the hobby derided. There is, however, a grain of truth in the extravagant statement he makes, as follows: "Anybody who has money to waste can test the stamp idiocy very easily. Go to a dealer and purchase a \$1,000.00 collection, then take it to another dealer—or indeed the same one, and see what he will offer for it—\$600 at the most." It is, however easier to find fault than to suggest a remedy. Would it not be a grand thing to have an association like the A. P. A. appoint at its annual convention a committee composed of representative men, who, through their experience, would be enabled to make the prices of stamps anywhere near their value, and why should not a catalogue so gotten up and priced be accepted by collectors as *Standard* rather than the price-list of a corporation.—It is only through agitation that reforms are accomplished, so let us stir things up, and perhaps some day there may be a *Standard Catalogue* sure enough.—The above had been written when *Mackel's Weekly Stamp News* of September 15th came to hand. In it we find: The A. P. A. could indulge in no grander and more useful work than in preparing or assisting in the compilation of a truly priced catalogue. If such a task were well begun, the rekindled enthusiasm of members might carry it to successful completion.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain gives in its August issue this valuable advice to the *new collector*. We quote:

"Very little has been said of late about the *New Collector* but we are glad to notice that more and more our advice is taken with regard to the collecting of new issues and start with current stamps instead of running after old issues which in too many cases will leave blanks in the collections, which perhaps may never be filled.

The present time has never been surpassed in this respect, new issues necessitated by changes or other postal requirements come out in such rapid succession, that even from a monetary point of view the profit on a moderate expenditure of current rates must be enormous. Our publishers have at present stocks of stamps, which only arrived when they were already out of issue at their respective offices. St. Lucia 2d.; New South Wales 2d.; Cuba and Porto Rico; Canada; Guatemala, not to mention a host of others, offer a fair field in this respect, and we can only advise our readers not to hesitate, but to fill the spaces while there is time. The prices for such stamps are bound to go up, and therefore do not delay and buy at to-day's prices. The advice given is surely good. There are many stamps now current which in the course of human events are bound to change soon, notably among them the stamps of the British Empire, for while we trust that the Queen may be spared for many years, still it is not impossible that ere long the portrait of the Prince of Wales will adorn the English and Colonial stamps. Speaking of Colonial, brings to mind a short squib in the same number of *P. J. G. B.* "Great discovery by the *Timbrophile Poiterin* No. 40, page 74, to be exact as to the place: C. A. the water mark on the British Colonials means "Colossal Agency." We should consider the writer a "colossal ass."

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HENRY CHATARD SCOTT, JR.

AMONG the first to respond when the call to Virginia collectors to form a State association appeared in *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*; and among the most staunch supporters of our society since its organization, is the gentleman a sketch of whom it is our pleasure to present to our readers this month.

Henry Chatard Scott, Jr., is a native of Maryland. Born in "The City of Monuments," at the outbreak of the war, on Oct. 5th, 1861, many scenes and incidents of the latter part of that stirring period were vividly impressed upon his memory.

At the close of the war, in 1865, the family removed to Virginia, where he received a thorough training in private schools, fitting him to fill the responsible positions he has since held.

For fifteen years Mr. Scott was book-keeper for the Richmond Paper Company, and he is now acting secretary-treasurer of the Everett Wadley Company, one of the largest stationery, printing, publishing and electrotyping establishments of the South.

Mr. Scott was stricken with "stamp fever" in the early seventies—and has accumulated quite a large collection.

About four years ago he abandoned the hobby, disposing of the greater part of his philatelic treasures.

The advent of the Virginia Philatelic Association was just in time to reclaim him to the fold.

Previously, Mr. Scott had been a general collector, but he has now, in beginning anew, decided to specialize in United States, Confederate, and British

North American issues.

Personally, our friend is one of the most amiable gentlemen—quiet and unassuming, ever ready to share his duplicates—ever ready to foster the welfare and interest of our Association—attending all of its meets—he has won at once the esteem of every member.

It is a singular fact that Mr. Scott holds membership in no other order or society save the Virginia Phil-

atelic Association. He, however, some years ago, served in the Virginia State militia, in Company F, 1st Regiment Volunteer Infantry, securing his honorable discharge at the expiration of his term.

It is also singular that every "Scott" I have ever met with is a stamp collector—great Scott! It must "run in the family."

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A Grand Christmas Number.

ON December 5th we will mail the Christmas Number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. We intend making this another "red-letter" issue of our publication—a companion to our "Anniversary."

Stamp trade is good, if we may judge from the cheerful letters of our advertisers, and all indications point to a still better business as the season advances.

Now is the time for the go-ahead dealer to invest a few dollars in judicious advertising.

In calling attention to our publication we point with pride to its prestige in the South—and the North too, as for that matter—and to its record for the last fifteen months.

We feel assured that an ad placed in its columns will prove remunerative to you.

"Bluffs" are no more a bait for the intelligent dealer; he wants facts, and he expects results when placing his ad.

Our subscription books are open to your inspection, as well as numerous letters of satisfaction and praise from our largest advertisers. We invite your investigation.

Consider this—and, if you were not with us at our "Anniversary cake cutting," we invite you to our "Christmas-tree."

Friend Dealer—How's This?

WITHIN the past month we have addressed a number of our advertisers requesting a selection of their stamps on approval. Without an exception the lots sent us were of a high order and we sold and purchased quite a bill from them. It is thus we strive to co-operate with our patrons to our mutual interest.

Our advertisers are invited to send us better grade selections on approval (*enclosing return registration fee*) which we will take pleasure in exhibiting to our local collectors at our monthly meetings.

We want your patronage, and we will give you ours.

Now's the time to advertise!

The Southern Philatelic Association and Richmond, Va., in 1899.

At the Fourth Annual Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, held at Knoxville, Tenn., (of which a full report will be found on another page) THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST was elected official organ of that leading Southern association, and Richmond, Virginia, selected as the Convention Seat for 1899.

Coming unexpectedly as it does, this great honor conferred upon our city and our publication, fills us with pride and gratitude; and, in identifying ourselves with the S. P. A., we shall exert every effort to foster the welfare of the Association—to rally around its guidon every collector residing in the South, so that when we meet in the historic Capital of the Confederacy in 1899 the Southern Philatelic Association shall be numerically and in vitality the strongest Association in America.

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Gentlemen, I thank you.

AUG. DIETZ, Vice-Pres. S. P. A.

We would earnestly request our friends when remitting small amounts in unused postage stamps, to place them *between waxed paper*—thus preventing them from adhering to the letter or envelope, as has frequently been the case of late.

"Sample Copy" Fiends.

WE advertise to send a free sample copy of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST to any collector upon request. We do this cheerfully. But when a party writes us a postal card for a "sample copy" six successive months, and then asks for the *back numbers*, the thing grows monotonous.

We have complied with such a request patiently—just to see how long the thing would go on. It is a case of consummate "gall" *par excellence*, and if the party will send us his file we will top the job by binding them for him gratis.

Requests for sample copies will hereafter be filled with the current number. Back numbers 10 cents. Second request must contain 2c stamp. Third request goes to our—waste basket.

Good Idea—Push it Along!

IN the *Era* of October 1, F. A. Lilly suggests that the new U. S. envelopes (for which a four years' contract is to be let) be printed in the colors of the current adhesives, conforming with the laws of the Postal Union—the 1c in green, 2c in red, and the 5c in blue. Smaller dies are also suggested.

The entire article, we dare say, will meet with the approval of every collector; it is timely—it is good.

The difference in the cost of ink, which is also considered by Mr. L., will be counterbalanced by the reduced cost of the new envelopes.

Every stamp publication and every collector should take up the idea and "push it along." And none could exert more influence than the *Era*.

THE "Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer" will be continued in our Christmas number.

A Suggestion to Germany.

IN looking over our stamps we are struck by the fact that Germany has never indulged in a commemorative issue of any sort.

She missed her one opportunity in 1896—the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Empire.

Germany—the Empire—has never honored her rulers by placing them upon her stamps. Ever the Imperial Eagle—a plain unostentatious design.

How appropriate it would be—when ever the old general, who succeeded von Stephan, sees fit to give us a new series—to place upon them the great trio of the Empire, William I, Bismarck and Moltke. On the other values might appear, Frederick III ("Unser Fritz"), William II, and "Germania," the National monument on the Niederwald overlooking the historic Rhine.

Such designs, in our humble opinion, printed in two colors, would be quite attractive.

The suggestion is gratis, and if his Excellency the battle-scarred veteran postmaster-general is too busy we'll sketch him up a few designs along this line.

THERE were never better bargains offered the buying collector than those appearing in our columns this month. There is as much of interest in our ads as there is in our reading matter.

FRANKLIN STEARNS, SR.

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in Johns Hopkins Hospital, in the
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the fifty-first year
of his age.

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More U. S. Revenues.

IN addition to the list of U. S. Revenues, published last month, we are informed by Mr. E. N. Kiefer, Pittsburgh, Pa., that the following denominations have been placed on sale: 1½c medium blue; 3¼c gray, 40c and 80c (colors of latter not given), all Proprietary.

WE notice with regret a lagging of interest in The von Stephen Memorial Fund, inaugurated by THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST in its initial number. The amount collected thus far would make a poor showing as a gift from Philately of America.

Let us try again. We will begin now. See that your name appears in our next number.

WE would call the attention of our subscribers to the fact that we shall print an Exchange and Want column monthly. Collectors desiring exchange can insert their ad at the nominal rate of ½c per word nonpareil. Minimum 10c.

IT'S some time since we published our last "Guard of Honor." We're preparing a new muster-roll now, and several parties may expect a complimentary sketch gratis.

WE are always desirous of securing original, readable and instructive philatelic manuscript, especially such as is based on individual research, and we pay liberally for same. We request, that in preparing such MSS., no complimentary reference to our publication be made in the body of the matter.

WE are glad to learn of Mr. Stone's recovery, and to find him again at his post as Review Editor of the *Era*. He certainly had an able "sub" in Mr. Hall.

A Trio of Circumnavigators.

BY HERBERT IREY WATTS.

IN the interesting October issue of the beautiful VIRGINIA one "Arminius" tells of a letter he has which circumnavigated the globe. His letter went around by the kindly assistance of friends at the various exchange offices, and therefore hardly deserves the title he applies to it—"an old tar."

"Arminius," what think ye of a trio of letters which *alone* have visited the greatest cities of the new and old worlds and returned after having encircled the globe, and bearing on their veteran faces the scars of many a conflict with unfeeling postal officials? No friendly hands were stretched out to redirect them—from the time I dropped them into the letter-box until I received them back as veterans no hand save that of post-office officials ever touched them, and these same officials had no idea that they were assisting in the venture of sending a letter around the world.

The trio, each clad in a nice new envelope (I did not use linen) and bearing one of Uncle Sam's Columbians (five cent) were dropped into the letter-box at the Big Four depot in this city, October 15, 1896, and five minutes later a postal clerk swung lightly out of the mail car on the Southwestern Limited, opened the letter box, and the trio was off.

Number one was addressed as follows: "Herbert Irely Watts, Yokohama, Japan, via San Francisco." And in the corner was written: "If not called for please forward to Constantinople, Turkey, if not there delivered please return to Box —, Winchester, Indiana, U. S. A." This letter reached San Francisco on the 19th of October and was at once dispatched for Japan. It remained at Yokohama for one month and not being called for, needless to say, was forwarded

to Constantinople, going by way of Suez Canal. There it remained for two months, and was then marked "*Non Reclame. Retour.*" It then started on the home-stretch. It passed through London and there received the quaint red postmark, typical of the world's Metropolis. It was then forwarded to New York, here also receiving a postmark. It was then, by some mistake, sent to the Washington dead letter office, but it was not dealt by a good deal, so it was sent on to Winchester, arriving here May 31st, 1897.

Number two was similarly addressed, except first to Constantinople and then to Yokohama. It arrived home, via San Francisco, two weeks later than number one. It bears thirteen postmarks and number one had twelve.

Number three was sent off on a long chase to Teheran, Persia, and thence to St. Petersburg, Russia. It was specially marked to go via San Francisco, in order to insure its not leaving and returning by the same port. It did not return till November 11, 1897.

I have these letters in my possession and they are ready at all times with their postmarks and travel-stained envelopes to tell a silent story of their travels and adventures by land and sea.

Newfoundland's Latest.

OUR correspondent in St. John's Newfoundland, informs us that the color of the new 2c orange will be changed to *carmine*, as soon as the stock now on hand is exhausted—probably by the end of November.

The new 5c will appear with the new year.

The Cabot set is still on sale at the Postoffice; also the "pre-Cabot," which latter set contains the 3c *brown*, on which the forged surcharges were printed.

Society for the Suppression of Heavily-Canceled Stamps.

A. G. GIBB.

THE great A. P. A. Convention of '98 is now a thing of the past, and doubtless those who were fortunate enough to be present have returned to their homes with renewed interest in stamp-collecting, and hosts of new "wrinkles" in their heads—not *on* them, let us hope.

Many of the philatelic lights from the four quarters of the Union have foregathered; have transmitted their ideas to each other, and everyone present at that gathering of the clans must have realized how good it was "to be there!"

Unquestionably, conventions of this kind are good. Here, collectors have an opportunity of seeing many rarities; of comparing collections, and of meeting with men they have corresponded with, perhaps for years, but never had the opportunity of meeting until now.

Then from a dealer's point of view it is good, as it brings them more in touch with collectors; it gives an impetus to trade; creates new friendships, and often rouses interest in a hitherto neglected country's issue of stamps.

Being one of the unfortunates who had to remain at home, I have read with interest, the necessarily limited details of "business done," and have no doubt that much good will result. Still I am disappointed. There is one subject that I hoped to have seen discussed, as sooner or later it must be.

As you may have surmised from the heading of this article, I refer to the disfigurement of stamps by *unnecessarily heavy cancellation*. Every dealer and collector knows how often valuable stamps are so frightfully defaced as to render them comparatively worthless, and must deplore that such a condition

of things should exist, and has been tolerated so long without some protest. Many postal clerks seem to take a fiendish delight in destroying stamps, especially the high values, and it has often occurred to me (as no doubt it has to others) that it might be possible to, at least, lessen the evil.

The question is, can this obnoxious custom be changed. I think it can.

As to how the change may be effected could scarcely be gone into thoroughly in the short space at my disposal, but I would briefly make the following suggestions, with the hope that some abler pen than mine will take the question up, and induce dealers and collectors all over the world to agitate in a matter that concerns everyone who takes an interest in stamp collecting.

Taking New York as the grand center of the movement, I would suggest that a society, composed of every dealer and collector in the city should be formed for the *Suppression of Heavily-canceled Stamps*. A secretary should be appointed (and the office would be no sinecure) whose duty would be to issue circular letters to the leading dealers and collectors in every city of importance throughout the world, asking them to co-operate with the parent society in forming branches in their respective cities. He should also issue circulars to publishers of philatelic journals everywhere, asking them to use the "power of the press" in extending the work of the society.

In a short time, by these simple methods every "stamp man" would have an opportunity of entering this organization and contributing his share of labor to the one grand object.

When these branches are formed, deputations from each should wait on the various postmasters and explain the object of the society. They should emphasize the fact, *that the revenues derived from the Postal departments are,*

to a great extent, due to the stamp-collecting "hobby," and for this one reason (and many others that might be advanced) that stamp collectors have a big claim on their respective governments, and that some consideration should be given to this reasonable request.

As to what form of cancellation stamp should be adopted, would of course be a matter for each country to decide for itself, but, the society might suggest the "flag-cancellation," such as is now in use in the U. S. and Canada. It's both effective and neat.

As far as the expenses of running the Society are concerned a membership fee would have to be charged, but this need not be large, as, if the officers of the various branches did their duty, every dealer and a large proportion of collectors would join the Society, and the amount collected, even with a 25c fee, would amount up to a considerable sum.

Now Mr. Editor, I've started the "ball a'rolling"—who is going to help it along?

Kohn Behind the Bars.

MR. W. P. STANTON, of Detroit, Mich., kindly sends us two newspaper clippings, which will interest those who read "Another Fraud at Large" in our August number.

The following is from the *Detroit Tribune* of Oct. 11, 1898:

RARE STAMPS.

THEY GOT GUS KOHN INTO TROUBLE.

Gustavus Kohn, arrested Saturday, on the charge of using the United States mails for illegal purposes, was brought before U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner John Graves yesterday. He entered a plea of not guilty. His examination was postponed for one week, and his bail fixed at \$500.

It is charged that Kohn and two or three other persons have conspired to defraud houses dealing in canceled stamps. The scheme was ex-

plained by THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for August, which printed one of Kohn's letters ordering stamps. It charges that Kohn would send for price lists of stamps, and then in course of time, order a small lot. These were sent by registered letter and he would sign the receipts. Later letters of inquiry to him were unanswered. The Detroit address given was 333 Michigan avenue. Many complaints have been received at the Detroit Postoffice from Philadelphia and Cincinnati concerning him during the past few months.


The other clipping is from the *Detroit Free Press*, and presents an excellent account of the scheme and apprehension of Kohn. Lack of space prevents our reprinting the entire article, but we present extracts therefrom:

Gustavus Kohn, who was arrested Saturday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Cash P. Taylor on the charge of making an illegal use of the mails, was arraigned before Commissioner Graves yesterday morning and, after pleading not guilty, was held in \$500 bail to appear next Monday for examination. It is stated that Kohn has for some time corresponded with stamp dealers, asking first for quotations of prices and saying that he wished to purchase. After receiving quotations, it is alleged, he was in the habit of ordering a quantity of stamps to be sent to a certain address on Michigan avenue, also giving a reference on Michigan avenue, and it afterwards developed that his address and that of his reference were the same. It is alleged that he secured goods from a number of dealers, all of them sent by registered letter, but that no payment was made for any of them. Finally a complaint was made to the postoffice authorities by the Queen City Stamp Co., of Cincinnati, and steps were taken to catch Kohn. Considerable difficulty was experienced as he was always reported to be out when the letter carrier called at his Michigan avenue address to deliver a registered letter. Sometimes the letter was not left at the address, but a message was, telling Kohn to call at the postoffice for the letter. He failed to do so in every instance. Finally on Saturday Deputy Marshal Taylor followed the letter carrier to the place where Kohn's letters were delivered and as usual he was out, but the deputy waited around until his man appeared and then arrested him.

It is the "sticking to it" that brings results in advertising. Try it in our great Christmas number.

Our Philatelic Societies, and Are They a Success.

BY EMIL GERLICH.

 QUESTION often asked is, "are our philatelic societies a success?" To this I must say that they are only a partial success. They are a success as far as advancing Philately and good fellowship among its members is concerned, but when the financial condition is considered they are far from being a success. Of course, by not being a financial success I do not mean to say they must be on the plan of our banks to be a success, but nowadays most of our societies are in debt.

To begin with, there are too many societies. Say, for instance, with a State society in each State, and three national societies, Philately would be amply provided in the U. S. One of these national societies should be for the older collectors, and the other two for the younger class of collectors.

Another thing of vital importance to the welfare of our societies is the prompt payment of dues. The success of any society depends upon the prompt payment of dues, and with fewer societies I believe that members would take more interest in their welfare and would pay their dues more promptly. I know of parties who are members of at least a dozen societies and when it comes to paying dues, if they do not remit to the secretary of all societies of which they are members, they are apt to forget some of them and thus they are in arrears for dues without knowing it. The dues in most of them are too low to run them successfully, and dues should not, under any circumstances, be less than 50c. With this amount I believe a society can be run successfully, while now, with dues at 25c, as is the case with the majority of our societies, most of them are

in debt. I have lately seen the names of parties published in some of our societies who had paid their dues several years in advance. I do not approve of this, and believe if dues are paid promptly, there is no need of paying several years in advance. I recently saw the statement of a writer who dwelt on the subject of paying dues several years in advance. He says that it was quite evident that the collection of dues several years in advance will rob the future years of the income which is supposed to be required to meet current expenses, and that it was unsound policy to do so. I heartily agree with him, and honestly believe that if the members will pay their dues promptly there is no need of paying several years in advance.

Delinquent members should also not be carried along at the expense of the other members longer than two months. The Exchange Department I consider the most important department in our societies. The Exchange or Sales Superintendent, as he is more properly called, should be elected every two years, as this will give him more time to get this department in shape and he can consequently give better service. As the case now is, every time he has his department in working order there is a new election and very likely a new man will take his place.

The officers should be live and progressive men, who should be willing to work in the interest of the society and they should not indulge in politics, so frequent nowadays. All officers handling the securities of the society, no matter how reliable they are, should be under a substantial bond. This will aid a great deal toward encouraging them to be prompt in their transactions.

Promptness is the main factor in our societies and unless officers and members are more prompt our societies will never be a complete success.



THE fall auction season is in full blast, but stamps seem to sell quite low. We print some of the prices realized at Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 108th auction sale held October 1.

The total amount realized at this sale was \$724.30.

UNITED STATES.—New York 5c, cut close, used, \$1.00; Providence 5c, unused, \$1.80; Franklin Carrier reprint, Eagle Carrier, used and unused, \$1.00; 1847, 5, 10c, used, \$1.50; 1851, 3c, unused, 1, 10, 12c, used, \$1.10; 1851, 1, 3, 10, 12c (proof), 1857, 1, 3, 12c, used, 50c; 1857, 1c (2), 3c (2 var.), 10, 12c, two unused, 70c; 1860, 24c, used, \$2.10; 1860, 30c, unused, \$3.50; 1860, 30c, 1c marked, \$2.80; 1860, 90c, unused, evenly centered, scarce, \$11.00; 1861, 1, 2, 3c (2), 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, last is specimen, used, \$2.50; 1861, 1c (2), 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24c (2), 30, 90c, used \$1.80; 1868, 1, 2c (2), 3c (2), 10, 12, 15, 30c, three damaged, \$1.10; 1868, 90c, used, \$5.00; 1868, 2c, grill 12x14, unused, o. g., rare, \$2.00; 1868, 3c, grill 12x14, used, 90c; 1868, 3c, grill 13x16, a slight nick at bottom, used, 95c; 1868, 1, 2c (3), 3c (2), 10, 12c (2), 15c (2), used, \$1.50; 1868, 30c, used, \$1.20; 1869, 1, 2c (2), 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c, used, two damaged, \$3.00; 1869, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15c (2), 30c, 1875, reprint, 1c, \$3.60; 1869, 15c, unused, no diamond, \$2.60; 1870, with grill, 1c (2), 2, 3c (2), 6c, \$1.80; 1870, grilled, 90c, used, \$2.50; 1870-73, nearly complete, \$1.70; 1879, 1c (2), 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c (3), 15c (2), 30, 90c, three unused, \$1.30; 1875, ribbed paper, 1, 2, 3, 15c, used, \$1.10; 1879, 2, 5c, 1882-83, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10c, unused, \$1.00; 1887, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 30c, unused, 70c; 1890, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 90c, 2c lake, unused, \$2.00; 1893,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 50c, unused, \$1.40; 1893, 1c to \$1.00, the last is used, \$2.60; 1893, \$2, unused, \$1.90; 1893, \$3, unused, \$2.60; 1893, \$4, unused, \$3.10; 1893, \$5, unused, \$4.20; 1894, 1, 2c (two var.), 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 50c, unused, no watermark, \$1.10; 1894, \$1, no watermark, unused, \$1.40; 1895, 1c (two var.), 2c (three var.), 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c, 50c, 1898, 1, 5c, unused, \$1.00; 1895, \$5, used, \$1.50; 1861, 3c pink, used, 85c; Periodical, 1865, 5c, 1879-85, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10c, 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10c, one used, \$2.10; Periodical, 1879, 24c, unused, o. g., \$1.00; Periodical, 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, canceled with a small hole, \$2.10; Periodical, 1895, \$2, canceled with a small hole, \$1.50; Periodical, 1895, \$10, canceled with small holes, \$3.00; Periodical, 1895, \$20, canceled with small holes, \$4.00; Periodical, \$100, canceled with hole, \$5.10; Interior complete, with duplicates, five used, \$1.80; Justice, 1, 3, 6, 12c, used, \$1.59; Justice, 1, 3, 6, 10, 12c, last is damaged, one used, \$3.50; Post Office, 1, 2, 3, 6c (2), 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, seals and registered stamp, \$2.00; Navy, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30, 90c, used, \$7.00; Post Office, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, used, \$2.70; Post Obitum, unused \$1.10; State, 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 30, the 1c is specimen, three unused, \$6.00; State, 1c proof, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12c, used, \$4.30; State, 30c, used, \$2.25; State, \$2, neatly mended, used, \$3.60; Treasury, complete, two damaged, \$1.20; Treasury 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 30, 90c, one damaged, \$1.50; War complete, used, \$1.10; War complete, unused, \$1.70.

REVENUES.—1898 "I. R." inverted on 1c, unused, 40c; 1898 "I. R." inverted on 2c, unused, 40c; 1898 "I. R." inverted on 2c, block of four, unused, \$1.40.

FOREIGN STAMPS.—British Bechuanaland, 1886, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2d, 1887, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 3d, 1888-9, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2d, 1892-4, 1, 2 [3 var.], 4, 6d, 1sh, 1897, $\frac{1}{2}$ [2 var.], one used, \$2.10; British Bechuanaland, '87, 2s unused, o. g., 85c.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

THE monthly publication—*Stamps*, which was issued in behalf of the juvenile collector, has been purchased by the publishers of *Youth's Realm* of Boston, Mass. The passing of this monthly, will surely be felt by its many followers, in fact it will be a sad blow to the younger element in philately unless the present owners, can allow more space in their journal, relating to our hobby, that will interest their newly-acquired philatelic subscribers.

Men of scientific research have at last recognized philately as a science by members of a Brooklyn institution. The Long Island Philatelic Society can claim the credit of taking the introductory steps, in the right direction. Other societies of a local nature, in different cities, should follow suit.

While examining some 1½ cent proprietary stamps, I was much surprised to discover, two distinct varieties of roulette. The first, the ordinary long dashes; and the second which appears thus: — — — — —, instead of perfectly straight dashes; each indent having a decided curved appearance, and somewhat closer together.

Canada maple (four) issue is keeping pace with the Omaha stamps.

The demand and the prices quoted are unprecedented. The latest prices for some of the values are: Canada, six cent \$3.50; eight cents \$2.75 and ten cents, from six to eight dollars a hundred. Omahas, four cents, \$1.25; eight cents, \$2.50; 10 cents, \$1.25 in one hundred lots. Fifty cents denomination fetches thirty cents, and the one dollar

and two dollar stamps fetch readily seventy cents and \$1.25 respectively.

While conversing with a number of fellow collectors in attendance at the late conventions, our talk naturally turned to the comparative rarity or scarcity of certain stamps. One stamp in particular, I noted, was agreed, by the majority present, to be a valuable acquisition, to any collection, that is, if the stamp was not represented therein. The stamp referred to is Scott's number 70, New South Wales, one shilling, rose, which is Catalogued at just twenty-five cents in canceled condition.

Have you one?

In my article on the stamps of Paraguay in the Sept. VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I stated that the four cent brown 1884 issue, was a stamp undervalued. I note in the October "big number" of *Mekeel's Weekly*, that a writer, possesses the same view, in regard to this stamp. He also mentions that the 10c green of the 1879 issue is a desirable stamp. In comparison, I believe the 4c brown to be the better of the two; that is just my opinion.

With this number I hope to complete this list of "speculation" stamps; don't under any circumstances think I mean speculative stamps, for such trash is farthest from my mind. In alphabetical order, I will proceed.

Hayti: Nos. 3, 8, 9, 33, 34, 39 and 40. Good stuff.

Jamaica: Nos. 17, 18, 20, and 21, (last two, used or unused) and 27.

Luxemburg: Nos. 1, 2, 8, 16, and many others, especially those issued before 1880.

Mauritius: Nos. 37, 48, 50 and 52.

Netherlands. All early issues before 1869, and the 1891 issue to date (1896). A new issue expected hourly.

New Foundland, No. 60 shades galore.

New South Wales, Nos. 112 and 118. This latter stamp is a snap at full catalogue.

Norway. All early issues before 1883, except the very common.

I see it is impossible to complete the list this month, but next month (December) will finish it up. More anon.

Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

EDWARD LYONS, late caretaker of the Berlin Post Office, was convicted of stealing registered letters and sentenced to two years in the Provincial penitentiary.

It is safe to predict a large attendance of Canadian collectors at the 1899 conventions of the various philatelic societies. Detroit is convenient to Ontario collectors and many will for the first time attend the conventions of the large societies.

A friend of the writers, who has been in the Cuban campaign, recently sent me a letter. There was no stamp on the letter but this inscription:

"Uncle Sam, please send this through. When you pay me, I'll pay you."

But I had to pay two cents just the same. Undue decorations on the address side of many of the private post cards have caused them to be thrown out. The law as to the space for address etc. is very rigid in this respect.

Canada's five philatelic papers are in an apparently prosperous condition and it is by far the best philatelic press representation that we have had for some time.

The non-issuance of the 1899 catalogue for the present is hailed with general satisfaction by Canadian collectors. By the time the catalogue comes out next summer or early fall, values will have adjusted themselves in a great degree and the prices can be made to comply

with the law of supply and demand.

The new Newfoundland stamps are very favorably commented on.

The Post-Office Department will not buy stamps any more and have advised all newspapers to suggest that small remittances be made, in future, by the new postal notes instead of in unused stamps as heretofore. The effect of this will be to greatly increase the sale of the postal notes and net the government a snug sum from this sale.

The re-numbering and dropping of dead wood in the D. P. A. is a step forward. It is no credit to any society to have a large number of members with about twenty-five per cent. paid up.

The result of the special D. P. A. election is to be regretted, as it is the last move towards effectually Starnamanizing the D. P. A. And at that the total vote polled was less than one-third of the paidup members. Mr. Muirhead was the organizer and first member of the D. P. A. and has, even in its darkest days, stood by it steadfastly and loyally. Taking as an example the action of the free-silver faction of the Democratic party in the last U. S. presidential campaign, we can see that when one faction persists in overriding all opposition, disaster is the inevitable result.

We wish we could predict success for Mr. Findlay Weaver's new venture the *Boy's Own Philatelist* as a weekly and the *Canadian Collector* as a quarterly. We do not hesitate to say that a weekly with a subscription rate of 10cts. a year and an advertising rate of 25 cents per inch can never be made to pay. And in a quarterly the issues are so far apart that the reading public has nothing but a temporary interest in it. Why not concentrate your energies in one good paper absorbing, if possible, a couple of other Canadian monthlies? "In union etc."

The assignment made by the well-known traveling dealer, Mr. C. A. Need-

ham, was very sudden and a great surprise to his many friends. Those who have known Mr. Needham will remember well the old valise in which he often carried thousands of dollars' worth of stamps.

IN DURANCE VILE.

G. Kohn, the Detroit stamp thief under arrest.

Some time ago the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST contained an account of the above person's operations, and no doubt the readers will be glad to know that the evasive gentleman will swindle no more stamp-dealers—at least for some years.

Since Kohn left Detroit the Inspector J. J. Larmour and Mr. Irving E. Patterson have been working on the case and Mr. Patterson finally located him in Chicago.

He returned to Detroit, Saturday, October 8th, and was promptly arrested by Deputy United States Marshall, Cash P. Taylor and locked up at the county jail. Taylor had never seen the man before but recognized him at once from a description of him given by Mr. Patterson.

He was arraigned Monday, October 10th and his examinations set for the 17th.

A full account of the case will be furnished for readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

At the annual meeting of first-class postmasters recently held in Detroit, Mr. John Paalzow's scheme for post-office orders for small amounts was discussed and favorably commented on by many of the P. M.'s.

Its adoption will probably be only a matter of time.

Monday, October 17th.—Gustavus Kohn was brought up before U. S. Commissioner Graves for examination on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Kohn was defended by Rich-

ard Cudner and Adam Bloom. Irving E. Patterson was sworn and testified as to Kohn having admitted receiving the stamps and not returning them, also to other facts. Severe cross examination failed to shake the testimony. Howard Beck testified that Kohn had told him that he was but the tool of a man named Koehling. All the correspondence in the case which Mr. Patterson had gathered was submitted, and case adjourned until Tuesday. Tuesday, Kohn took the stand, and failing to shake Patterson's testimony was bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury, November 15. Bail \$500.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

On Monday, October 10th, the first Stamp Auction Sale of the season took place; it was held by R. L. Drew & Co. The proprietors say that they consider it was a grand success. The following are some of the prices realized: The combination lot of Foreign and Revenue stamps averaged about 20% of catalogue. This was exceedingly cheap as most of the stamps were in good condition; U.S. 1856-60, 30c lightly canceled, brought \$3.00; 90c fine, used, \$12.50; 1861, 90c used, \$2.05; \$3.00 Columbian, unused, fine, \$2.50; 24c Justice, unused, o. g., \$7.25; set of State, mostly unused, \$22.50; Revenues—\$25 Mortgage, \$1.75; Second Issue—\$1.30 brought \$2.50; \$1.90, \$2.00; \$3.50, \$2.75; *Confederate*, 1862, 10c, used, \$1.75; Foreign—Bavaria, 1849, 6k, broken circle, \$1.00; Brazil, 1843, 90 reis, extra fine, \$8.50; Canada Jubilee, unused ½c to \$1.00, \$2.40. A complete set was catalogued but was withdrawn, on account of lack of appreciation. A Cape of Good Hope 4d triangle,

unused, catalogued at \$1.50 sold for \$1.30; Hawaii, 1893, 12c red, surcharge, unused, \$2.80; Newfoundland, 1c Cabot, 100, unused, in sheet, \$2.50; 2c, sheet of 100, \$3.00; surcharged 1c on 3c, 5 used copies, went for \$1.25; type 2, used copy, 65c; a collection of U. S. and Foreign, said to number 2,965 varieties, sold for \$50; the estimated catalogue value was between \$350 and \$450. A collection of plate numbers, 836 varieties, face value \$50.40, catalogue value \$117, brought \$60.

Mr. Stone of Concord, N. H., Mr. McKearin of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and Mr. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., have been recent visitors to the Hub. While here, the latter gentleman exhibited many of his rare philatelic gems, and were much appreciated by those who saw them. They comprised, principally, stamps on original covers, and the condition of most of them was superb to say the least.

The past few weeks have shown a marked improvement in the stamp business at the Hub. The new revenues are still in demand, as are also the high values of the Omaha stamps. By the way, the \$2.00 Omaha is at present unobtainable at any of the offices in this vicinity, and it looks as if many collectors were going to be left on this denomination.

The new $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 and 6c Canada, with numerals in lower corners, have been received here, and the general opinion is, that they are a decided improvement over the maple leaf issue.

LOOK out for our Christmas number. If you are a collector you can't afford to miss it: if you are a dealer you can't afford to let the opportunity pass of displaying your best bargains for the holiday trade. Copy must reach our office *before the 20th of November*, to insure insertion.

English Items.

BY W. F. TRÉGO

On the first of October the stamps of Gibraltar bearing values in Spanish coinage became obsolete, a series bearing the values in British coinage being issued on that date.

Prior to 1886 the stamps in use at Gibraltar were the ordinary British stamps, which were canceled with a "G." In that year the stamps of Bermuda ($\frac{1}{2}$ penny to 1 shilling), the registration envelope of Barbados, and the news-wrapper of Natal were surcharged "Gibraltar."

In 1887 a series of seven, bearing values in British coinage were issued; these were surcharged with Spanish values in August, 1889, and in November, '89, a set bearing values in Spanish was issued, to which three values were added in '95. On June 1st, this year, these, with the exception of the 75 centimos and 5 pesetas, were surcharged "Morocco Agencies," for use in British post-offices in Morocco.

The collection of British souvenir post cards does not appear to receive the same favor abroad as that of foreign cards. One reason is said to be that the British cards are not large enough to fit the spaces in the Continental albums. In Paris, at present, there is a craze for collecting these cards, and at Vienna a journal has appeared in the interests of collectors, called the *Illustrirte Postkarte*.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, have been informed by the Postmaster-General of British Central Africa that, owing to a theft of stamps, the supply to collectors abroad will be discontinued, and the stamps only sold for postal uses in the district.

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BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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Our Review closes on October 20th.

Received the following journals:

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The Australian Phil., Sydney, N. S. W.	5. 1.

The *Columbian Philatelist* for August gives Mr. S. A. D. Cox's experience in collecting stamps on the original cover. There is no doubt that stamps show up very prettily when so kept and although against their being collected that way it can be urged that they are too bulky still

their beautiful appearance gives their possessor much pleasure. The writer of this review has been collecting them in that way on a small scale for some years, and finds much pleasure in the pursuit. In one thing however I cannot agree with Mr. Cox, and that is that foreign postal clerks cancel stamps lighter than in this country. True they don't try to destroy the entire design with ink as it seems to be the pleasure of the ones who cancel the stamps especially on packages in this country still in most instances foreign stamps are pretty well obliterated—as an example the stamps of Great Britain. It seems really hard to get hold of a lightly canceled specimen from that country. The article on "The Genuineness of Imperforates," gives a good many hints to guide the less experienced ones. The September number of the same journal has an account of Prince Edward Island and its stamps, giving the number of the remainders of both the pence and cents issues of that country which were sold after the Island entered the confederation. There were on hand then 1,611,100 stamps having a face value of \$91,062 and were sold to a gentleman in Charlotte-town for \$1100. This accounts for the comparative cheapness of some of the unused specimens. Used these stamps are worth a good deal of money so that here again the forger has found a fruitful field to try his ingenuity in providing false cancelations.

The *Eastern Philatelist* comes this month from Boston under the editorship of Mr. Edmund L. Smiley who also furnishes a plea for the *Philatelic Monthly* as against the *Philatelic Weekly* in which he defines very well the relation the two publications bear to one another, and if every monthly will try to live up to the standard Mr. Smiley sets himself for the *Eastern Philatelist* there will surely be a great improvement in a good many of the

monthlies now published. The chronicle of New Issues is complete and the Editorial Chat is such as one would expect from Mr. Smiley's pen. We wish the *Eastern Philatelist* the full measure of success it deserves.

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies prints a paper read before the Pacific Philatelic Society by W. Sellschopp on the Bogus Army Frank which had made its appearance on the Pacific coast and concerning which there was quite a good deal of discussion when it was first chronicled. The label itself is very pretty, being similiar in design to the 30 cent stamp of the 1869 issue, but from the proofs given by Mr. Sellschopp it must have had its origin in the fertile brain of a stamp-fakir, for reading between the lines, one must come to the conclusion that this is not the first bogus product which has been foisted upon the stamp collectors by the same party. Mr. S. is surely entitled to the thanks of the whole stamp collecting fraternity for probing this matter to the bottom and exposing the spurious character of this label faked to enrich its originator at the expense of collectors.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, always good reading, is especially good in the issue of Oct. 29th. Mixed in among a goodly number of original articles are some of great interest reprinted from foreign periodicals and which are of much benefit to those collectors who do not take any foreign papers. Among these articles is one on the Indian "Postal Fiscals" which were extensively forged in India in 1872 and of which large amounts were sold and used before the forgeries were detected and the perpetrators of the fraud sent to prison for terms varying from 2 to 10 years. From the *Monthly Journal* the trial of Herman Decker of Hanover, the well known German stamp expert, is

copied and it seems strange from the evidence given in the trial that the accused got off with such a light sentence as four weeks' imprisonment. Decker was charged with substituting stamps of a lower grade and in some instances of even forgeries for genuine stamps among the lots sent him for his expert opinion. One of the counts of the indictment charged him with trying to steal one stamp from the book of a visiting dealer, placing a stamp valued at \$7.50 among the lot purchased by him, without making any mention of that fact. The charges in most instances were proven and the accused convicted. A description of the printing of stamps on checks, drafts, &c., which has been given out by the government to concerns in different parts of the country is very interesting. The counting and verifying of the count being an enormous task, for every single impression has to be accounted for as of course each of them is worth two cents to Uncle Sam. The illustrated chronicle of new issues is very complete.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* translates and reprints from the *Post werthzeichen* a special list of the stamps of France, going into the minutest detail in workmanship and color shades, and to those who specialize in the stamps of that country, must be of great help. It also warns against a newly discovered forgery of the rare Württemberg 70 kreuzer stamp and gives the three principal points of difference, which we copy. 1. The stars in the corners are less clear and are larger than those in the originals. 2. There is no inscription in the scroll under the coat-of-arms. The words Furchtlos und Treu can be easily read in the originals. 3. The mouth of the stag is open in the originals, whereas it is closed in the forgeries. A very full list of new issues and varieties is also in this issue.

(Continued next number.)

SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

THE Fourth Annual Convention called for Oct. 18th, 1898, was held at Knoxville, Tenn., but owing to the fact that the Official Organ for September containing the President's Call was not in the hands of the members until after the appointed date, the attendance was small, but few members residing outside of Knoxville being present.

C. B. Tompkins, Chas. Ducloux and F. W. Coning were appointed Committee on Credentials.

The Reports of the various officers were read and approved, that of the Sales Superintendent showing:

Number of Books received for circulation.....	165
Value of same.....	\$2595.83
Number of Books retired.....	132
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Total Sales.....	\$300.93
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Librarian reports 5,000 pieces on hand and about 75 complete volumes and files. He promises to furnish each member with a printed list in a short time, and asks the members to donate their duplicates. It may be mentioned that the largest part of the library came from the Knoxville Philatelic Society when it became Branch No. 1 of the S. P. A.

The Trustees report a full settlement of all cases placed in their hands, with the exception of the old claims against ex-Supt. A. M. Rareshide, of Houston, Texas, who is now with the Volunteer Army and who shows no disposition to make good his deficiency.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

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RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 18, 1898.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

In the absence of the acting President the fourteenth meeting of the V. P. A. was called to order by Mr. Thos. Christian. Members in attendance as follows: Thos. Christian, Franklin Stearns, H. C. Scott, Jr., W. P. Shelton, C. F. W. Moser, Dr. Mark W. Peyser, Robt. J. Redford, W. S. Ahern and Aug. Dietz.

* This being the postponed, annual meeting of the Association, the election of officers for the ensuing year was the event of the evening, and gentlemen were chosen as follows for the respective places: Pres., Maj. J. F. Mayer; Vice-Pres., Dr. Mark W. Peyser; Exchange Mgr., Mr. Jno. Paalzow; Counterfeit Detector, Mr. C. F. W. Moser; Sec'y-Treasurer, W. S. Ahern. Much enthusiasm prevailed and the ballots, without exception, were by acclamation.

The application for membership of

Mr. Robt. T. Redford was received, with Messrs. Stearns and Dietz as references. Those present were then favored by Aug. Dietz with an excellent talk on Confederate stamps, setting forth the strength of the Association in this particular line and the advisability of booming this great Southern Philatelic strong point—after which, there being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

* In a letter received from Mr. McDonnell he requests the withdrawal of his name for the office of Counterfeit Detector in favor of Mr. Moser.

Mr. Franklin Stearns, Jr., likewise withdrew from the candidacy for Sec'y-Treas. owing to the pressure of other business.

(These facts in explanation.—SEC'Y.)

News From Peru.

MESSRS. Williams & Co., philatelists, Casilla 989, Lima, Peru, have favored us with a specimen of the new 1 centavo stamp, which is now printed in emerald green. They also state that on September 19th orders were placed in New York for a supply of 50,000 each of 5 and 10 soles stamps. These will soon be placed on sale.

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Catalogue of Judson N. Burton's Thirty-Ninth Auction Sale, Madison, N. Y.

W. C. Proudfoot's new price-list of unused British Colonies stamps, Kingstown, St. Vincent.

Souvenir Card Fad.

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The Metropolitan Philatelist in its issue of September 17th gives a number of portraits and biographies of prominent collectors and dealers on the Pacific Slope and a good deal of information about Philately on that side of the Rockies. The comment made by a non-collecting friend of the writer and one who has always made fun of our hobby on seeing this issue of the *Metropolitan* was, "Well that is the best looking lot of cranks I ever saw." This number contains large advertisements of San Francisco dealers, which especially those who are interested in Hawaiian stamps would do well to study, for some bargains are offered.—*Paalzow*.

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PRINCE and peasant, scientist and artisan, young and old, all, all worship at the shrine of Philately—all seek and find diversion, recreation and pleasure in our interesting pursuit—in our new science.

The Virginia Philatelic Association takes pride in numbering among its members many men in the professional walks of life, and, this month, it is our pleasure to present a follower of *Aesculapius*, Dr. Mark W. Peyser, Vice-President of our Association—a most confirmed devotee.

Dr. Peyser was born in Washington, D. C., July 8, 1870, removing to Petersburg, Va., he was educated at the High School of that city. He next attended the University of Virginia, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1890, before attaining his twentieth year.

Coming to Richmond, he was appointed Junior Resident Physician to the Retreat for the Sick, and shortly afterwards Senior Resident Physician.

In 1891 Dr. Peyser resigned his position at the Retreat, hung out his own shingle and has since attained great success in his practice, which speaks well for his skill and devotion to his profession, as well as the many marks of distinction conferred upon him in the na-

ture of responsible offices in the faculty of our city. He is chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Adjunct Faculty of the University College of Medicine; Lecturer on Physiology and Demonstrator of Chemistry in the same school; Secretary of Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery; a member of the Committee of the Medical Society of Virginia and last—but not least—one of the most popular officers of the Virginia

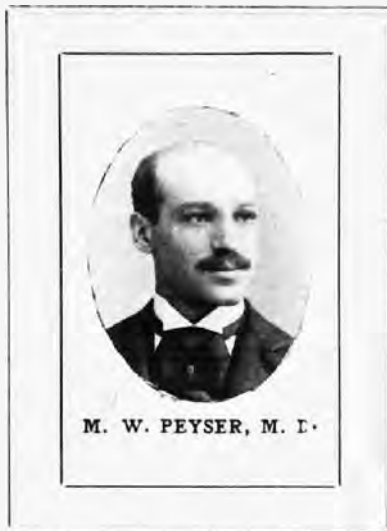
Philatelic Association and the discoverer of the Philatelic *bacilli*, those little germs that so frequently attack our diversionary membranes and do not become eradicated from our systems even when they have caused us to go through all the various and intricate phases of the now well known *Philateliciti*.

The Doctor began "philatelicising" long before he ever thought of writing a prescription, in fact, quite

early,—at the age of 15. His first "great find" was a strip of ten 1847 "tens," and the recollection of that "find" is yet to him "sweet as remembered kisses of the dead," especially so since all save one—a nucleus—are gone.

College studies interrupted his philatelic pursuits for a while, but he has now resumed collecting—general collecting—with that same quiet determination so evident in his professional work.

Long live our popular V.-P.! DIETZ.



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Merry Christmas!

FOR the second time THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST greets its friends with the compliments of the season, wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas, and, as our next visit will be in '99, we will add
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rally, Southern Collectors!

A COPY of this number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will be sent to every collector in the South.

It comes to you with a greeting and an appeal.

Representing Philately of our section, and still not "sectional" in its tenor; championing all in stampdom that is dear to us of the South, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST greets you as *your* magazine. *Yours* wherein to present your views; yours wherein to promulgate such knowledge philatelic as you have become possessed of by observation or through personal research, offering it as a Southern contribution to Philatelia.

Philately of our section, though unostentatious, is exceedingly active, far more so than we are credited for.

We must unite. Philately of the South must not be an echoless sound—her voice must rise and revibrate above the din in the Congress of American Philately.

The appeal comes to *you!* Join a Southern association! Join the Southern Philatelic Association, the Texas or the Virginia, and concentrate your best energies on the cause, so that when we meet in our beautiful historic city in '99 the attendance will be an evidence of the strength of Philately of the South.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

IF THE success of the '99 Convention of the S. P. A. depends in a measure upon the members of the V. P. A., then it is assured.

Engulfed by the *maelstrom* of enthusiasm at our last meeting, even non-philatelists present subscribed liberally to the fund for entertaining the delegates.

'Rah! for Richmond!

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

HAVE you seen Geo. L. Carter's ad?

A Christmas Suggestion.

PERSUADED that the season is opportune, ye editor ventures a few Christmas suggestions.

There is nothing to afford a stamp collector—young or old—more genuine pleasure than a Christmas gift consisting of stamps or an album—there is nothing more appropriate, especially at this season set apart for distributing tokens of our love or esteem.

We would, therefore, call your attention to the advertisements appearing in this number. They are genuine bargains—Christmas bargains; and we feel the most fastidious will find something among them to suit their fancy and purse.

If you have no philatelic friend—why treat *yourself* to a few stamps or an album—a little extravagance is pardonable on Christmas.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

WE have secured a valuable manuscript on "The Postage Stamps of Japan," and present the first instalment in this number. The subject is thoroughly treated by the author, who has been afforded rare opportunities for gaining valuable, authentic information. This, coupled with his personal researches, and illustrated with correct engravings, will make "The History of the Stamps of Japan" a valuable addition to stamp lore.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

WHEW! but hasn't ye editor of the *Pacific Magazine* got his "dander" up! He let go some very "unladylike" remarks, and we're looking forward to Vol. I No. 5, which, we expect, will contain the funeral notice of that "human parasite," who dared to agitate "Gawgie" thusly.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

A Departure.

SINCE the advent of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST—and in its capacity as official organ of the Virginia Philatelic Association, it has been our custom to present, each month, the portrait and a brief sketch of a member of the V. P. A.

Now that the honor of official organ-ship of the Southern Philatelic Association has been conferred upon us, we shall, beginning with January, present, alternately, members of the S. P. A. and the V. P. A.

We trust this will meet with the approval of our friends and further the welfare of both Associations.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

THE advent or exit of a South American Republic is nothing startling. The troubles there—like their new issues of stamps—never cease. For quarreling the proverbial "Kilkenny cats" are a side-show in comparison.

But there's something new on the Southern horizon now—something of more than usual importance, and it promises to attract a more than passing interest in the world of Philately.

Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras—if reports may be credited—have really decided to consolidate permanently, and go into the governing business under the style and title of "The United States of Central America" (Agents Wanted.)

We would suggest Mr. Seebeck as postmaster-general; or at least, Stamp Printer to the U. S. of C. A.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

TO EVERY collector possessing a single Confederate stamp the "Stray Notes," by our friend Roy B. Bradley, editor of the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, appearing in this number, will prove of interest.

What say ye critics?

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

A Request.

WE must again request that all business communications be addressed to our business manager, Mr. Franklin Stearns, P. O. Box 6; and all manuscript as well as other communications intended for the editor, be directed to Mr. Aug. Dietz, 906 W. Clay St., Station A. A compliance with this request will insure proper attention.

Publishers of philatelic literature are also requested to direct a copy of their publication to our Review Editor, Mr. John Paalzow, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., as well as two copies to our office, otherwise they will not be included in our Review.

OUR subscribers will notice a new patron among our advertisers this month, Mr. Geo. J. Carter. He tried a small ad with us last month which paid him so well that he takes two pages in this number. Watch next month too.

He offers you the greatest variety of bargains, and it would seem good policy to give him a trial.

MR. R. S. NELSON, of Birmingham, Ala., sent us the first copy of the U. S. 4c in the new color.

Also two copies of the 1 centavo Honduras (1896) in distinct shades of blue: one a dull blue, the other a blue-black. As these stamps are lithographed such differences are likely to occur. This series is not catalogued!

Mr. Nelson announces plate No. 441 in I. R.

DID you read Hussman's ad?

WE have a vague notion that some one is tampering with the inverted I. R.'s. The quantity on the market looks suspicious.

SEE B. L. DREW'S ad headed "Special"

Safe!

MR. W. C. PROUDFOOT, of Kingston, St. Vincent, desires to express his gratitude for the many kind enquiries respecting his safety, received from American philatelists.

Mr. Proudfoot and his family escaped injury in the recent terrific storm which devastated part of the Island. The only loss sustained was on his property, to the extent of about £200 to £300.

BY THE way, see Medford's ad.

YE editor of *The Philatelic Advocate*, of Berlin, Ont., expresses his surprise at the fact that our Canadian correspondent resides this side of the line, concluding that "news from such a source must of necessity be second-hand. If any event of importance takes place in Toronto or Montreal it would be some time before it could get to the U. S. and from there it would have to be sent to Virginia."

Well, friend Starnaman, we've managed to get the Canadian news "red-hot" thus far—yea, in most instances, before you got it yourself. Besides, while we do not know how long it takes news to travel from Toronto to the U. S., we've "hearn tell" of a telegraph string run from the United States into the wilds of Virginia, and if any soul-stirring events take place up there, Patterson would be very likely to catch them, for, being a traveling salesman, he was constantly in your country, keeping in touch with the leading philatelic lights thereof, and he could get to the U. S. end of that string at any time. And then, by the way, they did let Virginia into the United States again somewhere back in the sixties—make a mental note of that, old man, and don't agitate yourself. We will get all Canadian news first-hand.

JAS. J. LONG has fine stamps at 50%.



News From St. Vincent.

MR. PROUDFOOT of Kingston, St. Vincent, sends us the following extract from the *Gazette* of Oct. 27, 1898, which confirms our former prediction relative to the stamps of St. Vincent :

"On January 1, 1899, a new issue of the stamps of this Colony will be made. Current issues will remain on sale until December 31, 1899, after which date they will become obsolete."

We suppose the new design will be of the De la Rue pattern, and we may bid farewell to a set of the most beautiful stamps ever issued.

HAVE you seen Hussman's ad?—It's that whole page—never were better things offered for the holidays.

In his newsy notes to the *Era*, Mr. Bartels writes from Washington :

"The following plate Nos. have been printed in the new colors :

- 4c. Nos. 460 to 463.
- 4c. " 530 " 533.
- 5c. " 389 " 392.
- 5c. " 407 " 410.
- 6c. " 554.
- 10c. " 302, 303, 305 and 307."

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for a year is as good a Christmas gift as any. See Combination Rates.

It is only a question of time when the last British Colonies still issuing copper and steel plate printed stamps will wheel into line and adopt the De la Rue patterns. The former will then be good stock for trade.

Will Appear Later.

LACK of space, and a supply of matter of more interest, forces us to defer for another month the publication of the second instalment of our "Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer."

READ ALL the ads. Something in each one.

OUR Review Editor, Mr. Paalzow, is again in New York on professional business. He still finds time to peruse the columns of our contemporaries gleaned for our Review.

TRY the D. J. Reilly Stamp Co.'s "Honest Packet."

WE wish to thank Mr. Wm. Kermeen, Jr., Waterloo, England, for copies of the *new* (?) 1d wrapper of Great Britain.

On closest examination we can find no difference in this and the 1878-92 issue (Scott's 805 W2), either in the size, design, color, or paper. Will Mr. K. kindly enlighten us further?

H. B. VESEY of Norfolk, Virginia, solicits your patronage. He's a V. P. A. Drop Vesey a line.

It will be well to keep an eye on the 2, 3 and 5c Canadians. When the "Penny Postage" goes into effect there will probably be some changes in color.

LOHMEYER'S postal card album will make a fine Christmas gift. See ad.

NOTE the date of expiration of your subscription on your envelope, and do not fail to renew. You can't afford to miss a single number. All subscriptions invariably commence with the current number. Back numbers will not be sent to commence subscriptions.

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LARCUS VIRIDIS.

THE stamps of the Island Kingdom of Japan offer one of the most attractive fields for the collector who studies his stamps and is not content to stick each stamp into the space kindly provided by the publishers of his album and to think no more about it. The student of stamps is sure to be rewarded by the issues of Japan, with their variations of design, of paper, of plates, of perforation, and he may even hope to attain reasonable completeness in this field, for there are hardly any excessive rarities here to discourage the collector by their unattainability.

The following sketch aims to give a fairly comprehensive list of these interesting stamps with explanatory notes on various points possibly puzzling to the beginner. I should be gratified if it would serve to win a new adherent for these attractive stamps, rather neglected as they are by the general run of collectors.

Japan entered the ranks of stamp-issuing countries in April, 1871. The initial issue comprises four values of identical designs.

ISSUE 1871-72. A. 1871 APRIL.



A1

Small stamps of square design, 22 mm. square; in the center two conventional dragons, their tails crossing each other at the bottom; around the dragons a line of loops, double at top and bottom, single at the sides; around these a Greek border; the whole design surrounded by an inner fine and an outer heavy line of color. Inscription in black between the dragons in Japanese characters: At the top "Sen"—copper, in the center figures of value, below "Mons"—name of the coin. Wood engraving, colored impression on white laid paper, imperforate.

1. 48 mons, brown.
 - 1a. pale brown.
 - 1b. very deep brown.
 - 1c. reddish brown.
2. 100 mons, blue.
 - 2a. deep blue.
3. 200 mons, vermilion.
 - 3a. orange red.
4. 500 mons, green.
 - 4a. bluish green.
 - 4b. greenish dark blue.
 - 4c. olive green.

Various catalogues distinguish two complete sets of this issue: on *wove* and *laid* paper. The distinction is not justified, although specimens are found showing no trace of the laid lines, for at the time there was no native wove paper in Japan. The paper was largely made by small private manufacturers and entirely by hand in forms with a bottom of thin bamboo strips, which produced the laid lines. The material of the paper consists of fibrous plant stems; it was not chopped or ground, but merely softened and mashed, hence its great strength in the direction of the cellular tissue. As the texture is very porous and no sizing was used, the paper was unfit for writing with pens. One side of the paper is smooth, not by means of calendering, but by being brushed upon a smooth drying surface. All native Japanese paper of this early date shows a faint yellowish tinge, as no bleaches were used. It is important to remember the *laid* quality of the paper, as very good counterfeits exist on European tissue paper of *wove* texture. This paper will not tear in a straight line, while the native paper on account of its peculiar manufacture will always tear in a straight line.

These stamps are printed in sheets of 40, eight stamps in each horizontal row and five in each vertical row. The size of the sheet is about 136x185 mm.; the stamps are distant 2.3 mm.; the size of the plate is about 106x169 mm. Each stamp is engraved separately upon the wooden plate, hence there are 40 types

of each stamp—80 of the 48 mons, of which two plates were made. The differences are microscopic; they are found most easily in the dragons and in the inscription. In Japanese notation the figures are peculiarly arranged. All figures written *above* the figures 10 or 100 are multiplied by the latter, all figures written *below* 10 or 100 are simply added. Thus the values of this issue are expressed as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{四}^4 \\ \text{六}^4 \\ \text{大}^4 \end{array} 10 = 4 \times 10 + 6 = 46 \text{ MONS.} \quad \text{百} = 100 \text{ MONS.}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{二}^2 \\ \text{百}^2 \end{array} 100 = 2 \times 100 = 200 \text{ MONS.} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{五}^5 \\ \text{百}^5 \end{array} 100 = 5 \times 100 = 500 \text{ MONS.}$$

In 1872 the currency was changed and accordingly different values of stamps became necessary. 100 mons were equal to 1 sen, so that in the new issue the same values were merely expressed in a higher unit. With this issue perforation also was introduced.

B. 1872 MARCH.

Same design as before, but value indicated in different characters: figure above, "Sen" below. Same impression and paper, perforated 11, 11½ and 12.

5. ½ sen brown.
 - 5a. dark brown.
 - 5b. red brown.
 - 5c. grayish black.
6. 1 sen blue.
 - 6a. pale blue.
7. 2 sen vermilion.
 - 7a. pale vermilion.
8. 5 sen green.
 - 8a. bluish green.
 - 8b. yellow green.

The remarks made above as to paper apply to this issue also; the paper is always laid, but sometimes the laid lines cannot be distinguished on so small a piece of it. The thickness also varies considerably, so that sets can be made on thinner and thicker paper. These variations are unintentional and are accounted for by the primitive process of manufacture.

The plates were arranged like those of the preceding issue. For each value a new plate was made; in addition the plate of 48 mons was employed for printing the ½ sen and the plate of 100 mons for printing the 1 sen; besides these a third plate was made for the ½ sen. There are accordingly 120 varieties of the ½ sen, 80 of the 1 sen and 40 each of the 2 and 5 sen.

(To be continued.)

REMEMBER that we reach every collector of any prominence in the Southern States, and in the North too, as for that. Remember that we are the official organ of the S. P. A. and V. P. A.

Soldier's Letters During Civil War.

READING the article on "Soldiers Letters" in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I wish to add that it was not an uncommon thing to see soldier's letters during the Civil War with the legend "Due 5 cts," and later on "Due 10 cts." I have several specimens on hand now and send you one for inspection.

My father was a Postmaster during the trying days of the Confederacy and I remember often seeing soldiers' letters passing through the office with the postage marked "Due" on them. Sometimes the poor fellow's wife would not have the five or ten cents with which to pay the postage and get her letter out of the office. My father could not bear to see them go away without the longed-for letter from the loved one, and so he would pay the postage himself and give them the letter. Sometimes they were able to repay him, but often not.

J. M. B.

WE have been shown a copy of the U. S. 4c in the new color—it is very near that of the current 6c red brown.

Stray Notes On Confederates.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

THE Madison local, once admitted to the pages of the standard catalogue, was issued by S. J. Berry, who succeeded John L. Miller a few days after the ordinance of secession (January 7, 1861) was passed. The local was issued without any official sanction from either the United States or Confederate Governments, as John H. Reagan was not appointed Postmaster General until March 6, 1861, while the Confederate Government did not assume charge of the postal system until June 1, 1861. The stamp was typographed and consisted of the inscription 3 CNETS, surrounded by a border about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch wide. They were printed in gold on blue.

While speaking of stamps being issued without competent authority, the readers of this paper will probably be surprised to learn that *no authority* was given Confederate postmasters to issue stamps, as the ex-Postmaster General of the Confederate States, in a letter to me says: "*No authority was conferred officially on the postmasters to issue stamps. Such stamps as were issued by them was done entirely on their own responsibility.*"

This places all the Confederate locals in almost the same class of stamps as the early postmasters' stamps, such as the New York, Brattleboro, New Haven, Providence, Baltimore, and similar issues. Regarding the early postmasters' stamps, Mr. John K. Tiffany, in his excellent work on United States stamps, says: "They had no official sanction whatever, because no official had any authority to sanction them. It was a mere arrangement between the individual postmaster and the public for their mutual accommodation."

The Selma, Ala., envelope illustrated in a recent issue of THE VIRGINIA PHIL-

ATELIST bears the inscription "Paid 5," with the postmaster's name, "Wm. H. Eagar," above. Mr. Henry L. Calman says that he would not "consider them worthy of collection, as on the face of them they bear no marks which would not relegate them to the class of postmarks," etc.

Will Mr. Calman kindly inform us of the difference between the Selma envelope described above, and the Baltimore postmaster's envelope which bears the inscription "James M. Buchanan Paid 5"—exactly the same as the Selma, with the exception of the different names of postmasters.

Why should not the Baltimore envelope be relegated to the class of "Paid 5's" used during that epoch? It may be that we are exceedingly dull of comprehension, but we fail to see any difference between the two envelopes.

Mr. C. E. Severn, in reviewing my article on "Confederate Locals and Hand-Stamps," which appeared in the October VIRGINIA PHILATELIST makes the statement that "Mr. Bradley commends the Confederate "Paid 5," etc., envelopes and urges their claims to berths in the catalogue." I drew a dividing line between the two classes (locals and handstamps) which Mr. Severn seems to have overlooked. The point taken was that the "Paid 5" envelopes that were sold over the counter in the regular manner should be collected and catalogued. For the envelopes that were stamped with "Paid 5," that were stamped after being mailed, I made no such claim. Mr. Severn does not state his views, but says: "It will take much perseverance on the part of the partisans of these covers to break down the catalogue barriers, but if they finally succeed in forcing general recognition, no one will begrudge them the victory."

I would like to see Mr. Severn tell the

VIRGINIA'S readers what he thinks about the Confederate locals and hand stamps. I know he is well able to do so.

Four envelopes were issued by Wm. Priestley, the postmaster at Canton, Miss., in 1861. The first one was improvised from an old canceling stamp, but the others were of different designs. The four types are illustrated in the *Philatelic Journal of America* for June, 1891, but it was never definitely settled as to their mode of use.

"Less Ink—Please."

BY F. W. B.

THE heavily canceled postage stamp—the great drawback to stamp collecting—worse by far than the Seebeck, for you can leave that severely alone, and collect in other fields; worse than the speculative issues, for you can avoid them and still have a chance to gratify your desires for collecting good, honest stamps.

But the heavily canceled stamps: you run against them everywhere, and no country on the face of the globe but what spoils very many of their best stamps for the stamp collectors.

A collector has said that the stamps of foreign countries were canceled much lighter than our U. S. Surely he must have had a very limited experience in collecting the stamps of England, Belgium and Holland. In my experience as a collector I have exchanged stamps in lots of 100 to 300—and about one-third of all the stamps received from European collectors have been of no value on account of heavy cancelation. It has been next to impossible to secure some of the values of England and Belgium in good condition on account of their being defaced by the cancelation.

It seems to me the trouble has all been

brought about, not by the postal department, as some claim, but by the canceling clerks throughout the world. This individual seems to have the idea in his head that it is his duty to utterly disfigure the stamp beyond all recognition, and many strips of stamps have come into my possession that have been struck with the canceling stamp from four to eight times—thus not only ruining the stamps from a collector's standpoint, but representing a waste of time and energy.

The employees in the postoffices in the city of Cincinnati are noted for this kind of work, as many specimens among my duplicates will show. The canceling clerk evidently strives to develop great muscular powers—and does it to the great disgust of the stamp collecting fraternity.

Now the question is, how this state of affairs can be remedied.

Of what use is it to appeal to the various postmasters? Used stamps to the great mass of these men are only so much rubbish—waste paper, and to my way of looking on it, the collectors of this or any other country will never experience any relief from this trouble until they unitedly work for the placing, in all of our Post Offices, *men who are stamp collectors* themselves—men who are in sympathy with our desires in this matter. How could a man who is a true stamp collector ever have the heart to spoil whole strips and blocks of the higher value stamps? He would look at the question from an aesthetic and artistic point of view, and would understand that a stamp canceled across one corner was sufficiently destroyed for all postal purposes, and that any additional ink was to no purpose.

If all the philatelic societies now in existence were to make a united effort to get their collecting friends appointed as postmasters we would see a great change for the better.



At the 109th Auction Sale of the Bogert and Durbin Co., quite a number of desirable stamps sold at comparatively good prices.

The total amount realized at this auction was \$1217.35.

A few extracts from their catalogue may interest our readers.

UNITED STATES STAMPS.

1847 5, 10c, 1851-55 1, 3, 10, 12c, used, (6), \$2.25; 1847-60, (19), \$2.60; 1847 5c, 1851 3c, 1857 1, 3, 10, 12, uncanceled, (6), \$2.10; 1851 1, 3, 10, 12c, used, (4), \$1.50; 1857 1c, full ornament, 1c broken arc, 3c (2 var.) 5, 10, 12c, two damaged, (7) \$1.70; 1857 1, 3, 5, 10, 12c, last two slightly damaged, (5), \$1.00; 1857 3c, outer line, unsevered pair, badly perf., unused, (2), \$3.50; 1857 5c red-brown, used, (1), \$2.85; 1857 10c yellow-green, unused, (1), \$3.80; 1857 10c, various shades, used, (11), \$1.65; 1860 24c, very slightly damaged, used, (1), \$1.10; 1860 24c, unused, (1), \$2.50; 1860 30c, used, fine, (1), \$4.00; 1860 30c, unused, (1), \$3.00; 1860 90c, unused, (1), \$10.00; 1857 1c, reprint, unused, scarce, (1), \$1.70; 1861 1c (4), 2, 3, 10, 12, 24c, unused, (9), \$1.80; 1861 1, 2, 3, 5 (2), 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, two unused, (11), \$2.10; 1861 5c red-brown, used, (1), \$1.10; 1861 5c brown, unused, (1), \$1.00; 1861 1c, laid paper, used, (1), \$3.00; 1863 1c, grilled, unsevered strip of 3, used on env., (3), \$1.00; 1868 1, 2, 3, 10 (2), 12, 15c, one damaged, used, (7), \$1.00; 1868 2, 3, 10, 12, 15c, grilled, used, (5), 55c; 1868 2c, grill 12x14, used, (1), 75c; 1868 2c, grill 12x14, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1868 2c, grill 11x13, 2c, grill 9x13, unsevered pair, unused, (3), \$1.05; 1868 3c, grill 13x16, used, (1), \$1.20; 1868 3c, grill 12x14, used, (1), 50c; 1868 15c, grill 9x13, un-

used, evenly centered, very fine, (1), \$7.50; 1868 24c, grilled, used, (1), \$2.50; 1868 30c, grilled, evenly centered, used, (1), \$2.00; 1868 90c, grilled, used, evenly centered, (1), \$6.00; 1868-90, used, (21), \$1.50; 1869 1, 2 (3), 3, 12c, last is badly perforated, two used, (6), \$2.20; 1869 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c, used, (9), \$4.90; 1869 1, 10c, used on original envelope, (2), 65c; 1869 10c, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1869 90c, black and dull carmine, used, (1), \$5.00; 1869 90c, black and bright carmine, evenly centered, used, extra fine, (1), \$15.25; 1869 2c, reprint, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1869 6c, reprint, used, (1), \$3.00; 1869 15c, reprint, used, fine, (1), \$4.25; 1869 24c, reprint, used, fine, (1), \$5.10; 1869 24c, reprint, unused, fine, (1), \$7.10; 1870-87, very good lot, (27), \$1.10; 1870, grilled, 7c, used, evenly centered, fine, (1), \$1.60; 1870, grilled, 10c, used, (1), \$3.00; 1870, grilled, 90c, used, (1), \$3.10; 1870, grilled, 3c, used, no grill, 1c (clipped), 3, 6, 7c, 1873 1c, 1879 1 (3), 2, 3, 15c, unused, (12), \$2.75; 1870, no grill, 2, 3c, unused, (2), \$1.00; 1870, no grill, 6c carmine, unused, (1), \$1.25; 1870, no grill, 7c, evenly centered, unused, (1), \$2.50; 1870 24c, used, shades, (7), \$4.00; 1873 7c, unused, (1), \$2.75; 1879-93, unused, (15), 75c; 1879-95, including 90c purple, 90c orange, 30 and 50c Columbian, (64), \$1.75; 1890 1, 2c lake and carmine, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 90c, unused, (12), \$2.10; 1893 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 50c unused, (12), \$3.25; 1893 15, 30c, \$1, last is damaged, used, (3), 80c; 1893 \$2, unused, slightly damaged, (1), \$1.75; 1893 \$3, unused, fine, (1), \$2.75; 1893 \$2, \$3, unused, (2), \$4.75; 1893 \$4, unused, (1), \$3.70; 1893 \$5, unused, (1), \$4.70; 1894-8 1, 10c, used, 1c (two varieties), 2c (two varieties), 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 50c, \$1, unused, (14), \$1.85; 1895 \$5, used, (1), \$1.60; Special delivery and unpaid, including 1894, unused, 30 and 50c, (25), \$1.05.

FOREIGN STAMPS.

Angola, Angra, Antigua, unused, [23], 80c; Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1fr, unused, fine, [13], \$1.00; Antigua, 1863 1d, 1873 6d, 1873-9 1, 6d, 1882-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4d, 1886 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4d, used, [11], \$2.00; Argentine, good lot, [71], \$2.30; Corrientes black on blue, unsevered tete-beche pair, unused, [2], \$1.10; Corrientes, black on rose, unused, unsevered tete-beche pair, [2], \$1.20; Austria, 1861 10kr, brown, unused, [1], \$1.00; Austria, 1861 15kr, blue, unused, [1], \$1.10; Austria, 1850 1, 2, 6kr, on ribbed paper, used, [3], \$2.00; Austria, Lombardy, [54], \$1.75; Austria, Lombardy, 15, 30, 45c, ribbed paper, used, [3], \$1.00; Bahamas, Baden, Bergeleserf, Austria, Azores, [63], \$1.20; Barbados, 1sh black, large star, unused, [1], \$6.00; Barbados, 1871 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, perf. 11x15, used, fine, [1], \$1.00; Barbados, 1871 4d, perf. 11x15, used, scarce, [1], \$2.00; Barbados, 1878 3d, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$1.75; Barbados, 1874 6d, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$1.00; Barbados, 1874 6d, block of four, unused, fine, o. g., [4], \$2.00; Barbados, 1874 1sh, unused, unsevered pair, [2], \$2.50; Barbados, including 1892 complete, [22], \$2.20; Barbados, 1895 4d, brown, block of four, unused, fine, [4], 55c; Barbados, 1892 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2sh 6d, complete, unused, fine, [9], \$1.60; Barbados, 1897 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2sh 6d, unused, fine, [9], \$1.60; Bavaria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia, [65], 70c; Belgium and Cape of Good Hope, good lot, [50], \$1.00; Bermuda, including unused 1sh green and 1sh brown, [12], 85c; Bolivia, 1867 100c green, used, scarce, [1], \$3.00; Bolivia, 1867-97, good lot, [44], \$1.60; Brazil, 1844-98, including unpaid and journal stamps, [59], \$1.60; Brazil, 1878-93, good lot, [39], \$1.35; British Bechuanaland, $\frac{1}{2}$ d [6 var.], 1d [4 var.], 2d [2 var.], 3, 4, 6d, 1sh, unused, fine, [16], \$1.60; British Bechuanaland, 1892-4 1d [2 var.], 2d [2 var.], 4, 6d, 1sh, British Central Africa, British

Guiana, British Honduras, Rhodesia, Brunswick, [33], \$1.60; British Bechuanaland, 2sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], 90c; British Bechuanaland, 2sh 6d, unused, fine, o. g., [1], \$1.00; British Bechuanaland, 5sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$2.00; British Bechuanaland, 10sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$4.20; British Central Africa, first issue, 1, 2d, thick and thin paper, 4d thick and thin paper, 6d dark blue, 8d, 1sh, unused, fine, [8], \$1.45; British Central Africa, first issue, 2sh, unused, fine, [1], 80c; British Central Africa, first issue, 2sh 6d, unused, fine, [1], 90c; British Central Africa, first issue, 3sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.00; British Central Africa, first issue, 4sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.35; British Central Africa, first issue, 5sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.70; British Central Africa, first issue, 10sh, unused, fine, [1], \$3.50; British Central Africa, first issue, 1d on 2d, unused, fine, [1], \$1.00; British Central Africa, 1895, no wmk. 1, 2, 4, 6d, wmkd; 1, 4, 6d, unused, fine, [7], \$1.60; British Central Africa, 1895, 3sh, used, [1], \$1.30; British Central Africa, 1895, watermarked 5sh, unused, evenly centered, fine, scarce, [1], \$3.75; British Central Africa, 1896 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 6d, 3, 4sh, "Specimen" [8], \$1.00; British Central Africa, 4sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.70; British South Africa, first issue, 10 pounds, pen-marked, fine, [1], \$10.25; Finland, 1892 7r, unused, fine, scarce, [1] \$5.00; Gibraltar, second issue, 1sh, used, fine, [1], \$4.75; Hanover, 10gr green, used, scarce, [1], \$7.25; Montserrat, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d brown, 1884 1d, perf. 12, unused, [2], \$5.25; New South Wales, 1850 3d on yellowish paper, used, [1], \$5.60; New Zealand, 1862, pe-lure paper, 2d lavender, perf., used, [1], \$6.00; Queensland, 1875 10sh brown, used, scarce, [1] \$5.75; Switzerland, 1850 10r black and red on yellow, with frame around cross, [1], \$8.25; Virgin Islands, 1867 1sh, double frame, unused, fine, [1], \$16.00



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

GAIN our unsuspecting dealers have been swindled—by the false check ruse. It seems strange that this city should be the Mecca for all sorts of stamp crooks, and it is also strange that the “wide-awake” dealer is generally the one to be first defrauded. The latest acquisition to our “Rogues Gallery” is a gentlemanly looking and well spoken personage, who is thoroughly versed in matters philatelic. The stamps he succeeded in getting were the most desirable class, such as 90c Justice, the dollar values “States,” the higher values of Newspaper and Periodical stamps and so forth. *The Metropolitan Philatelist* for November 12th gave a good description of the methods played by the latest swindler.

On October 31 the Omaha Exhibition closed, and according to reports a large surplus remained, which is to be divided *pro rata* among the stockholders. In a daily paper today (November 19) I note that “the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, which paid its subscribers dollar for dollar this year, *is to be repeated next year*, but on a more elaborate scale.” Does this mean another set of stamps (Omaha) for 1899? or will the present set be reprinted or re-issued? Perhaps extensive holders of “Omahas,” will now proceed to unload.

Philatelic literature, is now preserved to a larger extent than ever before. The efforts of Mr. Deats to place contributions of philatelic literature, or the libraries of the A. P. A., and several local societies, in a public library, so that all city collectors can have free access to it

is commendable. The coming sale of philatelic literature, belonging to Joseph J. Casey, by the J. W. Scott Stamp Co., at public auction, will indeed be a rare treat to those interested. It is said the cost to bind each volume was something in the neighborhood of four dollars. This collection has a special charm for me, as at one time, Mr. Casey, was my teacher, in Grammar School No. 89, about eight or nine years ago. He then taught Class A. Grade 1, but a year later was promoted to principal—the highest position.

I must complete the list of “speculation stamps,” commenced in September number, this being the fourth and last instalment.

Peru, 31 and 32; some months ago, Nos. 28 to 30, were being quietly bought up, but since a firm in Lima, Peru, is advertising them, for a small fraction of catalogue quotations, the bubble has burst, with a loss financially to the holders.

Philippine Islands. The late war has boomed these stamps out of proportion to their real value, with a very few exceptions. Nos. 30, 31, 32; the entire 1872 issue; Nos. 47, and 50, and 168 are good things to lay aside.

Portugal. A good old country to specialize in. All cheap varieties from 1853 to 1866. Nos. 35 and 38; also 47, 51, 52, 56, 68, 92, 85, 87, and 89.

Prussia. Nos. 1, 2, 2a; the entire 1856-59 issue; the entire 1861-65 issue. and all of the 1867 issue. Prussian stamps in comparison are greatly underpriced. and the European demand is largely in excess of the American demand; this places speculators on their guard.

Queensland. For the number of varieties of type, color, watermark, paper and perforation, Queensland easily takes first place. Speculators are taking advantage of this, and the number of stamps being quietly laid aside for future

purposes, are innumerable. Although I persist in questioning these speculators, I was not successful in discovering what I inquired for. I know for a certainty, that a number of "hard to get" stamps are being purchased right and left, but I am unable at the present moment to mention what particular stamps they are. I will later, in all probability, be gratified with the greatly desired information. Till then, it is only a matter of conjecture.

Roumania. Nos. 56, 58, 60, 61, and 62; no better stuff could be obtained at current prices. Some of these stamps were in issue less than two years, and the 3 bani mauve, is found in more shades than one.

Russia. A stamp very few of us can boast of is No. 9. Russia is a rich field for the minor variety fiend, and for this one reason, are the stamps favorites with speculators. No. 50 isn't a bad stamp at all, although it is said to be yet current.

Russian offices in Levant are such good things that speculators are much chagrined in their futile attempts to procure any considerable number of these elusive stamps.

St. Christopher. No. 7.

The remarks applied to Queensland are equally applicable to St. Helena and St. Vincent.

Saxony. All the cheap varieties of the 1851, 1855 and 1863 issues. Same remarks can be also applied to Schleswig and Holstein, independently. Some of the best stuff obtainable.

Servia, Nos. 12, 15 and 16.

South African Republic. I erred when I stated that Queensland takes first place in the line of minor varieties. This honor rightly belongs to South African Republic.

South Australia. Nos. 21; by the way, this and the four pence stamp of the same issue, are exact imitations of the one, two and five cents Nova Scotia

stamps. No. 25, 29, 31, 49, 52, 53, 53, 59, 65, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 88.

Spain. The stamps of this country have received a tremendous boom, from no other reason than the late war. The first stamp Spain ever issued (1850) is to-day priced at eight ceuts, and it was only in issue fifteen months, being superseded in 1851 by another stamp of an entirely different design. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 15a, 16, 17a, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31, 33a, 37, 46, 72, 80, 86, 91, 107, 109, 112, 115, 116. All cheap varieties from 1870 to 1876 issue, is a variable list of bargains, and speculators are ever on the alert for such stuff. No. 200 is a good one also.

Surinam. All cheap varieties are in large demand on the Continent, and it is needless to say, that not a great many of these stamps can be found in this country of any importance. The entire 1893 issue will soon become obsolete; the 12½c has a bright future.

Sweden. Like all old European countries, the early issued stamps are in large demand by the speculators. Such stamps as Nos. 2, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20, are the hardest to procure; buy Nos. 17 and 20, when you get the chance.

Switzerland. Same remarks as applied to Sweden, as regards early issues.

Tasmania. (Van Diemen's Land) Nos. 18, 21, 24, 49, 53, (a snap), 72, 86, (another snap), 91, and 93.

Trinidad. Nos. 91, 92, 93 and 95. Have you the latter stamp in your collection?

Turkey. Varieties to burn; entirely too numerous to mention, but nevertheless a perceptible demand.

Tuscany. The remarks in regard to old European, are applicable to this country also.

Two Sicilies. Ditto.

Uruguay. Nos. 23, 34 and 28. The 1893 issue, contains more varieties, (dozens not catalogue'd) than any one other issue of any stamps in the world,

except perhaps Peru. Nos. 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 100, 103, 102, 107 and 111.

Venezuela. All cheap early issues before 1833. The rouletted issue (1833) is also in great demand.

Victoria. Nos. 23, 23, (a snap), 32, 33, all cheap stamps after 1831 to 1873. Nos. 154 and 155.

Western Australia. Nos. 1, 42, 44 and many of the cheaper stamps.

Württemberg. The remarks in regard to old European stamps apply here also.

For those who have not read previous instalments of these notes, I wish to say that these remarks apply to the canceled stamp unless otherwise stated. Before closing my letter this month I must mention that Mr. John Paalzow of Richmond, Va. and Mr. J. P. Chambers of Indianapolis, Ind. are in the city at present writing.

THERE'S no more appropriate present at Christmas than a year's subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Read also our Combination offers: Two of the finest magazines *at the price of one*.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

I HAVE no auction report to offer the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for this month, as no sale has yet taken place since the opening one. Nov. 30th is the next date on the list, when B. L. Drew & Co. hold their second sale of this season. It includes a fine collection of Columbian Republic stamps and a large number of U. S. revenues at wholesale and otherwise. Your humble servant has this sale down on his list of attractions, and will endeavor next month to enlighten the V. P. readers with some of the prices realized.

By the way, auction sales for the com-

ing season seem to be side-tracked, as it were, and Messrs. Drew & Co. appear to be the only ones in the field as far as Boston is concerned, nor have we even the promise of any others from other sources. The prices, as a general rule, have been very low, and considering the chances of advancing prosperity, it is my opinion that collectors should not look in the least upon current auction realizations as the market value of stamps, for it is a well known fact among our dealers that the outlook for a "boom" in the stamp trade was never brighter than at present.

Boston dealers, at this date, consider the *one guilder* stamps, recently issued by Holland, as a good thing, as it is rumored that there is to be a change. The flurry is all caused by an item to the effect that the young Queen is somewhat vain and that she considered that the present photograph of herself, which appears upon each stamp, does not represent her in the youthful degree desired. At present we are all at sea as regards the value of the stamp, and most dealers have none for sale at any price.

The 30c due stamp on watermarked paper, which is reported to have been in use at Washington as early as last May, has only recently shown up in Boston. Our local offices have just received a consignment. It looks as if this stamp might be desirable, as it has been lately quoted that the entire series of due stamps are to be discontinued. If such be the case, the stamp has a bright future, as only a small number shall have been used.

The 4 and 6c 1895 type U. S. have appeared here in their new colors. The four cent one is the color of the former six.

There seems to be no limit to the supply of the 2c I. R. inverted surcharge. They are now retailing here for 20c each singly, in pairs or in blocks.

English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

It was reported in some of the daily papers last month that the whole national collection of stamps had been stolen from the Hotel des Postes in Paris. This collection was said to be worth £20,000 or £30,000. A firm of Strand stamp dealers having made inquiries officially in Paris, found that there was no truth in the report, it being merely a "canard."

The German Government authorities have recently confiscated several thousands of picture postcards and fined the publishers of the same because they reproduced views of one of the gates of Posen, a strongly fortified place close to the Russian frontier, and therefore "betrayed military secrets." Further raids are being made and cards bearing views of Spandau, Coblenz, Madgeburg, and all garrison towns, are being seized. Every person offering them for sale is fined 3 marks.

The Government of India has decided to join in the scheme of Imperial Penny Postage, which comes into operation on December 25.

The Australian colonies are the only portion of the Empire to stand out.

The Philatelists' Supplement to the *Bazaar* of November 9th contains an illustrated article on the Match Stamps of the U. S. A.

Military telegraph stamps for use in the Soudan have been issued.

WITHOUT a doubt one of the finest philatelic publications is *The Philatelic Journal of India*, published by the Philatelic Society of India, and printed at Calcutta, for members only.

KELSEY HALL is noted for pleasing customers.

Canadian Notes.

BY IRVING E. PATTERSON.

DEALERS say that since the new series of U. S. Revenues were issued, trade in Canadian Revenues has become slack.

Rates of postage on newspapers are again stirring up trouble. Under the new regulations newspapers that are published not oftener than once a week escape postage within a certain radius, while a daily, a semi-weekly, or a tri-weekly must pay a fixed rate. This is glaringly unjust and all papers should be made to pay in proportion to the number of copies mailed or rather the weight of them.

The Postmaster General has decided to permit all steamship companies to carry mail to Britain, provided that they become liable for their safe delivery in England, that no compensation be asked and that the mail matter be addressed by such steamers.

The position of Chief Postoffice Inspector has been abolished and the present occupant, Mr. Sweetnam, placed on the retired list.

During the present cold weather many hitherto neglected collections are being brought out.

A large number of Labrador dogs have been purchased by the Postoffice Department, for use in the Yukon district in carrying the mail.

In the last number of the *Philatelic Advocate* the editor has inserted a list by Provinces and States of the number of copies of the *Advocate* sent out.

This is a good idea and helps the dealer to get his customers from the places he wishes them from.

We understand that in Canada's new society the conservative element will have control, and office seekers will be given the cold shoulder. A society run on this basis is not built up so fast but

the growth is much more likely to be permanent.

The above notes will be the last Canadian notes I will pen, at least for some time, as by the time this paper reaches the readers I will be in the Old Dominion, the home of true Southern hospitality and courtesy, and the home of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The gentleman who will conduct this correspondence in future is far better qualified to fill the post than I am, and when you see anything from his pen you can depend on its authenticity.

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Important Notice.

Dues for 1899 are now payable and we hope that there will be no delinquent members. All members who will not pay their dues promptly will be dropped from the membership list and we hope that this will not be necessary and that all members will pay promptly. Wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Yours for the S. P. A.,

EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees.

Report of Board of Trustees S. P. A.

At last, after having the S. P. A. Library in his possession for about seven weeks, Mr. Charles P.

Galvon notified us that he has received it from Miss Delphine Steele of New Orleans, La., in accordance with our instructions. Our thanks are herewith extended to Miss Steele for so promptly complying with our request and for her taking such good care of the Library while it was in her possession.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours for the S. P. A.,

EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.
 NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, Nov. 12th, 1898.

S. P. A. Prize.

To the member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association from December 1st 1898 to the first day of the '99 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10. No member eligible unless he has secured 5 or more recruits. This not open to officers of the Association.

Work for the prize.

Virginia Philatelic Association.

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 10, 1898.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

THE fifteenth meeting of the Association was held on the above date with its Vice-President Dr. Mark Peyser in the chair. The usual routine business was quite interestingly disposed of. Mr. R. J. Redford was unanimously elected to membership, and applications were re-

ceived from Messrs. Robert Kessler and Emil Gerlich, both prominent philatelists of New Braunfels, Texas. After which Mr. Dietz made the announcement already published in the November PHILATELIST: of the intention of the Southern Philatelic Association to hold its next convention in Richmond in 1899; of its selection of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as its official organ, and of the election of the speaker to the position of Vice-President. These statements, with some elaboration in Mr. Dietz's usual happy style, created a state of enthusiasm of the most intense and fervid kind. A resolution was adopted by acclamation, extending the hearty greeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association to the Southern Philatelic Association with an invitation to all members of the latter Association, wherever resident, to attend the Richmond convention of '99. A Ways and Means Committee, to look after the entertainment of the delegates to the forthcoming convention was suggested, and a paper drawn up to which everyone present, including some non-philatelic friends, immediately subscribed themselves in amounts aggregating nearly \$100.00. The utmost determination was evinced to make Richmond's first philatelic convention a most emphatic success and much pleasure was expressed, that so good a start had been made.

Members present: Dr. Peyser, Messrs. Stearns, Moser, Scott, Redford, Anderson, Ahern, and Dietz.

Meeting adjourned 10.30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

OUR New Year number will be another record-breaker. It will reach every Southern collector. Do you care for Southern trade? Do you care to reach every member of the S. P. A. and the V. P. A.? Well, come into our columns.



We clip from *The Philatelic Monthly and World* a selection of new issues chronicled:

BELGIUM.—The 50c with Sunday label is now gray.

COOK'S ISLANDS.—The colors of these stamps are 2d, brown; 6d, violet, and 1sh carmine. Watermarked N Z and star. Perf. 11.

GIBRALTAR.—Stamps have been issued with values in English currency. Same design as those of 1880. The ½d, 1d, and 2½d being almost identical in color. The 2d is brown with value in blue; 4d orange and green; 6d purple and carmine; 1sh pale brown and carmine.

HONDURAS.—A new 20c orange Locomotive type.

INDIA.—On account of change in postage rate on newspaper in effect Oct. 1, a supply of ½ anna stamps have been ordered in England of the design and color of the 9 pies stamp. In the meantime the ½ green has been surcharged "½" in black 15mm. high.

JOHORE.—High values have been issued of the current design, \$2 lilac and carmine; \$3 lilac and blue; \$4 lilac and brown; \$5 lilac and orange.

MOROCCO.—Stamps for use between Tanger and El Kear have been issued with a steamer in center. 5c green, 10c rose, 20c olive, 25c blue, 40c red, 50c violet, 1 peseta bistre and 2p gray-black.

ROUMANIA.—There is a new value, 40b green.

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BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Our Review closes on November 20th.

* As in the previous month the editor-in-chief has issued his orders "boil it down" and although we kept the pot boiling and thought we had cut everything very short, still the editorial scissors clipped our notes last month a good deal and we have been compelled this month to leave out a good many journals whose contents surely deserve mention and which we are sorry to omit. Still we have to submit, for what the editor-in-chief says goes.

The following publications have been received:

	Vol.	No.
American Collector, New Oxford, Pa.	5.	2.
Boston Stamp Book, Boston, Mass.	1.	5.
Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash.	10.	57.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13.	4-6.
Filatelic Facts & Fallacies, San Francisco,	7.	1.
Herald Exchange, New York,	5.	23.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	8.	3.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7.	2.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	12.	17-20.
Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York,	10.	7.
New York Philatelist, New York	5.	1-2.
Perforator, Federalsburg, Md.	2.	8.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.	2.	2.
Phil. Monthly & World, Philadelphia, Pa.	24.	11.
Philatelic West, Superior, Nebraska,	7.	3.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, New Oxford, Pa.	6.	1.
Texan Philatelist, Abeline, Texas.	9.	2.
Youth's Realm, Boston, Mass.	4.	10.
FROM CANADA.		
Boys' Own Philatelist, Berlin, Ont.	2.	3-4.
Canadian Collector, " "	1.	1.
Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Toronto, Can.	1.	1.
" " " " Berlin, Ont.	2.	5.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5.	5.
Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown, N. B.	2.	8-9.

[* We plead guilty, but necessity oftentimes compels that which we do reluctantly.—ED.]

FROM ABROAD.

Advertiser, Birmingham, Eng.	5.	91-92.
Phil. Chronicle and Ad. Birmingham, Eng.	8.	1.
P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Salisbury, Eng.	3.	25.
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2.	10.
Edw. Coopers Co.'s Price List, London, Eng.		
C. Hamilton Smith & Co. Price List, " "		
Antverpia. Antwerp, Belgium,	2.	14.
Revue Philatelique Francaise, Paris, France	9.	95.
Le Timbrophile Gaulois, Moyeuumontier "	3.	24.
L'Aunonce Philatelique, Geneva, Switzerl'd.	4.	41.
Il Francobollo, Milano, Italy,	6.	73.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies which enters with the present number upon its seventh year may well point with pride to the record of the past. It has appeared regularly, without ever missing a single month, and without ever crowding two months into one. Truly something to be proud of. The contents of this number are varied and interesting, and in "Causes and Reasons" begun in this number a good deal of information is given not only to the young collector but also to some who are older in the cause.

Although a little behind time the September number of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* is fully up to its usual high standard. The newly discovered Selma, Alabama provisional envelope is again discussed, and taking it all in all, we think that Mr. Bradley has the best of the arguments so far, and if he can get the party of whom his former article spoke, who is positive that these envelopes were *stamped, signed and sold over the counter as stamped envelopes*, to make an affidavit to that effect, then, in our opinion, the compilers of the so-called "Standard" catalogue could hardly refuse to list them as a genuine Confederate Local.

Even though "affidavits of postmasters and their numerous relatives as to the use of certain stamps and certain envelopes during the period of the Confederacy, are as plentiful as mosquitoes on the New Jersey coast, and about as much value is attached to the one as to

the other by philatelists who have been through the mill for many years."—Slurs like the above, however, should not deter our Southern journals and collectors from procuring affidavits upon all disputed points relating to the different issues of the Confederacy, both general and local, whenever possible to do so, and so establish *facts* for the future to judge and pass its verdict upon. Self-interest often blinds the eyes of contemporaries where posterity will see plainer.

The letter of Hon. John H. Reagan, Postmaster General of the Confederate States makes it plain under what authority postmasters issued Locals, and we copy that part of the letter in full.

"2nd. No authority was conferred officially on the postmasters to issue stamps. Such stamps as were issued by them was done entirely on their own responsibility. My proclamation assuming control of the postal service in the Confederate States expressly states that 'until supplies of postage stamps and stamped envelopes are procured for the prepayment of postage within the Confederate States all postage must be paid in money under the provisions of the first section of an act approved March 1st 1861.' Soon after the organization of the Confederate States Government, the coin of the country began to disappear, to a great extent, from circulation. This rendered the payment of postage difficult in the absence of stamps and as Confederate State Treasury notes in certain sums were made by law receivable in payment of postage, and as it could not be reasonably expected that postmasters should furnish coin in change of them on account of its scarcity (and also on account of the difference in value) I stated in the report referred to, that it was necessary 'to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used.'

Under this condition occurred the issuance of local stamps and stamped envelopes by quite a number of the Confederate postmasters." Here we have from first hand the explanation why postmasters were permitted to issue the Locals. It will be well for every collector of the issues of the Confederate States' stamps to preserve the copies of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* which contain the Notes Mr. Askew has made from the official reports of Hon. John H. Reagan during his term of office as P. M. General. To have these in a handy form will be of untold benefit to the future student of the stamps issued South of Mason-Dixon's Line during the late unpleasantness, and all honor to all southern journals which like *The Lone Star State Philatelist* use their best endeavors to preserve for the future the statements of such as were there at the time and who know whereof they speak.

It was indeed a great pleasure to the writer to meet a short time since the editor of the *New York Philatelist*, Mr. Herbst, and to spend in his pleasant home a few hours talking stamps, which subject does never seem to tire him or for that matter neither the writer. Unfortunately for Mr. Herbst the "exchanging" was all one-sided, for while he made us accept a goodly number of his duplicates we could not make returns not having any stamps about us. However we trust that at some future time we can repay Mr. H.'s liberality in part. The opening article of October number of the *New York Philatelist* by Mr. J. F. Farrell on "Wanted—An Improvement In Our Literature" is a well written one and points out very plainly the need of reform in the management of a great number of philatelic publications. If each journal would try to bring at least one well written article on a philatelic subject, one in which the

writer "knows" of what he speaks and then puts it into readable shape, that at least would be the beginning of an improvement. To impart incorrect information is worse than to keep silent, so unless a writer knows that he is right he better not go ahead and scatter error broadcast over the land, for to believe the statements made by many of the sheets, they must be scattered in profusion over the whole face of the globe.

In "A Trying Year" Mr. Chapman speaks about the many new issues; many of them unnecessary, which 1898 has brought forth and which have more to do with driving collectors into specializing, than anything else. It takes indeed a long purse to keep up with all the new issues.

The November number opens with a reminiscence of "Thirty Years Ago" and recalls vividly to the writer the day when stamp collecting was comparatively young and esteemed only allowable in schoolboys. Yes, New Granada, Monte Video and Luzon are well remembered, and why not. The first stamps of the now United States of Colombia bear the inscription New Granada up to 1861 when it changes into U. S. of Colombia, and the same with the first stamps of Uruguay which only bore the inscription Monte Video until 1864, so the young collector of that day, who was a very literal person anyway, placed those stamps into his blank book with just the names of the country which issued them written above for in the late fifties and early sixties the printed stamp album was few and far between. Other articles of interest are on "U. S. Colonies and Their Stamps" by C. H. W. and "Handsome Stamps" by H. A. Chapman. In the "Notes From the Pines" we find that someone is laying himself liable to a \$200.00 fine by using the 2 cents orange Bank Check stamp on a note and also the proprietary stamps of the 1878

issue on gum etc. The Revenue officers must be very lenient up in Michigan to let such chances slip them, perhaps they are hunting for larger game in the shape of moonshine distilleries in the pines.

We copy the following from *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*:

"The following letter has been received from the Third Assistant Postmaster General by one of our readers:

"The Department has not yet decided to sell the newspaper and periodical postage stamps sent here by postmasters. It is likely, however, that this will be done in a month or two. On the 10th of January next, when a new contract goes into operation, the department will probably issue the 1, 2, and 5 cent stamped envelopes with embossed stamps of green, red and dark blue, respectively, the colors corresponding to those of the same denominations of the adhesive stamps."

We are glad to see that the *Weekly* makes again a special feature of the chronicle of new issues.

The *Perforator* among a number of other good things has "A Collector's List" in which the author Mr. B. G. M'Fall gives what he considers the true value of U. S. Stamps. He does, what unquestionably all catalogueers will have to do in the near future, quote prices for perfect and second class stamps in both used and unused, and the explanations he gives of what constitutes a perfect and also a second class specimen are well defined and reasonable. He omits in his lists the minor varieties and quotes only the valuation of the *straight* issue. It appears to us that this list is a very conservative one and one which each collector should have for reference in buying and exchanging. It is to be continued in the next issue.

The *Australian Philatelist* begins its fifth year with the current number under a new management, Mr. Oscar Schulze having become its publisher and proprietor, and we hope the paper may continue to prosper and gain for its owner a goodly number of sheckels (hope the "printer's devil" will not see his chance on that word and substitute an *a* for the *e*). To publish a paper which is not gotten up as a house organ requires a good deal of "sand," but Mr. Schulze's philatelic patrons are ever quick to see the advantage they have in advertising in such a paper that it is only a question of time and "everlastingly keeping at it" that success is bound to come and with it a suitable remuneration for the labor.

From this number we see that the Japanese forger, of whom we spoke in last month's review, has been convicted and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment at hard labor and also ordered to refund all monies received for the stamps he had altered. His wife, as being under his influence, was discharged.

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1/ green do.....	5d	4/	
1862, 4d red small letters.....	2d	1/6	6/
6d violet do.....	2d	2/	12/
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— 6d violet, 5, 6, 8, 9.....	3d	2/	12/
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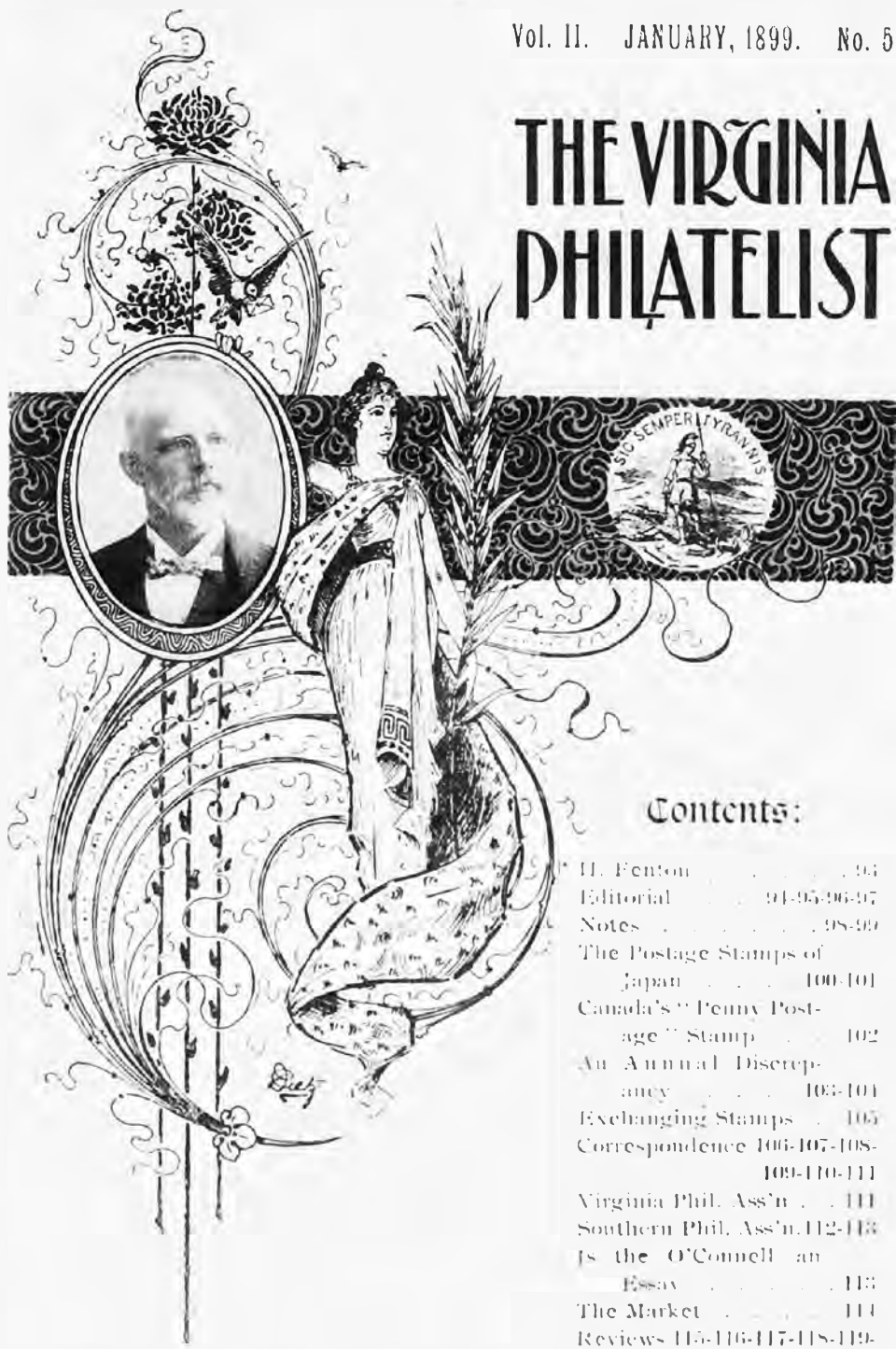
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H. FENTON.

AS a New Year's greeting to the members of the Southern Philatelic Association—aye, to Philately at large—we take pride in presenting a brief sketch and likeness of the gentleman upon whom our leading Southern association has seen fit to bestow for the second term the honor of presidency. And well was the choice.

All too limited, indeed, is the space at our disposal—all too brief, perforce, must be this sketch of an active, successful life—of the years devoted to Philately in the South, and to the rich fruits of these labors in her cause.

To those who have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fenton in Knoxville, or those who have been his faithful co-workers in the S. P. A., this humble tribute of my admiration will seem quite superfluous.

But to the greater majority of my brethren of the "Southern," who look forward to meeting Mr. Fenton in Richmond this fall, a few remarks may prove of interest.

Our president, Henry Fenton, who is now in his second year of office is an Englishman but has been in this country some twelve years and is now local manager for Mess. R. G. Dunn & Co. He first commenced collecting thirty years

ago but laid his collection of some 1800 varieties aside for many years. Fortunately he never sold it and when he crossed the pond it came with him and a chance view of another collection in 1891 caused him to again become a worshipper at the shrine of Philatelia, and a most ardent disciple he has been. He tried general collecting for a time, accumulated some 4000 varieties, when he found "the world too large" and decided

to collect only United States, Great Britain and British Colonies adhesives and United States entires.

His Great Britains are in one of L'Estrange Ewen's plate number albums and make a very respectable showing, page after page being completely filled, in fact the collection of plate numbers is complete with the exception of a few of the highest priced stamps which are beyond the

reach of collectors without plethoric pocket books.

He has but little use for the latter issues unless in a used condition considering that a stamp is only a high priced engraving until it has performed its duty of franking a letter.

He is always glad to meet a brother philatelist and talk "stamps" and hopes that the craft will not fail to give him a call when in East Tenn. though he will not promise them any snaps. **DIETZ.**



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IN CROSSING the threshold of 1899, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST extends its best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The closing months of 1898 must be noted as marking an epoch of renewed

philatelic activity—fit forerunners of a new year that dawns upon us quite auspiciously. It remains for us to support and carry onward this tide of philatelic enthusiasm.

Twenty years ago a "stamp collector" was an object of pity—*non compos mentis*. To-day Crawford Capen lectures on stamps before an intelligent audience at the Brooklyn Institute, and Philately is recognized as a *science*.

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The stamp-collecting boys of twenty years ago are to-day the bright lights of the sciences and arts.—From the hovel to the throne Philately has won her way.

Has the whole world become intoxicated—enchanted with Philatelia?

It would seem so.

With this past to encourage, let us look into the bright future—giving our best efforts to the cause—that we may raise our science to the highest plane.

Thanks, Friends, Thanks!

WE desire to thank the many friends of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for the numerous Christmas and New Year greetings received. While individual replies are all but impossible, we take this means of expressing our appreciation.

FRANKLIN STEARNS, Bus. Mgr.
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THERE NEVER were better bargains offered a buying collector than appear in this number. Our own experience with our advertisers warrant the highest recommendation.

The Ladies.

ONE lives to learn. But we did not think we could collect stamps for some twenty odd years, right in this city too, and remain ignorant of the fact that there were many lady stamp collectors in Richmond—and we now suppose, many more in Virginia. We are wiser and gladder to-day; and while the laws of the Virginia Philatelic Association, not unlike the Koran, debar the fair sex from our philatelic "Wallhalla," we would suggest that the ladies form an association of their own—or an auxiliary—so as to be represented when the S. P. A. delegates visit us with their ladies in the fall of this year.

WE DESIRE to correct an error which occurred in our Christmas number: In announcing the withdrawal of the current St. Vincent stamps our printer made us say "current issue will remain on sale until December 1899, etc." It should read: December 1898.

OUR FRIENDS have been very kind to us in sending us Canada's new stamp. Our thanks are due Mr. R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines, Ont., and the Naumkeag Stamp and Publishing Co., Salem, Mass., for specimens of this stamp.

WE HAVE been informed that, in all probability, Mr. John Paalzow's suggestion for a Postal Money-Order Card, will be adopted by the Department with slight alterations.

The article first appeared in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

FROM the quality of the Exchange books sent out by Bro. Waring it appears to be a good thing to be a member of the S. P. A. Will you not join us?

"Requiescat in—Pace" (?)

IN OUR Christmas number we took occasion to express ourselves on the United States of Central America. While that number was in press, and too late for alteration, we learned of the too early demise of this "Union."

While we are not at all surprised at this turn of events, we deeply regret two results that now follow: Each State will continue, as before, to deluge us with stamps, and—the chances of our friend Seebeck's fattening off U. S. of C. A. "governmental pap" are very slim—very slim—

WE HAVE been fortunate in securing the services of that eminent Canadian philatelist Mr. R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont., formerly publisher of *The Ontario Philatelist*, who will contribute monthly the news philatelic from across the border.

CANADA has two philatelic weeklies—one emanating from Berlin, Ont., the other from Toronto, Can. Both publishers claim first right to the title of "*The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*," and they're spilling lots of acrimonious ink over space fit for better matter.

THE FIRST illustration of Canada's "Penny Postage" stamp appeared in *McKeel's Weekly*, but ye artist has either caught the Anglo-American friendship fever or is a Briton himself, for, besides indicating many European and African countries as British possessions he has shown nearly all of North America (including our own States) as under the British crown.

We haven't come to that yet, friend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Mr. and Mrs. Stowell!

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lecky.

WE acknowledge receipt of an announcement of the nuptials of Miss Ella D. Woodroof and Mr. Wm. Ralston Lecky, which were celebrated at Lynchburg, Va., on Dec. 5th, 1898.

Mr. Lecky is a prominent young business man of Richmond, and a stamp collector, and we trust he will now find it possible to take upon himself the additional responsibilities of membership in the V. P. A.

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The Eastern Philatelist—presumably commenting on a recent editorial of ours—prints the following vague enigma:

"Someone thinks someone is making I. R. surcharges, because the 2c is falling in price. The same someone might think the same someone is printing the 1c which is not. Anyone knows that anyone would find it difficult to imitate the clear impression from Uncle Sam's powerful power presses."

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MR. LILLY's recent suggestion in the *Era* to print the new U. S. envelopes in the U. P. U. colors (to correspond with our adhesives) seems to have met with the approval of the Department, for it is stated definitely that this course will be pursued.

We also glean from the *Evergreen State Philatelist* that the effigies of Washington, Franklin, Lincoln and Grant will grace the new set.

Collect German Colonials!

STAMPS of the German Colonies are said to be gaining in favor, especially in England. In the Fatherland they have always been regarded with a sort of preference,—and German collectors—whether from pure patriotism, or foreseeing the future demand—have been steadily gathering these surcharges from East Africa, Togo, Kamerun, New Guinea, South West Africa, Marshall Islands, China, etc.

Germany is in the colonizing business in earnest—a goodly slice of China will probably fall to her share, and possibly a set of Colonial stamps will some day appear. Withal, it is good policy to secure, if possible, regularly postmarked sets of her Colonies.

THE *Perforator*, in its "Perforations" tells us that, "according to *The Evergreen State Philatelist*, Lewis Robie has received a necktie from a lady in Oregon for which she wishes in exchange a copy of 'Stamp Hunting,'" and judges from that that times are hard in Oregon.

We are sorry that neither of our contemporaries state of what material this necktie is made, and so we express the hope that it is not of *Manila hemp*, half inch in diameter, six feet long, with a noose at the end; for we want Bro. Robie among us for a long time to come, teaching us how to "hustle" for stamps, revenues and others—yes, mostly others, of the long, green variety, with denominations well up.

OUR popular vice-president, Dr. Mark W. Peysor, has been re-elected for the fourth term secretary of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery.

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Will you join?

OUR FRIENDS John J. Bunce and Jno. Weckert were members of the 2d Virginia Regiment, mustered out of service last month. Mr. Bunce has accepted a lucrative position in Patterson, N. J., but will not give up stamps nor sever his relations with the V. P. A., and has assured us that he will attend our grand meet.

We know Bro. Bunce will succeed wherever he goes, and our best wishes go with him.

POSTAL card collectors should take advantage of Mr. Paalzow's exchange offer. A rare opportunity is presented to secure quite a “good thing,” as Mr. P. has been lucky in finding a number of the *rarest* U. S. postals.

WE HAVE “booked” Bro. Seibert of the *Norfolk Dispatch* for an address at our Convention, and unless the years that intervened “since you and I were boys, John” have left their impress and served to dampen the ardor of that spirit that often roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm “the boys” of long ago, we may anticipate a rare pleasure at the meet.

WE HAVE received from Mr. H. B. Vesey, Norfolk, Va., a copy of the *Directory of Virginia Philatelists*. It should be in the hands of every dealer. Price only 10 cents.

Drop Us a Postal.

WE WOULD request every reader of this New Year number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST to drop us a postal, stating his or her specialty in stamps—whether preferring U. S., Confederates, British Colonies, South American, European or general collecting.

Add to this your full name and address. We want to post our dealer friends on what to send you.

AS A RULE non-philatelic exchanges are not reviewed in our publication, but we are forced from admiration, to make an exception in one instance. Nos. 1 and 2 of Vol. I of *Ambition*, accompanied by a copy of *The Cuyler Sun*, both edited by Clyde Allen Dickinson, and hailing from Chicago, lie before us—examples of energy, vim and pluck—ideals also of typography and presswork.

It will succeed. It must!

WE DESIRE to call especial attention to the fine bargains offered in the half-page ad of the Dominion Stamp Co., of Montreal, Canada. Collectors of British North American issues will be sure to find some bargains.

MR. IRVING E. PATTERSON our former Canadian correspondent, will probably return to Detroit this month. We're sorry to lose Patterson—sorry he didn't locate in our city instead of Max Meadows.

WE ARE forced, much to our regret, to defer, indefinitely, a continuation of “The Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer,” owing to the serious illness of our friend Mr. Frank Baptist.

JOIN the Southern Philatelic Association now! Send for an application blank.



Newfoundland.

OUR Newfoundland correspondent under date of Dec. 8, '93, informs us as follows:



The 2c orange is just out. The P. O. authorities are issuing some of the "2c fish" until Christmas day, when the new color 2c will be placed on sale. This color is not quite as ordered, viz: carmine; but rather a deep salmon red, if you can conceive such a color.

New Issues of Peru Unpaid.

MESSRS. WILLIAMS & CO., philatelists, Casilla 989, Lima, Peru, send us the following announcement of new issue Peruvian Unpaid stamps, wrappers and postcards:

Unpaid.—5 soles, light green; 10 soles, lilac.

Wrappers.—1c green, old type.

Postcards.—1c violet, 2c red, 3c greenish gray, 4c brown. The cards bear each a view. There are 40 varieties in all.

New Discoveries.

MR. WM. S. F. PIERCE, Camden, N. J., writes us of discovering a pair Tasmania 1d, 1871, *pin perforated*. Also an unsevered pair 2d Queensland, one watermarked with large, broad pointed star, the other with a small, sharp pointed star.

American Stamps for Cuba.

A Limited Number to be Marked "Cuba," with Value in Spanish Currency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will begin on Monday to turn out postage stamps for temporary use in Cuba.

The new stamps are our own one, two, five and ten cent stamps. Across the faces will be printed the word "Cuba" in black ink, with the amount in pesos near the lower edge. The latter will be small but sufficiently distinct to prevent mistakes. The green one-cent stamps will be known as "1c de peso," and red twos as "2½c de peso," the blue fives as "5c de peso," and the brown tens as "10c de peso."

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now at work preparing designs for the permanent stamps.

One stamp will contain a representation of a cane mill, with a cane field in the rear. For another denomination the subject will be "Commerce." The design will show a full-rigged clipper ship on the water, and in appearance the stamp will be similar to the 12-cent issue of 1849, one of the most attractive stamps ever used by this Government.

The rate of letter postage in Cuba, 5 cents for half an ounce, will not be changed for the present.

Acting Postmaster-General Heath today received the following cablegram from Major-Gen. Greene, at Havana:

"Military post office established and ready for business. Can handle all the mail for the troops in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, and when the Spanish evacuate Matanzas can handle everything east as far as the terminus of the railroad at Santa Clara."—*N. Y. World*.

SEE Meekeel's page ad.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd. 1899 Catalogue.

AS WE are about to close our forms we receive from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, England, Part I. of their 1899 catalogue, comprising the stamps of the British Empire. Price, post free 2/3.

Lack of space and time precludes a thorough review of Great Britain's standard catalogue; still even a hurried perusal of its contents is sufficient to convince one of its merits—not to speak of the many improvements made over former issues.

We cannot refrain from briefly alluding to two items in the "Introduction" which struck us most favorably:

"A special feature in Part I. is the full and complete illustration of the stamps of Great Britain, which, under the new regulations, we are now able to use for the first time for many years. . . ."

Referring to the prices, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., state:

"The important feature of the PRICES has received our most careful attention, and we fully believe that the present catalogue reflects the current market values as we go to press. . . ."

The stamps *are* priced exceedingly low, and the illustrations, though we do not approve of the half-tone process generally employed in this catalogue (we think etchings on zinc would be far preferable in most cases) are quite well done.

But, we reserve the privilege of further comment on this excellent work in a later number.

Turks Islands In It.

OUR correspondent in Turks Islands writes us as follows:

"In my letter dated Sept. 12, I informed you that, in regard to the attitude of our post office toward the recent Penny Postal proposition, the impression of the Postmaster was, that it would not be adopted here; since which, however, the authorities have announced their

decision to agree to the reduced letter rate. The change is to take effect on and after Christmas day. There seems to be every likelihood that the 21 stamp will be issued, but that the 2½d will be continued for use in connection with such countries as have not entered into the Penny Postage System."

Revenue Varieties.

To the Editor VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

DEAR SIR:—As the Dr. K. & Co., provisional proprietary stamps are being considerably talked of, it may interest some of your readers if I tell them of some of the varieties I have found in the limited number of stamps that have come under my notice.

1 cent. Small I. R. 7-7-98. (The type was mixed and the second 7 is printed in heavy type.)

2 cent. Large I. R. No period after Co.

3 cent. Large I. R. I have seen several inverted surcharge and they are all imperforated on the east side. No period after Co.

Small I. R. 7-6-98. The tail of the 7 is cut off, probably due to use of an imperfect type but I have seen several copies, all showing exactly the same imperfection.

As I have said I have only had a few specimens before me, so that it is probable that any one with a full set of all the dates will find on careful examination a large number of varieties (so called).

Yours very truly,

BRITON.

CANADA'S Domestic Postal rate was reduced from 3c to 2c on New Year's day. The 2c stamp will be red, and 3c abolished. Registration stamp 7c, and a 4c stamp are in preparation. I. P. S. 2c is now being printed with green background.

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

II.

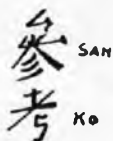
As to the perforation, Japan has been singularly unsuccessful in getting any kind of system into it. It would almost seem as though the perforating machine had been re-set for each batch to be perforated, not alone in this issue, but in all following ones.

Of Nos. 6 and 7 there are reprints, made for government purposes; they do not occur in the ordinary channels of stamp trade. Of these two issues there are some highly dangerous forgeries. The Greek border usually furnishes the best clues for their detection; compare for instance these two (much enlarged of course):

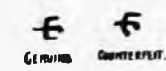


Notice the corner ornament and the one next above it. Of course these are

not mathematically exact, but only intended to give an idea of the differences. The tails of the dragons are too small and thin in the forgeries and the inscriptions are too thin and indistinct. Of the 5 sen there is a forgery which can be distinguished by the absence of the dragon's tentacle, which in the genuine crosses the upper claw of the left-hand dragon. In counterfeits of the perforated issue the perforation is usually defective, more like a pin perforation. The Japanese government permits the manufacture and sale of counterfeits of its obsolete stamps, provided they bear the characters "San-Ko"—*fac-simile*. Counterfeits of the later issues with this mark will be noticed in their place. Those of these first two issues bear these characters in minute size, about 1/2mm. square, above the inscription of value, also printed in black, "San" to the right,

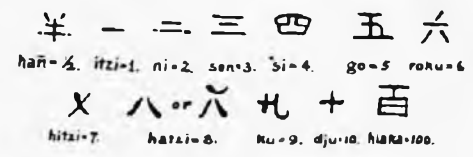


"Ko" on the left. The stamps of corresponding colors seem to have been printed from the same plates, so that the tests here given answer for both sets. Of the brown stamps the counterfeits show long single hairs in the tails of the dragons, instead of rounded bushy tails; the center of the dragons' backs is bare in the originals, but covered with fine hair in the counterfeits. The blue counterfeits can be told by the lower claw of the left dragon, which is deficient in the



lowest toe. The head of the left dragon in the red counterfeits is too flat. The green forgeries can best be distinguished by their deep green color as compared with the bluish or yellowish green of the originals. The counterfeit perforated stamps of this issue have too much margin between the impression and the perforation.

In this place it may not be amiss to give the names of the figures of value occurring on Japanese stamps.



In the latter part of 1872 Japan introduced English characters into the design of her stamps, presumably to facilitate postal intercourse with foreign countries.

ISSUE 1872-74. A. 1872 AUGUST TO OCT.

I. Upright rectangle (19 1/2 x 22mm.); in the centre at the top a rosette, divided into 16 parts, below this at the sides two branches, Chrysanthemum at right, Paulownia at left, crossing



their stems below, between them inscription in Japanese characters: "Juben-Kit-te" (postage stamp). Surrounding these a double rectangular frame with rosettes in the corners; within this frame tablets containing at the sides the

indication of value in Japanese characters, at top and bottom in English characters and Arabic figures. Wood engraving, colored impression, white paper, various perforations: $9\frac{1}{2}$, 11, $11\frac{1}{2}$, 12, $12\frac{1}{2}$, possibly others.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown.
- Error $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown
- 1 sen blue.
 - a. ultramarine
- 2 sen vermilion.
 - a. rosy vermilion.
 - b. brick red.

II. Similar design, but larger (23x25 mm.), the two branches replaced by two dragons, same impressions, etc., as before.



A8

- 10 sen green.
 - a. yellowish green.
 - b. bluish green.
 - c. dark blue green.

III. Similar design, but larger (25x28 mm.), the branches replaced by an ornamental circle with three Paulownia leaves below; same impression, etc., as before.



A4

20 sen lilac (designated by various authorities as violet, mauve, purple.)

IV. Similar design, but larger (27x31 mm.), at the sides branches, the whole design surrounded by a Greek border; same impressions, etc., as before.



A5

30 sen gray.

B. 1873. APRIL.

Design similar to Nos. 9, 10 and 11; same impressions, etc., as before.



A6

- 4 sen rose.
 - a. p. l. ro e.
- 2 sen yellow (change of color.)
 - a. orange yellow.

Having enumerated the values composing this issue, I will now enumerate the varieties of paper on which they occur. Beginning with this

issue the old, thin, hand-made paper was replaced by thin, machine-made paper, heavier cotton laid paper, a firm fibrous cotton paper, and finally modern wove paper. These distinctions are better shown than described and the gradations are slight, so that it is often none too easy to place a specimen under any one of these varieties.

a. VERY THIN WOVE PAPER.

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| 9. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown. | 18. 20 sen lilac. |
| 10. 1 " blue. | 14. 30 " gray. |
| 11. 2 " vermilion. | 15. 2 " yellow. |
| 12. 10 " green. | 16. 4 " rose. |

b. THIN LAID PAPER.

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| 17. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown. | 20. 10 sen green. |
| 18. 1 " blue. | 21. 2 " yellow. |
| 19. 2 " vermilion. | 22. 4 " rose. |

c. THICK WOVE PAPER.

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| 23. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown. | 26. 2 sen yellow. |
| 24. 1 " blue. | 27. 4 " rose. |
| 25. 30 " gray. | |

This latter paper is the same as that used for the next issue, the one with syllabic plate-numbers; it differs not only in thickness, but also in texture from the thin wove paper designated above as *a*. The 2 sen vermilion was changed to yellow before the adoption of this machine-paper, so that it is not found on the latter; the 10 and 20 sen probably were in less demand and the supply of these two on the thin laid and wove paper lasted until new supplies were printed from the altered plates.


The error of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sen is in the left-hand Japanese numeral, where the two diagonal strokes are missing. This error occurs in the third stamp from above of the seventh vertical row on the third plate of this value. All the plates of this issue show 40 varieties. The type-varieties are particularly prominent as indicated in the following:

$\frac{1}{2}$ sen: the distances of the Japanese lettering in the centre vary; the stems of the two branches sometimes consist of only one line, sometimes of two. There were three plates of this value—120 varieties.

(To be Continued.)

Canada's "Penny Postage" Stamp.

BY THE EDITOR.

 R. RUDOLPH C. BACH, editor of *The Montreal Philatelist* favored us with the first specimen of Canada's "Penny Postage" stamp, illustrated below.



The design is quite unique. A well executed map of the world on "Mercator's Projection" occupies the greater part of the space, with all British possessions printed in solid red. CANADA and POSTAGE in well formed "Gothic" letters appear at the top on either side of the suspended British crown, from which extends a spray of oak and maple, symbolical of the union of Canada and the motherland. Below the map, in the Antarctic Ocean, appear the words XMAS, 1898. In the lower corners the value, 2c, and a panel bearing this quotation from a Canadian poet "We Hold a Vaster Empire than Has Been."

The stamp is tri-colored: Black, red and a blue tint, which distinguishes *aqua* from *terra firma*.

Considering the limited latitude allowed the artist for ornamentation, the design is a success—well balanced, unique, pleasing to the eye, and the workmanship is good. All credit to Mr. Muloch, (beg pardon, Sir William Muloch), who is said to be the originator of the design.

But there's one thing we, as loyal "United Statesers," most emphatically protest against. On the stamp we have before us Canada has encroached about 45 miles (we will not kick on a few feet

more or less) on our territory. We care little how "red" Britannia "paints" the rest of the earth (and, by the way, the hue is quite suggestive of her course in the "Dark Continent"), but the thing grows serious when we're concerned. Of all our laws there's one we enforce most rigidly: "Keep off the Grass."

But to the design.—We think the earth presented in two hemispheres would have been an improvement, besides allowing the artist greater scope for design. And again, the "Mercator's Projection" map is misleading: "It represents the earth's surface expanded as it would have to be to coincide with the interior surface of a hollow cylinder, enveloping the globe and touching it at every point of the equator," and hence Canada appears distorted and exaggerated in area.

However, it's Canada's best effort—and there are none, so far, to compare with it.

We congratulate you, Sir Muloch!

Our Paper's Pull.

MR. BUNCE advertised for a copy of Vol. I. No. 1 of our publication in the December number. Within *three days twenty-five* cards and letters had been received offering copies at prices ranging from 15c to \$1.00. One of our readers forwarded a copy gratis—for which Mr. Bunce is very grateful.


Suppose you try an ad.

OUR OLD friend and former Manchester, Va., stamp dealer, Mr. R. Hamilton, has located in York, Pa., 543 So. Duke St. Our dealings with Mr. H. have always been most pleasant, and we commend him to our readers.

The Perforator and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST—two of the "leaders" for one year at the price of one.—See our combination offers.

An Annual Discrepancy.

WM. A. M'DONNELL.

T a casual glance, to the ordinary collector, the prices of canceled current stamps of the world are uniform, or in other words, priced on a basis of equalization, but an extended research, will greatly diminish such opinions as formed.

At the instance of a few fellow collectors who were having an animated discussion in reference to the many discrepancies to be found in the Standard Catalogue. I was tempted, after much persuasion, to pen a few lines in regard to the most important of these flagrant mistakes; the one selected, which we agreed to unanimously, was the annual discrepancy of pricing the canceled stamps (if current) of other countries much lower than the same stamps of this country.

The presumption made, that the receipts of the United States Post Office Department, are much greater than any other country, is regarded as genuine; England can with ease claim second place; therefore, it is self-evident that the stamps of this country should be much more circulated or purchased to a larger extent than any other country's, and that this country's stamps should be found in the canceled condition unquestionably more numerous. When I mention England, or more proper Great Britain, it should be understood to imply England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, exclusive of all British Colonies.

In smaller countries, or independencies, where the civilized and Lu incs portion of the population is comparatively small, the sale of stamps is limited, that is, stamps canceled at the Post Office, (and not purchased in an unused state, simply for collections). In comparison, the stamps should certainly be more difficult to procure in

canceled condition, provided the stamp is priced below face value in the catalogue.

Before continuing, I desire it to be understood, that this article is written in behalf of the canceled stamp only. My opinion is that the current stamps of the United States are priced entirely too high. This may seem a rather hasty conclusion to adopt, but an extensive and careful study of this subject will, in all probability, instantly cause the investigator to approach the same termination, which he formally regarded as presumable.

To illustrate my version and to prove my assertion, consult the catalogue price of the one dollar (black) stamp, current issue, United States, for instance. We discover it is figured to be worth sixty cents; now concentrate your attention on the pages of Cape of Good Hope, look carefully until you note the five shillings orange, watermarked anchor. You are well aware the face value is just about \$1.25, but—the stamp is priced at the insignificant figure of twenty-five cents; hardly too good to be true. Peruse further, note the price annexed to the five shillings of the 1896 issue,—a paltry twelve cents, an incontestable discrepancy.

Such instances as these are innumerable, and the mention of a few noteworthy discrepancies, will be sufficient to thoroughly explain the conduciveness of my object.

To proceed, with a few more comparisons: Great Britain, one pound green, which catalogues at \$1.25. Can a United States stamp that has a face value equivalent to five dollars, be pointed out that *was* or *is* catalogued as low?

Observe the prices quoted for the five shillings and ten shillings stamps of the 1884 issue,—ten and twenty-five cents respectively. Can you discover any United States postage stamps, *of any*

issue of such equivalence that catalogues *thrice these prices?*

Still another surprise. Behold! the prices conceded to be just, attached to the Commemorative issue of the stamps of New South Wales. Don't fail to carefully scrutinize the prices of the 1 shilling brown, brown violet, light brown, cocoa brown, or any other shade considered correct or proper to suit the most fastidious. The catalogue quotation on this stamp is not a penny more than three cents. Is it possible that this stamp is really so common as to be valued at this inconceivable figure? Why, our current fifteen cent stamps are priced at the same figure (three cents) but the face value is forty per cent. less—almost half. Again, direct your gaze upon the pages of New South Wales; the five shillings denomination; color violet; and a very handsome stamp, (an acquaintance nicknames it the geographical stamp) particularly the well selected design. It is well understood, that when the issuance of any stamp is declared obsolete, or in other words, the discontinuance of a stamp for postal duties; the market value of such stamps is expected to increase; the supply is permanently stopped and the demand is incessantly growing larger.

In my opinion, the five shillings stamp is priced entirely too low, for two reasons. The first: no United States stamp, of any issue or denomination can equally be compared to this stamp, the catalogue valuation being only fifty cents; and my second reason is that the stamp is *obsolete*, and has been so for over a year.

To continue in this phase grows a bit monotonous, therefore I will desist with a few words of explanation.

I could fill innumerable pages of such discrepancies and comparisons, but what has been cited, I believe will serve as a fitting illustration.

If the prices on United States stamps

were to act as a standard of judging, or in other words, a criterion, then it is needless to state that many other stamps are decidedly under-priced.

In writing this article, the author wishes it to be clearly understood that no attempt is made to establish the market value of any stamp. His only object was to point out certain discrepancies, which came under his observation, after a careful and informal inquiry into the matter, preceded by undisputed arguments.

It is essential that the prices of current canceled stamps, should be undeviating the world over; taking under consideration, the approximate amount of mail transactions carried on; the number of stamps of each denomination issued, and the total business population—if same is procurable.

The United States stamps should certainly be more common than the stamps of any one other country, if we can rely upon Post Office yearly reports, but according to my comparisons, they are certainly overestimated or the few foreign stamps noted are decidedly under-rated, and there are many such instances which the lack of space prevents mention of.

It's in the "Weekly."

THE SEVERE sentence imposed on Wolle, the stamp fraud, should be a warning to all characters inclining to like pursuits.

We were offered a full report of the trial, but learning that *Mekkel's Weekly* would publish a stenographic report of the proceedings, and knowing that every collector reads the *Weekly* we decided to decline the offer.

THERE'S a live magazine in Canada—*The Montreal Philatelist*. It and this for only 30c. Want them?

Exchanging Stamps.

BY THE EDITOR.

FREQUENTLY, in glancing over philatelic publications, we read advertisements of collectors who desire exchange on the basis of Scott, Senf, or Stanley Gibbons. It appears to be the most simple and practicable mode of securing from foreign collectors stamps of their countries in exchange for our duplicates. In many cases it has been the means of adding good and rare stamps to our collections without actual expenditure of cash, save the postage fees.

The practice is a good one, I dare say, and from my own experience, covering a period of many years, I can heartily commend it.

But, as all other things of like nature, foreign exchange has its *pros* and *cons*—its glad surprises, and its sad disappointments.

Disappointments, though, have been rare occurrences in my experience, and I have found my foreign correspondents, almost to a man, gentlemen, and their transactions not alone marked by honesty but by great courtesy, liberality and generosity.

But it is of the disappointments I would write—how they occur, and how they may be avoided.

We are disappointed in receiving a selection of common, poorly centered, torn, or heavily canceled stamps in exchange for a clean, good selection we sent, from which, we are laconically informed, so-and-so much has been retained.

The best policy would be to “grin and bear it,” and make a mental note of it.

Frequently one is tempted to resort to a “scorching letter”. Don’t do that. While the U. P. U. unconsciously con-

veys your irate effusion at the rate of five cents per gush—there’s no satisfaction in it to you. Far better lie thyself to some secluded niche and—kick thyself severely—thrice. *Caramba!*

But there’s a way of providing against these disappointments, which, perhaps, *you* sometimes bring to others.

Exchanging is not buying, and wherever there is a risk, a certain degree of faith and confidence is a prerequisite.

First, exchange want lists and state what you have to offer. *Do not misrepresent your stamps*—the party at the “other end” may be just as well—if not better—versed in stamp lore than you are. Provide, that, unless stamps are as represented, no deal.

If everything appears satisfactory to you, send on your stamps. *Register them*; and it will not accrue to your loss if you include one or two “complimentary stamps”. List your stamps according to the catalogue agreed upon, and state that fact at the top of your sheet.

If your first transaction has been satisfactory, repeat it; send better class stamps; always try to do your best—to show your confidence. In nearly every case you will touch a responsive chord. Real stamp collectors are gentlemen—remember that.

Oblige your correspondent in every way you can. If he wants the current issue of your country, unused, and sends the cash, or its equivalent, in payment, secure them for him, well centered, good specimens; and do not charge him “10% over face”—it looks so “small”—don’t do that. You may wish the same favor in return some day.

These are the rules that should govern you—with these rules I have but in one instance met with disappointment.

C. E. HUSSMAN has removed to Rooms 420 and 421 Fullerton Building, 7th and Pine Streets, St. Louis, Mo.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

STAMP affairs were rather quiet the few weeks preceding Christmas, the call being for albums, catalogues, packets, *et cetera*. New issues sell rapidly, preference being given to British Colonials in the unused condition. The flood of new stamps from our northerly neighbor is getting rather monotonous. The latest, the tricolored "Map" stamp, is a failure, from an artistic point. In my opinion I would consider it more proper to have the "water" in black or just plain white and the "alien" countries in light blue. From a casual glance, one would think the blue color designates the land. According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, "we have further information that the colors of this stamp are to be changed, and that it will be printed hereafter in black, red and green. We are also informed of an error in the map which will necessitate new plates."

The supplement to the 58th edition of the Standard Catalogue appeared the latter part of November, at ten cents a copy. Some one is coining money. One peculiar discrepancy I note, is that *all* the speculative emissions are included under regular issues, and some are priced. This is a severe blow to the S. S. S. S.

In addition to the two new sizes of perforations on $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence New South Wales stamps, credited to me in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, I have discovered the following, in over two hundred copies, viz: $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, 12×11 , $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$. Previously noted 12×12 , $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ in December 10th *M. P.* These remarks apply to

dark purple colored variety; the stamp appears now in deep blue, and it is rumored that a permanent issue will appear shortly, the present being sort of a jubilee issue.

The article on the stamps of Japan commenced in the December number of the *VIRGINIA PHILATELIST* is both timely and interesting. At the present moment, the market is so flooded with numerous forgeries and *facsimiles* of Japanese stamps, that an exhaustive treatise dealing with this subject is a long felt want, and will act as a godsend to many discouraged collectors.

While conversing with a fellow collector, our conversation drifted toward the clever idea of issuing colored maps with the albums. He (like myself), not possessing one of the new-fangled affairs, and not having any intention of transferring his collection to such an album, suggested that the publishers of the standard catalogue could do nothing better than issue a set of colored maps, in reduced size with the 59th edition. The additional cost (if there was any) he considered would be cheerfully paid, (say, about ten cents), and the inconvenience abated and the standing and permanent information gained, would be suitable compensation for the small outlay. I heartily endorse these views *in toto*.

Large Insurance and Trust Companies find much cause for complaint at the absence of revenue stamps of higher denominations than fifty dollars. A few weeks ago a corporation filed a mortgage, the tax on which required five thousand dollars. It became necessary to affix one hundred fifty-dollar stamps. Such instances are rare, but nevertheless Uncle Sam, or the proper authorities, should always be able to take care of such emergencies, and not compel our staid business men of religious inclinations, to become blasphemers temporarily, to the delight of the office boy, and permanent

insanity of the "lady typewriterist."

At a sale, held recently in London, England, the following are some of the prices obtained: Spain.—Madrid, 1852, two reales, orange, \$100.00 (\$200.00); 1852, two reales, red, about \$55.00 (\$125); 1853, two reales, scarlet, about \$45.00 (\$70.00); Lagos, 10 shilling, brown violet, in mint state, about \$55.00 (\$100.00); Newfoundland, 6½ pence, scarlet vermilion, no gum, about \$57.00 (\$80.00); Nevis, six pence, green \$25.00 (\$55.00); and a two pence brown on red of the first issue of Western Australia realized about \$27.00 (\$50.00). Figures in parenthesis were added by yours truly and designate 58th catalogue quotations. All stamps were unused.

Philatelic exhibitions are little thought of in this country, but in Europe such exhibitions are held yearly in the larger cities. The Manchester (England) Philatelic Society will hold an International Philatelic Exhibition next July; also preparations are almost completed for the largest philatelic exhibition ever contemplated. The latter will be held in Paris while the "World's Fair" is in progress. The date selected for the grand opening is August, 1900—twenty months hence.

"St. Vincent Crown Agents intend to discontinue the issuance of all stamps of the present type and adopt the De la Rue design," is a phrase I've heard at least—well, never mind how many times, enough to satisfy the most hungry passion for sensational "news." I've become so hardened that little things of such a nature, are casually perused, but when I noted that the news came direct from St. Vincent, I was quick to take the hint to fill up my unused, which I did, at about 25% over face. Another colony that has had to bear the brunt of much speculation as to the supposed changes of its stamps, is Turk's Islands. The rumored change, which was universally

accepted as authentic about three years ago, caused a general scramble for these stamps, but the change never came, although the stamps that appeared later on, were called by many as re-issues, (as it seems that some change was contemplated); the colors were a darker shade, poor ink being used; the gum is of the "cracknel" sort; careless handling is apt to destroy the stamp for collection purposes. The one shilling value is catalogued and priced in 58th catalogue. As I say, some change was certainly meditated as the four pence lilac and blue and the five pence green and carmine of 1894 95 issue. De la Rue design would indicate. Why the other values were never brought out in this type I am unable to comprehend. The five pence denomination was understood to dispose of the six pence, therefore the speculation in this stamp. Dealers procured large stocks and the late Henry Gremmel held one of the largest in the world, but since the information has been obtained, that no other changes were to be made, dealers were eager to unload. Many of the stamps were on the market up to a year ago, but since the Scott Co. has catalogued the one shilling in two shades, dealers have curtailed their selling prices, or refuse to sell the six pence, or any of the other re-issued stamps, until it has been decided what the catalogue makers intend to do with these shades. At the present moment it is rumored that this colony intends to reduce the sea-going rate of postage to two pence; it will then become necessary to issue a stamp of that denomination. It may possibly strike the fancy of the Crown Agents, to adopt the change that was contemplated several years ago, and issue the entire set in the same design as the 4 and 5 pence.

It would be exceedingly improper to close my letter without wishing my readers a Happy New Year.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

ON ACCOUNT of the regular correspondent of this paper having removed to Virginia, the publishers have requested me to act as Canadian contributor. I will endeavor to keep the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST posted on matters philatelic in Canada.

The new "Penny Postage" rate went into effect on Christmas Day. The first letters sent to England bearing the new stamp were from the Governor General to Her Majesty the Queen, and from the Postmaster-General of Canada to the Postmaster-General of England. In like manner the first letter from England posted on Christmas was from the Queen of England to the Governor-General and the administrators of all colonies who are in the ocean postage scheme. Of course, all such letters are in ordinary cases franked and free, but the paying by stamp was adopted for these particular letters in order to commemorate the inauguration of "Penny Postage" on both sides of the Atlantic. All these commemoration letters were posted at midnight on the 24th.

The following is an official list of the places, other than Great Britain, to which letters can be sent for two cents on and after Christmas Day:—Aden, Bahamas, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British India, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Natal, Newfoundland, Niger Coast Protectorate, St. Helena, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, Trinidad, Tobago, Turk's Islands, Uganda, and Windward Islands. But the Canadian farmer, who very seldom, if ever has occasion to send a letter to these far-off lands, when he

wants to communicate with any one in a near-by town, must pay three cents. What sense is there in such a discrimination against Canadians? Why should we pay two cents for a long distance, and three cents for a short one?

Mr. R. S. Mason, one of Hamilton's well-known "stamp fiends" has opened up a stamp office down town, and with the large number of collectors that Hamilton has, should do a good business.

It is rumored that a number of Toronto capitalists of philatelic persuasion may publish a stampic monthly *a la* VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. If it reaches that level, it won't be far from the line of perfection.

The last of the "maple leaf" issues—the 10 cent value—has now given way to the "numeral" issue. It is a rather difficult matter to tell when the higher denominations will appear, as there seems to be a considerable supply of the old stamps on hand.

Plate Number 3 of the 1 cent green "numeral" issue has just made its appearance.

The post-offices in many Canadian cities still have the 20 and 50 cent jubilees on sale.

The Allegheny Philatelist says:—"Canada is said to harbor one, an artistic genius, who, by a chemical process, converts the color of the 2 cent Navy Department from blue to green, thus making a counterfeit of the rare error." Now, I'm looking for news. Who is he? Why not bring him before the postal authorities, that he may be, if the above item be true, compelled to cease his nefarious practices. Canadian justice is, as a rule, speedy and sure.

The Philatelic Messenger is making a brave attempt to catch up with Father Time, but as yet Mr. Knight has not proved himself equal to the occasion.

Our Australian Letter.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., AUSTRALIA.

AUG. DIETZ, *Richmond Va.*

MY DEAR MR. DIETZ :

The mail last night brought your wonderful anniversary number for September last, and I hasten to write and thank you for it and to express my admiration for everything in it. The "get up" is admirable, the reading matter and illustrations are excellent, the paper, the printing, even the very advertisements stamp it as being a *chef-d'œuvre*. Pray accept my heartiest congratulations and compliments.

The Sydney Philatelic Club held a quarterly meeting about the middle of last month, the president, Surgeon Colonel Williams, being in the chair, when Mr. Himmelhoch exhibited some plates of New South Wales laureates and Mr. Montgomerie Hamilton showed some old Victoria registration rarities. Mr. A. F. Basset-Hull, the oldest and best of Australian philatelists, has invented a movable frame for exhibiting stamps at meetings and the club were delighted with its ingenuity.

I suppose you have seen all the varieties of the New Zealand new issue and have admired them. The views are really very good and the aspect of much of New Zealand life and scenery is faithfully depicted. At the same time when these stamps, and many others of like character from other countries, are compared with some of the earlier examples of philatelic work the result is disappointing.

When dealing with this subject, some time back, a master of our craft wrote: "How grandly those dignified steel engravings held their graceful positions in our album, and oh! how pitifully cheap the surface prints looked beneath them! When will another Humphrey create again such masterpieces as the St. Vin-

cents, the square New South Wales, the first Queensland and all those other classically simple and eminently beautiful British Colonials?"

I have seen copies of the 4d yellow and 2½d red of Queensland altered so that the figures 4d and 2½d appear in all four corners. The stamps are also in "Cameo," so far as the Queen's head is concerned. I don't think much of them.

Of course Australian philatelists look forward to the consummation of Australian Federation as an opportunity, unique in the world's history, for the purpose of issuing a new set of postage stamps. For, unlike Canada, we shall start perfectly formed into a nation. There will be no Newfoundland to disturb the rounded contours of the perfect Australian Commonwealth. Let us hope that some real effort will be made to put forth a truly characteristic set of postage stamps, engraved designs of the people's history and aspirations!

Canadian Comment.

Two weeklies for a country the size of Canada is doing very well, too well to last, in fact.

Since the introduction of the cheap postal notes in Canada one of the great disadvantages of the mail order business has been swept away. There is a law in the Dominion making it a criminal offense to buy stamps from anyone but a legally authorized stamp vendor, and such licenses are very hard to obtain. So that people doing a mail order business ran a certain risk in disposing of surplus stamps. This will now be done away with as nine-tenths of the people will use the new postal notes.

The design of the new stamp for the Imperial Penny Postage is to our mind, a far better one than any in use during the past few years.

I. L. P.

Boston Bits.

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 BY BOSTONIAN.
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I dislike to disappoint anyone, much less the readers of the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST; but this month I am afraid I shall have to, for the marked copy of B. L. Drew & Co's auction catalogue, containing the prices realized at their sale of November 30th has been mislaid and is utterly *lost*. I can assure you, one and all, that this is as much of a disappointment to me as it is to you, and if it does not lead me to take my life, it will be because I am watched. If I was blessed with the memory of some philatelists, (who have the whole of Scott's catalogue down by heart) I should not mind it so much, but, as it is, I can only recall the fact that the collection offered, which appeared to be the centre of interest, and which catalogued somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,400, was finally knocked down at \$316.00. On an average the Columbian Republic stamps offered, of which there was a fine lot, brought about 40% of catalogue, one of which went for 20c over catalogue quotation. It brought \$3.20 and was listed at \$3.00. The wholesale lots of revenues, (U. S.) brought from 25 to 30% of catalogue and on the whole I should think that the sale was a "howling success."

Among the new issues to appear this month at the Hub, was the new, 6d, 2sh 6d and 10sh Niger Coast. They are very attractive stamps, especially the latter, which is printed in a bright purple color, and a handsomer stamp has not shown up in some time. Other new issues, are the 10c Canadian, with numerals in lower corners; 2c Imperial Postage stamps, printed in three colors and very handsome, and three values of the new issue from British South Africa, being the 1d carmine, 6d mauve, and 1sh in light olive brown.

Scott's new supplementary catalogue, is on deck, listing all new issues up to October 15, 1898. It is being eagerly sought for, and a large sale is assured. Robie's much-talked-of and advertised "Stamp Hunting," has also been received, and is meeting with approval on all sides.

The rush for the new revenues, has somewhat abated, presumably on account of the large quantities which are being used. There is still a good demand for the three high values of Omahas used, the other values are to be had in large quantities.

The new International postage stamp album for 1899, seems to be a decided improvement over all former editions, as large sales, which it is already having, would indicate. All the new U. S. revenues for 1898 are included in this volume, and another improvement is the blank pages left for Afghanistan and the native Indian States, for who cares to see page after page of blank pages, as one turns the leaves of his or her album?

English Items.

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 BY W. F. TREGO.
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ON DECEMBER 1st a Parcel Post service to the Territories of the Royal Niger Company, commonly known as Nigeria, came into operation.

The Governments of France and Great Britain have concluded an agreement, by which parcels can be delivered at the addresses of receivers in either country duty paid, provided that sufficient funds have been deposited by the senders.

Arrangements have been made by the Canadian Government by which stamps of the Dominion, values from half to fifty cents; can be obtained at the Office of the High Commissioner, 17 Victoria St., London, S. W.

According to the *Daily Mail* the Post

Office officials have decided not to issue any souvenir of the institution of "Imperial Penny Postage," as it would serve no useful purpose, and the distribution of the stamps to the various post-offices would involve an enormous amount of extra work.—[Thank gracious!—E.D.]

Sir J. Heuniker Heaton, M. P., to whom we are indebted for this scheme, has reason to believe that the Australian colonies will join, he having received an official statement from the Postmaster-General of Queensland to the effect that this colony will do so.

A Philatelic Exhibition, to which H. R. H. the Duke of York has given his patronage, will be held at Manchester next year. It will be opened on June 29th, and will remain open for a week. I shall be able to give further particulars next month.

Railway letter-fee stamps are attracting considerable attention amongst collectors at present. Although they only came into use in 1891 several varieties are almost unobtainable, the railways which issued them having been amalgamated with other larger companies.

January 10th is the 59th anniversary of the introduction of penny postage.

A pair of Mauritius 1d red, on original wrapper, which were discovered in a Bombay office, are being offered for sale at the price of £2000.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. wish to draw the attention of collectors of French stamps to a dangerous forgery of the 1 franc, orange, (Second Republic) which is being placed on the market. The color has been very successfully imitated, but the paper is thicker and coarser than that of the original, and is more gray in tone.

A copy of the 1d "Govt. Parcels" with the surcharge inverted has been discovered.

TRY an ad in February!

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 10, 1898.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The sixteenth meeting of the Association occurred on Saturday and this, together with the absence from town of several members, was responsible for the attendance, which was not large. Dr. M. W. Peyser presided and Mr. R. J. Redford acted as secretary. Messrs. Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler were unanimously elected to membership. Application for membership: Geo. C. Hartung, Chicago, Ill. Age 21, Occupation Clerk and Florist, Specialties U. S. and B. C. References, Richard Halm, Chicago, Franklin Stearns, Virginia. Mr. Dietz gave some interesting points, and there was a general and animated discussion as to the best means of entertaining our convention of '99. The evening's business being concluded the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. REDFORD, Sec. *pro tem.*

The American Journal of Philately chronicles the following U. S. in the new colors:

10c light brown.

15c olive green.

Watermarked U. S. P. S., perforated 12.

YOU cannot afford to overlook the bargains in Mekeel's page ad.

Southern Philatelic Association.

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Secretary's Report.

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 130 Walter Rummell, San Antonio, Texas.
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 132 W. Melrose, Richfield, N. J.

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Bruce, W. H., Hartford, Conn. Age 38, Notary Public. Refs., Chas. Waring, Edw. Cook, Walter C. Lowry.
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 Howard, J. P., care Christie Brown & Co., Toronto, Ont. Can. Age 16, Clerk. Refs., H. Fenton, Wm. Myers, W. C. Lowry.
 Bach, Rudolph C., 451 Sanguinet-st., Montreal, Canada. Age 20, Stamp Dealer and publisher Montreal Philatelist. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

J. H. Conley from Lakeland to Tampa, Fla.
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 John H. Mueller, 212 E. 33rd-st., Chicago, Ill.

FINANCES.

Balance.....\$7.69
 Received from members..... .85

Balance.....\$ 8.54

Respectfully,

WALTER C. LOWRY, Sec-Treas.

Librarian's Report.

I wish to submit the following report:

In cataloguing and arranging a library I find it rather a hard task and one that consumes a great deal of time. Up to the present I have arranged papers which were donated by Fenton, Boyd, Waring and myself and a portion of the old K. P. S. library, from which I have gotten the following complete volumes and files.

American Collector II	Mekele's Weekly V, VI,
Amer. Phil. Magazi'e III	VII, VIII, IX, X, XI
Bay State Philatelist I	N. Y. Philatelist I, II
Can. Phil. Magazine III	Omaha Phil I, II, III, IV, V
Columbian Philatelist I, II, III, IV, V	Post Office VII, VIII
Evergreen State Phil. III, VI, VII, VIII	Phil Californian I, III
Eastern Philatelist XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XIX, XX	" Era VIII, IX
Philatelic Facts and Fallacies V	" Facts I
Home Worker (old series) I	" Puck I
Home Worker (new series) III, IV, V	" Advocate I, II, III
Herald Exchange I, II, III	" Messenger II
International Phil IV-VI	" Literature I
" Stamp I, II	Peuu. Phil. VI, VIII
Kentucky Philatelist I	Recreation Echo I, II
Tennessee Philatelist I	Rocky Mount'n Stamp I
	Stamp, The (N.Y.) II, III
	Southern Phil V, VI
	Spy Glass I
	Stampman I, II
	Trans-Miss. Stamp I

It is my intention to give an installment of complete volumes in each succeeding issue of the official organ until the whole library is catalogued. Also, I shall give a partial want list in next issue.

Have recently received donations from H. Fenton, Chas. Waring and R. S. Nelson. I have received a box of papers from Miss Steele of New Orleans, a portion of the S. P. A. library, most of which were in bad condition, which I will attend to later on.

I think there is some mistake on the part of the Board of Trustees claiming that I had the papers which Miss Steele shipped me in my possession *seven* weeks *before* reporting same to them. I do not know the exact date they were shipped me, but it was three or four

weeks after I was notified of their shipment before I received them, and after I did receive them I did not open them for some four or five days after which I notified the Board of Trustees.

I hope all the members will do what they can towards assisting me in making our library a good one.

Yours for the good of the S. P. A.

CHAS. P. GALYON, Librarian.

SALES DEPARTMENT.

SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Chas. Waring, Supt. of Sales,

Box 292, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Report of Sales Supt., S. P. A.

33 books on hand at last report, Oct. 18.....	\$183.40
21 books received since last report.....	253.07
15 books returned, value (from which have sold \$49.18).....	190.14
42 books now in circulation, value.....	597.03
Insurance fund.....	26.13

Members who have duplicates of U. S. and Revenues and Spanish Colonies will do well to send them in now. I cannot supply the demand for this grade. Unused British Cols. of recent date are also in demand and of these there are many new issues. Yours truly,

CHARLES WARING.

Two Pretty Publications.

"THE Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book" (Wm. B. Hopsou, publisher, Omaha.—Price 10c) is a neat, well-printed directory of over 1100 Nebraska collectors. It should be in the hands of every dealer and publisher.

"BURTON'S Auction Catalogue" (Julson N. Burton, Madison, N. Y.—gratis.) comes to us in a holiday dress, and contains, besides a good list of stamps, a frontispiece with a half-tone of Mr. Burton and his compliments of the season.

Is the O'Connell an Essay?

SOME discussion has been going on in transatlantic contemporaries as to whether the famous O'Connell stamp of New Brunswick can correctly be called a real postage stamp, or only an essay. The history of this stamp can be briefly repeated. In 1831 the Hon. Charles Connell (or O'Connell?) was made Postmaster General of New Brunswick. Acting in his official capacity he ordered a supply of stamps from the American Bank Note Company, from designs which he himself prepared. The 1c with a steam engine, his own portrait on the 3c, that of the Queen on the 10c, and a steamboat on the 12½c, and the Prince's portrait on the 17c. About the time of the arrival of these stamps from the Bank Note Company, Mr. O'Connell gave a banquet, and in the course of the evening each of the 200 guests was presented with a copy of the 5c bearing their host's portrait. Some of these were used next day, and duly passed through the mails. However a political opponent set to work to make the appearance of this sign of the Postmaster General's self-esteem the occasion for a disturbance. A mass meeting was called, and O'Connell was requested to resign. Upon his resignation the obnoxious stamp was destroyed.

We fail to understand why there can be two opinions on the matter, for if the stamp did duty for postage, and was authorized by he who was the proper authority at the time, it must have been a legal issue. A writer in the *International Philatelist* says, "I have thoroughly investigated the subject and have arrived at the decision that not a single specimen was ever used for postage," but we think he is wrong. Used copies that could be well authenticated have been heard of and are to be found in many old collections.—*Stamps*.



THE stamp market is exceedingly active. The season is in full blast. Prices realized are above the average. Withal this healthful state argues well for the condition of philately in our country.

The following extracts from a recent auction sale of Messrs. Bogert & Durbin Co., will interest our readers.

UNITED STATES.—Providence 5c, unused, \$3.20; 1847 10c, nice copy, \$2.50; 1847 5, 10c, \$1.60; 1847 10c, used on original cover, \$1.60; 1851 3c, unused, o. g., 70c; 1851 10c, unused, o. g., very scarce, \$5.00; 1851 10c, an unused o. g. pair, very fine, rare, \$18.00; 1851 1, 2c (2), 10, 12c, 1857 10c (new), Eagle and Franklin Carriers, \$1.70; 1851 1, 3, 10, 12c, a strip of three, 10c (fine), Eagle and Franklin Carriers, \$2.20; 1857 1c, reprint of 1875, unused, fine, \$2.00; 1857 3c, outer line, unused, o. g., off center, but fine example of the outer line, \$3.00; 1857 5c, no projections, unused, no perfs. at left, fine color, \$2.00; 1857 5c, no projections, one slightly damaged, \$1.10; 1857 5c, with and without projections, former slightly damaged, \$1.50; 1860 24c gray-lilac, unused, o. g., \$3.50; 1860 24c, fine used copy, red cancelation, \$1.80; 1860 24c, fine used copy, blue cancelation, \$1.90; 1860 30c, unused, o. g., slightly off center, \$3.00; 1861 30c, pen canceled, slightly damaged, \$2.10; 1860 90c, unused o. g., fine, \$18.00; 1857-60 1c (2), 3c (2), 5, 10, 12, 24c (damaged), \$1.00; 1861 3c pink, used on original cover, \$2.50; 1861 7c yellow, no perfs. at top or bottom, used with a 10c on piece of original cover, very desirable, \$4.25; 1861 5c chocolate, unused, o. g., off center, \$4.50; 1861 1c (3), 2c (2), 3c (4), 10c (2), all unused, some o. g., 80c; 1863, 9x13, 1c (poor), 2c, 3c

(2), 10, 12, 15, 90c (badly off center), \$2.10; 1861 1c (2), 2c (2), 3c (4), 5c (2 shades), 10, 12, 15, 24c (2 shades), 30c, desirable lot, \$2.00; 1869 12c, unused, o. g., nice copy, \$2.60; 1869 24c, off center, but fine color, \$2.70; 1869 30c, bright color, \$1.50; 1869 30c, good copy, \$1.50; 1869 30c, very lightly canceled, \$2.00; 1869 90c, desirable copy, \$9.25; 1869 90c, rather heavily canceled, \$7.50; 1869 1, 2c (2), 3c (2), 6, 10, 12, 15c, \$1.50; 1869 1, 2c (2), 3c (2), 6, 10c (2, 1 dam.), 12, 15c, \$1.50; 1869 1, 2c (3), 3c (3), 6c (poor), 10, 12, 15c (2), \$1.50; 1869 1c, reissue 1880, o. g., \$1.10; 1869 2c, reissue, o. g., nice copy, \$3.00; 1869 2c, well centered, \$1.20; 1869 3c, reissue, fine color, slightly canceled; 1869 6c, reissue, off center, \$3.80; 1869 10c, reissue, fine color, \$4.90; 1869 12c, reissue, nice copy, \$3.90; 1869 reissue 15c, beautiful copy, \$5.00; 1869, reissue 24c, splendid copy, \$5.00; 1869, reissue 30c, magnificent copy, \$9.00; 1869, reissue 90c, fine color, \$12.50; 1870 1c, unused, badly off center, grill, 10c; 1870 6c, off center, scarce, grill, \$1.00; 1890 12c, unused, o. g., not good color, but scarce, \$1.90; 1870 7, 12, 30, 90c, 1888 90c, \$1.20; 1890 7, 12, 30, 90c, 1888 90c, \$1.20; 1870, another similar lot, \$1.30; 1870 24c, unused, o. g., wide margin at left, \$4.00; 1870 24c, 50c; 1870 24c, fine copy, 90c; 1870 24c, 60c; 1893 \$1, fine copy, \$1.70; 1870-93, including 24c, (67) some duplicates, 60c; Unpaid brown, claret and 1894 complete except 5c, \$1.60; Periodicals, 1875 24c, off center, 50c; Agriculture, 1873 1c, o. g., fine, \$2.00; Agriculture, 1873 2, 3, 6c, all o. g., \$1.00; Agriculture, 1873 2, 3, 6, 15c, all o. g., fine, \$3.00; Agriculture, 1873 10c, unused, o. g., one perf. has a minute ink spot, \$3.00; Agriculture, 12c, unused, o. g., well centered, \$6.00; Agriculture, 1873 12c, a fine unused o. g. pair, \$1.60; Agriculture, 1873 12c, nice copy, \$2.50; Agriculture, 1873 24c, unused, o. g., \$3.00.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Our review closes December 24th, 1898.

The following papers were received since our last list:

	Vol.	No.
Alleghany Philatelist, Alleghany, Pa.	3.	6.
Boston Stamp Book, Boston, Mass.	4.	6.
Columbian Philatelist, New Oxford, Pa.	5.	6.
Eastern Philatelist, Boston, Mass.	22.	3.
Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash.	10.	58.
Filatelic Facts & Fallacies, San Francisco	7.	2.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.	13.	7 & 10 11.
Herald Exchange, New York,	5.	4.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	8.	4.
Metropolitan Magazine, Omaha, Neb.	2.	12.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7.	3.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	12.	21-26.
Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York,	10.	11.
New York Philatelist, New York	5.	3.
Perforator, Federalsburg, Md.	2.	9.
Philatelic West, Superior, Nebraska,	8.	1.
Postal Card Reporter, Baltimore, Md.	1.	3.
Post Office, New York,	8.	92.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Mo.	1.	1.
Wisconsin Philatelist, De Pere, Wis.	1.	1.
Texas Philatelist, Abeline, Texas.	9.	3.
Janusch Want List of U. S. Rev. Stamps.		
Burton & Burtons 1899 Catalogue of Postage and Rev. Stamps.		
Hogert & Durbins 118 Auction Sale List for January 7, '99.		
Judson N. Burtons 41st Auction Sale List for January 7, '99.		

FROM CANADA.

The All Around Stamp Advertiser, Montreal, Canada,	2.	7.
Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Toronto, Can.	1.	3.
" " " " " " Berlin, Ont.	3.	1.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5.	5-6.
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1.	7.
Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown, N. B.	3.	1.
Stamp Reporter, St. Catharines, Ont.	2.	3.

FROM ABROAD.

Phil. Chronicle and Ad. Birmingham, Eng.	8.	2.
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2.	11.
H. Hashworth's Price List, Manchester, England,		
Australian Philatelist, Sydney, N. S. W.	5.	3.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Leipzig.

Germany,	25.	21.
Briefmarken-Händler, Charlottenburg, Germany,	3.	6-7.
Revue Postale, Geneva, Switzerland,	1.	10.
Le Timbrophile Gaulois, Moyeumontier Fr.	3.	23.
Revista Postal, Buenos Ayres,	1.	4.
Filatelica Romana, Berlad, Roumania,	1.	2.
Melita Phila. Chronicle and Adv. Malta,	1.	11.

In *The Alleghany Philatelist*, Phil. A. Telist gives his views about exchanging stamps, and while of course many of the evils urged against stamp exchanges are true, still they do a vast amount of good also. The advice given at the end of the article rather suggests the idea that the writer is a dealer and shows that the various stamp exchanges have proved thorns in the dealers' sides. The notes and editorials are interesting.

In *The Boston Stamp Book* the third and last instalment of Stamps Worth Full Catalogue is given, but in this case it is made up of lists sent to Mr. Wylie by dealers in different parts of the country and as taken from the East, the West and Canada gives the views of people in the different sections.—From the criticisms we see in different papers, we think Mr. Wylie has stirred up quite a hornets nest with his articles.

The list of new issues gives them in a compact form and as it covers a period of three months is a great help as a reference sheet.

The Eastern Philatelist presents to us the Model Stamp Dealer. We do not agree with Mr. Kennedy in saying that if there were no stamp dealers collecting would be "haphazard and unsatisfactory." The older collectors remember well the day when there were no dealers and when *stamp collecting* was not *stamp buying*, and I for one can assure Mr. K. that in those days it was not impossible to procure a pretty full collection by merely swapping duplicates

among collectors. As for the enjoyment derived from collecting in that way, I think it was far greater than it is today where nearly every stamp added to one's collection represents so much cash. But the times have changed; we have the dealers with us and so of course one can only wish to have them all "models" just as we wish for all honest collectors. Mr. K's description of what he considers a model dealer is very good until he says "he must be an earnest promoter of the welfare of his local society" and adds that he should not be obtrusive at the meetings, especially with endeavors to sell. Until he discovers this paragon for us a good many stamp societies may with profit copy the by-laws of the Virginia Philatelic Association, excluding dealers from membership.

In *The Philatelic West* the Rev. H. Wendt continues his history of the stamps of Schleswig-Holstein. The author in describing the stamps especially at the end of the present article where he enumerates the stamps issued in 1864 for Holstein, ought, we think, have explained why there were different valuations expressed upon one stamp. If we remember right it was done because of the different coins in circulation in the country at that time. There passed current in both Duchies as well as in the adjacent countries a variety of monies such as the Hamburg and Lübeck schilling with its multiples of 4 and 8 schilling pieces and the rarer 1, 2, and 3 mark pieces. The Prussian Thaler also passed current being equal to 40 schillings and the Danish Rigsbankdaler equal to 96 Danish skillings or 30 schillings courant, a smaller Danish coin viz: the 16 skilling piece equal to 5 schillings courant, being very common. So when these stamps were issued the same value was expressed upon them

which had represented the single rate for prepaid letters under the Danish *regime* viz: 4 skilling Rigs Münze equal to 1½ schillings courant. The second stamp for Holstein was also to be used in Lauenburg hence the 1½ schilling Landes Münze which was the official designation of the currency of that Duchy. It looks to us if the author would explain these things it would add very materially to the value of his interesting article.

Mr. Lowe's explanation of the so-called Connell Essay of New Brunswick shows how this stamp came to be printed and how a few copies were postally used. In an unused condition it is represented in at least two collections in Richmond.

The Philatelic Bulletin finishes in this number its article on "Cuba Libre." In its "Advice" a list of stamps is given which the "one who knows" says are a good investment; predicting that they never will be priced lower. He names ½c orange documentary, 1¼ plum, 1½ purple, 1c I. R. surcharge in block or small type, 1 and 2c I. R. inverted, \$5.00 Newspaper surcharged Documentary and nearly all the Hawaiian Islands' stamps including the official set. He also considers that any of the South and Central American stamps *postally used* are good things. In the "Notes of Interest" we see the U. S. credited with being the second in the rank of having postal facilities for the public with only Switzerland ahead. The latter has a Postoffice for every 845 inhabitants; the U. S. a close second with one for every 887. Then Germany for every 1376. Great Britain for every 1913 and France for every 4782.

The Texan Philatelist comes in a larger shape than usual and promises for its December number 33 pages inside of cover and a circulation of 5000. A good thing for advertisers.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies continues in its present issue Causes and Reasons, which impart in condensed form many things really worth knowing and it is surprising to find how comparatively few collectors know much about the countries whose stamps they collect. We hope that Mr. Ludwig will continue his article through the whole of the catalog.

The numbers of the stamps issued for the former Spanish Colonies of the different values of the 1898 to 1899 set is given as follows :

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5 "	1,000,000	400,000	600,000
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2 "	800,000	300,000	500,000
3 "	7,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000
4 "	20,000	20,000	20,000
5 "	300,000	200,000	200,000
6 "	1,000,000	400,000	100,000
8 "	150,000	100,000	500,000
10 "	200,000	100,000	100,000
15 "	150,000	100,000	100,000
20 "	200,000	100,000	100,000
30 "	80,000	40,000	60,000
60 "	60,000	30,000	50,000
80 "	10,000	20,000	40,000
1 peso	20,000	10,000	50,000
2 pesos	10,000	5,000	20,000

It will be easy to estimate the comparative philatelic value of the different denominations, and it is quite evident that some of them, especially the 4m and 4c, and a few of the higher ones, will soon become exceedingly scarce; in fact they are so already, provided of course, that the Spanish Government does not print a second and more liberal supply.

WITH its December number *The American Journal of Philately* completes Vol. XI. The subscription to this leading American philatelic publication is but 50 cents. Every advanced collector should have it.

The Herald Exchange tells of the sale of an Austrian Newspaper stamp of the Mercury head variety which sold recently in London for over one thousand dollars. It realized that price because it was on the original newspaper and had, through being packed away, retained its color fresh and beautiful. Not a bad find for the person who discovered it.

The Lone Star State Philatelist for October continues the notes taken from the reports of Postmaster-General Reagan to the President of the Confederate States. These notes each collector interested in the issues of the Confederacy should preserve for future reference, for many points that were not clear before, become so when reading these notes.

This issue contains the cut of a stamp of Emory, Va. which the then postmaster Mr. I. C. Fowler says he carved himself and of which several sheets were printed. As far as we know not one of these specimens has been preserved, at least we have not heard of a single one chronicled anywhere and should one turn up it would be a rarity indeed.

We see in *Mekcel's Weekly Stamp News* that there is to be a set of surcharged stamps for use in Cuba and that the current 1c green, 2c red, 5c blue and 10c brown are to be surcharged "Cuba" and the value in cent. de peso.—These stamps are however only to be in temporary use, and for a permanent set, various designs are under consideration by the department.

The new envelope contract also goes into effect on January 1st and hereafter we shall be enabled to purchase stamped envelopes even cheaper than now.

The New York Philatelist contains among its advertisements the catalogue of a unique collection of West Indian

stamps and it looks like a pity for a collection as complete as this seems to be, to be broken up and dispersed to the four corners of the earth, for to the collector who accumulates stamps for the pleasure they give him, and not as a money-making scheme, it looks almost like a sacrilege to take one stamp away from what he has treasured up in his collection, much less to break up the whole.

In the *Perforator* Miss Swift has a very interesting article on "Imperial Postage, New and Old," and gives an account of the first *penny* post established in England which however only took in London and was inaugurated in 1680. The pioneer in this line must have been an enterprising man for he established from 400 to 500 receiving offices and boxes in London and made from four to ten deliveries per day in the city and its suburbs. Surely in even our day there are not many more deliveries made than that.

The *Postal Card Reporter* for December gives a thorough description of the Congo Free State and also of its issue of Postal Cards. The balance of the *Reporter* is taken up with advertisements of cards by Mr. Lohmeyer which is of course permissible as the *Postal Card Reporter* is sent free to all who apply for it.

A very neat paper comes to us this month from Kansas City under the name of *Stamp Talk*. It is well gotten up and handsomely printed and we wish it success.

Another new candidate for philatelic success is the *Wisconsin Philatelist* which issued its first number in November. It also is well printed on good paper, a very marked improvement over

first issues of stamp papers a few years ago. We also wish this paper success, and hope that it may increase in size and grow to be one of the supports of our hobby.

The *Texan Philatelist* has on its cover the "What-is-it" climbing the tree on the 15 centimes stamp of the Congo Free State. Its contents include "Notes on Recent Revenues" also an article on "Stamps and Geography" in which the stamps are mentioned which contain pictorial scenes portraying the geography of various countries such as the Isthmus of Panama, the Pyramids of Egypt, and so forth.

It seems to be a very questionable thing for a reputable journal like the *Montreal Philatelist* to admit to its columns an advertisement offering forgeries not even under the threadbare guise of "reprints" but as "imitations" i. e. forgeries pure and simple. To admit such an ad at a time when the whole fraternity tries to get rid of the black sheep in the fold seems to us doubly wrong and the only redeeming feature of the whole thing is, that the editor did not translate the ad but gave it in the tongue in which it was written. The Christmas number did not contain the 60 pages it was advertised to have but came in 32 pages and cover. Philatelic news is rather scarce in this number for while the description of St. Helena is good but to pass over the surcharges of the stamps of a country which for years used only one plate and made her other values by surcharging this plate, with the remark that "surcharges are a nuisance anyway" does hardly show much philatelic ardor or research. The fiscals of the old Native Duchies are described and there is also a piece of fiction in "the Romance of a 2 pence Canada." The paper contains beside its English

text a German page, a French page and a funny page. We might suggest that if more padding is needed there could still be added a Spanish page and a Puzzle page and as the first puzzle we offer the question: Why was the murderer described in the above romance never brought to justice and who heard those beautiful conversations which ended in the murder?

In *The Philatelic Messenger* Mr. McDonnell gives his views on Philatelic Societies, and he is right when he urges collectors to combine and form societies. There are many followers of our hobby who are very retiring and do not let even their friends know that they collect stamps, so such to be enabled to meet kindred spirits and talk stamps is a joy and recreation from which they would be debarred but for the local society. In his "Monthly Chat" the publisher expresses his views about the real and fictitious values of the late Canadian issues and backs up his judgment by offers to either buy or sell at the prices he quotes as a just valuation.

Under the "Postman's Knock" in *The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* (Birmingham, England) we find that the new Governor of New Zealand is an ardent philatelist. This being the case we hope he will keep the present issue in use for a long time and even cause a new edition of the 2½d error, so that there may be enough of them and to spare for all collectors.—The same paper warns against a set of 60 varieties of forgeries which have just been issued in an edition of 5000 sets. Too bad that the different stamps are not enumerated.

WE ARE pleased to note that our esteemed contemporary—*The Philatelic Bulletin* has been granted second-class mailing rates.—Deserved 'em long ago.

Burton & Burlons 1899 Catalogue of Postage and Revenue Stamps is a neatly prepared list offering many desirable stamps at very reasonable figures and parties interested would do well to send to Lake Geneva, Michigan, for it.

Bogert & Durbins 115th Auction Sale Catalogue contains the offers of 530 lots to be sold on January 7th at their office in New York.

Two *Canadian Philatelic Weeklies* one from Berlin, Ontario, and the other from Toronto, Canada. Which is which? and how are we to distinguish them. Surely names for papers are not so scarce in Canada that two papers have to bear the same. Both however seem to be good, but as weeklies have not the size in which the monthlies appear.

The Philatelic Advocate continues to be a very readable paper indeed. It imparts a good deal of philatelic information in its short notes and articles and its advertising columns have always many good things to offer.

Jannasch Wark List of U. S. Revenue Stamps is a neatly gotten up list of the Revenue stamps issued by the U. S., including the "Remember the Maine" series. It is sold for ten cents by Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas, and is fully worth the amount of money asked for it.

In *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*, Mr. Cox calls upon someone among collectors or dealers to get up a catalogue of "Errors, Oddities, Minor Varieties and Uncatalogued Varieties." No doubt such a price list would be of great help to many, for there is hardly a stamp collector who has not something in either one of the above named classes and of which he would like to know at least approxi-

mately the value. To speak of only one instance in which at least "Oddities" are enumerated and priced in foreign catalogues are the envelope stamps of different countries cut out and used as adhesives, as for instance those of Russia which are by Senf's catalogue quoted at right respectable figures. Our postal authorities do not permit the use of envelope stamps cut out, still once in a while one will slip through unnoticed, and if falling into the hands of a stamp collector is prized highly. The greater part of the *Stamp* is taken up by an announcement and price list of Williams & Co. of Lima, Peru. This enterprising firm must surely be making barrels of money out of the stamp business to judge from the elaborate advertising they do, not only in all the papers in this country but abroad just as well, and in seeing this the thought will come: Is this another South Sea Bubble that will some day burst and leave nothing behind to tell of its existence. However, at least the various philatelic publishers must feel safe or else they would not insert these large ads so freely. The notes on Prussian stamps by the same parties are interesting reading.

In the *Philatelic Advocate*, Observer tells "How Some Collectors Collect," speaking of those who try to get along without any stamp literature, thinking the small amount spent for two or three good papers a waste of money, and points out how often such collectors lose a great deal more by not being posted on current events in stampdom, besides losing the pleasure derived from reading about things pertaining to our hobby. Pithy Philatelic Points contain "Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers Carefully Condensed" and are well selected.

The Perforator and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, both for one year for 30 cents. Newsy and instructive.

Stamps is the British Journal which speaks out in no uncertain tones about philatelic frauds, not being afraid to call a spade a spade, and when we read the first article in its September number we wondered what will be *Stamps'* comment when finding out that the person mentioned there has been elected an officer of one of the prominent philatelic societies of the U. S. The thought that came into our mind was the old proverb about setting a certain kind of man to catch one of his kind, but politics in societies are rather queer things. The above is however not the only party placed upon the black-list, but "there are others" unfortunately for the unwary, and *Stamps* deserves great credit in showing them up. The "Helping Hints for the Rising Generation of Philatelists" contains good advice, and if followed, will save the novice from loss and annoyance. In the Revenue Department the catalogue of the revenue stamps of Ceylon is continued.

Both Numbers 5 and 6 of the *Montreal Philatelist* are keeping up to the standard Mr. Bach has set himself for his paper. The latter number contains three cuts of revenue stamps from the South African Republic, Mauritius, and of the Indian State Berar. A good deal of space is devoted in the *M. P.* to Revenues and they certainly deserve much larger recognition than they ordinarily receive. Too many collectors exclude revenues and while of course there is no accounting for taste, still it seems to us that they lose a great deal of pleasure in not, at least, collecting the revenue stamps of their own country. The German page of this number has diminished to two paragraphs, one of which promises German readers eight or ten pages in the Christmas Number.

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No. 6.

J. H. KNOTTS.

“ONCE a collector—always a collector” is a true maxim, especially when applied to the “old timers,” and particularly adapted to the subject of our sketch this month. Divers reasons may cause a lagging of interest for a time—but only for a time—for “once a collector—always a collector.”

Such an “old timer” it is our pleasure to present in the person of Mr. J. H. Knotts, member No. 33 of the Virginia Philatelic Association.

J. H. Knotts was born in Richmond, Va., August 3, 1865. Attending the public schools of this city, he completed his education in Maryland.

His philatelic career began in 1874, and his first stamp was the small $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Great Britain, which little souvenir, though of no value, is still cherished in his collection.

Slow, indeed, was his progress, until in 1874, an English lady friend, returning to England, sent him a nice collection of several hundred stamps, lending a strong impetus to his ardor, and forming the nucleus of his present fine collection of some 4,500 varieties.

This present consisted chiefly of old British Colonials, which, to-day, would represent a snug little sum if converted into cash.

Mr. Knotts is a general collector, though, like all of us, he has a preference for special countries. In his case these are the United States, Confederate States and South America, excepting “Seebeck countries.”

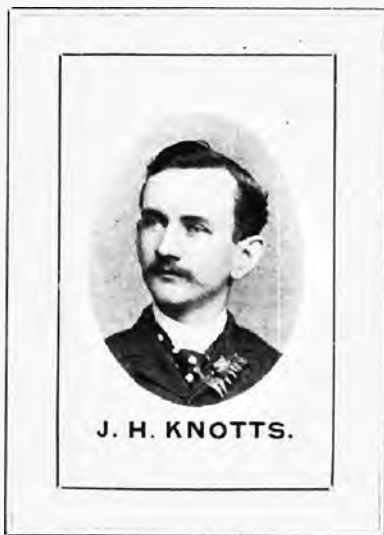
Among his better foreign stamps are a number of genuine Bergedorf's, *used*. These he secured from our friend Mr. John Paalzow, himself a native of Bergedorf. His Confederate general issues are complete, including nearly every known shade and variety, on and off cover, used and unused. Among these a 10c and a 20c *perforated*, postmarked on original covers.

He is now aiming to complete his collection of the issues of Canada and Newfoundland and has some good stamps to exchange for such as his collection yet requires.

Mr. Knotts is engaged in the jobbing grocery line, and doing a flourishing business at 1111 E. Cary Street.

He is Past Archon in the Heptasophus; officer in the Jr. O. U. A. M.; member of I. O. O. F., and of Good Templars. He served four years in the volunteer cavalry of Virginia as member of the Stuart Horse Guards, Troop “A,” and, the writer remembers, though the chevrons were tendered him, he preferred to serve on as “high private in the rear ranks.”

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A Candid Statement.

WE ARE not given to the practice of devoting the greater portion of space in our publication to the lauding of its virtues as an advertising medium, and hence a few candid statements along this line will not be amiss.

In preparing THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST we have striven, primarily, to publish a *stamp magazine*—one replete with matter the best within our province to secure. We feel sure of our efforts' carrying their own interpretation—ultimately finding their merited reward. We were equally confident of securing the patronage of the dealer as soon as he would see his interest in our columns.

Our earnest endeavors have been significantly successful. Without resorting to the "blowing of our own horn" to any great extent, others have kindly done this for us, and quite a liberal share of patronage has fallen to our lot.

And yet, we are inclined to the belief that the sphere of our publication presents a great mart for the reputable dealer who, as yet, has not been represented in our columns—that *the South, especially*, promises a rich harvest to him who would till her philatelic soil.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is the representative stamp publication of this section. We assert this advisedly.

Aside from the fact that our magazine is the official organ of the two leading associations of the South, our subscription list extends far beyond the confines of the membership of these organizations—beyond the section we represent—throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

Among our advertisers may be found some of the leading dealers of this country, and their continued patronage argues most forcibly for the merits of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

While we invite you to our columns—to a share of the stamp business of the South—we are, at all times, prepared to submit our methods to your closest scrutiny and the virtues of our publication as an advertising medium to your most thorough investigation.

Correspondence and equires are solicited. Let us hear from you.

Well Said, Mr. Severn.

AMONG the many well-thought and briefly-put points on advertising that Mr. C. E. Severn is giving the readers of *McKeel's Weekly*, we find the following:

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THE *Boston Stamp Book*, one of the best philatelic monthlies in this country has suspended publication. *The Eastern Philatelist* will fill its unexpired sublist, besides retaining many members of its able staff, as well as inaugurate several minor changes for the better.

We are grieved to learn of this event—the world of philately was brighter for the time of its existence and its publisher may look back upon a mission well accomplished.

We are confident the combined talent of both publications can produce in the new union one magazine *par excellence*.

THERE are many, many bargains among the ads of this issue—you cannot afford to overlook a single one. Read every ad—even the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and inch ads contain something for someone. It's interesting reading—try it.

BEGINNING with our March issue we shall present some views of Richmond, Virginia, the Convention Seat of the Southern Philatelic Association this fall, supplemented by brief descriptions.

We want a large attendance at this great Southern convention and guarantee a warm Southern welcome and hospitality to every S. P. A. member.

Will you not join us and come?

Last of the Omahas.

THE printing of the "Omaha" series of U. S. commemorative stamps has been discontinued. 148 plates are said to have been in use for the series, of which only one plate each was used for the 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 values. Some of the plates lately prepared were never used.

THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR of *The New York Philatelist* suggests more flights on Pegasus by philatelic writers.

Oh, let's *please* don't! The times are too prosaic and poetry has become so common since it rhymes (generally that's its only merit), that we have endured mental agonies and gripings of conscience oft and again because, recently, we heartlessly burdened the old, decrepit steed with a McClellan and curb bit and forced him to bear us to those ethereal heights where Walt Whitman was wont to hie himself, to breathe purer air and—as Ingersoll said—take much of the *mud* of this earth up with him.

In lieu thereof let's write *prose*—about stamps—for *stamp* publications.

SPEAKING of philatelic poetry—recently an effusion consisting of sixteen spasms (more or less) was sent us with the price set at \$1.50. (Cheap at half price.)

For the elevation of our readers we give one spasm from memory, taking the liberty of interspersing a few remarks, with apologies to the author:

"I love my stamps"

(All right, son, marry 'em.)

"Not for their beauty"

(What are they—Seebecks and Canadians?)

"But 'cause they've did"

(Did they?—Well, we declare!)

"Some special duty."

(So has a "matrimonial locomotive" we possess.)

In deference to the feelings of our readers we'll desist. But every time we get a thing like that we bite ourselves in three places.

An Error.

UNFORTUNATELY a slight error occurred in the second instalment of "The Postage Stamps of Japan" in our January number.

The last cut on page 101, "A6" (with syllabic character, *should be* "A2" *the same as on page 100.*

THE EDITOR of *The Philatelic Advocate* tells us he has forty (?) pages more of reading matter which he was unable to get into his big Xmas number.

It would be too bad to discard so much good matter (already in type too), and we expect to find the "forty pages" in the January issue.

WITH its December number *Stamps* of Rushden, R. S. O., England completes Vol. II.

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GEO. J. CARTER has not only gained prominence by his liberal advertising, but chiefly by the fine bargains he offers. Have you ever tried him? Do so now.

THE special attention of authorities on Confederate locals is called to the illustrations and description of the Franklin local envelope, appearing in this number, and their opinions on the subject are invited.

A 3c. Surcharged for Cuba.

LATER advises from Washington announce the surcharging of our current 3c for use in Cuba in addition to the values published last month.

PHILATELY in Kentucky is said to be very active of late, and a State organization has been formed.

Good for "Ole Kaintuck"!—Now come in and join the Southern Philatelic Association, brethren. Retain your individuality as a State organization, but become a *branch* of the representative Association of the South.—Follow "Ole Virginny."

MR. R. G. WIDDICOMBE, our regular Canadian correspondent, contributes an interesting and timely paper on The Future of the Canadian "Maple Leaf" Issue.

HUSSMAN'S ad's are strewn about promiscuously in this number, and each one is a jewel—a bargain.

The New 2c Red Envelope.

WE HAVE been shown a copy of the new U. S. 2c red envelope.

The design of the die is similar to the (now obsolete) 2c green. The most marked differences being a slight protraction of the oval in width; a greater separation of the lines forming the "band"—thus decreasing the space which bears a reduced profile of Washington. Watermarked U S P O D '99—the P O D crossing the U S.

Altogether the effect is pleasing, the work is good, and we predict the 2c red will find favor with the public.

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Jan. 13.—The Plimpton-Morgan envelope combination, which has the contract for making the government stamped envelopes for the next four years, has sold out to a new concern—the Hartford Manufacturing Company. The old company must remain in existence until the contract with the government has been carried out, but the plant has been sold to the new company, and is to be occupied by the old company as a tenant.

The new company is capitalized at \$300,000 and does a business of more than \$500,000 a year.

The new company is in the hands of men who are prominently associated with the United States Envelope Company.—*Commercial Advertiser*.

THE post office department is now surcharging postal cards for Cuba, both 1c and 2c ones. They received the cards in sheets uncut and they are being surcharged here in this city by the National Capital Publishing Company.—*Era*.

The Perforator (combined with the *Penny*) and this magazine, one year, for only 30c. A good combination, indeed.

UNCLE Sam printed a few postage stamps during 1898. The total number of all denominations amounted to 3,500,000,000; of this number 2,500,000,000 were of the 2c denomination.—*Era*.

A LETTER to our soldiers in Cuba requires only 2c. postage, while other letters require 5c. per half ounce.

Tasmania Pin Perforated.

MISS AMY L. SWIFT, an authority on Tasmania stamps, referring to an article which appeared in our January number, writes:

"I notice in the January VIRGINIA PHILATELIST that a N. J. collector reports having found a pair of 1d Tasmania 1871, *pin perforated*. Tasmania is my delight, and has long been accorded my best attention, so perhaps it will be of interest to state that the pin perforated have been noticed some time, although I do not believe they have yet been chronicled. I have one in my collection, and mentioned it in an *Eastern Philatelist* article but inadvertently gave it the colonial designation of 'punched' or 'rough' perforation instead of 'pin.'"

WE WOULD call the attention of all collectors interested in Confederate stamps, to Mr. Deitrick's ad in this number. Mr. D. has a large stock of these stamps, and our friends will find his prices very low.

LIST of stamps furnished for Cuba is as follows:

1st shipment, 1c, 1,000,000; 2½c, 2,000,000; 5c, 4,000,000; 10c, 400,000.

2d shipment, 2c, 1,000,000.

3d shipment, 2c, 3,000,000; 3c, 4,000,000.—*Era*.

IT IS not probable that the Cuban surcharge will be very scarce—and there need be no "rush to the bargain counter."

THE 10c. Cuban surcharge, we suppose would be the best to invest a few dollars in, as a less number of this value were printed than of the others.

MR. G. J. CARTER, is with us again with his page of bargains. Read them—and write to him.

The New Stamp for Crete.

CLIPPING from the *London Illustrated News* of Jan. 7, 1899, we present below the new stamp prepared at Athens for use on the island of Crete.



The value is ten parades, or quarter piastre. The new stamp was introduced on Prince George's (of Greece) arrival on the island.

Though the inscription is Greek, and reads "Turkish Post" the new principality is semi-independent—under the nominal suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey.

The placing of the Greek prince as governor over Crete by the Powers, is said to have been done upon the instigation of the Czar, whom "Sailor George" once saved from the blade of the assassin by felling him *a la* "John L.," and getting a dose of the steel in his own anatomy, and now Nicholas carves for him a new State, and, in turn, for us—a new stamp.

The "Penny Postage" in a New Color.

NOT unlike the waters of the Atlantic, the colors of the "water" on the new Canadian "Penny Postage" stamps present varied hues. When the skies are clear, the ocean appears a crystal-clear blue-green—thus was Canada's new stamp in its recent infancy. When a storm gathers the hue changes rapidly to a very dark slate, and then, it would seem, to black.—The Penny Postage has nearly reached the slate color stage—now look out for the typhoon!

The Surcharge for Cuba.

CUBA MR. WM. S. AHERN was the first Richmond collector to secure a specimen of the new surcharged U. S. stamps for Cuba.

5 c. de PESO. We illustrate a reduced *fac-simile* of the surcharge. The type used is either Long Primer, or 10-point "Clarendon" while our illustration appears in Brevier or 8-point "Clarendon" from which the reader can gain a correct idea of the style of type employed.

Canada's Reduced Letter Rates.

WE are indebted to Mr. Chas. Applegath, Hamilton, Ont., for the prompt notice of Canada's reduced inland postage rate, which appeared in our New Year's number. Later advices state that the rate of postage to the United States has likewise been reduced to two cents.

WE WOULD call attention to the many fine bargains offered by a new patron of our columns Mr. J. C. Brassington, Hart. Mich. A careful perusal of his ads. will not fail to prove profitable to every collector.

Those Cuban Surcharges.

AS STATED last week there are no 4c de peso stamps, as chronicled in *Mekel's Weekly*. The three cents stamps recently sent to the island are surcharged 3c de peso and not 2½c de peso. It appears to be the intention of the Director of Posts to sell out the entire supply of 2½c stamps at the rate of 2c each, before placing any of the 2c or 3c stamps on sale.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

READ Mr. John Paalzow's liberal offer to postal card collectors. A veritable "snap" is offered.

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

III.

- 1 sen : 1 SEN heavy or light lettering ; the left branch sometimes touches the upper rosette ; the distance of the branches from the inner corner ornaments varies. There were nine plates of this value—360 varieties.
- 2 sen : The lettering of the upper tablet varies, also the size of the little scrolls at right and left. There were three plates of this value—120 varieties.
- 10 sen : The hair of the dragons' tails shows marked variations ; the upper S is often smaller than the EN. Only one plate.
- 20 sen : The figure 2 is sometimes straight, sometimes mis-shapen ; the center lettering shows varieties. Only one plate.
- 30 sen : The ends of the tablets at left and right are sometimes round, sometimes sharp cornered. Only one plate.
- 2 sen : The branches show much variety. Three plates of this value—120 varieties.
- 4 sen : The English lettering varies in thickness ; the S is often inverted S ; the left branch sometimes touches the rosette ; the stems (consisting of two lines) sometimes end squarely, sometimes on the bias. There were seven plates of this value—280 varieties.

The remarks made above as to the lack of system in perforation apply here also. The ruling gauge for this issue is 11½, the others given above occurring less frequently.

The 1 and 2 sen were issued in August, 1872; the ½, 10, 20, and 30 sen in Octo-

ber of the same year; the 2 sen yellow and the 4 sen in April, 1873.

Following the example of Great Britain the Japanese Government introduced special marks for the designation of each plate employed in printing stamps by Decree No. 96 of the Department of Communications dated 1874. The first stamps with the new marks were issued in January, 1874, the last in February, 1875 ; the decree was definitely revoked in 1876. The control-marks are taken from the Japanese syllabic alphabet. It contains 48 characters, but on the adhesives only 23 are employed. I give their pronunciation, referring to them by the numbers given them in Scott's catalogue, that being easily accessible.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
I. Ro. Ha. Ni. Ho. He. To. Chi. Ri. Na. Ru. O.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
Wa. Ka. Yo. To. Re. Jo. Tso. Ne. Na. Ra. Mu.

As they are engraved so microscopically, some of them are sometimes hard to distinguish. Nos. 8 and 21 and Nos. 10 and 16 are easily mistaken for each other, also Nos. 13 and 19.

ISSUE 1874.



A7

Upright rectangle (22x25 mm.); oval ribbon, interlaced below and a large buckle towards the right ; on the ribbon above and below value in English ; in the center rosette and at its sides Japanese inscription : "Ju-ben-Kit-te" (postage stamp) ; in the ribbon at the sides value in Japanese ; an outer rectangular frame of a thick and a thin line, spandrels filled with ornaments ; plate number (syllabic character) to the left of the buckle and below it ; wood engraving, colored impression, white paper, perforated 11, 11½, 12, 12½, perhaps others.

28. 6 sen violet brown.

This was issued in January, 1874. It was issued at first on the thin laid paper

of the previous issue ; plate numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 are found on this thin paper.



A6

Same design as before, but plate numbers added ; on the 2 sen in a small rectangle at the intersection of the branches ; on the 20 sen below and to the left of the left-hand leaf at the bottom of the circle ; on the 30 sen in an oval at the intersection of the branches ; same impression, etc., as before.

- 29. 2 sen yellow.
- 29a. orange yellow.
- 30. 20 sen lilac.
- 30a. red violet.
- 31. 30 sen gray.

These were issued in February, 1874, on the same thin laid paper as the 6 sen (No. 17). As the new wove paper came into use about the end of the same month, these stamps had a very limited life and are accordingly scarce. Of the 2 sen there are found on this paper plate numbers 1 and 16 (how this high number came to be printed on this early paper, I am at a loss to explain) ; of the 20 sen plate numbers 1, 2, 3 ; of the 30 sen plate number 1.

The 6 sen is also chronicled on thin wove paper ; (see what is said above in regard to the invisibility of laid lines.) This stamp was also printed 40 to the sheet, as were the 2, 20 and 30 sen. Type varieties are especially prominent as follows :

- 6 sen : Ornaments in the spandrels vary ; there are differences in the position of the two lower strokes of the Japanese figure of value ; the E of SEN is thick or thin.
- 2 sen : The stars in the corners have six or seven rays ; the tablets at the left and right and the two strokes of the Japanese figure of value vary in length.

20 sen : Observe the lower part of the S in SEN.

30 sen : The ends of the tablets at left and right are sometimes round, sometimes sharp-cornered ; notice also the upper S.

Of course there are 40 varieties for each plate used, so that a stamp used in 23 plates would exhibit 920 varieties.

Same design as before, but SCOTT'S plate-numbers added ; on the TYPE $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 4 sen in a rectangle at A6 the intersection of the branches, on the 10 sen without frame under the tails of the dragon, on the 2, 20 and 30 sen as before ; same impression, etc., as before.

- 32. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown.
- 32a. pale brown.
- 33. 1 sen blue.
- 33a. pale blue.
- 34. 2 sen yellow.
- 35. 4 sen rose.
- 35a. claret.
- 36. 10 sen green.
- 36a. bluish green.
- 36b. yellowish green.
- 37. 20 sen lilac.
- 37a. mauve.
- 38. 30 sen gray.
- 39. 9 sen violet-brown.

The distinguishing feature of this set is the introduction of a thick wove paper, greatly differing from any former paper. On this paper the following plate-numbers are found : Of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sen plates 1 and 2 ; of the 1 sen plates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 ; of the 2 sen plates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 ; of the 4 sen plate 1 ; of the 10 sen plates 1, 2, 3 ; of the 20 sen plates 4 and 5 (I find plates 1, 2, 3 chronicled as on this paper, but have not seen them) ; of the 30 sen plate 1 ; of the 6 sen plates 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (plate 12 was not employed ; plates 20 and 21 have also been chronicled, but probably in error.)

(To be Continued.)

A Rare Local Discovered.

BY THE EDITOR.

RIGHT into the midst of an animated discussion on the claims of certain Confederate local envelopes, now indulged in by prominent philatelic writers both North and South, comes a new aspirant for recognition.

It is the Franklin, North Carolina, local envelope, a crude illustration of which is here presented :



This stamp was sent to Richmond by a well-known collector of North Carolina, and purchased by a gentleman of this city.

A thorough search into its history has been instituted, the result of which will subsequently appear in these columns. In the meantime a minute description of this envelope will interest our readers—particularly those whose means permit them to indulge in this speciality.

It is singularly strange that the *very* evidence sought for most Confederate local envelopes, and upon which seems to depend their fate, *should be indubitably impressed upon the face of this Franklin local envelope*, confirmed, as it were, by the canceling postmark of the North Carolina post-office.

There is absolutely no room for doubt regarding the *method of use* of this envelope. The stamp is *type-set* and printed on a printing press—the impression showing that clearness and evenness of making which distinguishes a press-print from a hand-stamp print.

Crude though the typography may appear to the printer of today, at the time of its issue it was quite an effort—evidently the work of a compositor with an artistic bend; and, considering the limited stock of type styles and brass rules at the printer's command, nearly forty years ago, I may justly assert that the Franklin stamp is one of the most artistic type-set provisionals extant.

The envelope upon which the impression is made is of buff wove paper.

The stamp design consists of a square frame size 1 in. x 1 in. and set up with printers' brass rule similar to this (.....). Within this frame are two circles, likewise formed of rule of the "wavy" pattern, similar to this (.....). Within this double circle appear the words, L. F. SILER, P. M. at the top, and FRANKLIN, N. C. below. The center contains the words PAID and 5, divided by a dash. The whole is printed in poor quality blue ink in the right-hand upper corner.

The cancelation, which we also illustrate is the usual hand-stamp, in black, bearing the words FRANKLIN N. C. and "Jan 21", the latter written with pen and ink.



The entire envelope is in a comparatively good state of preservation, and as the party to whom it was addressed is still living, further facts regarding the method of its issue will probably be obtained in the near future.

In the matter of Confederate local envelopes, it seems to be generally con-

ceded by authorities that the requisite fact to establish the claim of a local envelope to recognition, consists in the proof that such envelope was held in stock by the postmaster, *ready printed*, and sold to the public on demand.

This Franklin envelope bears upon its face the most conclusive evidence of this fact—it being *printed* and *not hand-stamped*, and there is no reasonable argument that can be advanced against this evidence.

The Texan Philatelist, and THE VIRGINIA for only 25c for twelve months.

Philatelic Exhibition.

BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

AS WE go to press we receive a handsome prospectus from the above institution, setting forth the details of an exhibition of stamps by the Section on Philately (incorporated as one of its Departments since the recognition of Philately as a science by this school).

We regret exceedingly our inability to print, this month, a paper which accompanied this prospectus, entitled "Philately as a Science"—one of the ablest ever written on the subject.

A clipping from the prospectus will interest our readers:

"The Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences has decided to invite Philatelists to join with it in commemorating the recognition, by the Institute, of Philately as a Science, by giving an exhibition of Postage and Revenue Stamps, including adhesives and envelope stamps, post cards and reprints, and to that end offers for competition various medals and awards.

The exhibition will be formally opened March 18th, 1890, at 8 p. m., and will be open free to the public Sundays, from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m., and week-days from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. from Sunday, March 19th, to Friday, March 31st inclusive, at the Art Rooms of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 171 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York."

The Future of the Canadian "Maple Leaf" Issue.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

ALTHOUGH a great deal is heard about these stamps to-day, on account of their popularity, as yet I have seen no article with the above heading, and I take the liberty of initiating it. While I might also say something regarding the "numeral" issue, which is just now coming into use, I will not, but confine my article to my subject as closely as possible.

As everyone knows, these stamps were in use but a short time, and it is perfectly reasonable to believe that in a very short time every denomination issued will be good stock, especially the higher values. Even now, though they can scarcely be yet called obsolete, for there is no value that cannot be secured at some post-office, the demand for them is very great—in fact it might be said to be even greater than the supply. No Canadian issue has ever been so much sought after as these; indeed more dealers are inquiring for these than were for Jubilees. Nor is the demand confined to dealers only, for persons who are in the truest sense of the word only collectors, make every effort to secure as great a number as is possible.

Every dealers in Canada, and from present indications, large numbers in the United States, Great Britain, and other foreign countries, believe in the future of this short-lived issue. The demand is not confined to any one value as it is with some stamps, but on the contrary, all values are desired. Of course, it is natural for all to be desirous of getting the scarce values, under which head we might put the 6c and 10c stamps. These two seem to be very seldom used, and consequently very difficult to secure. Next come those values which are somewhat oftener used, which we might call

good, viz.: the 1, 2, 5 and 8 cent stamps. This allows but the 1 and 3 cent stamps to be called common, though at the prices they are bringing at present, they can hardly be called really common.

To give a somewhat better idea of what these stamps are really worth, I annex below a list of the highest and lowest prices for what I have known these stamps to have sold, which is as follows:

Cent	per 100	\$	¢
1	"	20	75
1	"	12	25
2	"	20	40
3	"	04½	20
5	"	75	2 00
6	"	2 50	5 00
8	"	75	3 00
10	"	3 00	6 25

It will be noticed that there is quite a difference in the quotations of the different denominations, though at present, I believe the latter figures to be, in nearly every instance, about correct. They may seem high to some, but it shows just how these stamps are going, and I believe they are a good thing. In conclusion, I would advise every collector to get at least one set, for they are destined to become quite scarce.

1c AND 2c postal cards have been surcharged Cuba 1c and 2c de peso respectively, for use on the island, by a private firm of printers in this city.—*J. M. Bartels, in Metropolitan Philatelist.*

WE HAVE been shown several specimens of the current U. S. 2c stamps printed in a shade of red very near vermilion.

THOUSANDS of collectors will herald with joy the decision of the P. O. Department in regard to the Periodical stamps. It has been practically decided to sell the complete set at \$5.—*Metropolitan.*

Philippine Postal Matters.

THE FOLLOWING letter, received from Assistant Supt. R. M. S., Frank W. Vaille, at the Manila Military Postal Station, in response to enquiries, will probably interest our readers.

MANILA, P. I., 12, 17, '98.

Aug. Dietz, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your favor of October 31st, I will state.

1st.—There are two stations now established in the Philippines, No. 1 at Manila and No. 2 at Cavite, across the bay.

2nd.—As yet we have had only denominations up to 10c, but there is urgent need for the larger denominations up to \$1.00, on account of Asiatic and European business.

3rd.—Stamps are not surcharged. Regular issues used the same as at home.

4th.—Only U. S. postage is recognized as valid on matters originating here. By special agreement with the Spanish governor at Iloilo, I recognize Philippine stamps on matters received from provinces still under control of Spain or Spanish forces, and letters sent from Manila by me with U. S. postage, are delivered in these provinces, without additional postage, being collected.

Very truly,

FRANK W. VAILLE,
Asst. Supt. R. M. S.

The Lone Star State Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST—the two representative Southern stamp publications for 30c per year.

YOU 'LL find Hussman's ads distributed among the other good ones in this number. Seek them—each one will be a new surprise.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

I AM happy to inform the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST that business has improved to such an extent that dealers are in a state of joyfulness. One dealer tells me he has done more business the first two weeks of 1899, than within any corresponding time the last two years. While present in his office I witnessed sales aggregating over twenty dollars net. The sale of albums is unprecedented, and the call for the cheapest album does not by any means predominate. Many collectors have been taught a lesson, that it is best to purchase a good strongly bound and durable album with numerous surplus (blank) pages in the back, than to buy the unbound book (board covers).

The demand for the United States Revenues (Civil War issues) still continues brisk, the odd values of the second and third issues having the most call for; there is also a perceptible demand for early Brazil stamps. "There'll come a time some day," when you will regret the chances now offered to procure early issues of South American stamps at extremely low prices, and which are given now only a passing glance.

Omaha stamps in canceled condition are rapidly advancing in price. The eight-cent denomination is now quoted at from three to three dollars and fifty cents a hundred, fours, fives and tens fetch about the same figures, from a dollar to a dollar and a half a hundred. The price paid for the twos is slightly lower, but the price on the ones has advanced as high as twenty cents a hundred. The European demand is tremendous, and

dealers find it impossible to fill standing orders. Dealers are short on sets from one cent to ten cents, and it is not unlikely that the price on these will be raised considerably in the course of a few weeks.

The demand for Stanley Gibbons' 1899 Catalogue is steadily increasing, the demand being occasioned by the absence of Scott's 59th edition during the proper season. The prices are said to be lowered to a certain extent, in some cases very low; we can now judge what course dealers and collectors will pursue in allowing and requesting discounts from these prices. Stamps that no discount can be allowed on, will instantly represent what are considered to be worth catalogue quotations. Then the Scott Co., when preparing for the make-up of the 59th edition, can have some basis to work on, taking these prices as a criterion.

A dealer who has gained some prominence lately, and who prides himself on the superb condition and the large variety of his stock of stamps is Mr. G. J. Carter, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His recent purchase of \$10,000, worth of United States Revenue stamps is the talk of the town. Mr. Carter is commended upon his foresight in purchasing a class of stamps, which have been a drug on the market for some time; whereas just at the present moment a noticeable demand for these stamps has appeared; the new revenues of Uncle Sam's can easily account for this renewed activity in this direction.

Boston Scraps.

BY BEAN-EATER.

THE disposition of the Periodical remainders, by the postal officials has been a prominent subject for conversation by dealers and collectors during the past

month at the Hub. As near as can be ascertained by personal inquiry, the larger dealers are bitterly opposed to the movement. Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., thinks it a stupendous mistake, and asserts that the department had better use the whole "bunch" for fuel.

Mr. F. P. Brown, also says "burn them."

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs considers it a weakening of our government to place them upon the market for disposal for less than face, unless each stamp be surcharged "Specimen." He also thinks that the government prospect of a sale of 100,000 sets in one year, at \$5.00 per set, is very slight, and trusts that our government will not descend to the poverty stricken level of selling a \$187.93 set of stamps for \$5.00, a discount of about 97 per cent.

Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co., seem to think that "Uncle Sam is nobody's fool," and that all the stamps will be marked "Specimen", if a decision to dispose of them is reached, otherwise we may expect to see a flood of the \$5 denomination, surcharged and used as revenues in fraud of the government. This, I think, is a point that has thus far been overlooked, and should have much bearing upon the final decision.

It is with sincere regret, that I have to announce the suspension of the *Boston Stamp Book*. It is stated upon good authority that the publication has been run, during the past year, at a decided loss to its publisher, and was at last compelled to yield to the inevitable. *The Eastern Philatelist* has been chosen to fill out the list of unexpired subscriptions. This fact may lessen the grief to some extent.

The Canadian "map" stamp has appeared in no less than three shadings of the water portion. The first printing (plate I) was a lavender, the second light

blue and the last light "robin's egg blue" The first print brings 10 cents per copy at present.

Boston has recently received a large supply of the 2c Newfoundland in carmine. There has evidently been a great demand in Newfoundland, among speculators, for the 2c orange, and they have all been sold. They are selling here at \$3.00 per sheet of 100.

The new U. S. 15 cent stamp has been on sale at some of the small offices for a number of weeks past. The main office received them but recently. Plate No. 264, 15c olive.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

It is reported that one of our *Canadian Philatelic Weekly's*—the Toronto variety—has joined the silent majority.

The Canadian stamps with numeral in the corners have all appeared, with the exception of the 5 cent.

Suddenly, though I cannot say altogether unexpectedly, came the news from the Post Office Department on the last day of December, that on and after January 1st, 1899, the letter rate to Canada and the United States, which had all along been 3 cents, would be reduced to 2 cents. This change is hailed with delight by business men and others who have a large correspondence, and is one that has been rather looked for for some time past.

The new 2 cent Canadian envelope has made its appearance, and will no doubt be used quite extensively now, on account of the reduction in postal rates. It is the same in design as the new 3 cent envelope which was recently placed on sale, is purple in color, and printed on a good quality of paper.

A problem that is now confronting many people, and one which seems

rather difficult to solve is "how to dispose of the large quantity of 3 cent stamps on hand." As I understand it, the Government will not exchange them for lower values, and no one would care to put a 3 cent stamp on their letters when the rate is only 2 cents. How the question will be settled remains to be seen.

There has been a large increase of mail matter since the new rate went into effect.

Upwards of 2000 letters bearing the new Imperial Penny Postage stamp were despatched from the Toronto post office on Monday Dec. 26th, 1898. Large numbers of letters were also sent from other cities and towns to the various British Colonies who are within the scope of the new rate.

The Philatelic Advocate for January has 60 pages and cover, which is the largest paper I have seen from Canada for some time—if ever.

It is announced that Mr. W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, will shortly publish a monthly to take the place of the defunct *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. It seems to me it's about time this gentleman was trying his hand at something else besides philatelic publishing.

A Toronto collector says that he believes there are over 5000 persons directly or indirectly interested in collecting stamps in that city. That is about 1-40 of the population. I haven't the least doubt that the same could be said of many other cities and towns in Canada.

The first few hundred of the new 2c envelopes were printed in purple, but, in deference to the general agreement among the nations belonging to the Postal Union, the issue is now being struck off in red. The envelope is entirely the work of the Printing Bureau. The purple envelope will now be a scarce article.

English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

I HAVE received a copy of the prospectus of the forthcoming Manchester Philatelic Exhibition. The Exhibition will be held in the City Art Gallery, and will be open to the public for a week. The following scheme of competition has been adopted by the committee:—

- Class I.—Special collections of Postal Adhesives of Great Britain.
- Class II.—Special collections of Postal Adhesives of various countries or combinations of countries.
- Class III.—Collections (small) of rare stamps.
- Class IV.—General Collections of Postal Adhesives, with or without envelopes, post-cards, etc., in albums or volumes.
- Class V.—Collections of entire envelopes and Wrappers.
- Class VI.—Collections of entire postcards and letter cards.
- Class VII.—Exhibits by stamp engravers and manufacturers of postage and telegraph stamps.
- Class VIII.—Philatelic literature and works.
- Class IX.—Albums, etc.
- Class X.—Accessories and philatelic appliances for the use of collectors.
- Class XI.—Special arrangements of stamps, stamps on original letter sheets and envelopes, proofs, essays, and objects of interest in connection with philately and the postal service (including engravings).

Numerous medals are offered for the best exhibit in each of the above classes, but it is impossible to give all the details here; readers had best write for prospectuses, which can be obtained of the Hon. Sec. Mr. G. Fred. H. Gibson, Philatelic Exhibition Committee Rooms, 2, Cooper St., Manchester, England.

At a recent sale by Messrs. Venton Bull & Cooper, the following prices were realized (prices converted into dollars at 4sh to the dollar):—Gibraltar, first issue unused, \$22.00.; collection of Portugal \$200.00.; Spain, Madrid, 3 cuartos, unused \$70.00.; Ceylon, 1sh 9p green, im perforate, \$17.50.; ditto, perf. \$18.12.

India Service, 2 annas, unused, \$12.75.; ditto 4 annas, unused, \$21.87.; ditto 8 annas, unused, \$65.00.; Guine, first issue 25r rose \$26.25.; Canada 10p blue, unused, \$32.50.; United States, 1851, 5c brown, unused \$30.00.; ditto 1853, 90c blue, an unused pair, \$32.50.; ditto 1868, 90c unused, with grille, \$21.25.; Bahamas 4p no watermark, rose, unused, \$14.37.; Cuba, an unused collection, \$23.75.; Dominican Republic, 1rl, black on green \$14.00.; Nevis, 1sh blue-green, unused, \$14.37.; St. Lucia, black and orange, 1sh unused, \$18.75.; St. Vincent, rose, 1sh, unused, \$14.37.; Trinidad, litho, 1p blue, on card, \$25.00.; Queensland, 2p blue, imperforate, \$14.37.

The collection of the late Grand Duke Alexis Michaelovitch of Russia was sold on December 14, the highest prices realized being Moscow envelopes 1845-6, five kopecs, red, used and entire, £21; another £22.

The official notice of Imperial Penny Postage was issued on December 20, and the Treasury warrant for same appeared in the *London Gazette* of December 23.

The freedom of Canterbury is to be conferred on Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, author of the scheme, and M. P. for that city.

One hundred and twenty seven silver pennies are to be struck by the Royal Mint and presented to the 127 M.P.'s who voted for the motion which provided for Imperial Penny Postage.

Cape Colony is unable to join at present, owing to absence of agreement with the home government regarding the ocean mail contract.

Christmas was a record at the Post Office. Over 1½ million parcels passed through the Chief Sorting-Office in London during the week, 1650 extra vehicles had to be hired by the authorities to convey them to the various sub-offices, etc. Amongst the extra vehicles hired at Birmingham was an undertaker's van.

but this was withdrawn after being used a little while.

At Liverpool £16,000 was paid for postage during the week, being double the ordinary amount.

New York is said to have sent over a record mail, including 20,000 registered packets.

The French *Official Gazette* of December 23 publishes a decree reducing the postage on parcels sent from France, Corsica, and Algeria to Canada, Newfoundland, Bahamas, Br. W. Indies, (not including Jamaica), the Falkland Islands and various British Colonies. The *Gazette* of December 29 publishes a series of decrees promulgating the Universal Postal Convention of Washington and various other conventions signed at Washington.

On and after January 1st the transmission of letters and valuables, declared at the post-office, is authorized between France and her colonies on the one side and Gr. Britain on the other. The worth of such valuables must not exceed 3000 francs.

A philatelic exhibition was held at Birmingham on December 7, 8 and 9th.

The ½p newswrappers are now issued without the instruction.

Mr. Pearson Hill, only son of the late Sir Rowland Hill, died in London on December 13th, at the age of 66. He invented an improvement in the apparatus for exchanging mail bags at stations at which mail trains do not stop, and also a machine for postmarking letters. At the end of 1858 or beginning of 1859 he was sent to Mauritius to re-organize the postal service of that colony.

Derlam's Philatelic Directory (the best ever published in America) and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for only 65 cents. This Directory sold for \$1.00 a few months ago.

Australian Letter.

IT WAS only quite recently that the 6d red of New South Wales was changed to a delicate green tint. This was done to avoid confusion with the 1d red. Now, it has been decided to again change the color of the 6d to *orange*, and the fresh stamps will be issued about the middle of January. As I think you know that the 4d is to be changed to green, and the 24d to blue, I need not dilate upon them. I fancy all the green 6d stamps will become of value, for they have not been in use for any length of time, although upon enquiry at the General Post Office I was told a good many had been issued.

Regarding the new stamps from your side, those of us who have seen the fiscal with the ill-fated "Maine" upon it are much touched by the beauty of the design and execution, and by the memories it induces. For you know we are here altogether on your side, "brothers all"—especially brothers with you in your fighting for right, freedom and justice! The large Omaha issue is not much admired. I like them, but some people have not hesitated to call them "jam-pot labels." What impudence!

The new Canadian issue is, on the other hand very much appreciated. For my own part I think it is the best representation of the Queen I have ever seen on a stamp of recent issue. It does not come up to the old Queensland engraved stamps as a work of art, but it is not far short of it. We shall never again, I fear, have as good stamps as the old ones.

I observe in "Lennox's" letter from New York in your November number a reference to the New South Wales large square rose one shilling stamp (No. 70, of Scott). I have made enquiries from dealers in Sydney and find that Scott's price is rather under the retail price here. I mention this as your esteemed correspondent seemed to consider that

Scott's was a low price for such a beautiful example of the engraver's art and such an early stamp as No. 70. It is, however, just possible that Lennox's stamp is perf. 12 and not 12½, 13. The first named is worth 10 shillings, or say \$2.50.

Lennox also points out that No. 112 (Scott) N. S. W. 1 shillings brown-violet, Kangaroo is a good "speculation" (not speculative!) stamp. Possibly it is at three cents, but there is no doubt whatever about No. 118, to which he also refers, 5sh. violet at 50c. used. He could not buy that stamp in Sydney for the money now. It is out of issue and will, without doubt be catalogued at a dollar at least in the new edition of Scott's to be published about the middle of next year.

Let me conclude these poor notes with the best compliments of the season to your numerous, increasingly numerous, readers and to your VIRGINIA PHILATELIST staff.
J. G. GRIFFIN.

The Herald Exchange—the only German-American stamp paper in the U. S. and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST both for one year for 30 cents.

Quantities of Omaha Issue.

FROM an authoritative source we have received figures giving the exact numbers of the stamps delivered by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the Post Office Department:

1 cent,	70,301,200
2 cents,	150,453,300
4 "	4,018,200
5 "	7,020,780
8 "	2,523,000
10 "	4,024,300
50 "	530,180
1 dollar,	56,790
2 dollars,	50,080
Total,	230,536,700

—Post Office.

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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

BROTHER MEMBERS:—Another year has opened and I am pleased to say that the indications are strong that our Association will show a healthy growth before it closes. I have received several letters approving of the change in Official Organ and you will admit that THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is the "queen of the monthlies," and always out on time.

Unfortunately *la grippe* has been busy this month and laid violent hands on several of our officers, and it is more than likely that some of them will not be able to get their monthly reports in on time.

The Exchange Department is in full swing and as one of our members is disposing of a collection worth \$1000 through the Department, it is an excellent opportunity for members to obtain good specimens, such indeed as are seldom found on the books of a small society, at a reasonable cost. Stir up your philatelic friends and induce them to join us, and if you are not receiving circuits notify the Exchange Superintendent at once.

All philatelic authorities agree that the bottom of the market has been reached and the tendency everywhere is decidedly upward. There is a larger demand and better prices for all kinds of stamps.

Personally, I think that collectors will devote themselves to a few countries, each making his own selection and specializing therein and the result will be beneficial to the craft. A general collector, unless he has unlimited capital, views with dismay the prospect of ever accumulating a full collection of all the countries on the globe, and eventually decides that he would prefer having a fairly representative collection of a few countries than a number of blank pages in his album.

I greatly appreciate the honor done me by our worthy vice-president and hope to make the personal acquaintance of every one of our members who visit East Tennessee. H. FENTON, Pres.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 133 W. H. Bruce, Hartford, Conn.
- 134 Chas. N. Du Bose, 701 N. 5th-st., Waco, Texas.
- 135 J. P. Howard, care Christie Brown & Co., Toronto, Ontario, Can.

APPLICATIONS.

- Williams, O. H., 35 E. 17th-st., N. Y. City. Age 29, Stenographer. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, W. C. Lowry, R. B. Bradley.
- Ahern, W. S., 112 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va. Age 29, Ad. writer. Refs., August Dietz, Franklin Stearns.
- Redford, R. J., 1417 W. Leigh-st., Richmond, Va. Age 25, Clerk. Refs., August Dietz, Franklin Stearns.
- Knotts, J. H., 1903 W. Main-st., Richmond, Va. Age 34, Merchant. Refs., August Dietz, Franklin Stearns.
- Scott, Jr., W. C., 403 E. Grace-st., Richmond, Va. Age 37, Sec.-Treas. E. W. Co. Refs., August Dietz, Franklin Stearns.
- Kerns, F. L., Box 280, Richmond, Va. Age 42, Occupation, Journalist. Refs., F. Stearns, A. Dietz and W. C. Lowry.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

- John W. Edwards, Huguenot, Ga.
- H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$8.54
Received from members.....	2.20
Total	<u>\$10.74</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Dec. 15 to Sec. postage.....	\$1.27
Dec. 6 ptg ballots, proxies, envs., etc.	1.50
Dec. 7 VIRGINIA. PHIL. for Dec.....	1.11
Dec. to R. B. Bradley for copies of off. organ for July, Aug., Sept..	3.12
Total.....	\$7.00
Balance on hand.....	\$3.74

Dues for 1899 are now payable. Be sure that you send yours in to the Secretary at once. Dues are 25c.

Respectfully,

WALTER C. LOWRY, Sec-Treas.

Abilene, Texas, 1-13, 1899.

Report of Board of Trustees.

In reply to the report of the Librarian published in last issue, in which he claims that the Board of Trustees are mistaken in claiming that the S. P. A. library was in his possession seven weeks before it was reported to them, we must say that they were *not* mistaken, as will be seen by a postal which is published herewith.

Under date of October 31st he wrote to the above of the undersigned as follows:

"Received the S. P. A. Library from Miss Steele about Sept. 10th. It was an oversight on my part of notifying you sooner.

(Signed) C. P. CALYON.

Thus it will be seen that *it was* in his possession about 7 weeks before it was reported to us. Promptness is a great factor in our philatelic societies and we hope that some of our officers will be a little more prompt in the future. Attention is herewith again called to the prompt payment of dues. All those who have not paid their dues by March 15th will be dropped from membership list.

Yours for the S. P. A.

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 10, 1899.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

THERE was a goodly attendance at the 17th meeting of the V. P. A. The President being absent Corp'l Weckert took the chair and called the meeting to order at 8.30 o'clock. The routine business was spiritedly disposed of.

The application of Mr. J. A. Devine was received with Messrs. Stearns and Dietz as references, and Mr. Geo. A. Hartung was unanimously elected. Mr. Dietz gave many weighty reasons in support of his motion to the effect that the Virginia Philatelic Association advises its members to join the Southern Philatelic Association before the Richmond convention. The motion was unanimously carried and many present filled out applications.

The discussion of current stamp topics followed 'till the adjournment at 10.30.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.

The Evergreen State Philatelist and this magazine for 25c per year.

THE sale of the new Cuban stamps has been something phenomenal. nearly five thousand sets have been disposed of in the United States during the past ten days.—*Metropolitan.*



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Review closes on January 17th, 1899.

The following papers were received :

	Vol.	No.
Alleghany Philatelist Alleghany, Pa.	4.	1.
Eastern Philatelist, Boston, Mass.	22.	4.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13.	14.
Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash.	2.	1.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	9.	1.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7.	1.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13.	1-2.
Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York,	10.	16-17.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.	2.	4.
Philatelic West and Camera News, Super- rior, Nebraska,	8.	2.
Rocky Mountain Stamp, New Oxford, Pa.	4.	2.
Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tennessee,	1.	1.
Tri Monthly Collector, New Oxford, Pa.	1.	1.
Youth's Realm, Boston, Mass.	1.	12.
FROM CANADA.		
Philatelic Messenger, Holiestown, N. B.	3.	2.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	6.	1.
FROM ABROAD.		
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2.	12.
Phil. Journal of G't Br., Salisbury, Eng.	8.	96.
Philatelic Almanac, Bournemouth, Eng.		
Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal, Leipzig, Germany,	25.	21.
L'Announce Philatelique, Geneva, Switzerland	4.	45.
La Revue Postale, Geneva, Switzerland,	1.	12.
Revue Philatelique Francaise, Amiens, Fr.	9.	97.
Moniteur Philatelique, Gand, Belgium,	2.	11.
Il Francobollo, Milano, Italy,	6.	75.
La Cartolina Postale Illustrata, Milano, Italy		
Melita Phila. Chronicle and Adv. Malta,	1.	12.
Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica, Buenos Ayres, Argentine,	4.	10.
Australian Philatelist, Sydney, N. S. W.	3.	4.

The New Year's number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* is indeed a handsomely gotten up one, not only as far as the cover is concerned but also in regard to the contents. Mr. Severn's article on Stamped Paper opens a subject which to

the writer has long since seemed to call for more attention than has been given it and he has for some time laid aside at least such older specimens of it as came into his hands. Mr. Severn speaks of the two-cent stamped paper which was used most commonly for checks. It was also used largely for receipts. Firms using many of them having the stamp impressed on both note and letter sheets, and banks and bankers had them on sheets acknowledging remittances. A use to which this impression is put at present, and of which the writer has seen no mention so far, is upon the seat or berth check given by the Pullman Car conductors. The whole ticket bears the two-cent stamp impression and when torn into of course cancels the stamp very effectively. The same number contains the "Counterfeit Presentments" of the publisher, editors and correspondents and short biographical sketches of some of them. The advertisements are large and varied and go to show that different dealers value their wares quite different, one stamp advertised by four men varies in the advertised price from \$8.00 to \$13, while its catalogue value is given at \$17.50.

The *Weekly* in its January 12th number gives cuts and descriptions of the provisional Coamo, Puerto Rico, stamp issued under authority of the mayor and council of that town. There are four types of this production and as but few were issued and perhaps fewer used they may become quite a rarity if listed in the "Standard" Catalogue.

The *Philatelic West* has added to its name and also to its size, if the present number is to be a criterion for future issues. It has added "*and Camera News*" to its title and devotes a much larger space than formerly to the "camera fiends." While its stamp news does not contain anything startling, it is

all readable. In "Collecting Things" the author calls upon parents to foster in their children the inborn tendencies to "collect," be it even in earliest infancy only pebbles. This trait once developed will stay with the child for life and be of use to him in many ways.

Not being interested in photography, the writer cannot review the contents of that part of the magazine.

The Philatelic Bulletin comes in holiday dress as a Xmas number indeed, bearing date of issue December 25, 1898. We are glad to see that this paper has been granted second class matter rates at last. No doubt "everlastingly keeping at it" did it. "Standard Prices" is its leading article and in it the overpriced catalogue comes in for its share of attention. While we hope for it, we fear we will never see a catalogue which will quote strictly net prices. Editorials, Notes, Letters from various points make up the balance of this interesting number.

The Christmas number of *The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* completes the first year of its existence, and from its size and liberal advertising patronage we should think the paper has prospered. It begins in this number an article on "The Stamps of Malta" which seems to establish the fact that the first half-penny stamp was not put into use until 1861. The relative rarity of that issue on either white or blueish paper is also discussed, and we see that Senf's Catalogue quotes them as the author thinks they should be quoted, viz: the one on bluish four times the value of the one on white. Editorials, Correspondence and a good many advertisements fill the rest of this interesting number.

In *La Revue Postale* is a list of the 100 rarest stamps in existence and the author

of it tells that he consulted ten different catalogues to arrive at the conclusion. Non-collecting friends often ask the question, which is the rarest stamp in existence, and while perhaps nine collectors out of every ten would name the Post-Office Mauritius they would be puzzled to which stamps to award the palm of being the next rarest. In this list the 2d Mauritius either used or unused is given first rank; the 1d of same next, and then the 1856 British Guiana black on red; the Hawaii 1851, two cents blue, used, and so on. Only two U. S. stamps are in this list, the five dollars State in unused condition occupying the fortieth place and used the fifty-seventh, the ten dollar State either used or unused occupies the eighty-eighth place. Nine stamps of British Guiana are among the list, seven of Ceylon, seven also of the old Switzerland. The author claims that he spent a great deal of time comparing catalogues and that the list as he gives it is absolutely correct.

The Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal contains an account of the conviction of a stamp dealer in Berlin for attempted fraud in trying to dispose of stamps with forged cancelations. Part of these cancelations could be so plainly seen that it is a wonder any one should even attempt to market such wares. This dealer was warned by the International Stamp Dealers' Association to stop offering these stamps and when he persisted in doing so he was brought into court on seven different charges of attempt to defraud. In six cases the testimony was not sufficient to convict, but in the seventh case the accused was found guilty and sentenced to pay either, a fine of seventy-five dollars or go to jail for sixty days. If all attempts to defraud met with such justice there would soon be fewer rascals among dealers and collectors.

The Bf. Journal which, by the way, closes with this number the twenty-fifth

year of its existence, reports also upon the strength of investigations in Moritzburg that the 5sh Natal stamp water-marked Cr. C. A. is not in existence, all the specimens in the possession of the main postoffice of the colony being w.m. Cr. C. C. and the recollections of the P. M. were that he had never seen the stamp with Cr. C. A.

The *Youth's Realm*, though not strictly speaking a philatelic publication, contains a good many stamp advertisements and also good reading for small boys and girls as well as those of larger growth. At the low price of 35 cents for a year's subscription it ought to be in the hands of every boy or girl who is fond of reading.

The *Tri-Monthly Collector* (we wonder who will get off the old "gag" about the "try") comes from New Oxford, Pa., being a consolidation of *The Columbian Philatelist*, *The American Collector* and *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*. The first number comes in a rather small size and contains 16 pages but Mr. Dodge explains why the three papers were merged into one. He says he has not had any assistance in his office since the death of his little daughter in November, and working until the small hours every night, brought on nervous prostration, and when feeling well enough to sit at his desk once more with an immense amount of correspondence in front of him, and three monthly magazines late in issue, each with its own book-keeping, he determined to simplify matters to the extent of combining the three issues in one. Even though late we hope Mr. Dodge will accept the expression of our sympathy in his great sorrow.

The Stamp Tribune is the name of a new monthly issued at Harriman, Tenn., by S. P. Lev, as Publisher and Editor, and Wm. M. Verbeck, of Ballston Spa, N. Y. as Associate Editor. The paper is

neatly gotten up, printed on good paper and contains more than the ordinary amount of philatelic articles for a first number, and we are glad to see the editor show his pluck by announcing that "*The Stamp Tribune* has come to stay, and to stay at, or at least very near the very top of the ladder." We wish the paper success and hope that it, like others in the South will gather all the stamplore it can about the issues of our particular section during the days of the Confederacy. One of the "Odds and Ends" related by Stamps or rather "Spnats," as he calls himself, is rather amusing and sounds as if some one was juggling with truth to a certain extent. To find among a lot of U. S. stamps sent in by a boy for exchange, five rarities like 3c rose embossed all over, 15c black 11x13, '75 6c dull pink ribbed, '70-71 10c brown National print, '75 10c brown ribbed paper, is of course possible, but hardly probable. If the writer had been content to let it go at the first two mentioned it might have passed, but all the others.—Try again brother, and better luck next time.

In its November number *The Lone Star State Philatelist* continues the "Philatelic Notes from the Official reports of the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States." In this instalment an insight is given into the troubles the Department had to encounter to get a supply of stamps and the delays which occurred until a source of supply could be opened up which would come anywhere near filling the demand.

In its Texas notes it tells of a find by some small boys of several hundred sheets of ten and twenty cents Confederate stamps in the place used as P. O. in Confederate days in New Braunfels, and adds that they, not knowing their value, disposed of them for a song. Wonder if there were any "teu's" among the lot?

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30c, " "	1 50	4.00, "	4 25
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No. 7.

R. S. NELSON.

It affords us an exceptional pleasure to present our readers with the likeness of a *rara avis* of Philately—a "Stamp Hunter"—and the brief outline of a career as remarkable as that of any collector in this country.

It is Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., and though for some time we have enjoyed a most pleasant correspondence, it required a *coup d'etat*, as it were, to break down the barriers of his modesty and secure the permission to print this sketch. As a result we are indebted to his esteemed mother for the facts presented, and they came to us in a letter that we shall ever prize for its beauty and refinement, and the tenderness of a mother telling of "her boy."

Robert Sidney Nelson is now in his 37th year. Born in Greensboro, Ala., he is a descendent of Col. Robert B. Waller, an old Virginia gentleman of the highest type—an eminent lawyer, a *literati*, and fond of collecting curios of all sorts.

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of the State and other prominent men, he went from town to town through Alabama. For one collection of old letters he paid \$900.00, and for another \$1000.00—here and there he was successful in securing rare Confederate locals, and from a description of the two photos of some of these gems sent us our readers can form an idea of his treasures. The first shows two Uniontowns, a pair Macons (Scott's A2), a pair Athens, one Macon (Scott's A1), and a strip of four 5c Mobiles, all o. c. This collection, exclusive of the Mobile strip, he sold for \$1100.00. The second is a still greater treasure: Mobiles, Nashvilles, New Orleans, Athens, Grove Hills and Macons (singles and pairs), besides a strip of five 2c green, and a *strip of six 10 cents outer line Confederates* (rare color). The last named alone sold for \$100.

It would require more space than is at our disposal to tell of his stamps—we reserve that pleasure for another article.

His present collection contains about 3500 Confederate general issues; 5000 "common" U. S. stamps from '47 to '69; 300 foreign, besides Mobile, Memphis, Nashville, Uniontown, 5c purple Athens, and many other locals.

Mr. Nelson is a cotton planter, stamp-hunter and dealer. He is an enthusiastic collector with an ideal conception of the term. The Southern and the A. P. A. may be as proud to claim him on their rolls as the writer is to esteem him his friend.

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Federation.

CONVINCED that the time is most auspicious, and persuaded that we voice the sentiments of Southern Philately, we venture an appeal for Federation of Southern State Societies.

The growing interest in our science throughout our section, the advent and prosperity of several State associations in localities never heretofore represented in Philatelia's council, the success of Southern stamp publications, and, above all, the marked revival of interest in the postal issues of the Confederacy, are factors that seem to indicate to us of the South this course—leading at once to success and pre-eminence in the world of Philately.

The leading collectors of the South are unanimous in their support of this proposed movement.

Royal Bennett Bradley, the talented editor of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, of Texas; L. P. Head, of Kentucky, and many other prominent collectors will lend their support to the cause.

The President of the Southern Philatelic Association, in his address to that society—printed in this number—expresses all we would say in the matter.

We invite and rely on the strong support of that excellent new-comer from Tennessee, *The Stamp Tribune*. Lev and Verbeck are enthusiastic philatelists, and their influence will be felt in Tennessee and beyond.

Kentucky was always near wherever Virginia led.—Will she not now join her forces in forming a federation of Southern State associations?

There is naught to sacrifice and much to gain.

The suggested plan is briefly this: Southern State associations are to rally around the leading and strongest association of our section—the "Southern;" they are to apply *en corpore* for admission as Branches of that organization—retaining their individuality as regards their Constitution and laws, their meetings and State conventions, and their elections of State

officers; they are to assume the position of sovereign societies, united under a common head—sharing the advantages of a superb sales department, having access to a most complete philatelic library, and availing themselves of the many other benefits to be derived.

The philatelic press of the South is invited to an open discussion of this question.

The Southern Philatelic Association will convene in Richmond, Va., this fall—shall we then see the realization of that cherished dream of Southern Philately—A FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN PHILATELIC SOCIETIES?

Miss Griffin's "Chain Letter."

AS WE promised our readers additional information in regard to the "chain letter" of Miss Griffin, of Sydney, N. S. W., we are now in a position to present facts.

We may be pardoned for quoting an extract from a letter just received from Miss Griffin:

"The papers in different parts of the world spoke disparagingly of the effort—branding it a fraud. I think it is because they do not understand. How surprised they would be if they knew that it was such a success, and that thereby I have been enabled to hand over to the Committee of the Hospital £64. The first amount, £48, was given more than a year ago, and but recently the other—£16. Of course the government gives pound for pound endowment, so that I think the Hospital has been benefited by the "chain letter." * * * Though abuse was heaped upon me I received much kindness also. * * *

The above are the facts in the case that has agitated some of our contemporaries across the pond.

Now, isn't it about time someone offered an apology?

Snow=Bound.

RICHMOND was completely cut off from the world from Saturday, February 12th, to Thursday, February 16th. A terrific snow-storm, the like of which has not been seen since 1857, covered our city with a dense coat of white, blocking all traffic. All business was suspended and the last mail reaching our city arrived on Sunday morning.

From 3 to 8 feet of snow is a rare sight in our Southland, and we have been spending several involuntary holidays nursing our fire and looking over our stamps.

The "Greater United States" Stamp.

AS SOON as we get through "elastising," annexing and expanding, and cross the bridge that leads to militaryism and imperialism, we'll suggest a design for a new series of stamps for the "Greater United States," bearing a profile of Samuel I., successor to "Uncle Sam," Emperor of the Greater U. S., King of Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and Heir Presumptive to the rest of the earth.

The Lone Star State Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 25c.

Bach's Canard.

WE LEARN from an editorial in *McKeel's Weekly* that the two British Guiana rarities purchased by our Canadian friend and illustrated in the *Montreal Philatelist*, are but poorly executed counterfeits.

We trust (provided Bach wasn't trying to play a big joke on us) that the suggestive dash with which he leaves us guessing what he paid for the pair, did not run up into the dollar values.

"'Twas ever thus," etc.

Attention, Members of the V. P. A.

THE special attention of members of the Virginia Philatelic Association is directed to the proceedings of the last meeting of that association, printed elsewhere in this number, and a prompt response per postal is requested.

The question at issue is one of importance to every member and the great benefit to be derived from the proposed affiliation should be borne in mind when voting upon this proposition.

MR. J. G. GRIFFIN, of Sydney, N. S. W., informs us that up to the time of posting his letter, Jan. 16, 1:55 p. m. (departure of the Vancouver mail) the New South Wales ½d, 1½d, and 6d, (?) in their new colors, promised for January 1, had not been placed on sale, although the postal authorities again positively promised them for that day.

WE'LL pay \$25.00 cash for a surcharged Cuban in the type illustrated in *The Herald Exchange*. Try your glasses again, Brother Tausig.

It's on the Market.

THE Franklin, N. C. local envelope described and illustrated in our February number has brought to our office numerous enquiries and offers.

We are authorized by the owner to state that the stamp will probably be placed on the market at an early date.

IN ALL probability, as soon as the Spanish Cortes ratifies the other end of the "Yanko-Spanko" treaty, we may expect a set of U. S. stamps surcharged for our new \$20,000,000 "white elephant".

SUBSCRIBE to the V. P.

A Richmond Dealer.

WE DESIRE to call attention to a new patron of our columns — Mr. Henry Schott—Richmond's *first* stamp dealer.

Mr. Schott has accumulated a magnificent stock of Revenues, better class U. S. and Confederates, both on and off cover, which he is offering at fair prices. It is his intention to cultivate principally a mail-order business.

Our patron is well known to all Richmond collectors, and we would bespeak for him a generous share of our readers' patronage.

Let's "Capitalize" It.

SOME time ago an esteemed contemporary indulged in a discussion about the question whether "Philately" should be spelled with a capital P or not.

We think since our "hobby" has been elevated to a "science" it should be "cap'd".

This is no challenge for a discussion; nor need any chronic "comp'" "pull Webster" on us, for in this case we'll differ with "the oracle."

MR. GEO. J. CARTER has made a new departure in philatelic advertising in the shape of ads from specially engraved plates.—While his goods and business methods are his best ads, no doubt this new dress will still further increase his patronage.

AND NOW there are kicks on the Canadian Penny Postage stamp. Poor Sir Mulock—your patriotism has made you the target of much unjust criticism.

WE PRESENT in this number the sequel to "Exchanging Stamps." "Even Exchange" is from the pen of Mr. Fred. W. Burt, of Chargin Falls, O.

Beware of This Fraud.

OUR attention has been called to a case of more than ordinary importance by our friend, Mr. R. L. Deitrick, of Lorraine, Va., who has submitted for our inspection the correspondence and stamps received from W. C. Bailey, business manager of *The Coldwater Star*, Coldwater, Mich.

It is our determination to spare no effort in hunting down the philatelic fraud and counterfeiter—to punish him in the pillory of the philatelic press, and to lead in the war of extermination of the entire brood.

This case has attracted our special attention on account of the Confederate stamps which figure very prominently therein, and, with the consent of Mr. Deitrick, who assumes all responsibility in the matter, we narrate the case, printing a letter from W. C. Bailey.

Our friend received a four-page price-list of stamps from the party in Coldwater, Mich., in which he states he is closing out his stamp business and offers to sell better class stamps at "one-fourth catalogue price, and in many cases even less."

Among his "bargains" were the following stamps; 1872—10c brown, unused 15c.; 1862, 5c blue Confederate, 15c.

These two stamps were ordered by Mr. Deitrick on February 1, 1899.

Below follows the letter received:

"COLDWATER, MICH., February 4, 1899.

"R. L. DEITRICK, LORRAINE, VA.

"DEAR SIR:—Yours at hand. Herewith I enclose the stamps ordered; as the 5c Confederate is not perfect (it is the only one I have) I enclose a few others to make it right, though the 10c is alone worth the 30 cents, as it catalogues 50 cents. In accordance with your request I hand you the three Confederate locals on approval. If satisfactory you may have the three for \$5. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

"Very truly,

"W. C. BAILEY."

As far as the 10c brown 1872 is concerned, it may be genuine; but the Con-

federate 1862 5c blue is a *rank counterfeit*—printed from a poorly executed wood-cut.

The three "locals" sent on approval consist of the 5c blue Mobile, the 2c (?) Columbia, S. C., and the 5c blue Charleston, S. C., and they are catalogued in his "price-list" at \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$3.00 respectively.

All three are rank counterfeits—fairly well executed in wood and type, and from the dull colors used in their printing, present an "aged" appearance, which, to some extent, is calculated to quiet the possible suspicions of the collector buying his first Confederate locals.

Mr. Deitrick is as well posted on the issues of the Confederacy as any man in Virginia, and this one time Bailey "struck a snag."

Beware of W. C. Bailey, Coldwater, Mich., and his "List No. 2," headed in bold letters "Closing Out!"

I heartily approve of this notice.

R. L. DEITRICK.

Williams & Co.

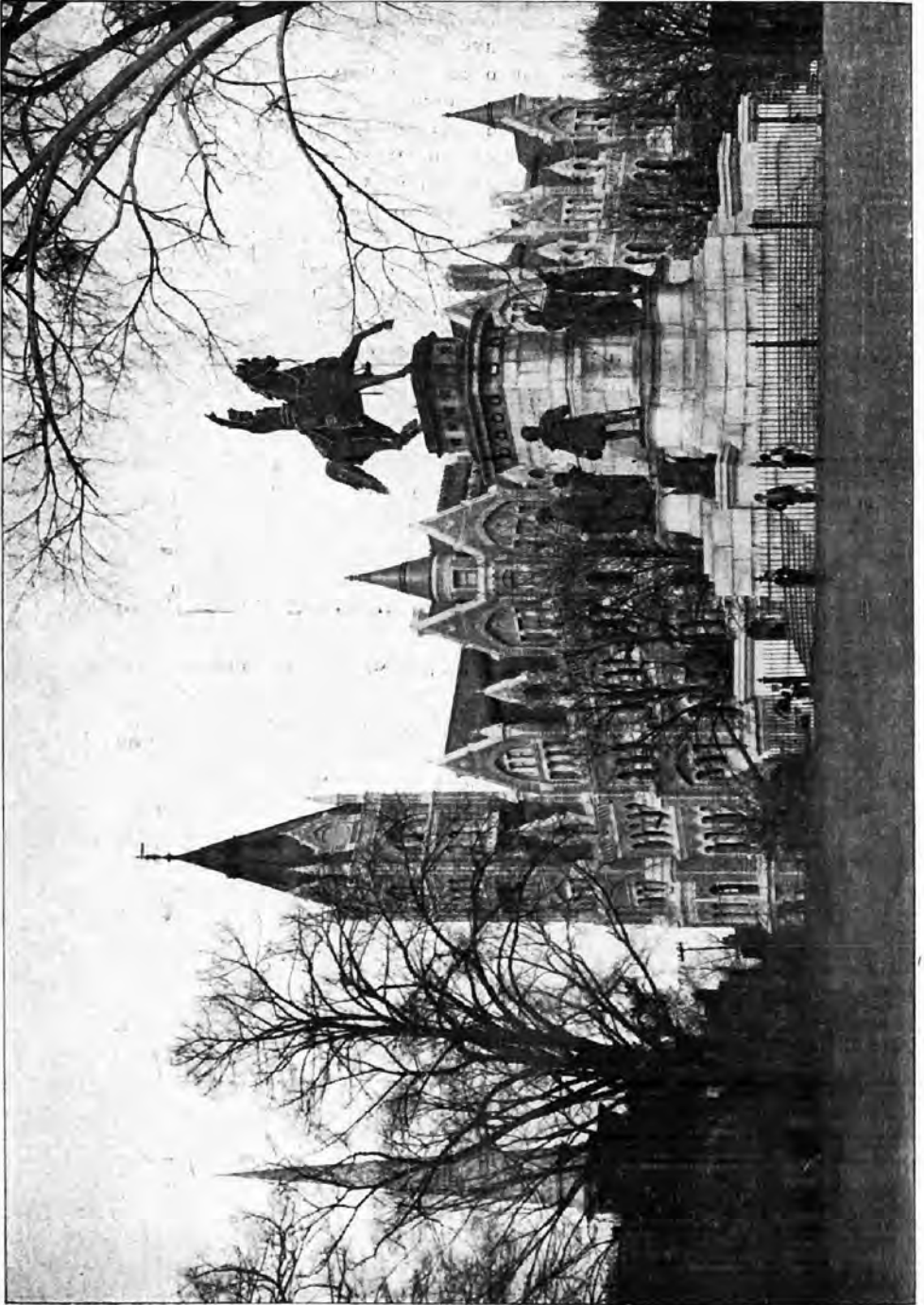
SO THAT "South Sea Bubble" has "busted"

In spirit we seem to hear a chorus of wails from "Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand" and horizontally too.—Oh, well; let's "notch it on the pailin'," and add "Williams & Co." to the list of our "experiences."

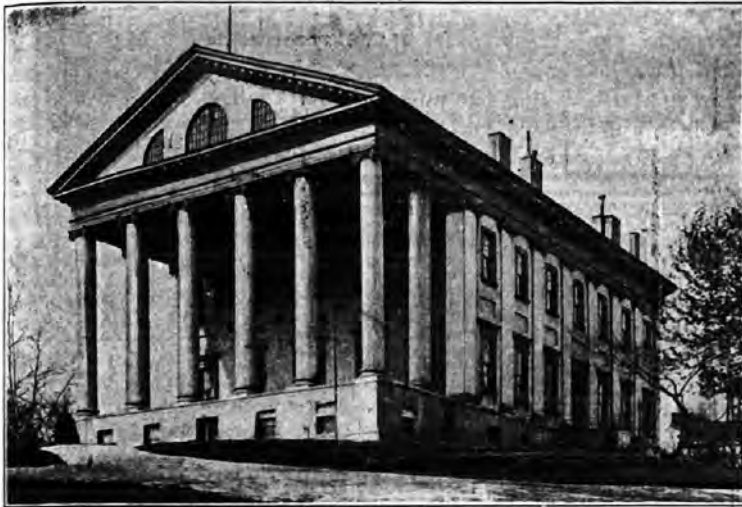
Personal.

WILL our subscriber who ordered a Scott's catalogue in February kindly drop us a postal? The Scott Co. cannot fill the order for two months and we wish to return to the gentleman his money.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUB. CO.



RICHMOND, VA.—WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND CITY HALL.



STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

Glimpses of Richmond, Va.

IN view of the approaching Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in Richmond, Virginia, this fall, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST takes pleasure in presenting a series of illustrations embracing many of the points of interest in "the Queen City of the South."

To the visitor, the old capital city of the Confederacy presents a most pleasing appearance. Its central feature is the dignified Capitol building, upon the brow of the highland which slopes downward thence to the swift river, covered with a wide expanse of commercial streets and private buildings.

The beautiful green "Square" is the glory of the city. The new State Library rises to the east of the Capitol, and behind it is the costly new City Hall.

The cornerstone for the State Capitol of Virginia was laid in 1785. In the rotunda stands Houdon's

statue of Washington, from which the bust adorning our 2c stamp was taken.

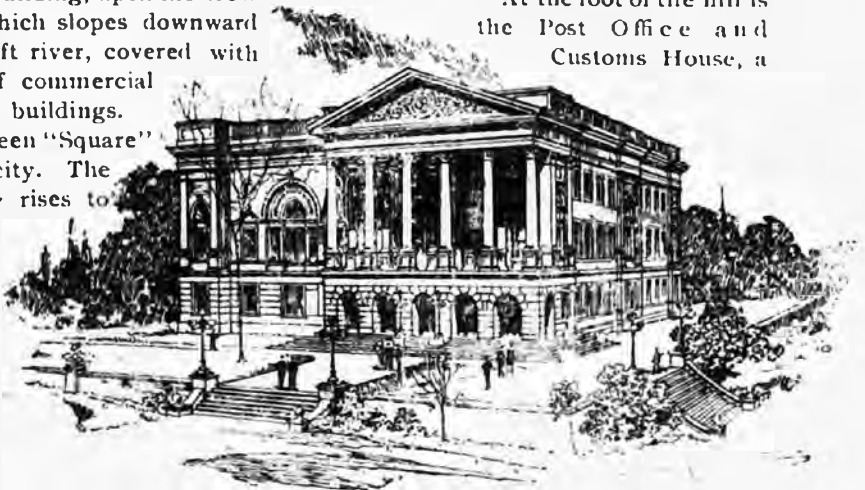
The Senate chamber in this building was used during the Civil War by the Confederate House of Representatives.

The Land Office contains the oldest State records in America, being continuous from 1620. The State Library contains 40,000 volumes.

Perhaps the most magnificent equestrian statue in the world adorns the grounds of Capitol Square—that of Washington, by Crawford, with the six figures of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason, Thos. Nelson, Jr., John Marshall and Andrew Lewis grouped below. Statues of Henry Clay and "Stone-wall" Jackson are near by.

Near by also is old St. Paul's church where President Davis and General Lee worshipped.

At the foot of the hill is the Post Office and Customs House, a



STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

magnificent structure of granite, and just around the corner is the office of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

From the dome of the Capitol the eye commands a splendid view of the scenes of many conflicts, and the grand river, winding along through green fields on its way to the sea.

Our illustrations present glimpses of this spot, inviting you, as it were, to rest beneath the shadow of the trees, and to twilight dreams of the "Old South" while the sun sets over the "New."

DIETZ.

We are indebted to the J. L. Hill Printing Co., Richmond, Va., for the kind loan of the engravings illustrating this sketch.

New Colors for the Hawaiians.

AS WE go to press a communication from our Hawaiian correspondent, under date of February 9, informs us of the probable change in colors of the current issue of "our first Colony," to conform to the requirements of the U. P. U.

Our friend sends us copies of the 2c stamp, which now appears in a beautiful bright rose, instead of brown as heretofore.

The new designs have been prepared thus far.

Hussman's Bargains.

C. E. HUSSMAN displays in this number a whole page of the finest bargains in U. S. Revenues. Our own transactions with Mr. Hussman, extending over some time, warrant us in commending him to the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

TRY an ad in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. It will pay you.

The Texan Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST one year for 25c.

The New St. Vincents.

WE HAVE received from Mr. W. C. Proudfoot, of Kingstown, St. Vincent, the new series of stamps issued by that colony.



The set consists of nine values, of the Leeward Island type, as follows:

1/4d.	mauve	and	green.
1d.	"	"	red.
2 1/4d.	"	"	blue.
3d.	"	"	olive.
4d.	"	"	orange.
5d.	"	"	black.
6d.	"	"	brown.
1sh.	green	"	red.
5sh.	"	"	blue.

Watermarked Crown C A, perf. 14.

Mulock's Latest Device.

RUSH FOR THE ALTERED THREE CENT EMBOSSED ENVELOPES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19. -The Postmaster-General has hit upon another device for "raising the wind." Surcharged stamps are regarded as of great value by collectors, especially if the number so altered is but limited. Mr. Mulock had a number of envelopes with a three-cent stamp embossed upon them on hand when the recent reduction in postage was made. He has had them changed into two-cent stamps by placing a big figure 2 on the Queen's head. The result is a big rush for this envelope, and an augmented revenue.—*Mail and Empire*.

The Perforator and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 30c.

Sale of Newspaper and Periodical Stamps.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1899.

Announcement is hereby made that, in compliance with numerous requests made to the Postmaster-General by collectors and others, enough of the newspaper and periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters to make up 50,000 complete sets have been reserved by the Department for sale, and that on and after the 15th instant they may be had of postmasters at first-class post offices, or upon application to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, at the rate of five dollars a set—the set consisting of one each of the following twelve denominations: One, two, five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents, and two five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred dollars. When applications are made by mail, the money to pay for the stamps must accompany the order, with ten cents additional to pay for postage and registry fee on the return packet.

Not less than a full set will in any case be sold; but as many more whole sets as may be wanted can be bought. When two sets or more are desired, any or all of the several denominations may be had in an unsevered condition, that is to say, in strips not exceeding ten stamps each, or in blocks of four or more. The Department, however, cannot require postmasters to segregate, for the accommodation of purchasers, marginal strips of stamps bearing plate numbers; nor can any guarantee be given that the stamps shall be perfectly "centered." It must also be understood that the stamps are not good for postage, and that after their purchase they cannot be redeemed or exchanged for others by the Government.

The sale of these stamps will continue up to the 31st of December next, unless the stock is sooner disposed of; but no

more than the 50,000 sets will be sold, and no more will hereafter be printed. In fact, the working plates from which the stamps were printed will shortly be destroyed.

The newspaper and periodical stamps of a former issue—of which fragmentary lots have been returned to the Department by postmasters—will not be sold, but, together with the stock of the last issue returned in excess of the 50,000 reserved sets, will all be destroyed.

JOHN A. MERRITT,
Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

Porto Rico Provisionals.

THE *Era* was first to print the following from its Washington correspondent:
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16th.

The Postmaster-General has sent today to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, directing them to surcharge the following stamps for Porto Rico:

1,000,000.....	1-cent.
2,000,000.....	2-cent.
500,000.....	5-cent.
500,000.....	10 cent.

Cuba 2c. de Peso.

The Cuba 2c de peso surcharged on 2c U. S. has made its appearance. It is quite evident from its looks that the same plate that was used to surcharge the 2½c de peso has been used to surcharge this stamp only cutting out the fraction.—*Era*.

SEE the prices paid for Confederate money by R. L. Deitrick. His ad is on another page.

The Evergreen State Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 25c.

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

IV.

THE standard perforations of this issue are either $11\frac{1}{2}$ or 13, but 11, 12 and $12\frac{1}{2}$ are of frequent occurrence.

There were 40 varieties to each plate, as usual; I give some points of difference:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ sen : $\frac{1}{2}$ SEN tall or low, heavy or light lettering. There are said to have been two different plates both numbered 2.
- 1 sen : The spacing of the central inscription varies.
- 2 sen : As before.
- 4 sen : As before.
- 10 sen : Lettering tall or thick-set; the heads of the dragons at varying distances from the rosette; the hairs on the heads vary in length.
- 20 sen : As before.
- 30 sen : As before.
- 6 sen : As before.

I recapitulate the varieties on each kind of paper:

a. THIN LAID PAPER.

- 2 sen yellow. 20 sen lilac.
- 6 sen violet brown. 30 sen gray.

b. THICK WOVE PAPER.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown 6 sen violet brown.
- 1 sen blue. 10 sen green.
- 2 sen yellow. 20 sen lilac.
- 1 sen rose. 30 sen gray.

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A10

Upright rectangle (27x24 mm.) containing a large double circle; in the center various birds: on the 12 sen a goose (others call it a peacock), on the 15 sen a pheasant, on the 45 sen



A11



A12

an eagle; in the upper and lower parts of the circle the value in English, to the right and left the value in Japanese; at the top a scroll with rosette and Japanese inscription "Juben-Ki-te" (postage stamp) in antique lettering; the plate number is in the lower part of the circle between the figures and word of the English value; wood engraving,

colored impression, white paper, perforated 9, 11, $11\frac{1}{2}$, and 13, perhaps others.

40. 12 sen carmine.

40a. rose.

41. 15 sen lilac.

41a. mauve.

42. 45 sen carmine.

42a. rose.

The paper is a fibrous wove paper, like that of the issues immediately preceding. The perforation seems to be chiefly $11\frac{1}{2}$.—These were also printed 40 to a plate; plate numbers are: of the 12 sen plates 1, 2, 3; of the 15 sen plates 1, 2, 3; of the 45 sen plates 1, 2, 3.—I give some of the points of divergence:

- 12 sen : Notice the position and thickness of the three lines in the circle at either side of the English inscriptions.
- 15 sen : The top inscription at varying distances from the rosette; the 5 in 15 is differently shaped and sometimes touches below; the distance between 1 and 5 varies.
- 45 sen : Notice differences in the spandrel ornaments, in the figures 45 and in the shape and distances of the Japanese figures.

Being no great ornithologist, I follow others in the naming of the birds. The bird on the 15 sen to my eye at least bears no great resemblance to a pheasant, but I may be mistaken. Some authori-

ties call the bird on the 45 sen a peregrine falcon instead of an eagle

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a. CHANGE OF COLOR.



A6



A7

Same designs as before, but colors changed; impression, paper and perforation same as before.

43. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen slate.

44. 1 sen brown.

45. 4 sen green.

46a. blue green.

43. 6 sen orange.

The following plate numbers are found in these colors: of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sen plates 2, 3, 4; of the 1 sen plates 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, (9, 10, 11 have not been found); of the 4 sen plates 1, 2, 3, (there are said to have been two plates numbered 2); of the 6 sen plates 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. (plates 9 and 12 have not been found in this color: of plate 16 there are said to have been two plates). All the plates of the 6 sen so far have the plate number below the buckle. Of all these plates there are 40 varieties each; some of the salient points of difference are as follows:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ sen: As before.
- 1 sen: The line forming the upper tablet shows irregularities.
- 4 sen: The four corner-ornaments are variously distant from the tablets; the curved ornaments at the ends of the side tablets vary.
- 6 sen: As before.

b. CHANGE OF DESIGN.



A8

The 6 sen same as before, but the plate number is now in a small oval in the lower part of the oval ribbon. The higher values resemble their former designs, but are smaller



A9

(23x25 mm.) and the plate number is now inserted as follows: 10 sen in a small rectangle at the intersection of the dragons' tails, 20 sen in a small rectangle imposed on the center leaf

at the bottom of the circle, 30 sen in a small rectangle at the intersections of the branches; impression, paper and perforation as before.

47. 6 sen orange.

48. 10 sen blue.

48a. ultramarine

48b. pale blue.

49. 20 sen carmine.

49a. rose.

50. 30 sen purple.

50a. violet.

50b. red violet.

Of these we find the following plate numbers: of the 6 sen plates 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; of the 10 sen plates 4 and 5 (numbered consecutively with the plates of the larger size); of the 20 sen plate 8 (what became of plates 6 and 7 is dark); of the 30 sen plates 2, 3, 4. Each plate again shows 40 varieties; notice some points of difference:

- 6 sen: As before.
- 10 sen: The S varies in shape and size.
- 20 sen: The spandrel ornaments vary, also the English inscriptions.
- 30 sen: The Greek border shows differences; the upper part of the S varies in shape; the corner rosettes vary in their position relative to the border; the upper and lower tablets are sometimes rounded, sometimes sharp-cornered.

These were the last stamps issued with plate numbers; the next issue no longer shows them.

(To be Continued.)

The Stamp Tribune and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 30c.

Even Exchange.

BY FRED W. BURT.

I HAVE been a constant reader of the leading stamp magazines of this country for the last three years, and have never read of but two stamp collectors, who exchanged with foreign collectors and thought they had received value sent.

My own experiences in this line have been invaluable to me, teaching me that "all things are not what they seem to be," and that "fair promises" usually mean very poor stamps. These offers of "Even Exchange" made by foreign stamp collectors, sound very fair, but the net result of the transaction tells the story.

My first experience in this line was with a collector of Dublin, Ireland, and his offer read as follows: "Any one sending good stamps will receive in exchange equivalent in rare English and New Zealand."

The stamps I sent him were all United States adhesives, catalogued from 5c to 20c, all good, salable copies. I requested of my Dublin correspondent stamps of England and New Zealand, such as my collection required, asking for nothing that catalogued higher than the lot sent him.

In just two weeks I received the exchange lot, and such a lot! My correspondent said in his letter that he would be pleased to meet all my wants.

In the packet of stamps sent me there was just one poor, lonely stamp that I had asked for, and as it may be of interest to the reader to know what was sent me, I will say that one of the stamps sent was the two shillings "Dog-tax" revenue stamp of England. This stamp was priced to me at 16c. Another stamp in the lot was the Document or revenue stamp of Great Britain, used in Ireland.

This was priced to me at 8c. These two stamps are neither recognized by Scott or Gibbons, and I was advised by a friend to keep both stamps as curios.

My correspondent of Dublin also sent four of the 1881 lilac red of Great Britain, which he said catalogued 25c each, and which catalogued 10c in Scott's.

The balance of the lot was made up of common English, Belgian, and New South Wales stamps, some of them so torn and damaged that they were of no earthly value to any collector. After sending me this lot of stamps, he asked me to send him in my next the following stamps: Full set of Executive and War department; Periodical, 1 to 10c, used; set of current issue United States, unused; Columbian set used and unused; think of it! The Executive set alone catalogues \$59.50.

My next experience was with a Frenchman; the only one out of all I have had dealings with who sent me just what he agreed to do in his offer of exchange.

The 55 varieties of France and Colonies which he forwarded me were very nice, and I would have been only too glad to have continued exchange relations with him, only for the reason that he wanted all the rarities of which this great land can boast.

He asked for full sets of the following issues: United States postage, 1845, '61, '69, '70, '71. All of our departments, revenues and telegraph stamps. It would have taken a good farm to buy all the stamps he wanted in the next exchange.

Do these foreign collectors think that we have our pockets full of the 90c stamps of '61 and '69 and '71? To say nothing of these dates, there are many large collections in this country which do not contain half the varieties this collector wanted.

Belgium was the country that next

claimed my attention. The collector there evidently had forgotten that the stamps of Italy, Austria and France were not the stamps of Belgium, Congo and Holland, which were the countries whose stamps he had offered to exchange. The stamps received from this man would compare very well with Continentals, which are sold in this country at 15c a thousand, and he was very anxious that I should send him sheets of United States stamps that would catalogue from 20c to \$4.00 each for our next exchange.

A collector of Holland was the next venture, and he was a good double for the man of Belgium.

The stamp world needs what the mercantile world has—its Bradstreet and Dun. If we, as collectors, would look up these men, who are so anxious to make stamp exchanges, and know what their standing was, we could go at it with the assurance that there was some hope of getting what was promised.

I would like to hear from stamp collectors who have made foreign exchanges, as to their experiences along this line.

Newfoundland Items.

SINCE the recent destruction of the plates of the 1866 issue, Newfoundland stamps are put upon a firm basis, and we need not fear reprints when investing in any of this series.

Owing to the Imperial Penny Postage and the consequent falling off in the sale of 5c stamps, the present stock of Cabots bids fair to last at least another two months. The postal authorities will not issue the new 5c Duke of York, until all old ones are disposed of.

The Tri-Monthly Collector and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for one year—48 papers—for only 45c.

The New York Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 30c.

All Plates of the 1866 Issue Newfoundland Destroyed.

OUR Newfoundland correspondent sends us the following clipping from *The Royal Gazette* of January 31, 1899:

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,
NEW YORK, JRD. 23, 1899.

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON, ESQ.,

COLONIAL SECRETARY, ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.

DEAR SIR,—

We duly received your communication, dated the 24th of December of last year, directing us to destroy the dies of all the obsolete issues of Postage Stamps made for the Government of Newfoundland; and informing us that Messrs. Bowring and Archibald, of this City, will be present at such destruction on behalf of the Colony.

In accordance with the above instructions, on the 16th instant, Mr. Charles Bowring, a member of the firm above mentioned, visited our establishment, and in his presence there were destroyed the following:—

1 plate 110 1c	1 plate 100 12c
1 " 100 1c	1 " 100 13c
1 " 100 2c	1 " 100 24c
1 " 100 3c	9 original dies of above stamps.
1 " 100 5c	5 rolls containing same
1 " 100 6c	
1 " 100 10c	

Which comprises the entire quantity of plates, dies and rolls engraved by this Company or its predecessors for Newfoundland, excepting only those of the current issue of Postage Stamps.

We enclose herewith a duplicate of the certificate made upon that occasion.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, we are very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

T. H. FREELAND,

SECRETARY AND MANAGER.

[DUPLICATE.]

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,

NEW YORK, January 16, 1899.

It is hereby certified that, in accordance with instructions, dated the 24th of December, 1898, from J. Alexander Robinson, Esq., Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland, there have this day been destroyed, in our presence, the following plates, dies and rolls used in the preparation of Postage Stamps for Newfoundland, viz.:—

1 plate 110 1c	1 plate 100 12c
1 " 100 1c	1 " 100 13c
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For Bowring and Archibald,

CHAS. W. BOWRING,
MEMBER OF FIRM.

For American Bank Note Company,

T. H. FREELAND
SECRETARY AND MANAGER

" Like Kelly Did. "

A PHILATELIC NOVELETTE.

BY L. H. BENTON.

MR. KELLY, editor and publisher of the *Cosmopolitan Stamp Journal*, sat at his desk in his private office opening his morning mail.

The first letter he opens causes him to ejaculate "What a scoop!"

Let us look over his shoulder and see what it is that causes the excitement:

TIMBRETON, Feb. 8, 1899.

MR. S. LIDE KELLY,

140 JAMES ST., GOTHAMVILLE, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:

In your esteemed journal you sometime since published an article on "Can Surcharged Stamps be Successfully Counterfeited?" and in which you maintained that they could not. You pretend to be an expert in matters philatelic, but, sir, you are away off on this particular branch of the business.

The majority of surcharged stamps can be successfully counterfeited, and I'll venture to say that at least one quarter of them ARE, and I know of several so-called "famous" collections that abound in them. But the owners do not know it. Even if they suspected it they could not positively prove them spurious; nor can they prove them genuine. Perhaps you ask how I know. Never mind; that's my business.

Common-sense ought to teach you that common stamps surcharged in common type are dead-easy to imitate. You so-called "experts" are continually "passing" upon surcharged stamps, but your "decisions" do not amount to a row of pins with the heads off. Your opinions do not prove anything one way or the other. I am not talking through my hat, and you know it.

Kindly examine enclosed surcharged stamps, and I'll venture to say that you cannot tell them from originals. It's a pretty good job. You may be smart, but I defy you to find any discrepancy in connection with the enclosed. Just examine them close y and then go chase yourself around the block several times.

Yours truly, Y. OUAREIT.

No wonder Mr. Kelly was excited.

"Well, now, that's a hot letter, but I guess Mr. Ouareit is right. Our 'counterfeit detecting' is only a bluff anyway, but we have to keep it up to please the people," and he laughed lightly. "But, expert or no expert, I'll go Mr. Ouareit one better and find some little difference somewhere, I know. He won't think he is so swift after all when I've done with him. Oh, but what a scoop for the

Cosmopolitan! I won't do a thing but make my contemporaries jealous."

The next issue of the *Cosmopolitan Stamp Journal* came out ahead of time, with glaring headlines.

COUNTERFEIT REVENUES!

BOLD EXPERT FORGER SENDS SOME TO EDITOR KELLY OF THE COSMOPOLITAN.

Detectives Put On Scent, But Forger Cannot be Found.—Description of Dangerous Counterfeits in This Issue of the *Cosmopolitan*.

A dangerous counterfeit of the one-cent surcharged revenue has been made known. It is a most important discovery! The main points of difference between these and the original or genuine surcharges may be summed up as follows: In the genuine, the letters are printed in dull red and are eight and three-quarters millimeters in height, while in the counterfeit the letters "L. R." are eight and seven-eighths millimeters high, and are printed in a dullish red. The periods after "L." and "R." are slightly oval in the genuine, while in the counterfeit they are elliptical. These are the main points of difference. Of course other minor differences exist, and these will be given in detail in our next issue.

A few days later it was learned that Mr. Kelly, the philatelic expert was sick abed. The cause of it was a postal he received, or rather what it said on it. Here it is, *verbatim*:

DEAR KELLY:

The joke worked better than I thought it would. Oh, but you are easy!—for a surcharge expert. Those DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS are part of a block I purchased of you several weeks ago, and are the real straight goods—unless you did a mighty successful job at counterfeiting yourself!

Good cigars are eight dollars a box up where I live! Yours admirably, *****

The postal-card was signed by a well-known philatelist, famed for his practical jokes.

And somebody laughed—"like Kelly did."



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

MATTERS philatelic are still on the boom, and dealers report business 50% better than the corresponding period last year. There is a dearth of stamps priced at from twenty-five cents to a dollar, and the demand is increasing daily. The chief topic of conversation about town is the recent decision of the Government regarding the newspaper and periodical stamps. As I have sent the publishers of this paper a printed pamphlet, which they will in all probability have published elsewhere, it is unnecessary to have the entire communication included with my correspondence. Fifty thousand sets are by no means a small number and the Government will, at the end of the year find that remainders at five dollars per set, are an over-rated article, as many collectors will think twice before procuring "such a bargain" (?) Mr. J. W. Scott in the *Metropolitan* states that one New York firm has already received orders for one hundred and fifteen sets at \$5.50 each, simply from the casual mention that they would supply collectors, and probably nearly all the large dealers have received similar requests in proportionate numbers. *This, of course, is no indication of any benefit to the trade.* * * * * * From the above I construe that collectors are the only individuals to profit under this ruling, and dealers derive nothing—and, probably a loss in other lines. Our Boston friends must feel much chagrined at their utter defeat, and their inability to prevent the Government from acting as it did. For their benefit I might quote an editorial that appeared in the *Boston*

Stamp Book for July 1895: "Philatelic petitions to the Government do not seem to be particularly successful. It may be, however, that the officers in charge of Uncle Sam's affairs will hear us if we only cry out loud enough. So we welcome the action which has been taken by two of the leading New York societies in petitioning the Government to sell at face value to the general public newspaper stamps and postage due stamps. There is no reason that an ordinary man can see why the Government should not do as the New York collectors suggest. But, then, there are a good many things in the conduct of the Government which an ordinary man can't see through and a bad precedent may in this case prove stronger than common sense." Those are the words of Rev. John Luther Kilbon.

Turning to matters more local, I will commence by mentioning that this city will shortly have the honor of being the birth-place of another monthly philatelic publication under the brief and commonplace name of *Stamps*. According to the words of the publisher something elaborate is expected, but if this proposed monthly can approach the excellence of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, in regard to contents and appearance, the magazine will certainly have an exceedingly bright future.

Mr. E. T. Parker writes occasionally to the *Metropolitan* from Cuba about matters pertaining to stamps. He is thoroughly enjoying himself, but is always kept on the jump—yellow fever is contagious, you know. He seems to have kept his weather-eye open for plate numbers, and other philatelic incidentals. Mr. E. B. Power, representing J. C. Morgenthau & Co., made only a short stay in Cuba.

The Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Brooklyn during the latter half of the month of March (18th to 31st,) promises to be a decided success and local collec-

tors and dealers expect a large throng of visitors daily. New York dealers have exerted themselves to procure the necessary material to make the "show" a drawing card to non-collecting persons. Many prizes are offered, including nine silver medals. The exhibition is held under the auspices of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 174 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. As the Methodist preacher says, "All are welcomed."

Since the appearance of the list of "speculation" stamps a few months ago, in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST I have received communications from various dealers and collectors calling attention to certain stamps which I failed to mention which in their opinion they considered "good things," to purchase. As the original list was procured after much persistent questioning, and I may add, inconvenience, it is only natural that some decided snags should be conspicuous by their absence. Dealers "across the pond," are the largest purchasers of cheap and low priced stamps, and in many instances they look for nothing but the most common truck; of course, the price they pay is another thing.

The following list was sent me by an English correspondent, which, I believe was clipped from some English contemporary: Argentine Republic 1889-90, 3c; 1890-91, 5c; Austria 1861, 10k.; 1890, 15k.; 1891, 20k.; Newspaper, Mercury, lilac, unperf., Austria, Italy, 1850, 45c; 1883, 10s.; 1888, 1pi. Hungary, 1881, 20k.; 1887, 1f. Belgium, 1875, 25c.; 1884 25c., 50c.; 1893, 2c., 5c.; 1894 Antwerp 5c., 10c.; Parcel Post 1f. Bolivia, 1895, thick paper, 1, 2, 5, 10c. Brazil, 1890, 20c., 1894, 50c. Postage Due, 1890, 20, 100, 200r. B. Honduras, 1c. on 1d. Bulgaria, Postage Due, 5s. Canada Maple Leaves (except 3c.) Chili, 1877, 1c. Denmark, 1858, 4s., roul. 4s.; 1870, 4s. Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2, 5c.,

1895, 1, 2, 5c. France, 1876, 20c. Postage Due, 5c. blue. French Colonies, 1877, any.

I will continue this list in succeeding issues of this paper, until completed, and any other tips, I may be fortunate enough to secure.

Boston Scraps.

BEAN EATER.

THE stamp business here is now at its best, and all dealers are kept busy from early morn to late at night. There has been a great demand for the Cuban provisional stamps, and dealers have found some difficulty in getting enough to supply orders as fast as received. Do not think that I mean by this statement that they are at all liable to be scarce, for such is not the case, for large supplies will be placed on the market, but orders have come in to such an extent that dealers' stocks have become exhausted as fast as received. One dealer alone, at present has orders booked for over 200 sets, and he is now patiently awaiting an invoice which he says has been ordered for the past week. The 3c denomination was received the last of January and it is now said that the 2½c de peso is obsolete, being replaced by the correct stamp the 2c de peso. The 2½c de peso brings 5c per copy unused here, but in other places the prices for this value range from 15 to 25c per stamp, which certainly seems an outrageous price when it is known that 2,000,000 of the stamps were thus surcharged.

The new 6c U. S. recently made its appearance here, Plate No. 554, color, magenta.

It is doubtless not generally known that the dies for the new U. S. envelopes were made in Boston. The engraver states that he has thus far turned out the 1, 2, 4 and 5 cent denominations.

The Colonial Stamp Co., held its first auction sale at their rooms 345a Washington St., on Saturday afternoon January 14th. It consisted of 75 lots which were disposed of in less than an hour, and the average prices realized were indeed very low.

The B. I. Drew Co., held their 30th sale on Monday, Jan. 30th. The prices realized on this sale were also very low.

The following are a few of the prices realized: \$1.00, \$2.00, Omaha, used, fine sold for \$2.60. These stamps are evidently "good stuff" when this price can be realized upon them. Used copies of the watermarked 1895 newspaper stamp, which are about to be placed on the market at \$5.00 per complete set *unused*, brought the following prices: \$10.00 sold for \$1.00; \$20.00 next went for \$1.60; \$100.00 brought \$3.00; 24c State, used, fine \$4.75; an elegant pair of imperf. \$20.00 Conveyance brought \$3.00; \$5.00 Revenue surcharged on \$5.00 Periodical, unused, o. g., sold for \$4.93; 2c I. R. inverts realized 19c each; Canada 8c blue register unused fine \$1.30; Great Britain 1840 1d black on cover \$1.25, *cat. value* 10c; 1891, 1£ beautiful used copy, \$1.00; Hawaii, 1883 50c unused fine \$2.75; \$1.00 used \$2.50.

Have you noticed that the 2c Canada purple now comes in a decided plum. All should secure this stamp as soon as possible, as it is to be changed shortly to carmine.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

Mr. Matthew R. Knight has at last given up, and has sold out the *Philatelic Messenger* to the publishers of the *Philatelic Advocate*.

The Hamilton, Ontario, stamp club recently elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President—Dr. E. G.

Kittson; Vice-President—F. Robinson; Sec.-Treas.—A. H. Ward; Librarian—Chas. Applegath; Sec. Infor. Bureau—Jas. Slater; Auction Man.—R. S. Mason.

The death of Mr. F. Whatley, Jr., a Toronto collector, occurred on December 26th, 1898, aged 22 years. Deceased was an ardent stamp collector and dealer, and a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

I stated in my last month's notes that the new 2c purple envelope would be changed to red, to comply with the requirements of the Postal Union. I understand these have now appeared, though I have not yet seen them. The purple envelope is something that promises to become rare, as but few were issued, and when it became known that there would be a change, a general rush was made for them, with the result that they can now only be had from dealers, who are holding them at a pretty high price.

It is expected that two more Canadian stamps, of 4c and 7c denominations, will shortly appear, the former for double postage, and the 7c for registration.

Mr. W. A. Beatty, a St. Catharines, Ontario, dealer, was a recent purchaser of four barrels of stamps.

The Canadian government has decided to redeem the 3 cent stamps in the hands of the public, and has notified Postmasters to that effect. The result is that large numbers of these stamps are being received, which include the "maple leaf" and "numeral" issues, and even the old 3c stamp in use previous to the Jubilees.

There are several shades in the Imperial Penny Postage stamp. The first one (lavender) seems to be quite scarce.

I haven't yet seen the new monthly announced to appear from Toronto. What's up?

It is said that a new paper—the *Ontario Philatelic Weekly*—will soon make its appearance from Hamilton, Ont.

The Postal Note system which was introduced here some time ago, to facilitate the transmission of small sums through the mails, is proving a great success, and has, to quite an extent, done away with the practice of sending stamps in remitting.

The Imperial Penny Postage stamp shows plate numbers 1 and 2. Number 1 appears on the first issue (lavender) and number 2 on the last production.

I understand that about 25,000 of the purple 2c envelopes had been printed when the order came to change the color to red. Only 500 were received at the St. Catharines' office.

The stamp business seems to be very good at present. The demand for present issues of Canadian stamps still continues without any signs of abating, large orders coming from American firms quite frequently.

The 2c cent purple, which is now changed to red, promises to become quite scarce. The color of the 3c stamp will also be changed.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

MAJ. JNO. F. MAYER, President.
 DR. MARK W. PEYSER, Vice President.
 WM. S. AHERN, Sec'y-Treas.
 JOHN PAALZOW, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond,
 Va., Sales Manager.
 C. F. W. MOSER, Counterfeit Detector.

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 10, 1899.
 To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The eighteenth meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association was called to order by the president, Maj. Jno. F. Mayer. In the absence of the secretary Mr. Aug. Dietz was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The application of Mr. J. A. Devine, proposed at our last meeting, was voted on, and the applicant unanimously elected to membership.

The event of the evening was the proposition offered by Mr. Franklin Stearns, that the Virginia Philatelic Association, as a body, apply to the Southern Philatelic Association for admission to membership, and to be known as "The Virginia Philatelic Association, Branch No. 1 of the Southern Philatelic Association." The motion furthermore embodies the following conditions:

1. That the V. P. A. retain its individuality as a sovereign State association, governed by its present constitution and laws; electing its own officers, holding its regular monthly meetings, and annual conventions;

2. That the proposed affiliation with the S. P. A. be upon the basis and principles of sovereign States federated under a common head.

After a thorough discussion, in which all seemed in favor of the movement, it was decided to submit the question to the members, and to request of each a *prompt response per postal*, upon receipt of this number, expressing their opinions and casting their vote for or against the proposition.

Mr. Stearns, in speaking on his motion laid stress on the fact that this move would entail but an additional expense of ten cents per year for membership in both associations, in return for which members would partake of all advantages of both associations—including the excellent Sales Department of the "Southern," and subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

There being no further business before the Association the meeting adjourned.

AUG. DIETZ,
 Sec'y *pro tem*.

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Lowry, Abilene, Texas.
 Int'l. Secretary—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
 Sales Supt.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Librarian—Chas. P. Galyon, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
 Trustees—H. Fenton, Chairman Ex-Officio, Knoxville, Tenn., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

BROTHER MEMBERS:

You no doubt read with pleasure the report in our official organ of the proceedings at the meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association when it was unanimously decided that it would be to the advantage of its members that they should join our Society and I know you will welcome them. Fifteen applications have already been filed and Virginia will be in line for the banner unless the other States rise to the occasion and send in new recruits also.

If the capital of each Southern State organized a local Society which could hold its meetings and do missionary work in its own neighborhood, and then affiliate with the S. P. A., how much it would mean for Philately in the South. The members could not only enjoy the pleasures of a local society, but they could also avail themselves of the benefits of the larger organization. I shall be pleased to hear from Philatelists who think they could organize a local Society with these ends in view. I have twenty "Favorite" albums, which I shall be pleased to send our members on receipt of 5c to pay postage. I have given away quite a number myself to beginners and find it a good plan to hinge a few stamps in the right places but be sure not to fill in all the cheap ones, let the youngster have the pleasure of finding some of his own specimens. Now don't all speak at once.

Yours for the S. P. A.
 H. FENTON, Pres.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$3.74
Received from members.....	12.95
Total.....	\$16.69

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 1. To Roy B. Bradley for copies of the Oct. L. S. S. P.....	\$1.19
Jan. 10. To "V. P." for Jan.....	.98
Total.....	2.17
Balance on hand.....	\$14.52

The freight on the S. P. A. library from New Orleans to Knoxville, Tenn., amounting to \$1.08, was paid by Librarian C. P. Galyon, who has donated the amount of the bill to the Society. In behalf of the members of the same, we hereby tender to Mr. Galyon the thanks of the Southern Philatelic Association for the courtesy shown.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LOWRY, Treas.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 136² Objected to.
- 137 Williams, O. H., 35 E. 17th-st., N. Y. City.
- 138 Aheru, W. S., 112 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va.
- 139 Redford, R. J., 1417 W. Leigh-st., " "
- 140 Knotts, J. H., 1903 W. Main st., " "
- 141 Scott, Jr., H. C., 403 E. Grace-st., " "
- 142 Kerns, F. L., Box 299, " "

* The above case is now in the hands of the Trustees.

APPLICATIONS.

- Dickey, Eugene Cabell, Knoxville, Tenn. Age 26, Druggist. Refs., C. P. Galyon, Chas. L. McNutt, H. Fenton.
- Verbeck, Wm. M., Box 811, Ballston Spa, N. Y. Age 20, Law Student. Refs., S. P. Lev, J. W. Verbeck, W. C. Lowry.
- Jones, W. Ashby, 601 W. Franklin-st., Richmond, Va. Age 36, Capitalist. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
- Butler, Basil G., 1302 Floyd-ave., Richmond, Va. Student. Refs., A. W. Butler, Franklin Stearns, August Dietz.
- Mayer, Maj. Jno. F., 1212 E. Main st., Richmond, Va. Age 46, Agent Old Dominion S. S. Co. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
- Christian, Thomas, 1219 Floyd-ave., Richmond, Va. Merchant. Refs., August Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
- Moser, C. F. W., 16 S. 1st-st., Richmond, Va. Age 37, Jeweler. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
- Reilly, Jr., Daniel J., 2260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 19, Assistant Book-keeper. Refs., Roy B. Bradley, W. C. Lowry, Chas. L. McNutt.
- V. E. A. Spott, 806 N. 6th-st., Richmond, Va. Age 14, Jeweler. Member V. P. A. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

Henry Schott, Box 190, Richmond, Va. Age 30.
Stamp Merchant. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug.
Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

R. M. Molting, 18 N. Beach-st., Richmond, Va.
Age 26, Supt. Architectural Iron Works.
Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

W. P. Shelton, 11 S. 3rd-st., Richmond, Va. Age
28, Banker. Member V. P. A.; General Col-
lector. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C.
Lowry.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

J. S. Ross, Moncton, N. B., Can.
L. S. Millard, Santa Anna, Texas.
Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.
E. W. Hensinger, San Antonio, Texas.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

John W. Edwards, Huguenot, Ga.

RESIGNATIONS WITHDRAWN.

H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

C. Betholz from Lilley to Onalaska, Ark.
A. C. Trask from 3729 to 3745 La Salle-st., Chicago,
Ill.
L. P. Head from Hickman, Ky., to Fulton, Ky.
Respectfully, WALTER C. LOWRY, Sec'y.

Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report 42 books, value.....	\$587.03
Received since, 68 books, value.....	955.42
Retired 18 books, value.....	236.36
From which have been sold.....	36.18
Now in circulation 87 books, value.....	1256.09
Insurance fund.....	35.68

I wish to thank those members who replied to my call for U. S. stamps.

All circuits (ten now out) are moving along on time and I have no claims against members.

CHARLES WARING, Sales Supt. S. P. A.

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.,



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Whether it is on account of the blizzard or some other cause the fact remains, that only a very limited number of our Exchanges have reached us in time to be included in this month's review, which closes on February 22d.

The following only were received:

	Vol.	No.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13.	20
Eastern Philatelist, Boston, Mass.	22.	6
Herald Exchange, New York,	5.	6
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7.	5
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13.	34 5
Michigan Phil. Weekly, Ithaca, Mich.	1.	12
New York Philatelist, New York	5.	4
Perforator, Federalburg, Md.	2.	2

FROM CANADA.

All Around Stamp Advertiser, Montreal.	2.	8
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1.	8
Philatelic Messenger, Hoiestown, N. B.	3.	8

FROM ABROAD.

Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany.	1.	3
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Of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* only one copy has reached us, the one of Feb'y 11th, which contains copy of the Official Circular regarding the sale of the periodical stamps, fifty thousand sets at five dollars per set; a pretty good price for twelve labels which neither have nor are ever expected to do postal duty, for they are demonetized, and as such really not worth more than the paper they are printed on. However, we collectors will as usual rush in and invest our money in them. In the Canadian Notes is the good suggestion that the government strike off a few more thousand of the purple 2c envelopes to give the public a chance to buy them.

The Eastern Philatelist in its February number contains a continuation of "An African Ambrotype" in which the

different issues of Natal are enumerated. The surcharges on these stamps from 1869 are sometimes bewildering to almost any but a specialist; so any light thrown upon this subject is of interest to the general collector.

The Supplementary Catalogue compiled by Mr. G. L. Smiley which contains the issues not noted in and appearing since the supplement to the 58th Standard was issued contains two pages of closely printed matter and represents about 180 stamps issued since October 31st. It is hardly to be wondered at that the general collector gets tired, when new issues pour in on him at the rate of nearly a thousand a year.

In the *Herald Exchange* we find a letter containing the suggestion that it (the *H. E.*), and presumably other papers also, set aside each month certain space to contain notices of parties who are not square in their dealings and the suggestion seems to be a very good one. It is to head the column "Errors and Omissions" and the notices to read about as follows:

"J. S. of Allentown, Pa., has sheets for two months past and advertisers can get no reply. (2000.)

"For sale, account amounting to \$10 by John Jolies of Chicago, Ill. (2001.)

"G. F. J., Worcester, Mass., got stamps on approval some time ago, and returns were irregular; may mean substitution. (2002.)

"Some time ago I sent 50 cents for packet of stamps to G. F., Albany, N. Y., and I can not get either the stamps or my money back. (2003.)

"The party sending you a complaint should enclose a small fee or stamped and addressed envelope.

"At the end of each notice you could affix a number and from initials and name of place given, others who have been victimized would recognize the

party, and could write you and have his letter forwarded to the party advertising.

"It seems to me that in this way a dealer having the evidence and correspondence of other dealers would have no difficulty in making the swindler come to terms."

Let the dealers and collectors agitate this matter and let us try and weed out the black sheep.

The Lone Star State Philatelist is still a little behind. The December number being the only one to hand to date. It contains a continuation of the notes from the official reports of the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States by Mr. Askew and also an article reprinted from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* which goes very deeply into the subject of the 10 cents 1863 of the Confederate States. From this it would appear that the "Ten" cents was engraved and issued before the "10" cents was made, and not being liked by the authorities a new die was ordered and the "10" in numerals. The demand for stamps however was so great that both plates were used for printing but in the process of transfer the die of the "Ten Cents" was broken and became useless, hence the rarity of this stamp. The differences in the two types of the numeral stamp are fully explained and all in all this article is sure to be a great help to all who make a speciality of the issues of the Confederacy.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News for February 2nd, contains a reproduction of the sheet of ten stamps printed and used as provisionals at Coamo, Porto Rico, with an account of Mr. J. M. Andreini of New York of the investigations made by him in different parts of Porto Rico to satisfy himself and the stamp collecting fraternity about this issue. He wrote to the Mayor of Coamo and a number of friends

and collectors in Porto Rico and from the answers received gives his opinion on the stamp in question as follows: "My conclusion is that the Coamo provisional stamp was issued for legitimate purposes and served such purposes as an emergency stamp. I believe, therefore, that it is entitled to some consideration at the hands of collectors, not only as an emergency issue, but as an interesting historical relic."

The same number contains a letter written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel to Major General Wilson who was in charge of the American forces at Coamo, and General Wilson's answer, which seems to confirm the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Andreini. What makes us feel bad about this matter is that the *Weekly* says there are only 258 specimens available for collectors to get hold of, and we are therefore afraid that our album will forever contain an aching void where these stamps ought to be.

Numbers 1 and 2 of *The Michigan Philatelic Weekly* have reached us, but as No. 2 is dated January 16th, and naturally there should have been at least four numbers more by this time, they have not come to hand, and we must fear that the blizzard which swept the land has been too much for the *M. P. W.*, even if in the "Review" in the first number the editor admonishes Mr. Cornell "to keep his eye on the gun and he will see the *Michigan Philatelist* which is here to rival, to compete and perhaps to lead, but at any rate to stay." Neither number 1 or 2 contain any philatelic news that would set the world afire.

We are sorry to see from *The New York Philatelist* that Mr. Herbst has been ill, and trust that ere now he is restored to health. The associate editor has in this number a plea for poetry,

philatelic poetry, and gives a pretty good parody on the "Raven" in which he scores the "sample copy fiends," whom Mr. Herbst has previously hauled over the coals, but not in poetical effusions exactly. Well everyone to their liking, for our part we'd just as soon take our philatelic journals without the addition of poetry and hope that the trumpet call for the assembling of the poets, which he says was sounded in a recent issue of the *VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*, will fall upon ears that hear not.

The Perforator opens with a portrait and short biographical sketch of Mr. Judson N. Burton of Madison, N. Y. Miss Swift's "The Dawn of the Postal Service in Massachusetts" is very interesting, and being written from old records and papers, it does not just repeat the statistics found in a first-class encyclopedia. Did other States begin a like service, before the postal system was handed over to the Federal authorities, or stands Massachusetts alone in this?

We think Mr. McFall errs when in his list of the Confederate issues, which he recommends the general collector to obtain, he includes the 1c orange the date of which he gives as 1864. This stamp was never issued by the government and therefore surely has no more standing than any other essay. By the word issued we mean that the stamp no doubt was prepared for the C. S., but none were ever sold to the public and consequently none were used. It ought not be classed with the other stamps of the Confederacy.

Perforations, notes from different parts of the U. S. and Canada as well as the reports of different stamp associations make as usual an interesting number.

The All Round Stamp Advertiser contains advertisements of dealers and col-

lectors in all parts of the world and any collector who seeks for exchange relations in foreign countries would do well to subscribe for this paper.

The Philatelic Messenger closes its career with the present number, having transferred its subscription list to the *Philatelic Advocate*, published in Berlin, Ont. The reason assigned for the demise of the *Messenger* is that the editor cannot find the time to attend to it properly and as everything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, the decision to give it up is perhaps a wise one. We shall miss it from our exchange table but feel assured that the *Advocate* will fully satisfy the former subscribers of the *Messenger*.

The January number of *The Montreal Philatelist* is a good deal more of a philatelic journal than its Christmas edition was, and is in fact head and shoulders above that number. It starts out with the announcement of a great find and the subsequent purchase of same by Mr. R. C. Bach. The find was the 2 cents of first issue of British Guiana on the original cover which was purchased on Dec. 19th., and four copies of 8 cents green, 2 singles and a pair also on the original, were purchased on the 21st December and the end is not yet. We can only hope that Mr. Bach was sure of what he was buying and has not fallen the victim of some clever sharper who is leading him on until finally it comes out that the stamps were "Made in Germany." The leading article "The Model Stamp Collector" is well written and treats its subject well. About the Imperial stamp of Canada it has this to say: "No wonder 'we hold a vaster Empire than has been.' On some stamps we have annexed about half of the United States. The British Isles are in France while the Falkland Islands have moved

to some part of South America." Speaking of this stamp it is well to add that the different shades in which the Ocean is printed seem to be almost without number and the specialist will have a hard time to secure them all.

The Evergreen State Philatelist comes as usual, bright and newsy. Its short notes and comments are interesting and contain information in condensed form.

The *Philatelic Messenger* contains in its December number Mr. McDonnell's contribution on "Philatelic Societies" and in this instalment speaks about the relations of local to State and national societies and also explains why so many local societies in smaller towns are decided failures.

The *Messenger* is rather small in size this month, eight pages instead of the usual twelve.

The claim of *The Philatelic Advocate* that its January number is the largest ever issued by any Canadian stamp journal, seems well grounded when that number contains sixty pages and cover. There was another Canadian paper which advertised that its Xmas number would contain 60 pages, but alas, the padding gave out and only 32 pages saw the light of day, so of course the *Advocate's* claim must be allowed. But it is not only in quantity that the *Advocate* excels but also in the quality of its many and varied articles, and it is hard to select and say which is the best of them for without exception they are good. If every reviewer will turn down the corner of the page which contains Mr. McDonnell's conception of what a review editor should or should not do, and profit by reading over that article carefully, the day may come when Mr. McDonnell's hopes for only such reviews as will win praise, may be realized.

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THOMAS CHRISTIAN.

Present, this month, the features of a gentleman which, we dare say, are as familiar to Richmond stamp collectors as the Post Office itself; and, should perchance some stranger in our city enquire at Uncle Sam's stamp-shop for the name and whereabouts of a stamp collector, there's little doubt but that our congenial officials, from Postmaster Knight down to the Special Delivery boys, would answer in chorus: "Tom Christian, 1418 Main Street."

The subject of this enviable philatelic popularity was born in Richmond, Va., in 1845, and, by the way, he considers this city as good a place as any to be born in.

He was educated in Richmond, and has traveled extensively over the entire country east of the Mississippi.

From 1862 to 1867 he was engaged in the hardware business; removing to Detroit, he was with Berry Bros., the varnish manufacturers, from 1867 to 1871.

Returning to Richmond in 1871 he started in business for himself.

His philatelic pursuits began in 1872, and continued actively till 1875, during which time he accumulated a magnificent lot of rare stamps. Since 1875 he has added comparatively little to his collection, though he is as enthusiastic over stamps to-day as he was then.

Mr. Christian is a general collector, with that natural preference of we'uns

of the South for Confederate postal emissions, and 'twas he who first discovered the 10c Uniontown, Ala., the "Payne" Danville envelope, and the genuine Greenville, Ala., C. S. A. locals.

His collection contains about 4000 stamps, among them—besides many of the rarer stamps issued previous to 1875—are a number of treasures rarely met with in the famous collections that contain over 10,000 varieties.

He estimates the catalogue value of his stamps at something over \$2,500.

Mr. Christian is about as well versed in the history of most Confederate locals, as any man in the country, and it is a treat indeed to hear him relate his experiences with prominent stamp men at our meetings; and his rich store of information seems inexhaustible.

On the general issue of Confederates Mr. Christian is our undisputed authority, and he possesses about as large an assortment and as complete a

collection of oddities and varieties of this series as any member of the Virginia Philatelic Association.

Our friend is at present engaged in the photographic supplies business, besides holding an agency for one of the most popular bicycles.

Mr. Christian has promised us, for a future number, an account of the finding of some rare "locals."

But you shall all meet Mr. Christian at our grand Convention this fall.

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“Federation” Again.

SINCE the call for Federation of the State associations of the South appeared in our March issue quite a number of encouraging letters have reached us from prominent philatelists both South and

North—all full of ardent zeal—full of cheerful readiness to enlist in the cause.

It is very gratifying to note such vitality in Philately of the South—it betokens success!

A grand Association of United Southern Philately *will* be formed. It virtually exists.

There is to-day more genuine enthusiasm in Southern societies, than the numerically greater philatelic associations of the North ever knew in their palmiest days. The cause of this lies in the fact that there is less of “philatelic politics” and “ring rule” among us. There are no “snaps,” no sinecures to win in the “Southern”—the offices entail labor, and the only reward for faithful service lies in the trust and esteem of our brother members.

To foster Philately and fraternity—not *clique* and gain—is our aim.

Will *you* not join us? You of the North and you of the South—all true philatelists are welcome to our ranks.

Long ago flowers have overgrown and effaced “Mason and Dixon’s Line.” Therefore, “fall in,” and—“On to Richmond!”

Practical Enthusiasm.

THE President of the S. P. A., Mr. Harry Fenton, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been distributing quite a number of “Favorite” Albums with a view to inducing intelligent boys to collect stamps. He is sowing the seed. And now Bro. L. P. Head, of Fulton, Ky., is offering a number of additional prizes to S. P. A. members who secure new recruits to our ranks—right behind Bro. Fenton with a reaper, as it were.

“Let the good work go on,” says Bro. Verbeck, and if it depends on his pushing—it’s *going*!

Will *you* not join the S. P. A.?

Chasing The Dollar.

It's really amusing to watch the antics of some publishers when the vision of a dollar looms up on the gray horizon of their hopes, and the capers they cut and the inducements they offer for that "Mister William" when they think the other fellows can't see them.

Several letters from publishers recently sent us by a well-known dealer, who wanted our "very lowest net page ad-rates," afforded us an insight into the methods of some of our contemporaries.

We didn't get this dealer's ad; but we brought forth a bundle of letters from our friends Williams & Co., sat our frail self upon them, ejected the office cat—for we wanted solitude—and began to think a few lines of thank. . . .

We arrived at the conclusion that a dollar was a mighty big thing; bigger, in fact, than principle and truth to some people; and we forthwith borrowed a dollar from a credulous friend, just to fondle it—for an indefinite time.

And now we are tempted to offer a suggestion to our dealer friends: Don't pay any attention to the scale of ad rates, but send the publisher a dollar, and tell him to "run you in" for a full page ad—best position—and to give you a "puff."

You'll see it in his next issue.

You will—that's right—but don't ask the publisher how many others ever see his paper—how many *paid up* subscribers he has; he doesn't care to discuss that point any more than our friend Bach cares to talk of British Guiana stamps.

You've gotten a "cheap" ad—no doubt o' that; you're studying economy, yes.

He's got your dollar,

What a cinch!—

That's all.

WATCH for our May number.

No Review This Month.

We regret the necessity of announcing the non-appearance of our "Review" this month. Our Mr. Paalzow is at the bedside of a very dear friend in New York, who is extremely ill, and the attendant severe mental strain has made it impossible for him to give his department that thorough attention for which it is noted. Upon his request we offer this explanation and apology.

The department will be resumed next month.

Count Us In.

THE following timely editorial appeared in the February *Lone Star State Philatelist*:

FRAUDS.

A recent editorial in one of our valued contemporaries sharply criticizing the unbusinesslike methods in vogue among the philatelic world meets with our hearty approval. * * * While the remarks are very appropriate, we go the publisher one farther and say that the publishers of the philatelic journals should form a combination and demand cash in advance for advertising. It would not be unreasonable to ask this, and as for a saving to any publisher, one has only to look at the average list of accounts offered for sale in almost every publication. Who will join us in this work?

Count us in, Brother Bradley.

Errata.

WE desire to correct an error which occurred in the notice regarding the new 2c rose of Hawaii, on page 149 of our March number. The last paragraph *should* read: "No new designs have been prepared thus far."

A Graceful Tribute.

McGraw, N. Y., March 16, '99.
*To Aug. Dietz, and the others of the
 Management of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.*

DEAR SIRS:

If I may be allowed to tender to you all my thanks and gratification for the interesting contents and the beautiful typographical appearance of each month's VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I most heartily and sincerely do so.

You are so painstaking in placing nothing but the *best* for our edification and delectation, and if we should not say one word in commendation, we certainly should lack true courtesy that your labor commands.

I can and do wish you the success that results from the highest effort so splendidly placed in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

MAUD CHARLOTTE BINGHAM.

Gracias, senorita!

Those Newspaper and Periodical Stamps.

IF REPORTS from various sources may be credited, the Newspaper and Periodical stamps placed on sale by our Post-office Department at \$5 per set, are going like "hot tamales," and Uncle Sam is netting a neat little sum by the deal.

Of course, it's a matter of opinion, and we're all entitled to one of our own; but when we once persuade ourselves to collect labels that were never intended to nor ever did *postal duty*, we shall begin with tobacco tags, tomato-can and cigar-box labels.

A VERY tempting array of excellent bargains in stamps is presented on our advertisement pages this month. It is to your interest to read every ad.

"Et tu—Malta?"

WE LEARN from *The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* that four new stamps have been added to the current Maltese set, of the following values and colors: 4d., sepia; 5d., brick red; 2sh. 6d., olive gray; 10sh., dark blue.

Judging from the designs and values of these newcomers the whole job savors of the speculative. Here's the catalogue of this historic picture gallery:

The 4d.; a Gozo boat under full sail.

The 5d.; an ancient galley of the Knights of Malta.

The 2sh. 6d.; Malta represented by a female figure.

The 10sh.; The shipwreck of St. Paul on the coast of Malta.

Why not make it one more, a 3d., and put it on a Maltese cat, color gray?

Attention S. P. A.

THE attention of S. P. A. members, who are in arrears with their dues, is called to the notice of the Board of Directors printed under the Association heading in this number.

WE have received the 5 centimes stamp of France, printed in emerald green.

THE 6d of New South Wales has appeared in the new color, orange.

WE may expect, in the near future, to see the familiar features of King Oscar on the Swedish stamps superseded by those of his son Gustaf, in whose favor the old king has abdicated.

ATTENTION is called to the clubbing rates of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for advertisements and subscriptions.



The Two Dies of the New Two Cents Envelope.



DIE A. DIE B.

WE present partial illustrations of the two dies of the two cents red envelope. The differences in the designs are so numerous and so marked that a glance should suffice to distinguish the one from the other. However, a minute description may interest many of our readers.

We must henceforth class them Die A and Die B.

Die A is of the first printing; Die B represents the re-engraved issue. The first printing, we judge, bids fair to become quite a good thing.

In size Die A is a trifle smaller than Die B, both in depth and width.

There are but 39 points on the serrated line surrounding the profile of Washington (we suppose that's who it's intended to represent), on Die A, while there are 41 on the same line of Die B.

The base of the bust in Die A points to the *first* point of the serrated line, while in Die B it points to the *second*. (See illustration).

There are a number of minor differences in the two dies, an enumeration of which is unnecessary, as the above will suffice in determining Die A and Die B.

Die A has also appeared on the 1894 watermarked paper—the old No. 13 2c white.

The Herald Exchange (German-American) and *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST* one year for 30c.

THE new set of Cuba stamps is not expected to be out for at least three months. —*Metropolitan*.

Canada's First Surcharge.

2c

WE ARE indebted to Mr. Rudolph C. Bach, of Montreal, for our first copy of Canada's surcharged envelope. We illustrate the type employed. The surcharge is in black on the 3c red, recently withdrawn from sale on account of the change in inland rates.

We trust the French Canadians will not kick on its illegibility (!).

More Hawaiian Color Changes.

Mckee's Weekly states that the colors of the 1c and 5c Hawaiians have also been changed. The colors are now :

- 1c green
- 2c carmine
- 5c blue.

Probably some more changes will take place as the current 10c is printed in green, and both the 12c and 25c are printed in blue.

That "Vaster" Stamp.

MR. MULLOCK'S vaster stamp than has been still continues to be issued by the department. As the stamp is dated "Xmas, 1898," it appears to us that its life has been elongated beyond all reason. People are tired salivating such a big area of mountains, lakes, rivers and oceans, and Canadians are beginning to learn that after all this holding of vaster empires than has been has its drawbacks when it comes to the sticking point. If it were only Great Britain and not Canada, that held both these vastnesses, everybody in this parish, at least, would be overjoyed. We would be better pleased to simply own a vaster P. M. G. than has been and leave these Japanese handkerchiefs with vast quotations to England, where they properly belong.—*The Flesherton Advance* (Ontario.)



LEE MONUMENT.

UNVEILED MAY 31st. 1890.

Glimpses of Richmond, Va.

II

VERY true Virginian is a hero-worshipper, and in the capital of the Old Dominion one may find many evidences of the appreciation and love which live in the hearts of her people for the thousands who have laid down their lives for the glory of their beloved State and the principles which upheld it. The monuments of Richmond rest on a soil hallowed by history and by traditions which we hold dear because they seem a part of the very air we breathe, and any day the traveler would be richly repaid by taking a glimpse of the granite and bronze which involuntarily recall the dauntless heroism of the Southern warriors who would shrink at nothing but dishonor, and who have left behind them a track of light that today guilds the monuments which tell the story of *our* gratitude and *their* devotion.

In a summer afternoon go to "Hollywood," that most picturesque of Southern cemeteries, which commands a beau-



tiful view of the James—and stand beside the pyramid which was placed there in 1869 in honor of 12,000 who fell under the "Stars and Bars." It is built of rough granite and is very impressive. The Virginia creeper climbed 90 feet to festoon the apex. You would wish to stay in the cool of the shadows, but feel that the flight of time may deprive you of a sight of Lee, in bronze, which

Mercie designed in Paris, and which springs from an ornamental granite base—the work of the French architect Pujot. This statue is the central figure in the space known as "Lee Circle", from whence, by walking a short distance, we come to "Howitzer Place", and catch a sight of a graceful pedestal surmounted by a cannoneer in bronze, placed there in honor of the three companies of the Richmond Howitzers who participated in every engagement from Bethel to the end.

Some distance from this artistic figure and in the central portion of the city is the "Capitol Square", which holds the statue of Jackson, and at the feet of this

genius and hero are inscribed the memorable words of Bee, "Look! there is Jackson, standing like a stone-wall!" and our heart puts its own music to that beautiful poem by Margaret Preston which has, as a refrain, the dying words of the man whose memory we cherish, "Let us pass over the river and rest 'neath the shade of the trees".

Leaving the western portion of the city, a ride of a few minutes brings us to "Libby Hill", where, crown-

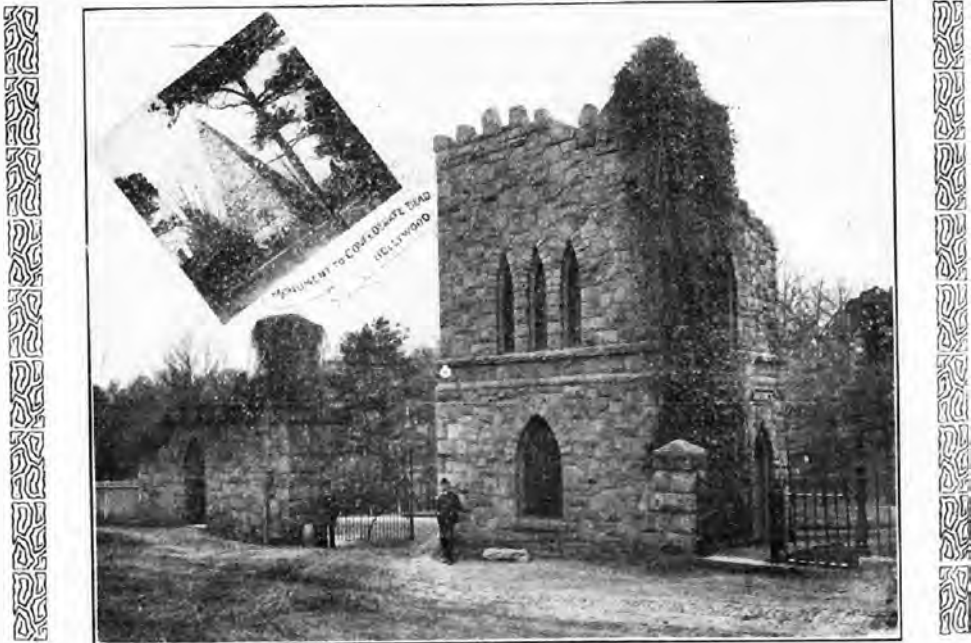


ing the summit and dominating the landscape for miles around, rises the bronze Soldiers' and Sailors' monument—an imitation of Pompey's pillar, surmounted by a Confederate infantryman, (the design of Richmond's artist, Prof. W. L. Sheppard), with the river below, and the whole city on its right. Mounting the steps which support the column, one sees a panorama of green, stretching on and on until it touches the horizon, where the dark profiles



of the distant trees are seen against a background of sky which the setting sun has turned to gold. There is a stillness about the scene that makes one forget the hours gently slipping by, and time, instead of flying, seems to hover. We look above us, and are conscious of a feeling which is something akin to the altitude of the soldier who stands there.—We lean against the column—it is the heart of the South.

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52a. blue green.



A2

It is not quite clear why these were printed from the old plates; possibly by an oversight or perhaps the old plates were used in an emergency. Their issue was evidently small, for they are quite scarce. The date of issue is given approximately, as it is certain that they were printed *after* the issue of February, 1875.

In the fall of the same year and the spring of 1876 two of the old values were re-engraved and a new value added to the list.

ISSUE 1875-76.

For the 1 and 2 sen same design as in the issue of August 1872, but the two branches at their intersection are held together by a double loop, the ends hanging down between the stems; for the 5 sen design similar to that of the last 6 sen, but with the inscriptions altered; the place occupied by the plate number on the 6 sen is filled by three small circles;



A13



A16

the center is nearly filled by four branches; size 24x27 mm. Engraving, impression paper and perforation same as in the last issues.

53. 1 sen brown (1876).

53a. pale brown.

54. 2 sen yellow (August 1875).

54a. pale yellow.

55. 5 sen green (March 1876).

55a. pale green.

55b. yellowish green.

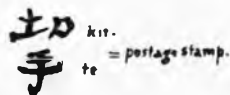
The plates of these three values show 40 varieties also; note some points of difference:

1 sen: The lettering varies.

2 sen: Same.

5 sen: 5 SEN sometimes tall, sometimes low and wide; the 3 circles in the lower part of the ribbon vary in position.

Of all these issues there are numerous counterfeits. I mention only a few of them. The 4 sen rose (No. 35 in this list) is often counterfeited by carefully perforating the stamp cut from the corresponding envelope of 1873, which has about a tenth the value of the adhesive. The forgery can be known by the *hexagon* inclosing the plate number, instead of a *rectangle* as in the adhesive. The $\frac{1}{2}$ sen error (No. 9a) can easily be produced by skillfully erasing the two little strokes. The following forgeries belong to the "San-Ko" set above noticed: $\frac{1}{2}$ sen gray (No. 43), $\frac{1}{2}$ sen brown (No. 32), 2 sen vermilion (Nos. 11 and 19), 4 sen rose (Nos. 16, 22 and 27), 4 sen green (No. 52), 1 sen brown (No. 44), 10 sen green (No. 36), 20 sen lilac (No. 37), 30 sen gray (No. 38), 10 sen blue (No. 48), 20 sen carmine (No. 49), 30 sen purple (No. 50). All these show *six* Japanese characters in the center instead of *four* as in the genuine, the two extra characters being the "San-Ko" described before. The 5 sen green (No. 55) also shows *six* characters at the top instead of *four*, the "San-Ko" being placed at the left of the inscription. The originals of the 6 sen violet brown and the 6 sen orange show to the left of the center rosette these two characters:



The counterfeits have replaced them by the "San-Ko" characters. The 12

sen carmine, 15 sen lilac and 45 sen car-

mine (Nos. 40, 41 and 42) bear these two characters as follows: 12 sen to left and right of the bird's head; 15 sen in the inner circle under the upper inscription of value 15 SEN; 45 sen to the left and right of the rock on which the bird is sitting. These three stamps as well as the ½ sen, 2 sen, 1 sen, 10 sen green and blue, 20 sen carmine and 30 sen purple named above can also be distinguished by the large rosette having sometimes 14, sometimes 15 divisions, instead of 16 as in the original. This test will not answer for the 4 sen rose, 4 sen green, 20 sen lilac, 30 sen gray, as they show 16 divisions.—Two counterfeits of the 12 and 45 sen (Nos. 40 and 42) in my possession are printed on yellowish paper instead of the pure white of the originals; the lettering is very poor and the perforation resembles a roulette.

With the issue of 1876 Japan abandoned its old methods of manufacture and adopted modern processes of reproduction. There are therefore no type varieties in the following issues.

ISSUE 1876-79.

a. MARCH 17, 1876.



A14



A15

Upright rectangle (22x 25 mm.) containing a large colored oval, touching the border of the stamp and bounded by two white lines; on this oval above in Japanese characters "Tai Nippon tei Koku juben" (postage stamp of the empire of Japan), below IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST, both in white on colored ground; within the oval above a rosette, in the center a solid circle of color containing the Japanese designation of value in white letters, below three leaves, all on a ground of dots of color, except in the 4 sen, where the space is filled by arabesques. The cor-

ners contain the value in English: in white on a lined ground on the 5 sen, in color in circles on the 1 sen, in squares on the 2 sen, in white in colored circles on the 4 sen; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 56. 5 sen gray.
- 56a. slate-gray.
- 57. 1 sen black.
- 58. 2 sen olive-brown.
- 59. 4 sen green.
- 59a. grayish green.
- 59b. bluish green.
- 59c. pale green.

b. JUNE, 1876—NOVEMBER, 1877.



A17

Same general design, but in the oval a rosette in the center, a star above and branches on either side; the oval is white and contains Japanese inscriptions in color: above "Tai Nippon tei Koku juben," below value; it is surrounded by a double rectangle containing in white on color English inscriptions: above JAPANESE EMPIRE, at right and left POST, below value; the corners contain the value; in the spandrels various emblems of transportation: on the 5 sen a winged wheel, on the 6 sen a propeller, on the 8 sen the same from the side, on the 10 sen horseshoe and whip, on the 12 sen a balloon; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 60. 5 sen brown.
- 60a. red brown.
- 60b. pale brown.
- 61. 6 sen orange.
- 61a. brown-yellow.
- 61b. ochre-yellow.
- 62. 8 sen puce.
- 62a. violet-brown.
- 63. 10 sen blue.
- 63a. light blue.
- 64. 12 sen rose.
- 64a. light rose.

The 5 sen was issued June 23, 1876, the 6 sen, 10 sen and 12 sen June 29, 1877, the 8 sen in November, 1877.

(To be Continued.)

The Truth About Foreign Exchanging

HERBERT IREY WATTS.

MR. FRED. W. BURT'S article, "Even Exchanging," in the March number of *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*, does a great injustice to collectors in other lands. It is true that there can be found many philatelic frauds on "t'other side of the pond," but Burt's article gives the impression that all persons who advertise to do such exchanging are fakes.

I have had experience with many people in the very countries that Mr. Burt names, and the very best exchangers the whole world affords are to be found in Holland and Belgium.

The main trouble with United States collectors is that they are apt to send stamps that are as common in foreign countries as at home. Do not send cheap stamps and expect rare ones back. Stamps do not need to be high priced to be desirable. Certain stamps catalogued 50c each will bring more in exchange than others catalogued at \$2.00. Use some judgment in sending out your stamps and remember that "as you measure out to others it shall be measured back to you."

Our friend speaks of the desire by foreign collectors to receive the "rare" U. S. stamps in exchange for lower priced foreign. Did it never occur to you that many foreign stamps are worth more in the country where issued than abroad? Nowhere in all the world are our stamps as valuable as at home, and the reason is that philatelists are very apt to specialize in the issues of their native land. Thus a stamp catalogued by Scott at 10c may be worth 25c in the country of its issue. An instance of this is the 3ore brown, 1865, of Sweden, catalogued at 2c by Scott and worth in Sweden 5c.

Anyone who selects his foreign correspondents with care, then sends them good stamps and accords them honorable treatment will rarely have cause to complain.

I have myself carried on exchanges with an Afghan who could read no English, and we exchanged stamps for over two years without either understanding a word the other wrote, and a fairer and more honest man I never dealt with.

Don't cry down foreign exchanging simply because you can't trade current U. S. for obsolete foreign, as many try to do.

A Good Find.

THE old hair trunks are credited with a number of "finds" but in this case it was not a trunk but a drawer that was the holder of what you and I, dear reader, would like to lay hands on, at least once. But what was it? you ask. Well "it" was only 21 Nashvilles in shades, ranging from light carmine through the reds and browns down to a very dark brown, almost black-brown, one absolutely perfect Rheatown, and a Memphis envelope.

They were found by a boy who was looking over his grandfather's papers and he tells me that he only looked in one drawer and there are eight or ten more besides other receptacles to follow.

BRITON.

Personal.

OWING to recent protracted illness, much of my correspondence has been unanswered. Will all my patrons who have sent me orders from which they have received no replies kindly write me and receive prompt compliance?

Respectfully,

R. H. BUNCE,
107 High St., Middletown, Conn.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

WELL, by the time this is in print, the great stamp exhibition in the borough of Brooklyn, will be a thing of the past. The exhibition can't be anything but successful, and hopes are entertained that the promoters will make it an annual affair, to be looked forward to. The attendance will in all probability be much larger than the most sanguine expectations.

What results will follow this exhibition is merely a matter of conjecture, but one thing is certain, no harm but much good will be accomplished. If the seeds sown fall on good ground (and Brooklyn earth is said to be as good as the best) perhaps the dealers' coffers will be speedily filled to overflowing. Come to think of it, why not hold a stamp exhibition down in old Richmond the coming fall,—when the Southern Philatelic Association holds forth its annual convention. Richmond and the surrounding country can boast of many fine and valuable collections, and an exhibition of this kind would not lack for material. In this manner many philatelic treasures can thus be shown to all present without any careless handling, which latter process wears on the patience of the fortunate owner. Some attempt was made to have an exhibition in New York last summer during the conventions, but the lack of support discouraged the few projectors, and—you can guess the rest. Perhaps our Southern brethren are more energetic and can overcome all obstacles, and not let a few drawbacks dishearten them. The Virginia Philatelic Association ought to be

able to arrange something presentable in this line.

Much comment has been caused by the reports from various sources on the great demand for periodical and newspaper stamp remainders and although the large number of sets placed on sale in this borough was bought up within seventy-two hours, it does not follow that collectors were the only buyers, or that the line of waiting purchasers was composed of collectors. If we can judge from the article in *The Metropolitan Philatelist* speculators seem to have gotten most of the sets. Not content with buying up the quantity in this city, they rushed to Brooklyn, and the nearby cities in New Jersey, with the evident idea in view of freezing out collectors, and later asking exorbitant prices for a set of nondescript labels. Quoting from *The Metropolitan*. " * * * The rush at Bridgeport was soon over; the first two collectors at the window took the entire lot, and this has been the experience of all other cities we have heard from up to date. The stamps were largely bought by non-philatelic speculators * * * * ." From the Washington letter of March 6th, " We were fortunate enough to have as large a supply as any other city in the country, but today one New York party secured 1000 sets. Another \$1000 draft is now on hand and will probably be attended to tomorrow." " * * * * The climax was reached today by the receipt of a cablegram ordering 1000 sets, from Germany." Another extract reads, " Large quantities will be bought up by speculators who are mostly not at all interested in philately." It is reasonably sure that speculators will have the upper hand of the market ere the limit is reached and the "unfortunate" collectors who desire but one set will have to pay the piper, or wait until the bubble is pricked—as is usually the case in philatelic speculation. When the excite-

ment has abated, collectors will then realize how matters stand and refuse to bow to the dictums of the speculators—if they have gumption enough to do so. Mind, I do not speak disparagingly of the speculator, but I wish to obliterate the impression that the excessive demand for these remainders is caused by the demand from individual collectors, who want one set and not a hundred. The excerpts quoted certainly bear out my opinion. I note that the *American Journal of Philately* comes out strong against them and Mr. Calman says that some of the values are nothing more than reprints made by the Government expressly for this occasion. Well, it's hard to defuse what constitutes a Government reprint and a Government remainder—one is about as good to discourage as the other.

So Virgin Islands was the first British colony to cut loose from the Leeward Islands confederation. Of course, it was understood, the first act to execute, was to prepare a handsome set of postal stationery. Strange, the De la Rue design was not adopted, but, perhaps the postmaster knows a thing or two, and will give us a series of surprises in the near future. The first illustration of the new stamps appeared in the March number of the *A. J. of P.* There are eight denominations from $\frac{1}{2}$ penny yellow green to 5 shillings dark blue. Haven't heard as yet whether this colony intends to conform with the "penny postage" agreement. By the way, I hear some one saying that in all probability the $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny denomination would shortly become obsolete, as the sea-going rate had been reduced to two pence. This is an error—the latter rate applies only to England and her colonies, that have mutually agreed to such a reduction; to all other countries the rate remains as formerly, and although a two pence will be issued, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence will

not be discontinued. It is also rumored that the seven pence stamp of these colonies will probably become obsolete. Should Virgin Islands enter the above arrangement that value would be a desirable stamp to possess.

The initial number of *Stamps*, although fulfilling all promises made, as regards contents, is *not*, judging from this number, "the finest illustrated journal for collectors issued in any land," as the publishers claim.

The second instalment from the list published last month is continued as follows: Tunis, 1888, 1 and 2c, current 25 and 15c; Postage Due, 1c. Germany 1868 roul., 2gr., 3k.; 1869, 3k, perf; official 1gr.; 1872, large shield $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. Bavaria, 1870, 1kr. Saxony, 1863, any. Wurtemberg, current, 2 and 25 pf. Gibraltar, 5c. Great Britain, 1858-64, 2d blue; 1870, $\frac{1}{2}$ d; 1880, 1d Venetian red; 1884, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d; current 5., and 1s; I. R. official $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d. Levant 40p. Greece, Brussels print, 2-1; Postage Due 2-1. Guatemala, 1886, 5c (small 5). Hawaii, 1894, 1c. Haiti, any. Dutch Indies, 1874, 25c. Italy, Segnatasse, 20c; Official 5c, 1-1; Eritrea 1c, 2c. Japan, 50s brown, Silver Wedding 2c. Jamaica, current, 2d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Luxemburg, current, 1, 5c, S. P. 1882, 1c, current 1c. Malta, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d. Mauritius, 1 on 2c, current 2c. Mexico, '84, 5c, 1885, 2c, 3c, 1886, 5c blue, 10c lilac, current 1c official red, brown, current, any. Monaco, 1885, 1, 2c, 1891, 2c. Montenegro, any. New South Wales, current, 2d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, any, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2d, Insurance $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2d. Norway, 1863, 4s, current 50a. Sweden, Losen 1a, official 4a, gray 5a, 2a. Persia, 1885, 5ch, 1889 5c, 1894, 2c. Peru, 1874, 1, 5, 10c. Bermudez, any, 1896, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 1897, 1, 2, 5c, 1894, 2c. Portugal, 1870, 80r, 1880, 25r, 1882, 50r, 1885, 25r, 1892, 15r, 1894 Don Henry 5, 10r, 1895, 20r, Newspaper $2\frac{1}{2}$ r.

The continuation of this list will appear in the next issue.

Just as I am about to close my correspondence for this month, I receive a bulky auction catalogue from the J. W. Scott Stamp Co., listing Mr. J. V. Painter's collection. The sale will occur at the Collectors' Club and will take six nights to complete. March 27th, 28th and 29th, and 3rd, 4th and 5th of April. The sale comprises just 2,626 lots and is one of the largest sales held in years. A beautiful full page half-tone of some of the "treasures" includes a one penny Post Office, Mauritius. A fine copy of British Guiana 4 cents 1856. Unused copies of St. Vincent, Scott's Nos. 35, 34, and 31, the latter very fine. France and her colonies take up 150 numbers. Great Britain about 70 numbers, and United States the first one hundred lots. St. Lucia is well represented with 24 numbers and St. Vincent with 36. Switzerland contains a veritable list of good things, which are divided into 43 lots. To describe everything would require too much space. I think a priced catalogue of this sale would be a handy reference book.

Boston Scraps.

BEAN EATER.

The newspaper and periodical stamps were placed on sale here on the morning of Feb. 25. It was reported that 4,000 sets were Boston's share, and they were consumed within two weeks' time. Other first-class post offices in our vicinity reported sales as being large, and present indications seem to show that the stamps will not last two months throughout the U. S. Where are those fellows that predicted that there would be a large supply to destroy at the end of the year?

A gilt-edge auction sale will be held by the New England Stamp Co. on the evenings of April 24 and 25. This firm has not held a previous sale for three

years, which was remarkable from the fact that the stamps offered brought over 90 per cent of catalogue quotations.

B. L. Drew and Co.'s auction sale of gilt-edge stamps took place February 27 and 28. The following are some of the prices realized: 5c red New Haven reprint, \$12.10; 10c 1847 new, \$11.70; 5c, 1855, brick red, new, catalogued as a "gem of purest ray serene," sold for \$58.15; 90c 1855 new, \$13.70; State Department \$2.00 brought \$12.00; \$20 sold for \$35.00; Periodicals, 1875 issue, 84c denomination sold for \$8.50; 96c, \$6.25; \$6, \$6.25; \$9, \$7.75; \$12, \$8.75; \$36, \$11.50; \$48, \$15.00; \$60, \$23.50; 5c Athens, Ga., Confederate local, superb copy on original cover brought \$30.50; Baton Rouge, La., 5c unused for \$33.00; Petersburg, Va., 5c for \$11.75; Barbadoes, 1878, 1d on half of 5sh, number 62, brought \$28.25; British Columbia, \$1.00, 1868, perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, for 17.75; British Honduras, 1884, 6d mint state, \$11.50; 1sh same issue, \$11.25; British Protectorate, 1888, 2sh 6d, mint, for \$10.25; 5sh same issue, \$12.75; Buenos Ayres 3 peso green, fine, unused, \$18.75; Congo, postal packet stamp, number 51, mint, \$6.00; number 54 used, \$10.00; Lagos, 1885, 2sh 6d unused, \$31.00; 5sh same issue, same condition, \$31.00; Mauritius, number 10, used, \$23.25; number 11, used, \$10.00; St. Vincent, 1 on half of 6d, pair, \$62.00; Spain, 1853, 1c bronze, unused, \$7.50; Swiss, Zurich, 4r, vertical lines, \$65.00; Two Sicilies, $\frac{1}{2}$ and number 16, \$10.00 and Wurtemberg, 70k, \$10.00. The stamps that brought the most on an average were the New South Wales Sidney Views; some brought as high as 80 per cent of catalogue value. The first evening's sale brought 56 per cent of catalogue but the second dropped down to slightly over 40 per cent.

The Cuban 2c de peso surcharged stamp has made its appearance here. It is quite apparent, from the looks, that the

same plate that was used in surcharging the 2½c de peso, was used on this stamp also, after cutting out the fraction.

The latest news at the Hub from Newfoundland is that all the dies, plates, etc. of the 1866 to 1896 issues of stamps, which were in the possession of the American Bank Note Co. of New York, have been destroyed. The plates include the 6c pink, 12c brown, 13c orange, 24c blue and 10c black.

Reprints of these stamps hereafter will be an impossibility, and Newfoundland will stand on a firmer basis thereby.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

The 2c red Canada envelope made its appearance about the middle of February. It is the same in design as the purple one which was recalled.

Mr. F. I. Weaver has changed the name of his *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* to the *Canadian Philatelic Review*, and will publish it fortnightly instead of weekly as heretofore.

It may seem rather early to some, but nevertheless the committee are already at work making arrangements for the 4th annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association, which will be held in Toronto this summer. They intend to leave no stone unturned to make it a record-breaker in point of attendance and helpfulness.

The Canadian Philatelic Press Club, which has been talked about so much of late, is at last a reality. An election will be held shortly. Mr. F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, Ontario, is Secretary *pro tem*.

The 2c purple envelope (error) is selling at from 25 to 75 cents each at present.

Quite a number of high value Jubilees were on sale at the Toronto, Ontario,

post-office recently. The 20c of this issue was on hand at the office here (St. Catharines) a short time ago.

There is a big demand for the Imperial Penny Postage stamps in used condition. Anywhere from 25c to \$1.00 per 100 is offered for them. The lavender is sold at much higher than these figures.

If it is really true that the firm of Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, are frauds, a few Canadians will be losers too. I may consider myself lucky that I wasn't taken in by them, as they wrote me to send on to them stamps on approval at several different times. They wanted something rare—if I remember right full sheets of ½c and 8c jubilees were especially desired. It seems strange that some one did not "get on" to these fellows before, as they have been advertising for quite a few months past. But now that it is done, is there no way to get at them, and bring them to justice?

Canadian philatelic journalism apparently is not prospering as it was some time ago. From about eight magazines, we are now reduced to four, one of these being a fortnightly.

Very little is heard of the new Canadian philatelic society just now. Friend Bach and the *Montreal Philatelist* appear to be pretty much the "whole thing," but I hope that the interest will soon spread.

Mr. Charles Bailey, the well-known dealer and collector, and president of the Dominion Philatelic Association, has been on the sick list for some time past, but is now on the road to recovery.

Alexander Gunn, the postmaster at Kingston, Ontario is carrying on a series of tests regarding steamship lines carrying mail matter, to determine which gives the best results.

It is stated that St. Catharines, Ontario, and Richmond, Quebec, will be in the field for next convention seat of the D. P. A.

English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

The reduction of colonial postage rates to a penny largely increased the letter dispatches. The first mail to Canada was larger by 50 per cent., and those to East India and Hong Kong, etc., and to the West Indies by 30 per cent. The first mail from Canada also was 50 per cent. larger. It is said that innumerable letters were posted to the United States, Mauritius, Siam, etc., bearing only a penny stamp. The Queen has accepted a silver penny from Mr. Henniker Heaton as a memento of the I. P. P.

The authorities are considering the question of selling postcards at face value, which was done from 1870 to April, 1872, but owing to complaints from the manufacturers the price was raised to $\frac{3}{4}$ p for one, $1\frac{1}{4}$ p for two, etc.

The *Daily Mail* publishes the following strange history of a postcard: "On Oct. 20th a card was posted in Italy addressed to a member of one of the largest firms in the North of London, and was only received on Saturday last (Jan. 8th), in a most strange manner. On unpacking a case of oranges from Spain, which had been purchased with many others by the buyer of the firm's fruit department at the wharf, the card in question was discovered among a lot of other miscellaneous papers, which had been used for the purpose of packing the said oranges securely." The postcard in question was sent to the *Daily Mail* offices, with the above note from its recipient.

Post-offices have been established at Fashoda, and some other places in the Sudan.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Burma is recommending the establishment of a postal service between Burma and Talifa, in Yunnan, Western China. The service

would be carried out by "dak-runners," men who run, two together, carrying the mail-bags on their heads, and equipped with a spear with bells attached. The route is divided into stages of ten miles, which the runners cover in about an hour and a half.

Mr. Lewin Hill, C. B., assistant secretary at the G. P. O. retired on January 10th. after 43 years' service. He is nephew of Sir Rowland Hill and the last of the Hill family connected with the Post Office.

At the sale by Messrs. Ventom Bull & Co., of the collection of the late Mr. Gilbert Lockyer the following prices were realized:—British Columbia, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p imperforate, a pair, \$210; Nevis, 1sh. on bluish, unused, \$20; ditto, 6p lith., unused \$30.60; ditto 6p green, unused \$21.85; Virgin Isles, 6p rose, unused, \$21.25; Barbados, $\frac{1}{2}$ p green, comp. perf., unused, \$15.60; ditto, 1p on half 5sh, rose red, \$28.70; St. Vincent, 4p on 1sh, vermilion, \$37.50; ditto, wmk. star, 5sh, rose, unused, \$58.70; British Honduras, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3c on 3p, brown, \$25. The total amount realised exceeded £1000 (\$5000.)

The *Philatelic Monthly* says that an Austrian Mercury of 1856, scarlet, was sold recently by a Berlin dealer to a collector in London for about £220 (\$1100.) The stamp was on the original newspaper in perfect condition, with wide margins.

On February 1st. the fees for private posting-boxes, which hitherto have been available only for large business firms, etc., will be reduced to a scale enabling the ordinary householder to avail himself of the box. This will be an experiment, confined to the London district.

The number of letters delivered in the British Isles during last (postal) year was 2,012,300,000; of postcards 360,400,000; of book-packets 727,300,000; and newspapers 150,900,000.

The average number of letters per head of the population was 50.

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 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St.,
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RICHMOND, VA., Mar. 10, 1899.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The twentieth meeting was called to order on the above date in the Association's rooms at 8.30 P. M. President J. F. Mayer presided and the attendance was unusually large.

The secretary was unable to be present till late in the evening and the President appointed Mr. R. J. Redford to act *pro tem*.

Mr. Dietz explained the delay in the delivery of this month's PHILATELIST by stating that the press of its printers had met with a mishap which caused many day's delay.

Messrs. Mayer and Dietz gave short but enthusiastic and very interesting talks on the coming convention.

The magnificent general collection of Major Mayer was inspected with much pleasure.

Stamp exchanging followed and the meeting which was a most enjoyable one was adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y,
 per REDFORD.

[NOTE.—On account of the late appearance of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for March it was impossible to have responses per postal from out-of-town members in regard to the proposition of Mr. Stearns at the February meeting. Subsequently a number of replies have come to hand—unanimous in favor of the proposed affiliation with the Southern Philatelic Association. It is expected that all votes will be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 10th of April.—EDITOR.]

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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

BROTHER MEMBERS:

Our Association is rapidly advancing. Nineteen applications for membership in two months is, I believe, the record and if we could only keep up this rate we should be able to show 200 members on the list by next Convention.

The idea of making our Association a Federation of Southern Philatelic Societies—is steadily growing. A movement is already on foot to organize State societies in Tennessee and Kentucky with a view to affiliation with the S. P. A. and if each State would do likewise what an accession of strength it would mean for us. I therefore respectfully suggest that the members in each State organize, elect officers and do what they can in furtherance of "affiliation."

I believe it would be best for these State or local societies to organize on a uniform basis and I will appoint Messrs. August Dietz, W. S. Ahern and Roy B. Bradley a committee to draft a "Constitution and By-Laws" which can be published in the official organ for your approval or suggestions.

Our Sales Superintendent reports good sales in his department but would like more names on his list to receive circuits. Any one wishing to participate in the benefits of the department will please notify Mr. Waring. A postal card will answer the purpose.

We are under obligations to the philatelic press for favorable mention, more especially the Virginia Philatelist, Lone State Philatelist and The Stamp Tribune.

The philatelic outlook was never more favorable and unless the catalogues spoil the market by forcing prices too high our hobby is on the eve of an era of prosperity. The boys are more active than they have been for several years past and the more advanced collectors should never allow an opportunity to encourage the juveniles to pass without recognition.

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CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- R. J. Redford from 117 W. Leigh-st. to 1307 W. Clay-st., Richmond, Va.
 W. Russell Brown from Winnipeg, Man., to Port Arthur, Ont., Can.

Treasurer's Report.**RECEIPTS.**

Balance.....	\$11.52
Received from members.....	7.05
Total.....	\$21.57

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 1 To "V. P." for Feb.....	\$1.10	\$1.10
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Balance on hand.....\$20.47

Respectfully Submitted,
 W. C. LOWRY, Sec. Treas.

Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report, Feb. 9, 87 books.....	\$1256.00
Received since, 14 books.....	222.80
Retired, 25 books.....	291.11
From which have been sold.....	73.00
Now in circulation 76 books, value.....	1188.45
Insurance fund.....	37.00
Sales from books retired 30 per cent.	

CHARLES WARING.

Board of Trustees Report.

WE WERE greatly pleased to see the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association in the March number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Both of us are members of the V. P. A. also and we heartily endorse the motion. "In union there is strength," and to use the words of our friend Dietz, "let's confederate" and form one great society, known as the Southern Philatelic Association. We have to report that one party, Mr. R. C. Bach, of Montreal, Can., has been objected to as a member of the S. P. A. and we are at present investigating the matter and will be able to report more definitely soon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.

S. P. A. Members Take Notice!

WE herewith again call the attention of all members who have not paid their dues yet, to this matter and we hope that all those who have not yet paid, will do so at once. The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby respectfully instructed to drop all members who have not paid their dues by **May 10th.**

Yours fraternally,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

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Virgin Islands.

The *American Journal of Philately* illustrates the new Virgin Islands stamps. There are eight values, as follows: ½d green, 1d red, 2½d ultramarine, 4d brown, 6d purple, 7d dark green, 1sh orange, 5sh indigo.

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"The more the merrier."

"Journal Philatelique"—Brazil.

A COMMUNICATION from S. Paulo, Brazil, informs us that the publication of the *Journal Philatelique* was temporarily suspended on account of the death of Mrs. Copenhagen, wife of the publisher.

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Postage Stamp Swindlers.

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No. 9.

Board of Trustees of the "Southern."

THE success and prosperity of a philatelic association depends, I dare say, solely upon the selection of men of intelligence, enthusiasm, integrity and "vim" for its corps of officers. And truly the Southern as a body has shown its appreciation and good sense in re-electing the two gentlemen whose likenesses it is our pleasure to present this month. Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler of New Braunfels, Texas, the efficient Board of Trustees of the booming Southern Philatelic Association. Inseparable as they are in their capacity as officers and in the bonds of friendship, we present them here. And thus together would we welcome them in Richmond this fall. It is needless to attempt narrative of their work—it is the history of the progress of our Association. A brief outline is all our limited space permits.

Emil Gerlich.

The gentleman to the left is Emil Gerlich. Born in Germany in 1875, with his parents he came to America in early youth,—a typical loyal German-American. Mr. Gerlich, Sr. is engaged in the blacksmithing and wheelwright business, and Emil has followed this calling.

He began collecting in 1890—general collecting, but abandoning this he now devotes his energy to specializing in United States stamps.

Mr. Gerlich was one of the organizers of the Texas Philatelic Association, and was elected treasurer in 1896, which office of trust he still holds, having been twice re-elected. At the Atlantic City Convention of the S. P. A. he was elected Auction Manager, but subsequently resigned, for want of time to give to the work. At the San Antonio Convention in 1897 he was elected member of the Board of Trustees; re-elected twice he still holds this position in the S. P. A. He is associate editor of the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, contributor to our columns, and member of the S. of P., P. S. of A., Columbian, Texas, Virginia and Southern Philatelic Associations.



Robert Kessler.

The gentleman to the right is Robert Kessler. Born in New Braunfels, Texas, in 1877, he is now in his 23d year.

Mr. Kessler began collecting stamps in 1891, making a specialty of the issues of the United States.

After several years these were sold and he is now engaged in completing his collection of Revenues, closing this popular branch of Philately as his specialty.

His labors, like those of his friend and co-worker, in behalf of the Southern

Philatelic Association, are too well known to be dwelt upon here.

He was elected to the position he now holds at the San Antonio Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in 1897. Subsequently he was twice re-elected at the conventions of our Association, which is the most flattering evidence of the trust and esteem of his fellow members.

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A Grand Exhibit of Confederate Stamps at the S. P. A. Convention.

FROM various quarters have come, almost simultaneously, suggestions for an exhibit of the stamps—local and general—of the Confederate States dur-

ing the Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, to be held at Richmond, Virginia, September 21, 22, and 23, 1899.

The idea is, undoubtedly a most excellent one, and the additional interest lent the Convention by such an exhibit is incalculable at this time.

We venture to assert that no one collector in the South has ever seen every Confederate stamp of the local and general issues, and yet it is a fact that among the members of the various philatelic associations of the South a complete collection of these most interesting stamps might be gathered and arranged for exhibition when the "Southern" convenes in Richmond this fall.

It is needless to dwell on the benefits to be derived from such a display—or to speak of the pleasure it will afford the visiting members—all this is too obvious.

Besides, such a collection of the rarest stamps of our country would mark this as the most unique and instructive Convention ever held in America.

The feasibility of the project is assured. Richmond alone can produce every known (and a few unknown) varieties of the general issue, not to speak of the magnificent array of locals.

But there are the collections of President Fenton, of Knoxville, Tenn.; R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala.; H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.; Messrs. Daughly and Craig, Augusta, Ga.; N. P. Strause, Henderson, N. C.; Aldrich and Bradley, of Texas, and many others, which, if exhibited, would cover almost every number in the catalogue.

At the last meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association, Mr. Franklin Stearns suggested this exhibit to the members of that Association. It was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the Virginia Association has decided to provide insurance to all exhibitors against loss, theft, or fire, while their

treasures are displayed in our city.—(See Virginia Philatelic Association minutes).

Efforts are being made by the Arrangement Committee of the V. P. A., to secure the use of one of Richmond's famous museums for this exhibit, and it is quite probable they will be successful.

The call now goes forth to collectors of the South and to all members of the S. P. A., to add to this grand exhibit of the postal emissions of the Confederate States and to communicate with the committee appointed by the Virginia Association, at an early date.

The Franklin Local.

The American Journal of Philately in its April number, chronicles under due reserve the Franklin, N. C., local recently illustrated and described in our columns.

The *A. J. of P.* comments as follows :

"The stamp has every appearance of being genuine, but we are somewhat puzzled by the date as it can scarcely be 1861 (*Jan.), which would place it three months before the beginning of the Civil War, nor should it be 1862, as by that time the regular stamps of the Confederacy were in general use."

The A. J. of P. is correct as to the improbability of an 1861 date, and undoubtedly it was *January 1862*. The quotation above infers that locals were no longer used as late as 1862. To offset this impression we would state that there are in the collections of Mr. Franklin Stearns, and Mr. Wm. Moser both of Richmond, Va., specimens of the Petersburg locals clearly postmarked *February, 1862* (Moser's), and *January 1862* (Stearns').

Considering that Petersburg was nearer the source of supply of the regular issue, than Franklin, N. C., it is not at all improbable that these locals were used even later than February, 1862.

*Explanatory insert of my own — []

Don't miss our June number!

Viva! Calman.

THE editor of *The American Journal of Philately* (April) makes the following interesting statement in commenting on the Newspaper and Periodical reprints, with special reference to a recent editorial in *The Metropolitan* :

"Before the end of February we were in possession of the exact list of the quantities remaining on hand when the issue of these sets was decided upon, but at that time we were not at liberty to make use of the figures. They have since been published, and hence we no longer hesitate to reveal the information which we then received. There was a sufficient stock of all values from 1c to \$2. but there was not a sufficient quantity of a single one of the higher values, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing having only the following stock to hold at the disposition of the Post Office Department :

\$ 5	155
10	11,640
20	8,780
50	16,245
100	7,685

In order to make up the fifty thousand sets required, all of these values were reprinted and the majority of the sets sold to collectors will of course, contain reprints of all the five values mentioned, while all the sets sold with the exception of 155 will contain reprints of the \$5 stamp instead of originals. It is a fact that the Government has made \$250,000 out of the transaction and that many collectors have been made happy by the possession of a set of such beautiful stamps at so low a price. If, however, these results are to excuse the action of our Government, there is no reason why it should not go generally into the pictorial business and sell pretty pictures of all kinds, in sets, at a fixed sum."

Perhaps Bro. Calman could tell us an interesting little tale about how Uncle Sam was "put on to" this scheme, and *by whom*. And as we are not apt to "put anyone on to a good thing" without a certain "in consideration whereof," a little light along this line—figures, for instance,—would increase the interest.

WE WOULD like to know whether friend Brodstone set the type for the last number of *The Philatelic West and Camera News*.

A Serious Charge.

AS A RULE our contemporaries across the pond are over-cautious in giving publicity to dubious transactions of stamp dealers. *Stamps* of Rushden, England, has been an exception to this rule from the first. Heygate has the proverbial pluck of a Yankee, and he appears to be one of the craft who can't be "downed". We admire him and his paper for it. But in his March number he gives publicity to a matter of quite a serious nature. It appears that our Canadian friend and patron Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, forwarded a letter, on May 1898, to Messrs. Hilckes & Co., Ltd., 64 Cheapside, London, in which he enclosed \$21.30, ordering some of the new issue of New Zealand stamps. And it further appears that, though the check was duly received and cashed by Messrs. H. & Co., they paid no further attention to all letters of enquiry, nor did they fill the order. We await, with some interest further developments in the case, especially as Heygate has given additional publicity to the matter by issuing a mammoth poster for the article.

A Tip to Canadians.

MR. FRED PRATT, of Kazubazua (we'd like to be buried in that place), Canada, writes us as follows: "I notice in your February number that some (Canadians) do not know how to get rid of their 3c Canadian stamps. There is a poster in every postoffice in Canada, saying the 3c stamps will be taken in exchange for lower values at face."

WE WERE glad to greet our review editor, Mr. John Paalzow last month, while on a brief visit home. Our readers will again find his department in this number. Mr. Paalzow has returned to New York.

"Eastern"—"Bulletin."

WE LEARN from our Boston correspondent that *The Eastern Philatelist* is to be merged into *The Philatelic Bulletin* on May 1st, closing, as it does, the career of one of America's oldest stamp publications.

The *Eastern* was one of our best philatelic mouthpieces, especially under Pinkham, who possessed that rare faculty of selecting for his co-laborers such writers as would succeed in placing his paper on a high plane of excellence—and keeping it there.

We hope, in the new union, that the old features will be retained—the *name* goes for naught, the *contents* alone can claim and retain the old prestige of the *Eastern*.

To this end we tender our best wishes.

Another Commemorative.

ROUMANIA will issue a commemorative stamp (says the *Philatelic Monthly*) upon the occasion of the dedication of its new postal building in Bucharest. This stamp will be three times the ordinary size; its design will be of the Byzantine style, the center representing the facade of the new building, flanked by Byzantine columns. Above will be a medallion portrait of King Carol, at either side of it the emblems of the Postal and Telegraph services. The die was cut by the Roumanian engraver, Papescu, at Paris.—*Stamps*.

Oh, well; it's all right as long as only one stamp will be issued, and not the whole litany from bani to piaster.

NUMBER 1 of *The All Around Philatelist* (Jos. P. Plourde, Boston, Mass.) presents a very creditable appearance. The contents are just what the title indicates.

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"The Stamp Exchange."

AS WE are about to close our forms we receive the initial number of *The Stamp Exchange*, published and edited by Ralph W. Tucker, Boston, Mass. Our reviews for the month are closed, and lack of space at this hour precludes the merited mention we would give it here. To be brief then: It is one of the finest initial numbers of any philatelic monthly ever issued in the United States. Further comment is unnecessary.

"The Gatling Gun."

AS A RULE we do not review non-philatelic exchanges, but admiration forces us to make an exception in the case of *The Gatling Gun*, edited by Walter Hurt, of Cleveland, O. It is not a stamp publication; but, to size it up in philatelic parlance, it is a "machine" designed to effectually "cancel counterfeits" of every "denomination."

Hurt has "pumped lead" promiscuously from his *Gun*, and it appears some well aimed shots struck political beehives, and now they've "got it in" for the plucky editor. The result of his trial will probably settle, once for all time, the validity of our boasted claim of the "freedom of the American press."

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Kissinger's half-tone and signature?

Williams & Co.'s ads in the philatelic press?

"F. P.'s" articles pilfered from encyclopedias?

Those "forty pages" of matter the *Philatelic Advocate* had "left over" from its X-mas number?

To Our Foreign Subscribers.

THE EDITOR of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will, at all times, take pleasure in supplying our foreign subscribers with the current issue of United States stamps, envelopes, wrappers and post-cards, at face value, plus registration fee—13c per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, 5c additional for every $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce overweight.—Remit by International Postal Money Order, and address to the Editor.

Exit, Levant Post.

Senfs' Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal states that the Porte has directed a note to the representatives of the Powers requesting the abolition of their postal stations in Turkey, inasmuch as the original permit for their establishment was granted only as an experiment. The Powers are expected to make strenuous opposition to this order, in view of the inefficiency of the native system.

It is said the Sultan issued this note upon the instigation of Emperor William, and that the mails of the empire will be entrusted to German officials under a Turkish title.

This change will be generally welcomed by Europeans, insuring, as it would, the greatest possible safety to the Turkish post.

Come Again, Bro. Osgood.

BRO. OSGOOD recently printed a letter received from a defunct stamp-collector in Trans-Styx. We "go him one better." We received a sign of life from Canada this week!

AT LAST Canada has a philatelic weekly that bids fair to become a real good thing. *The Stamp Reporter* is a decided success.

"Birds of a Feather—"

PRESUMING that few will see the original, and desiring to be magnanimous, we clip the following wail from the initial number of *The Michigan Philatelist*, published by Jno. C. Brassington, with C. A. Gurney as editor.

UNJUSTLY.

I was surprised to see in the March number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST a whole column of nothing but slander of one whom I think is an honest and upright man, that is W. C. Bailey, publisher of the "Star," Coldwater, Michigan. I have known Mr. Bailey for five years and my dealings with him have been always exact.

I wrote Mr. Bailey in regard to the same and received this reply :

"The stamps claimed by R. L. Deitrick to be counterfeit (Confederate locals) were catalogued by a good philatelist whom I paid for doing the work. I had no reason to think them fakes, neither did I warrant them genuine: I merely sent them to this man Deitrick at his request and told him what he could have them for. If he thought them fakes, he had nothing to do but to return them, though I supposed them good. From a business standpoint it matters little to me, as I have most of my stock closed out, but it hurts my pride to have an unprincipled stranger attack me without cause.

That's rich—isn't it?

Though this specimen of nerve appeared on the "editorial" pages of the *M. P.*, we find only Brassington's writings in evidence there, hence must credit the article to him.

But for the coming of his paper, and the appearance of that article, a gratis write-up along with Staebler under our Black List would have greeted him this month. In its stead we will attend to his case right here.

It is needless to publish *our* claims against Brassington in these columns when so many of our esteemed contemporaries have given him and his methods a deserved raking within the past few months. We are satisfied Brassington is sufficiently popular (?) without our assistance. His ads carry their own warning.

Such is this self-appointed champion of Justice, Honor, and Integrity!—

We are wont to judge a man by his associates.—We feel sorry for the editor of the *M. P.*, and Bailey's case is weakened by this article.

With reference to the final sentence of the letter credited to W. C. Bailey, we are authorized to state that Mr. R. L. Deitrick is prepared to exhibit the counterfeit stamps and all letters received from the party in Coldwater. They will also be exhibited at the Convention.

We defame the character of no man unjustly; and we tender our columns to Bailey for a statement in rebuttal. The opportunity is still his. But we have set for ourselves this motto :

To write for Right—not Might.

And for what we write—well—we'll fight.

That's all we wish to say just now.

Black List.

THOUGH with much reluctance, we are forced, in justice to our constituents and to ourselves, to print, from time to time, a list of names of such persons or concerns whose natural proclivities or business methods are of a dubious nature.

One of the parties to whom we would call the attention of our esteemed contemporaries and our readers in this number is L. M. Staebler, formerly manager of the Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co., now dealing in stamps and publishing *The Revenue Philatelist* in Saco, Maine. His ads have appeared in two of our contemporaries, under different addresses—Drawer J. in one, and Box 156 in the other.

This party placed an ad with us some time ago. His first payments were slow forthcoming, until finally they ceased entirely. Numerous letters remained unnoticed. A recent registered communication warning him of the consequences of further delay brought vague promises which were not redeemed at their maturity.

We are prepared to furnish supplementary evidences in confirmation of our statements.


 NOTES

More Postal Issues For Cuba.

IT SEEMS as if Cuba intends to have a goodly supply of stamps, also envelopes. Special Delivery stamps will be the next innovation in Cuba. In accordance with the recommendation of Director of Posts Rathbone, the Post Office Department will send in a few days 10,000 Special Delivery stamps, surcharged in red, the words "Cuba Ten Centavo de Pesos". It is believed that a special delivery service in Cuba will be of great benefit, and as soon as the stamps are received a system will be inaugurated in Havana, and if successful there it will be extended to the principal cities throughout the island.

Cuba is also going to have envelopes of special designs with head of Columbus, of the two and five centavos, both size No. 5—*Era*.

Brought to Justice.

GRANBY, MASS., March 28, '99.

MR. FRANKLIN STEARNS,

DEAR SIR:—We write to inform you that another approval sheet fraud has been brought to justice, Morris M. Parker of Redlands, Cal. We sent him some stamps on approval some time ago, and receiving no reply, wrote him about the matter. We received the following reply from the Postmaster at Redlands.

RAY L. BARTLETT,

MGR. HAMPDEN STAMP CO.,

SIRS:—Your postal addressed to Morris M. Parker, has been turned over to M. H. Flint, P. O. Inspector, Los Angeles, Cal., as Mr. Parker is in the hands of the law for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Yours truly,
H. W. ALLEN, P. M.

WATCH for our big June number.

Probably an 8c Surcharge for Porto Rico.

WE CLIP the following note from *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, for March:

"From a good correspondent who has his headquarters in Washington, we just received word that there will be an 8c surcharge for Porto Rico. Also that there will be either a set of postage dues specially made for Porto Rico, or United States postage due stamps will be surcharged for this island."

Originals at Knoxville.

MR. H. FENTON, president of the S. P. A. writes us from Knoxville, that all the Newspaper and Periodical stamps on sale at the Knoxville postoffice, with the exception of the \$5.00 value, are originals, the latter being the only reprint in the sets. A few sets were still on hand at the time of his writing.

Proudfoot's Price List.

WE HAVE received Mr. W. C. Proudfoot's price list of unused stamps of British Colonies. The most satisfactory business transactions extending over two years, warrant us in recommending Mr. Proudfoot to our readers. His ad will be found in every issue of this magazine.

THE perforation of stamps was first commenced in England in 1853, for receipt and draft stamp, and for postage-stamps in 1854. Prior to that period stamps were separated by means of scissors, or a knife, or similar means; and in some cases those who required many resorted to the use of a roulette, a kind of cog-wheel furnished with small cutters, making a series of cuts between the stamps.—*Exchange*.

READ Wendelin Weber's ad. He has something interesting to say about "Omahas." You will find him reliable.

The Essential of Philately.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE facility with which rare postage stamps may be imitated has ever been an irresistible temptation to the unscrupulous expert with all the modern methods of engraving at his command, and though time and again these malefactors have been brought to justice, though their deserved punishment has been severe, the deluge of spurious stamps on Philately's mart today is evidence conclusive that the nefarious occupation continues, yes, and that it is on the increase.

Apparently there is no solution of the problem:—"How shall we rid Philately of her greatest foe?" I say, *apparently*, because I am convinced that thus far we have displayed poor strategy in the campaign. We have spent our efforts in a charge on the enemy's well-fortified center, leaving *our* flanks and reserves exposed to his scathing fire. We have taken his redoubt—but we count not the slain.

That is enigmatic—*this* is the case as it stands: *We kill the counterfeiter, and continue to buy the counterfeit.*

So far the diagnosis.—Now for the remedy.

On several occasions I have been impressed most forcibly with the belief that with all the studying of our stamps, with all the hair-splitting "varieties" we profess to discover, we neglect, to an unpardonable degree, the study of that most potent factor in the science of Philately—*Printing*.—Printing in its various modes as applied to the production of postage stamps.

It is the study—the *thorough* study—of "the Art Preservative" *alone* that enables the Philatelist to become an expert. It is his knowledge of the principles of printing—typographic, litho-

graphic, wood-, copper-, and steel-plate—which endows him with that faculty to determine (and that with "most positive certainty"), at a glance, whether the specimen presented was produced by a process other than the one employed in printing the *bona-fide* article.

It is not my intention to lead the reader into a printing, lithographing, or engraving plant, attempting to explain the technicalities of each process, and leaving but a vague or bewildering impression of things, the knowledge of which will come to him alone by practical application. It is rather my desire to warn against cleverly executed counterfeits, and to advise along the lines of what I consider flagrant neglect in the study of Philately.

I have devoted some attention to the stamps of the Confederate States of America. Let us take these for an example. Spurious Confederate stamps are much in evidence. They are to be found on the sheets of reputable dealers (and I doubt not that these gentlemen are—well, I'll say, in *every case*—ignorant of the true nature of the article), as well as adorning the pages of many an expert's album. It is the Confederate Local especially that has received the greatest attention from the counterfeiter.

We should not be surprised at this, from the fact that the modern processes of photo-engraving, with their wide range of possibilities, have reduced to a minimum the difficulties formerly experienced in attempting to imitate these stamps, when wood, litho, or type were the only available agents.

It has been my aim to secure photographs and counterfeits of many Confederate Locals (and here I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to my friends R. S. Nelson of Birmingham, Ala., Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., N. P. Strause of Henderson, N. C., Roy B.

Bradley of Waco, Texas, Wm. S. F. Pierce of Camden, N. J., and others, for favors along this line); these I study to their minutest detail. Especially do I strive to learn by *which process* of printing they were produced. This once determined, the facts are indelibly impressed upon my memory for future reference.

I have always considered *color* of secondary importance in establishing the identity of a stamp. *Process of printing* and *execution of design* are the safe guides in every instance. Color, by the action of chemicals, light and other agents, is subject to change; design and method of printing, never. There may be but slight difference in the appearance of a wood cut and a lithographic print; there may be less in steel and copper plate; and there may be still less in a type-set and a zinc-etching print; but *there is a difference*, nevertheless, and it is the study of the principles of Printing that will eventually make one proficient in detecting these differences with the greatest degree of certainty as long as the paper shows a remnant of the faded design.

I shall reserve for a future dissertation the points of distinction of the various closely allied processes; but to revert to my theme, I am convinced that the only practicable plan of campaign in our fight against counterfeiters and counterfeits is, *to study Printing*; to make ourselves proficient in detecting counterfeits, and, avoiding them, thus practically exterminating the counterfeiters by closing the marts to their products.

ONE of the beauties of stamp collecting is that there is something in it for everybody and the different channels of study are countless. Either sex, old and young alike can find it useful as a pastime or business.—*The Stamp Reporter*.



AT Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 121st Auction sale, the following prices were realized on some desirable Revenues:

REVENUES.

1st, 2d, 3d issues and 1875-78, very fine lot, 1c to \$10, nearly all different, (130), \$5.20; 1 to 15c, with duplicate (55), \$2; 20c to \$1, with duplicates (55), \$1.60; 3c Playing Card, perforated (1), \$2.50; \$1 including Mortgage and Probate of Will, perforated (10), \$2.00; \$1.30 to \$5, including \$1.60 and \$1.90 (16), \$3.10; \$1.30 to \$20, including \$1.60, \$1.90, \$3.50, \$10, Charter Party, Conveyance, Mortgage (24), \$4.10; \$2 to \$5 (6), \$1.00; \$10 Conveyance, Charter Party, Mortgage, Probate of Will, \$20 Conveyance, perforated (5), \$2.50; \$1 Passage Ticket, perforated (1), \$2.60; \$15 Mortgage, perforated (1), \$2.80; \$25 Mortgage, perforated (1), \$1.80; \$25 Mortgage, (damaged), \$50 (2), \$2.10; \$50 U. S. I. R., perforated (1), \$2.10; Imperforate, 1c Express, 2c Bank Check, Certificate, Express, 3c Telegraph, 5c Certificate, Express, Inland Exchange, 10c Bill of Lading, Certificate, Inland Exchange, 15c Inland Exchange, 20c Inland and Foreign Exch. (14), \$1.70; 1c Express, 2c Bank Check, Certificate, Express, 3c Telegraph, 5c Certificate, Express, Inland Exchange, 10c Bill of Lading, 15c Inland Exchange, 20c Inland and Foreign Exchange, four slightly damaged (13), \$1.60; 1c Express (damaged), 2c Bank Check, 60c, \$1 Lease, \$1.50, \$20 Conveyance (6), \$1.50; 25c Bond, Certificate, Insurance, Protest, 40c Inland Exchange (2), two damaged (6), \$1.00; 25c Bond, Certificate, Insurance, Life Insurance, Power of Attorney, Warehouse Receipt, Protest, 30c Foreign Exchange, 40c Inland Exchange (9), \$1.60.

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VI.

c. JUNE 1877—JUNE 1879.



A18

Upright rectangle (25x22 mm.), containing a large colored oval bounded by two white lines outside and one on the inside; in this oval in white on colored ground Japanese inscriptions; above "Tai Nippon tei Koku ju-ben", below value, at the left a crescent, at the right a flower; within the oval on white ground above a sun, below on its rays two branches and a rosette; in the corners above on ribbons, to the left IMPERIAL POST, to the right JAPANESE POST; in the lower corners circles with numerals of value, between them on a curved tablet SEN; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 65. 15 sen green.
 - 65a. light green.
 - 65b. yellowish green.
- 66. 20 sen blue.
 - 66a. dark blue.
- 67. 30 sen lilac.
 - 67a. violet.
- 68. 45 sen carmine.
 - 68a. rose.
- 69. 50 sen carmine.
 - 69a. rose.

The 15 sen was issued June 29, 1877, the 20 sen, 30 sen and 45 sen August 18, 1877, the 50 sen June 30, 1879. The 50 sen has stars in the oval in place of the crescent and flower.

d. JUNE 1879.



A15

Supplementary value, design similar to the 2 sen, typographed in color on white paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 70. 3 sen orange.
 - 70a. yellow.

This completes the set; it was issued June 30, 1879. These stamps are printed on an ordinary white wire-wove machine paper, of which Japan is now producing its own supply. The printing is evidently typography, although I have seen the statement by European authorities that this issue is lithographed. The 50 sen is printed in aniline ink and accordingly shows many shades.—Although Japan used improved methods of manufacture henceforward, the perforation is as irregular as formerly. In general the stamps of this issue and the following ones up to 1888 show a fairly wide perforation, usually 9 or 9½, but the gauge varies: 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12, 12½ are of frequent occurrence, both singly and compound, without any apparent system. It can easily be seen that an enumeration is well-nigh hopeless; the specialist could fill many pages with these vagaries of the perforating machine.—In 1888 the gauge became much narrower, varying from 12½ (less common), 13, 13½ and 14 to 14½.

The set was hardly complete before alterations in colors began to be made.

ISSUE 1879 NOVEMBER.

Same design as before.
SCOTT but colors changed; im-
TYPE pression, paper and per-
A15. foration as before.

- 71. 1 sen maroon.
 - 71a. red brown.
- 72. 2 sen violet.
 - 72a. dark violet.
 - 72b. lilac.

ISSUE 1882.

Same design as before,
SCOTT but colors changed again;
TYPE impression, paper and per-
A15. foration as before.

- 73. 1 sen green.
 - 73a. dark green.
- 74. 2 sen carmine.
 - 74a. rose.
- 75. 5 sen blue.
 - 75a. ultramarine.

These stamps were also printed in aniline ink and can be found in many shades of the colors given.

Note what is said before about the close perforation introduced in 1858. A complete set can be made of this date with the narrow perforation, but I will not list them here under separate numbers. All the values of this set still issued have been printed in more fugitive colors of late years; a complete set can be made in these also, with numerous varieties of shade.

In 1888 other values were changed in color and some values added.

ISSUE 1888.

SCOTT
TYPE
A15.

Same designs as before for the 4, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50 sen, but colors changed; two new designs; for the 25 sen: upright rectangle, in it a broad circle of color, in the center a rosette and two branches below it; on the circle in white letters above Japanese inscription "Tai

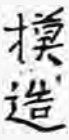
(To be continued.)



A17

[NOTE.—Since writing what was printed in No. 8 of this magazine in regard to the "San-Ko" counterfeits I have run across some additional information which I give herewith.—On pages 162 and 211, volume VII, of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" Messrs. Haskell of Nagasaki, and Hopkins of St. Louis, describe some varieties not mentioned by me. In addition to those given in my list Mr. Haskell gives the following with the "San-Ko" mark: 20 sen mauve [No. 13 of this list], 30 sen gray [Nos. 11 and 25], 1/2 sen brown [Nos. 9, 17 and 23], 1 sen blue [Nos. 10, 18 and 24], 2 sen yellow [Nos. 15, 21 and 26], 10 sen green [Nos. 12 and 20], 6 sen violet-brown [No. 28], 4 sen green [No. 45], 6 sen orange [Nos. 46 and 47], 1 sen brown [No. 51], 5 sen green [No. 55]. He also mentions counterfeits of the following WITHOUT this mark: 2 sen vermilion [Nos. 11 and 19], 1 sen rose [Nos. 16, 22 and 27], 4 sen green [No. 45], 30 sen purple [No. 50], 1 sen brown [No. 51], 5 sen green [No. 55], 12 sen carmine [No. 40], 15 sen lilac [No. 11], 45 sen carmine [No. 42], 1 sen brown [No. 53], 20 sen lilac [Nos. 13 and 30], 30 sen gray [No. 31], 12 sen carmine [No. 10], 45 sen carmine

[No. 42], 30 sen purple [No. 50]—but unfortunately he describes them in no wise.—Mr. Hopkins mentions the following plate numbers represented on various "San-Ko" labels: 1/2 sen slate [No. 43] plate 1 [which plate was printed in BROWN only, No. 32], 4 sen green [No. 45] plate 1, 6 sen orange [No. 46], plate 11, 10 sen blue [No. 48] plate 4, 12 sen rose [Carmine, No. 30] plate 1, 15 sen lilac [No. 41] plate 1, 20 sen carmine [No. 49] plate 8, 45 sen carmine [No. 42] plate 1, 30 sen violet [purple, No. 50] no plate number on the counterfeit, whereas the originals are numbered 2, 3 or 4.—There are still others; for instance I have 1/2 sen brown [No. 32] plate 2, 1/2 sen slate [No. 43] plate 2, 4 sen rose [No. 35] plate 1, 6 sen violet brown [No. 39] plate 11. These "San-Ko" forgeries evidently emanate from various sources. For instance I have the 30 sen gray [Nos. 14 and 25] on white and yellowish paper, both differing greatly in detail; the 20 sen lilac [No. 37] bearing the "San-Ko" mark not in the center, as described in No. 8, but to the right of the leaves at the bottom of the circle. Most of these are little masterpieces of imitation. The large number of type-varieties of the originals makes it almost impossible to give written descriptions of the differences between them and the counterfeits; the paper likewise is of little use in determining them, as native paper made by the same process as of yore is easily obtained; and forged cancellations neatly applied make the counterfeits well-nigh indistinguishable except to the trained eye or under high enlargement.

Mr. Haskell describes another character used on such imitation stamps. It looks like this:  and means "counterfeit". He does not say what values are found with this; so far I have only the 6 sen violet brown [No. 38] plate 11, the 30 sen purple [No. 50] plate number illegible, and the 1 sen blue [Nos. 10, 18, and 21]. No doubt there are others.—AUTHOR.

[ERRATA.—In the April instalment of this article occurred a typographical error, which we desire to correct: No. 56 SHOULD READ "5 RIX" instead of "5 sen".—EDITOR.]

"The Perforator" Changes Hands.

WE ARE informed by Mr. J. W. Stowell that he has disposed of his interest in *The Perforator*, to his co-partner—Mr. C. W. Kissinger, formerly proprietor of the *Penny*.

Watch for the halftone.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

THE tone of the stamp market is excellent, according to trade parlance, and all dealers report things booming. The demand calls for all classes and kinds of stamps, and lucky is the dealer who can supply the ever increasing demand for South and Central American stamps. The stamps of Canada, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentine Republic and Peru find a ready market, notwithstanding the depression caused by the low prices quoted by a defunct South American firm of swindlers, whose operations were recently laid bare. Speculators are on the alert, and it is rather a task to get a line on what stamps are being bought up, although it is pretty certain that the 12½ cent green of the 1859 issue and the 12½ cent blue of the 1868 issue of Canada are marked stamps with future possibilities. The stamps of Canada, as a whole, have an exceedingly bright future, and well may collectors of such stamps find cause for rejoicing.

The Brooklyn Institute number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was something magnificent, containing as it did sixteen large size pages and cover, the latter embellished with a full-page cut of the "East and North Facades of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences." The contents were well selected, decidedly interesting, and exceedingly instructive, and well edited by Mr. Severn. Truly Philately is a science—with such a representative.

The first exhibition of postage and revenue stamps, under the direction of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn

Institute of Arts and Sciences, was a huge success. The attendance was unusually large, and it is only regretted that a tab was not kept on the daily attendance. The school children were there in force, and it is certain that many have been initiated into our popular science. The gems on exhibition delighted hundreds of thoroughbreds, and many of the good things shown were a sure cure for sore eyes. Some of the most noteworthy exhibits were the United States revenues by Mr. Clarence H. Eagle of this city. Awarded the Bronze Medal in Group B. Among the good things imperforated I especially noted was a horizontal strip of fifteen 60c Inland Exchange; a strip of four 50c Foreign Exchange; a vertical pair of of the \$200.00 first issue; a block of four \$20.00 first issue; and two strips of two and four respectively of the same stamps, all in the finest possible canceled condition. The Match and Medicine stamps of Mr. J. W. George were really something fine, being awarded a Gold Medal, the most expensive medal donated. The most highly priced exhibit was the property of Mr. Edgar Nelson—United States and British North American stamps. One frame alone was said to catalogue at five thousand dollars. Awarded a Bronze Medal for dealer. The stamps of Great Britain, by Alexander Holland, Jr., was all but complete. Among the good things were three reconstructed plates of the one penny red, two pence blue, and the one penny black. A copy of the latter stamp recently sold at a Boston auction for \$1.25 against a catalogue quotation of ten cents.

Recent visitors to the Metropolis were Mr. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C., Mr. R. C. Bach of Montreal, Canada, who states emphatically (!!) that his British Guiana stamps are genuine, notwithstanding his own editorials in the *Montreal Philatelist* to the contrary. Mr.

Bach speaks hopefully of the stamp outlook in Canada, and was much surprised at the business revival in this city.

Mr. William Evans of Westtown, New York, was another visitor. This gentleman unearthed, several years ago, the then unknown Chester, New York locals and clearly established their genuineness.

The third and last instalment of the list of cheap stamps most in demand by continental dealers continues as follows: Queensland, 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, burele, 1d, current $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Roumania, 1876, 15b, 1879, 10b, 1887, 3b, 1889, 3b, 5b, current 50b, Russia, 1865, 10k, 1875, 10k, 1890, 3k. Servia, 1881, any. Shanghai, $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c Postage Due, $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c. Sierra Leone, $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d. South Australia, perf. 10, 1d, 2d, 6d. Spain, 1867, 12c, current, 2c War Tax, 1874, 10c, 1897, 5c green, 5c black. Cuba, 1888 to 1898, 3m, 4m, 8m, any used. Straits Settlements, current, 3c. Switzerland, 1867, 40c, 1881, 15, 50c, 1f, Postage Due, 1878, 1c, 2c. Tasmania, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d. United States, 1868, 3c grill, 1883, 4c green. Victoria, 1885, 1d.

Boston Scraps.

BEAN-EATER.

All hands report that stamp business is on the increase at the Hub, in fact several say it was never better than at the present time. For nearly a week all the dealers in Boston were entirely out of albums, catalogues and other philatelic supplies, the demand for the aforesaid being so great.

Last month (April) we had a fine two nights' auction sale of miscellaneous lots of stamps and a great variety of stamped (entire) envelopes.

It has been quoted by several parties of late that entire envelopes were fast becoming fashionable, and were indeed,

soon to be "*the things*", but at the above sale the prices realized on the envelopes might have been termed a slaughter, in fact they were nearly given away, going in many cases for less than face. The following are a few of the prices realized at the sale: Newspaper, 1865 5c blue border, unused, \$8.60; Executive 1c fine (pen canceled), \$3.00; same 10c used excellent, \$4.75; Justice 30c, perfect copy, used, \$6.25; 1c State, superb, unused, \$1.70; 30c State, perfect, unused, \$3.38; 90c, used, fine, \$6.13; set of State complete, used and unused, brought, \$20.00; \$1.00 Proprietary, unused, superb, \$53.50. Foreign: Bahama £1, unused, \$3.75; Barbados, 1882 5sh, \$3.00; Gt. Britain, 1d black, pair, 75c; Rhodesia 5sh, unused, \$2.50; Uruguay, 1851 1 peso, \$1.40, and 1 peso, 1897 sold for \$1.55. Current sets of unused British Colonies brought good prices.

The 5c value of the numeral series of Canada, reached the Hub late last month. This completes the set up to 10c.

It is now rumored that an entire new issue is being talked of; which will include the new values 4 and 7c and the 2c carmine. I sincerely hope that the report is not well founded, as we have quite enough of Canada's new issues of late.

The marriage of two of the Bay State's philatelic journals is announced for May. The *Eastern Philatelist* which has long enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest paper devoted to stamps in America, is to [consolidate with the *Philatelic Bulletin*. Messrs. B. I. Drew & Co., of Boston, the present owners, inform us that, on account of their largely increasing approval trade, together with the time which they are called upon to devote to their ever popular auction sales, which are now being held twice monthly, they find it impossible to bear the burden of publishing the *Eastern*,

and keeping it up to its present high standard, and have therefore decided to transfer it to the Naumkeag Stamp & Publishing Co., of Salem, Mass., for future development. The latter firm wish to have it stated that the *E. P.*, which has found a warm spot in the hearts of nearly all American philatelists, as well as many abroad, will lose its identity in name only, and that it is their intention, if possible, to even better it in the eyes of the philatelic world. The honeymoon will begin with the June number of the *Philatelic Bulletin*.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

IN THE last number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST appeared an illustration of Canada's recent surcharged envelope, 2c on 3c. I have a number of the old issue 3c envelope with this surcharge, as well as the last issue. I can see no reason why these should be considered very rare, as anyone having the envelopes can hand them to his postmaster and have them sent to Ottawa for surcharging, and will receive a one cent stamp for each, to make up the difference in their postal value. To the variety collector, these envelopes would be "just the thing." On some of those I have the surcharge appears in the center while on others it almost runs off the stamp.

Canada now has a weekly philatelic magazine which the publisher says has come to stay. *The Stamp Reporter*, formerly a monthly, edited by Mr. Geo. Bradley, now appears each week.

No doubt all collectors are aware of the rarity of the 2c purple Canada envelope. While it may seem strange to some that a stamp in use such a short time ago, is worth what it is, it must be remembered that very few were printed in the first place, and still less were sold to the pub-

lic. They had come and gone before collectors were hardly alive to the fact, and consequently very few persons were fortunate enough to secure them. It is stated on good authority that there are still a number of these in the hands of the Ottawa postal authorities, but that is so small that it will not affect the market in any way. There has been some talk of the Government reprinting these envelopes, but word from Ottawa says they will not be reprinted. Of course these "positive" statements from the Post Office Department do not always turn out to be true and collectors and dealers alike will have to judge a little for themselves.

It is expected that the 7 cent stamp for postage and registration will shortly appear, but it is stated that the 4 cent stamp, which will be used for double postage, will not be issued for sometime, if at all.

As plate number collectors appear to be quite numerous at present, it may not be a waste of space to give a list of the plate numbers that have appeared in the present Canadian stamps. The list is as follows:

	NUMERAL.	ISSUE.
$\frac{1}{2}$	cent	number 1.
1	"	numbers 1, 2, 3, 4.
2	"	numbers 1, 2.
3	"	numbers 1, 2, 3, 4.
5	"	number 1.
6	"	number 1.
8	"	number 1.
10	"	number 1.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE STAMP.

2 cent numbers 1, 2, 3.

The lavender shade appeared with plate 1 only.

Now that the summer is again drawing near it is expected that the stamp business will drop off somewhat. It appears to me that trade has not been very brisk in Canada this past season, excepting probably in current issues, and a few other stamps.

English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

THE Royal Mail Steamer "Labrador", of the Dominion line, was wrecked on March 1st, south of the Hebrides, and the mails had to be abandoned. However, seven bags came ashore, including one from Montreal to Londonderry, one from Canada to London, and one from St. Johns, N. B., to Scotland.

The Post Offices are about to start a telephone system in London. A subscription of £3 per year will be charged and also a small fee for each message. Licenses will be issued to towns of 50,000 inhabitants permitting them to start a telephone system. Hitherto the National Telephone Co., have had a monopoly.

Sir Julius Vogel, K. C. M. G., died at his residence, near London, on March 12th. He was at one time Postmaster General of New Zealand, and established the mail service between that place and San Francisco.

The Governor of Malta has announced that Malta will join the Penny Postage scheme on April 1st.

Mr. Henniker Heaton received the freedom of the city of Canterbury on March 23rd. The certificate of freedom was enclosed in a silver-mounted casket of oak from Canterbury Cathedral. On the lid, Mercury, seated upon the world, holds a letter bearing a penny stamp.

Sir Spencer Walpole, K. C. B., has retired from the Secretaryship of the Post Office, which he held since 1893. He is the eldest son of the Right Honorable Spencer Horatio Walpole, and was born in 1839.

The *Daily Mail* publishes the following:—"Letters were posted in London on February 15th and 16th for the Cape Verde Islands, and presumably were forwarded by the R. M. S. S. "Thames," which sailed on February 17th and

reached St. Vincent on March 26th. The mails were supposed to have been landed there; but six days subsequently hundreds of letters were washed ashore on the beach at Pernambuco, 1800 miles beyond their proper destination. They were picked up by the natives, who fortunately offered them to some Englishmen of the Cable Company, who handed them over to the Brazilian postal authorities".

The *Monthly Circular* says that the color of the current ½p is to be shortly changed from red to green.

The following changes in postal rates will come into operation on April 1st:—Registered letters to India may be insured under the usual conditions up to £120; New South Wales (parcels) up to £50; the postage on parcels for Bermuda will be for a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs., 1sh; over 3 lbs., but not over, 7 lbs., 2sh; over 7 lbs., but not over 11 lbs., 3sh.

Received.

Price-list of Postage Stamps, from Wm. S. Verbeck, Ballston Spa, N. Y. Write for one.

Auction Catalogues of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sales. Very fine stuff handled by this firm.

Auction Catalogue of Judson N. Burton's 42d sale (Madison, N. Y.) Write for one.

Bargain List of stamps from American Collectors Company, 87 Nassau street, New York.

Four New Stamps For Germany.

THE German Post-Office intends issuing stamps of the values of 30 and 80 pfgr., and 2 and 5 marks.—*P. J. of G. B.*

Send your ad in time for our June number!

Southern Philatelic Association.

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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.

Let the good work go on. Twelve new members last month and nine applications for membership. Who said the S. P. A. was dead? Well I should say not.

I will ask you all to give the Constitution and By-Laws your careful consideration as soon as they are published and I know the Committee will appreciate any suggestions that may be sent them as the intention is to make them as near perfect as possible, meeting all probable requirements.

While it is a little early in the day to talk Convention, I wish to say that as I have been informed that September 21st, 22nd and 23rd will suit a number of the members and that the month of September is one of the most pleasant, I have fixed those days. I shall not publish the Call for the Convention for some time to come but, unofficially, we can work the matter up with a view to having the largest philatelic attendance of any Society.

I also ask the attention of the members to the notice of the Trustees as to the unpaid dues, and will respectfully ask all who have not yet done so, to remit by the date named, May 10th, so that they will not be dropped from the rolls. This is a most important matter and should not be overlooked. Yours for the S. P. A.

H. FENTON, President.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 155 Weber, Wendelin, 904 Eagle-st., Buffalo, N. Y.
 156 Deats, H. E., Flemington, N. J.
 157 Allemong, J. E., Salem, Va.
 158 Weckert, Sergt. J. C., 1542 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va.

- 159 Holt, Ita C., Spring Valley, Wis.
 160 Wolff, Henry, Richfield, N. J.
 161 McClure, W. H., Waynesville, N. C.
 162 Objected to.
 163 Battiste, Alexander, Port au Prince, Haiti.

APPLICATIONS.

- Scoville, Earl, 3523 Dearborn-st., Chicago, Ill.
 Age 15, Student. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, W. C. Lowry.
 Myers, Albert J., 3728 La Salle-st., Chicago, Ill.
 Age 18, Salesman. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, Geo. McKay.
 McKay, Geo., 3727 La Salle-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 17, Mail Clerk. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, A. R. Chamberlain.
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 Lewis, David, 536 37th-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 16, Student. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, Geo. McKay.
 Bruce, Guy J., 231 Barney-st., Waukesha, Wis. Age 23, Machinist. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, Emil Gerlich.
 Cutting, W. H., Lock Box 136, Waukesha, Wis. Age 36, Locomotive Fireman. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, Emil Gerlich.
 Kennard, H. C., Birmingham, Ala. Age 27, Stenographer and Typewriter. Refs., H. Fenton, Charles Waring, R. S. Nelson.
 Sutton, Geo. B., Box 69, Richmond, Va. Age 14, Student. Refs., Jas. J. Sutton, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 Peterson, James H., 210 E. 19th-st., N. Y. City. Age 33, Stamp Dealer. Member E. S. P. S. and S. of P. Specially, minor varieties. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, A. Herbst, F. Stearns.
 Smith, W. R., 718 E. Marshall-st., Richmond, Va. Age 30, Book-keeper. Specially U. S. and Confederates. Refs., August Dietz, W. C. Lowry, F. Stearns.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- J. C. Chappell from Macon to Perkinsville, Miss.
 J. M. Chappell " " " " " "
 W. C. Lowry from Abilene to Hillsboro, Tex.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

Ben Russell, Charlottesville, Va.

Several members have not paid their 1896 dues as yet. Please Remit the amount of same (25c) before MAY 10, or you will be dropped from membership in the Society. Respectfully,

W. C. LOWRY, Sec-Treas.

Constitution Committee.

Your Committee will endeavor to present a report in June.

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report, Mar. 11, '76 books value \$1188.45
 Received since 9 books, value..... 80.57

Now in circulation 85 books, value.....\$1269.02

Have not retired any this month as all books
 that came in were good enough to go out again.

Insurance fund \$38.70 CHAS. WARING.

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.

Another.

L. P. HEAD, Fulton, Ky., will give one year's subscription to any two monthly magazines to any person securing three new members to S. P. A.; result to be decided by Secretary's report.

To the person securing the second largest number of new members by Convention time, will give \$2.00 in cash. This offer is in conjunction with that of the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., and based upon same rules. Money to be paid at Convention. Neither offer to apply to directors or publishers of papers—as I consider they have the advantage of regular members.

Yet Another.

I will present FREE to every collector applying to me for an application blank for the Southern Philatelic Association and enclosing 35 cents for 1899 dues and 2 cents extra for reply postage, an unused copy of the Two Cent Orange Newfoundland (1898 issue) stamp, which is now obsolete. I have just 25 copies to distribute in this manner.

WM. A. McDONNELL,

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VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., Apr. 10, 1899.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The twenty-first meeting of our organization convened at its rooms on the above date.

The President was in the chair and the attendance was good; convention enthusiasm reigned supreme and this gathering is likely to run into history as the "committee-making meeting."

It's time for getting ready and we're doing it right.

Mr. Stearns stated that all out-of-town members had signified their willingness to enter the S. P. A. and made a motion for the formation of a committee to make such changes in our constitution at the convention as would make it conformable to that of the S. P. A. Motion adopted.

Mr. Stearns then broached the most interesting subject of the evening, an Exhibition of the Postal Emissions of the Southern Confederacy to be held during the great S. P. A. meet and to be under the auspices of the V. P. A. The suggestion was immediately adopted and the secretary was ordered to request through these minutes of members of the S. P. A. the loan for the occasion of anything whatever rate of Confederate postal issues. The V. P. A. to have them properly displayed in a suitable place, to have them insured against loss by fire or theft and to assume payment for said insurance.

The same author further moved the appointment of a committee to wait on trustees of Valentine Museum or some other suitable place and endeavor to secure space for the above exhibit.

The motion was adopted and Mr. Stearns was appointed a committee of one.

Mr. Dietz suggested the appointment of a Reception Committee to consist of five and leaving it optional with the President to increase the number if it becomes necessary; it being the duty of same committee to take entire charge of the entertainment of our visitors, to meet all trains, to secure hotel rates, and to acquaint themselves with all features likely to add to the comfort or pleasure of convention guests while in our city. Same was unanimously adopted and Messrs. Dietz, Stearns, Moser, Weckert and Christian were requested to act.

The application of Mr. Massie Nolting was by some misunderstanding misplaced at the last meeting; because of which the rules were now suspended and the gentleman elected to membership.

No further business being docketed the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

The following have been received :

	VOL.	NO.
All Around Philatelist, E. Boston, Mass.	1	1.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	4	4.
Ambition, Chicago, Ill.	1	1.
Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts,	2	4.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13	28-29.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7	7-8.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13	13-16.
New York Philatelist, New York	6	1.
Philatelic Monthly and World, New York and Philadelphia	25	1.
Postal Card Reporter, Baltimore, Md., Stampic America,	1	2.
Stamp Tribune, Harriinan, Tenn.	1	4.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Kan.	1	5.
FROM CANADA.		
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1	11.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5	4.
Philatelic Review, Berlin Ont.	5	23.
Stamp Reporter, St. Cathrines, Ont.	1	2.
FROM ABROAD.		
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3	3.
General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Heimer a/w. Germany,	17	307.
Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany,	3	10.
Friedl's Briefmarken Offertenblatt, Vienna, Austria,	2	4.
Australian Philatelist, Sydney, N. S. W.	5	7.
ALSO :		
Wolsieffer's Catalogue of Auction Sale, April 29.		
Bartel's Second Catalogue of Stamped Envelopes etc.		

THE editor informs me that complaints have reached him that papers sent for review have not received any notice in these columns. To avoid a recurrence of such an oversight it is necessary that all papers intended for review be sent direct to,

JOHN PAALZOW,
1018 Park Avenue,
Richmond, Va.

From East Boston, Mass. comes a new candidate for philatelic support. *The All Around Philatelist* which, if it will fulfil the promises made in its introductory will make a good paper, and a valuable help to the all around collector, for it proposes to have departments on Revenues, Entires, both envelopes and cards, Plate Numbers, Philatelic Literature, etc. so that every one, no matter which branch of our hobby he prefers, will find something to interest him. We wish the new-comer success and a long life.

The Allegheny Philatelist for March, opens with "Exchanging Stamps With Foreigners," and after viewing the subject from every point, concludes by advising its readers to let the foreigners alone and stick to America. The writer's experience has been rather different, he has been able to add a great many choice specimens to his collection through exchanging in foreign countries, and has, with a very few exceptions found his exchange relations pleasant.

Among the "Comments" is one which is rather misleading, and we quote it in full with the corrections that should be made: "The great work on English adhesive stamps is rapidly emerging from the press. The book will be sold at 24s, (about 48c) (this should be "about six dollars") to the public and at 15s (about 30c) (that should be about three dollars and seventy-five cents) to the members of the Philatelic Society of London."

A very full chronicle of new issues is in this number.

Bartel's Second Complete Catalogue of U. S. Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers, Letter Sheets and Postal Cards has been received and is indeed a valuable help to the collector of U. S. Entires, a branch of Philately which is very fascinating when once thoroughly entered upon. There can be no question that this Cata-

logue is an improvement upon the 1st issue, in giving better illustrations of shapes, wmk., etc. The only fault, if fault it be, we can find with it, is the total abandonment of naming the different sizes and only giving the Government numbers for them. After having become used to the names as given in the 1st Catalogue it is hard to learn the different sizes by numbers and as the width of the page has been increased an extra column giving the former designation and in a second one the Government number would have simplified matters very much for the average collector. That the collecting of Entires has very much increased since the first catalogue was issued some years ago, is quite clear to any observant stamp collector, so we feel sure that this second edition will meet with a much larger sale than the first and that the time is not far distant when the yearly catalogue of Entires will be looked for as anxiously as that of the Standard for adhesives.

Though not strictly a philatelic journal, *Ambition*, Chicago's Little Magazine, contains a very readable article on the "Progress of Philately" which is written by Mr. L. Townsend Reckard. The editor makes a good play upon the name of his paper. Did you ever know any person making a success in life who lacked *Ambition*? Subscribe at once for this magazine and get a few inspirations.

The Lone Star State Philatelist brings the Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States to a close, and every collector who is interested in the stamps of the Confederacy ought to keep the papers which contained these interesting notes, handy for reference, for they have in them in condensed form, a lot of valuable information. It also an-

nounces that it has purchased *The Texan Philatelist* and will fill all advertising contracts and subscriptions to that paper.

In *The New York Philatelist*, Veritas proposes to show up "Some Philatelic Abuses" and starts in with the Periodicals, and we for our part fully agree with him in what he says about them. Still just like the rest of the collectors we would have those vacant spaces in our albums covered and pay Uncle Sam five dollars for the privilege. Mr. Cornell's "Old Times" speaks of stamp collecting and stamp dealers of thirty years ago. An article copied from the *Honolulu Star* tells of an attempt to corner the new two cents rose, or rather pink. New Issues by Mr. Chapman, Notes from various centers, and a description of the Brooklyn Exhibition make up the rest of this popular paper.

The Philatelic Monthly and World informs us that at least one commemorative stamp issue has not been a brilliant success from a business standpoint. The colonial authorities of Grenada announce that of the 500,000 stamps printed less than half have been sold up to the present time. Rather bad, when it had been thought the whole issue would have been gobbled up by dealers in less than no time. Under "New Issues" the following is found:

United States.—A client of Mr. Lemaire claims to have discovered the secret mark of the Continental Bank Note Co., on the 30c black. He says the shading below the label containing the words "Thirty-Cents" extends almost the whole length of the label, while in those printed by the National Bank Note Co. there is very little shading close to the shield containing figures of value. We have not had time to look into this carefully, but it may be important news."

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St. Lucia, 1/2, 1, 2½, 3, 4 and 6d and 1s.....	69
Gambia, 1/2, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 and 6d and 1s	77
British Guiana, Picture Series, 1, 2, 3, 10 and 15d.....	12
Grenada, 2½d Commemorative.....	06
Trinidad, 2d	05
Trinidad, 1/2, 1, 2½, 4, 5 and 6d and 1s.....	per set 75
Turks Is., 1/2, 1, 2½, 4, 5 and 6d and 1s.....	75
Leeward Is., 1/2, 1, 2½, 4, 6 and 7d and 1s	77
Jamaica, 1/2, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 and 6d and 1s	75
Br. Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 24c.....	75
Br. Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 24c.....	73
Jamaica 2s, each 50c. Barbados, 2s 6d each.....	87
Bahamas, Trinidad, Leeward Islands, St. Lucia and Jamaica, 5s, each.....	1 35
St. Lucia and Trinidad 10s each.....	2 02
Bahamas and " " £1 "	5 12

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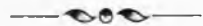
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Brazil, 1850, 90 reis black.....		10
" 1854, 10 reis blue.....		25
" " 30 reis blue.....		25
" 1878, 80 reis lake.....		10
" " 300 reis green and orange.....		25
" " 300 reis bistre.....		06
" 1888, 700 reis violet.....		40
" 1890, 700 reis brown.....		50
" 1894, 700 reis mauve and black.....		50
Ceylon on service, 1895, 3c.....		05
" " " 5c.....		05
" " " 15c.....		12
" " " 30c.....		25
China, present set complete (1)*.....		20
Ecuador, 1896, Commemorative 1, 2, 5 and 50c (4)		15
" 1897, Rev. used for postage, including		
surcharges (4).....		10
Guatemala, 1897, set of 11 incl. 200 and 500c*.....		1 00
" 1898, surcharges complete 22*.....		50
Persia, 1898, 1, 2, 5, 10s, 1k, set of 5.....		10
Samoa, 2½d red on 1½d.....		13
" 2½d on 1d green.....		12
The three type varieties of the last in one strip*.....		35
U. S., 1893, 15c Columbus.....		12
" " 30c.....		25
" " 50c.....		40
" 1891, 50c unwatermarked.....		08
" 1895, 50c watermarked.....		15
" 1898, 50c Omaha.....		35
" " Proprietary 1½ and 3½, the pair*.....		08
" " Documentary ½c to \$1 00, set of 10		
" " " 40c.....		20
" " " \$3 00.....		25
" " " \$5 00.....		25
Uruguay, ½c the four different surcharges and		
the definite stamps, set of 5*.....		15

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

1883, 6c violet.....		03
" 8c orange.....		03
" 10c slate.....		03
1884, 24c green.....		09
" 30c claret.....		15
" 32c vermilion.....		12
1887, 3 on 32 violet rose*.....		05
" 10 on 24c green.....		08
1892, 1 on 2c rose*.....		03
" 1 on 4c brown*.....		08
" 1 on 6c violet.....		07
" 1 on 8c orange.....		03
" 1 on 12c violet brown.....		30
" 1 on 8c green, used or.....		03
" 30 on 32c vermilion.....		40
" 1c green.....		01
" 25c mauve and green.....		07
" 50c olive and carmine.....		10
1891, 3c on 32c rose, used or.....		03
" 8c blue.....		02
" 5c brown.....		02
" 3c rose.....		02

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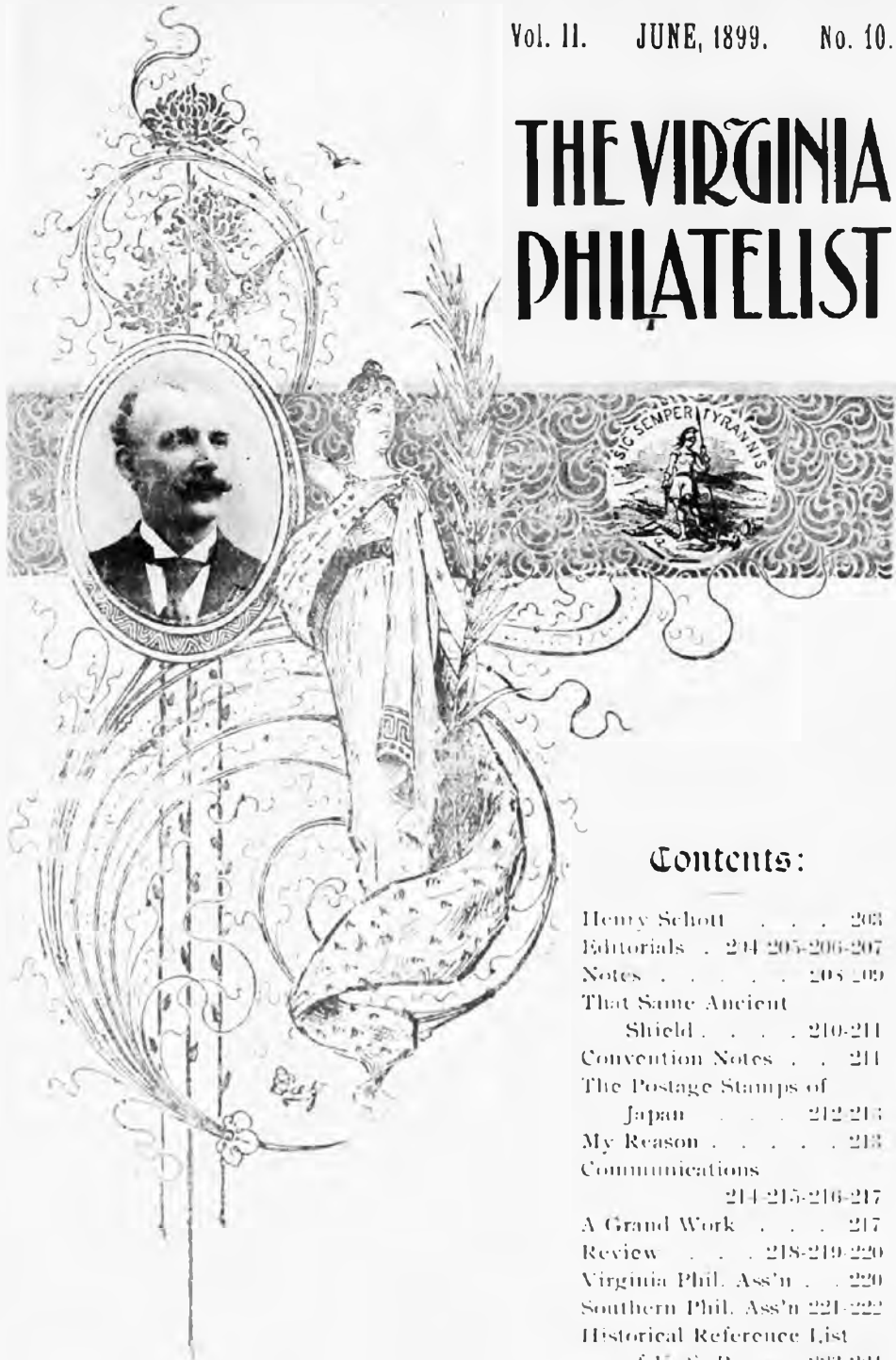
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HENRY SCHOTT.

THE subject of our sketch this month is well known to all Richmond stamp-collectors, but, since he was first to act upon our suggestion, that Richmond needed a stamp dealer, we take pleasure in presenting him to the members of both our Associations and to the fraternity at large.

Henry Schott, "Richmond's Only Stamp Merchant," was born in this city August 5, 1869. His father, Henry Schott, Sr., was a well-known Richmond printer and publisher before and after the war. After a thorough course in the schools of his native city Henry was apprenticed to "the art preservative." But the trend of his talents lay in other lines. His love for drawing led him to seek and find a situation with the well-known lithographing house of A. Hoen & Co., of this city, and his years of training in their "artist room" have served him well in his chosen calling.

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Henry Schott is a member of the Southern Philatelic Association, and will be glad to have any brother phil's call on him while in our city. DIETZ.





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Will you come?

Are You Coming?

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST desires to publish a standing list of all collectors who contemplate attending the Southern Philatelic Convention at Richmond, Va., September 21, 22 and 23, of this year. To this end, the editor will be pleased to hear from all members of the "Southern" and from philatelists in general.

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THE PUBLISHERS of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST contemplate re-printing in convenient bookform a number of the standard articles which have appeared in these columns. Among them the Confederate articles, revised and corrected with supplementary notes; "The Stamps of Paraguay," "The Postage Stamps of Japan," etc., etc. Enlarged illustrations are to be added, thus making them, as Mr. Stone of the *Era* suggests, valuable hand-books for the collector.

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Again some menace us with a severe chastisement in the flesh, while others threaten us with a suit for libel and slander in the U. S. courts, as has recently been done by a certain party in Michigan who has retained a Richmond attorney to institute suit for libel.

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A limited number of advertisements will be included in this publication, and dealers are invited to enquire the terms of the editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, who will have the work in charge.

Applications for space will be given positions in the order in which they arrive.

BRO. ROBT. S. NELSON, of Birmingham, Ala., to whom we are indebted for our first surcharged Cuban envelope, has started out on his summer stamp hunt.

Success attend him!

Success Attend It!

A STOCK COMPANY has been formed by the combination of the leading stamp dealers of Tennessee, to be known as the Tennessee Stamp Co. Its purpose is to do a general business in Postage and Revenue stamps. It has been decided to issue one thousand shares of stock, at a par value of one dollar per share. If ten or more shares are subscribed for at once, one-half is payable in good, saleable stamps at the prevailing wholesale rates.

The Company is formed with a good stock, and bright prospects for success. Already five hundred shares of stock have been subscribed for. An annual dividend of not less than 10 per cent. is guaranteed.

The officers of this new Southern enterprise, are A. N. Estes, President, and S. P. Lev, of the *Stamp Tribune*, Sec'y-Treas., with headquarters at Harriman, Tenn.

All communications should be addressed to Mr. Lev.

That Maltese Cat.

BECAUSE we suggested a 3d stamp for Malta, color gray, with a Maltese cat on it, to complete the new set, ye editor of the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has felt called upon to eke out more than a column of editorial comment on the subject—all of which is hard on the cat.

Apropos, will our esteemed contemporary enlighten us a bit on the subject portrayed on the 10-shilling stamp? What seems to agitate the gentleman ashore? We fear, if he does not cease deploring the loss of the "Maine," and turn his attention to the hapless ladies, they'll get wet.

"ON to Richmond!" this fall.

The Texas Philatelic Convention.

AT THE Third Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association, held on April 19th, in the parlors of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: E. D. Dorchester.

Vice-Pres.: Oscar Jannasch.

Sec'y-Treas.: Edward W. Heusinger.

Librarian: G. C. Cuenod.

Superintendent: Chas. Roemer.

Associate Trustees: H. G. Askew, E. D. True, T. W. Robinson, W. B. Mitchell.

Official Organ: *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

Convention Seat 1900: Cuero, Texas.

The Association numbers 51 members, of whom the following were present: H. G. Askew, Austin; Roy B. Bradley, Waco; Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels; Otto Heilig, New Braunfels; H. A. Herzog, Austin; V. H. Huberich, Bluff Springs; E. W. Heusinger, San Antonio; E. D. True, Austin; Walter C. Lowry, Abilene; and George W. Ingram, Hempstead.

"An Ancient Shield."

WE PRESENT this month the decisive *finale* to a series of articles *pro* and *con* "Foreign Exchanging," printed in our columns recently. It is from the pen of America's most popular and talented philatelic authoress, Miss Amy L. Swift.

SEND in your ads in time for the coming *three great* "Convention boomers."

To Publishers.

WE MUST again request all publishers to send one copy of their magazines to our Review Editor, Mr. John Paalzow, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va.

To Our Dealer Friends.

THE phenomenal growth of Philately in the South is reflected in the rapidly growing subscription list of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The patrons of our advertising columns assure us of its "pulling qualities," and renew their contracts, which is, perhaps, the best evidence of its merits.

Have *you* no bargains to offer?

We reach active, buying collectors—consider this, and—let us hear from you.

"Oom Paul's" Country.

WE MAY look forward to a new set of stamps from South Africa ere long. We read of some contemplated stroke of old "Oom Paul" Krüger's pointing to a federation of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State. Should this be effected, a new stamp would probably follow.

Philatelic Poetry.

AT THE risk of being criticised for inconsistency, especially after our recent tirade against philatelic doggerel verse, we print in this number a little gem of sentiment and beauty from the pen of Guy W. Green in *The Post Office*.

Russia in China.

Der Philatelist prints the information that Russian stamps are to be surcharged "China" for use in her territory there. What does Johnnie Bull say to that?

The Starr Stamp Co.'s Price List.

WE HAVE received the J. W. Starr Stamp Co.'s price list of United States, Confederate States, and Revenue Stamps. It is a 44 page booklet, full of bargains. Write to them for one.

Price Reduced.

BY SPECIAL arrangement we are now enabled to offer to our new subscribers and renewals Derlam's splendid Directory, containing over 9500 names and addresses, for the very small sum of 40 cents, which also secures one year's subscription to this magazine. The publisher's price for the Directory alone is 60c, so we would advise all desiring a live, up-to-date philatelic magazine and the finest directory yet published to take advantage of this offer. See advertisement on "Publisher's Page of Announcements."

William B. Hale.

WE HAD the pleasure of meeting Mr. William B. Hale, who called at our office while in Richmond.

Mr. Hale exhibited some very choice stamps, and effected many sales and exchanges with the Richmond philis, leaving a most favorable impression upon all who came in contact with him.

John C. Seibert.

WE HAD the pleasure of meeting Bro. Seibert of the Norfolk *Dispatch*, who paid a brief visit to our city on the 21st. He assures us that he will attend the Convention with a party of Norfolk collectors.

Bradley and "The Lone Star."

OUR friend and *confreere*, Roy Bennett Bradley, of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, has removed from Waco, to Hillsboro, Texas, from whence this leading Southern philatelic publication will emanate in future.

We trust the success that his talent merits will attend him in the new enterprise in which he has engaged under the most favorable auspices.



New Stamps and Envelopes for Cuba.

We clip the following from the *Philatelic Monthly and World*:

ENVELOPES of 2c red and 5c blue of special design will be made by the Plimpton Co. The head of Columbus will be copied from the 50c piece of 1892. "Cuba" will be above and "Dos" or "Cinco Centavos" below. The figures of value will be at the sides. For the present the U. S. watermark paper will be used. There will also be a 1c wrapper, green, with stamps of same design.

Mr. Bartels thus describes the designs of the new Cuba:

1c green, statue of Columbus with one hand resting on a globe. At top "Cuba" in curve, "Centavo" at bottom with figure "1" at each side.

3c color undecided. Allegorical statue of Cuba, La Cubana, "Cuba" above "Centavos" below and figure "3" at sides and in upper corners.

5c dark blue, merchant vessel at full steam, "Cuba" above. Left side beautiful border with tall palms, at base of which is undergrowth with cordate shaped leaves; "5 centavos" at bottom in straight line.

10c color undecided. Man ploughing field with yoke of oxen. In background some tall straggling palms and farm houses, "Cuba" above; "10 Centavos 10" at bottom in straight line.

The Special Delivery stamp will probably have the messenger boy riding a bicycle.

MENTION the V. P. when you answer the advertisements—mention it anyway—always—to your friends.

A New Set For Tasmania.

THIS British colony will also be provided with scenery stamps in the near future.

The following interesting and pertinent paragraphs are from the *Australian Philatelist*:

"Mr. P. Malone informs us that the following is an approximate list of values, colors, and designs:

½d green, Lake Marion, Du Cane Range.

1d red, Mountain Lake, Huon Road.

2d lilac, Cataract Gorge, Launceston.

2½d dark blue, St. Columba Falls.

3d claret, Lake St. Clair.

4d orange, Russell Falls.

5d light blue, Mount Gould.

6d violet lake, Dilston Falls.

"Doubtless this list is incomplete, none of the higher values being represented. It will be seen that the ½d, 1d, and 2½d are to be in the Postal Union colors, from which we may infer that the current ½d and 2½d will not be changed in color.

"A number of illustrated post and letter cards are also to appear, the latter with impressed 2d stamp in lilac. The cards are to be tinted, in size 5½x3½ inches, and will bear the following views: Hobart, Launceston, Great Lake, River Derwent (New Norfolk), St. Mary's Pass, and Mount Ida (Lake St. Clair). The order for the stamps has been placed in the hands of the engravers, and it is expected that they will reach the colony and be ready for issue in the course of a few months time.—*Meekel's Weekly*.

More Changes in U. S. Envelopes.

IT is announced on good authority that new dies will be prepared for the "new" U. S. 4c and 5c envelopes, as the busts are very unsatisfactory.

WILL you attend the Convention?

Philatelic Gleanings From "Our" Colonies.

HAWAII.

CONTRARY to rule in the rest of our colonies, Hawaii apparently is to be permitted to keep its own stamps, the entire set now appearing in new colors, the 2c and modified 5c having already been noted in this paper.

1 cent green.	2 cents rose.
5 cents blue.	10 cents orange.
70 cents violet.	\$1.00 blue.

—*Metropolitan.*

GUAM.

WASHINGTON collectors have had a sudden and pleasing surprise, and as a result we have a new colonial issue to chronicle. Uncle Sam is about to establish a postal system on the island of Guam, which so recently came into our possession as the result of the Spanish war.

The set is of current United States stamps, surcharged "Guam," and are of denominations and quantities as follows:

1 cent, 10,000.
*2 cents, 20,000.
5 cents, 5,000.

—*Mekeel's.*

[*The correspondent of "The Metropolitan Philatelist" gives the quantity of 2c stamps surcharged as 30,000.—EDITOR.]

PHILIPPINES.

THE stamps of 1898 except the 4m, 4, 40, 80c have been surcharged in black diagonally "1898—Resellado—1899" and in addition "C" in N. W. and "T" in S. E. corner. Also the 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c of the U. S. have been surcharged "Philippines." The following quantities have been forwarded:

1c, 2,000,000.	2c, 4,000,000.	3c, 500,000.
5c, 500,000.	10c, 500,000.	

—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

CUBA.

WE learn from various sources that the 1c and 2c cards of the U. S. have been surcharged for use in Cuba, like-

wise the 1c and 2c green envelope (70,000), and the 10c Special Delivery Stamp. The surcharge upon the cards is just below the stamp, and the 2c card is black instead of blue and the border is omitted. The Special Delivery Stamp is surcharged in three lines in red "Cuba—10c—de Peso."

The Latest In Revenues.

ANNOUNCEMENT is hereby made that there will be three high denominations added to the current set of Documentary revenues. The Bureau is now at work engraving designs for \$100, \$500 and \$1000 stamps. They will be uniform in size but slightly larger than the other dollar values. The \$1000 stamp will probably be the first one finished. It will show the portrait of Madison and be printed in two colors, as well as the other two values. The portraits for the \$100 and \$500 could not be ascertained to date. A decided innovation is to be introduced by having each of these stamps numbered consecutively so that a record can be kept of each specimen.—J. M. BARTELS in *The Metropolitan.*

Unique Provisionals.


SAN DOMINGO has evidently run out of stamps and is using up envelopes, wrappers and even postal cards cut up to frank letters. Mr. Paulzow sends us two envelopes of letters so prepaid which arrived in New York, May 24. The first one mailed in Santo Domingo, May 13, has pasted upon it the 5c envelope stamp cut out. The other mailed in Monte Christo, May 9, has on it two 2c wrapper stamps cut out and the 1c stamp of a postal card all pasted on, presenting a very queer combination. So among new issues we must chronicle:

SAN DOMINGO.

5c envelope stamp, cut square, used as adhesive.	"	"	"	"
2c wrapper stamp.	"	"	"	"
1c Postal Card stamp	"	"	"	"

That Same Ancient Shield.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

 ACCORDING to a certain story of olden date, there were once two gentlemen who couldn't agree in their criticism of a handsome shield that stood in the path by which they were approaching each other. One said it was made of gold, while the other was ready to wager almost anything that it was of silver. A shield is an implement of war, you know, so perhaps it is not surprising that these two gentlemen nearly came to blows and war generally about it before they discovered that the thing was of gold on one side and silver on the other, so that each was right and each wrong. The trouble was that each based his opinion on the side he saw, and never thought that the other might be different.

It is said that "history repeats itself" and there is considerable truth in the remark, at least it certainly seems to me that the old story of the shield is being brought to mind again by the present controversy between Messrs. Burt and Watts concerning "Foreign Exchanging." The former says that it does not pay, that foreigners want too much and send too little while sometimes they are not really honest. That is true, but it is only one side of the shield, the silver, or perhaps it would be better in this case to call it the leaden. Then comes Mr. Watts, asserting that it *does* pay if one is careful to remember and put in practice the Golden Rule, and considerate enough to take into account the fact that many stamps are more valuable in their own country than out of it, just as United States stamps are more valuable and in greater demand here than they are abroad. That is the shield again, but the other side this time, the golden.

Now I have been promenading around

that shield more or less diligently for the last half dozen years, and have found that it seems to be composed of a variety of metals, some gold, some silver and some pure dross, so to my mind Messrs. Burt and Watts are both right—and both wrong! Sometimes your exchange assortment will be gathered in by the other party without even a "thank you." Three of mine have had that fate and in consequence I've a grudge against a Spanish "don," an Indian "prince" and a Brazilian "planter." Maybe those are not their correct designations, but they are suggested by their respective countries and so will do very nicely. In contrast to these I have received extra good value for lots sent to several Australian colonies and to Calcutta, and full equivalent from a number of other countries. Only in a very few cases have the exchanges returned been much below the value of my own lots, and in each of these cases the senders seemed from their letters to be young collectors who were not thoroughly versed in values. For instance: one of them asked me for a full set of the Executive Department and for some "eagle on branch locals." I could not send them of course, but I broke the fact gently, telling their catalogue value, and in due time received an apologetic explanation that the writer had no idea he was asking anything unreasonable; there were places in his album for those stamps and he asked for them just as he did for a 6c Columbian and the different "triangle types" of the later issues. So I did not lay it up against him, or against foreign exchange as a whole.

You have read, perhaps, of the old lady who was famous for her remarkably toothsome rabbit pies, so famous that a great *chef* came to her to beg the *recipe* for their making. She told him that it all depended on the rabbit; "Fust you ketch your rebbit and then you decide

whether it's wuth your while to cook him, if he aint jest right you can't make a decent pie outer him nohow, jest let him go an' ketch a better." That is what she told him, adding when besought how to tell when the rabbit was "jest right" that to explain that was beyond her ability, but it could be "larned by studdy." The way to select good exchange correspondents from the numerous advertising columnus is very much like the old lady's *recipe*, you must "larn by studdy" what name to choose, and having chosen it must decide whether, judging from the wording and offer, it is "wuth while" to go any further. "Fust ketch your rebbit" and then if he doesn't seem a promising specimen, let him go and look out for another. It is no use to select a collector who wants certain countries only unless you can send just those countries, nor do I advise choosing one who says "commons not noticed" or its equivalent in meaning, as some do. The chances are that you and he may not agree on what deserves the name of "common" and beside that I think he who would keep even a batch of the commonest continentals without returning the least exchange. This is not entirely honorable. I have had some lots that were not worth half the postage it took to carry them, but have never kept a single such assortment without due compensation, or else I returned them to the sender. A few cents for postage is not much, and I, for one, had rather spend them than have an uneasy conscience. To him who asks for "rare stamps only" don't send current low values and medium priced stamps, like enough he is an advanced collector with 10,000 varieties if not more. Don't select either, those whose names and exchange requests appear almost as often as does the magazine itself; I cannot explain the reason, but my invariable experience

in such cases has been against it, either the lots sent are poor in quality or they do not come at all promptly, generally both. It may be they do so much exchanging that their duplicates do not get a chance to accumulate enough to make good selections possible.

Finally, do exactly as you wish your partner to do by you, and if your fortune is invariably poor don't think the whole shield is in fault, remember that the ancient gentleman of the story saw the golden side all right when he looked for it aright and in the right place, while under the same conditions the other gentleman in the affair just as easily saw the less valuable side.

Convention Notes.

AT PRESENT we have the following Southern State Philatelic Societies:

Virginia Philatelic Association, Tennessee Philatelic Association, Texas Philatelic Association and Kentucky Philatelic Association.

Now, suppose we take these societies, combine them with the S. P. A.—the greatest of them all—as State branches, we would then include their respective official organs, namely *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*, *Stamp Tribune* and *The Lone Star State Philatelist*. What would the grand result be? Why, the grandest body of Philatelists in the world, represented by three of the leading and most influential papers of the day. Isn't this just what we want? Let's all help push it along.—M. A. BELL, in *The Stamp Tribune*.

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The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VII.

[NOTE.—By an unfortunate oversight, which was noticed too late to be remedied, the VI instalment of "The Postage Stamps of Japan" came to an abrupt break in the final paragraph. To remedy this we repeat the last sentence of the previous instalment.—EDITOR.]

ISSUE 1888.

Same designs as before for the 4, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50 sen, but colors changed, two new designs; for the 25 sen: upright rectangle, in it a broad circle of color, in the center a rosette and two branches below it; on the circle in white letters above Japanese inscription "Tai Nippon tei Koku ju-ben," below IMPERIAL, JAPANESE POST, at the sides two flowers; above the circle a tablet with value in Japanese, in the spandrels flowers; in the lower corners 25, under the circle SEN, all in color on white;—for the 1 yen upright rectangle of color containing in the upper part a large circle of color bounded by white lines; in the circle embossed in white a large rosette, on the circle in white the same inscriptions as on the 25 sen, except that there are dots at the sides; in the upper corners small mail-bags, in the lower corners white ovals



A15



A17



A18



A19



A20

with **l** on the left and **y** at the right:

under the circle a white tablet with Japanese inscription of value; impression and paper as before; perforated variously (see below).

76. 4 sen olive bistre.

77. 8 sen lilac.

77a. blue lilac.

78. 10 sen brown orange.

78a. reddish brown.

78b. brown ochre.

79. 15 sen purple.

79a. violet.

80. 20 sen yellow.

80a. orange.

80b. brick red.

81. 25 sen light green.

81a. emerald green.

82. 50 sen brown.

82a. red brown.

83. 1 yen carmine.

These are all of the narrow gauge of perforation, 13, 13½, 14 or 14½. A German authority states that they have been found perforated 11½, but I can hardly credit this; I have not so far found a specimen gauging less than 13. Possibly, though, the larger gauge has come into use again; see the war-stamps on following page.

ISSUE 1892.

SCOTT
TYPE
A15

Same design as before, but change of color; impression, paper and perforation as

last issue.

84. 3 sen lilac rose.

In the whirl of advancement Japan, hitherto philatelically blameless, finally in 1894 succumbed to the Jubilee epidemic and issued a special set in commemoration of the silver wedding of the Imperial couple. It took two stamps to express the popular appreciation of this auspicious event, but as they were low-valued and the occasion a praiseworthy and rare one, we may well condone the offense.

ISSUE 1894.



A21

Oblong rectangle, large circle of color in center with white rosette in its center; on the circle in white Japanese inscription

above relating to the occasion, IMPERIAL WEDDING 25 ANNIVERSARY below; on either side of the circle conventional cranes whose tails end in arabesques filling most of the stamp; above the circle a curved tablet with the usual Japanese inscription "Tai Nippon tei Koku ju-ben"; below the circle value in Japanese and below that in white letters IMPERIAL, JAPANESE POST, in the lower corners small white circles with value in English; the background of the whole stamp consists of fine vertical lines of color; typographed on white wove paper, perforated 11½, 12, 12½, 13.

85. 2 sen rose.

86. 5 sen blue.

The Jubilee issue proved infectious and when Japan had vanquished China, it could not resist the temptation to celebrate the event by a special issue. Two of its heroes were honored by being depicted on these stamps, but so as to hurt nobody's feelings by his being assigned a lower value than the other man, a full set was issued for each of the fortunate ones.

To be Concluded.

Furlough Granted.

MR. L. P. HEAD of Fulton, Ky., desires to announce to the fraternity that business arrangements compel him to retire from the philatelic field for a few months.

Under those conditions we grant Bro. Head a furlough for a short time, but order him to "report for duty" at the Convention.

My Reason.

GUY W. GREEN IN *The Post Office.*

I love you, old album. The reason?
Well, really, I hardly can say.
I love you as brooks love the meadows
Or blue birds the beautiful May.
I love you as earth loves the sunshine,
Or mountain tops love the white snow.
I love you because I am helpless,
And Nature has planned my love so.

I like, when the lamps are lighted,
To have you close here by my side,
To open your faded, old covers,
Where comfort and pleasure abide.
To spread out your pages before me,
And see their warm colors again;
Their brightness will banish my sorrow
As sunlight dispels the cold rain.

And sometimes I think, as I watch you
That you have a soul of your own,
Mayhap that you've changed into being
As life from the marble has grown.
Perhaps that you watch for my coming
And pulsate with pleasure or pain,
As life opens brightly before me,
Or all of its struggles are vain.

You know all my troubles and heartaches,
And all of my errors and sin;
The world sees the outward appearance,
But you see the being within;
And yet you pass judgment in silence,
Old album, your system is best,
If men would but heed your example,
This world were a haven of rest.

Oft times, when aweary with labor,
Your presence has brightened the gloom;
My burdens have silent departed
And left a strange peace in the room.
I love you for this, old companion,
As over your pages I bend;
Our friendship is fragrant and changeless,
And shall be right unto the end.



New York Correspondence.

BY LENNOD.

MATTERS from a philatelic standpoint are entirely satisfactory, and the present business revival shows no let up. School-boy trade is booming and dealers who care for such small trade find all they can do to fill daily demands for single stamps, sets and approval selections. The unprecedented revival is not better illustrated than the additions to the dealer's ranks by men who have heretofore been only collectors. Two such instances have occurred within the past few months. One firm opened up in Nassau street, a neighborhood which is familiar to almost all collectors, but the other, the Guarantee Stamp Company, tackled a neighborhood unknown to most collectors. They have located at 27 East 125th street, among a nest of schools, colleges and churches. They have just consummated the purchase of the entire stock of the Collectors-Investment Co., a private stock corporation with a cash capital of \$1,000, and a stock of medium priced stamps, suitable for a general business.

The long-looked-for article on the stamps of the Confederate States of America appeared in the May number of the *American Journal of Philately*. Many new adhesives and envelopes (handstamped) are listed, of which I take the liberty to mention. Adhesives from Emory, Va., Greenwood, Va., Helena, Texas, and Kingston, Tenn. Envelopes from Albany, Ga., Atlanta, Ga., (two varieties), Augusta, Ga., Autaugaville, Ala., Columbia, S. C., two new varieties, Columbus, Ga., Franklin, N. C., and Jonesboro, Tenn. The article is continued at "M."

I am pleased to see that the publishers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST think a stamp exhibition the proper caper to be held during the convention week of the Southern Philatelic Association at Richmond. But the idea should be expanded so as to take in all classes of stamps of the United States. Something in that line could certainly be shown that is worth the trouble and expense in arranging them.

Mr. E. L. Shove, of Unionville, N. Y., was a recent visitor to the Metropolis. He reports stamps booming in his neighborhood, altho' he overlooked the fact that the population (philatelic) is limited to two collectors.

A good stamp to keep an eye on is the 2 cent (yellow) of Belgium, Scott's number 131, priced at four cents canceled. The wholesale price on this stamp is almost half.

Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN-EATER.

The most important occurrence of late weeks, in Boston, was the two nights' gilt-edge auction sale of the New England Stamp Co., which was held on the evenings of April 24th and 25th. I annex a few prices obtained for the stamps. All were said to be in exceedingly fine condition.

Following brought over \$5.00:

	CAT. BROUGHT.	
New York 5c.....	\$ 12 00	\$ 5 28
Providence 5 and 10c.....	46 50	13 00
Same 10c.....	40 00	6 50
1851 type II, block of 8.....	24 00	8 50
5 ^a	50 00	18 00
1861 3c pink *.....	35 00	10 20
90c pale blue.....	25 00	16 00
1861, re-issue 15c *.....	35 00	16 50
1861, re-issue 21c used.....	30 00	16 00
1862 " 15c.....	12 50	5 00
" " 21c *.....	15 00	6 00
" " 30c.....	22 50	7 50
1870, 21c.....		57 50
Baltimore Carrier.....	80 00	48 00
\$50 imperf., rev., pair.....	20 00	8 25

\$1 Proprietary.....	100 00	34 00
Chicago Match Stamp.....	15 00	9 25
U. S. Prop., 6c black.....	30 00	13 50
Charleston, S. C., 5c.....	15 00	7 10
" 5c used.....	12 00	6 50
Fredericksburg 10c.....	40 00	18 00
Knoxville, 5c green.....	100 00	45 00
Lenoir, 5c.....	100 00	30 00
Marion, Va., 2c black.....	75 00	41 00
" 5c used.....	300 00	105 00
Nashville 5c brown.....	20 00	13 00
" 5c pair.....	36 00	14 20
Azores, No. 1. *.....	40 00	20 25
" No. 15 *.....	11 50	5 15
" No. 66 *.....	60 00	24 00
Bermuda 3d on 1d.....	15 00	10 25
Cauca 5c black.....	250 00	84 00
" 5c rose.....	150 00	46 00
Great Britain £1 off.....	100 00	40 50
Newfoundland 1sh orange.....	200 00	64 00
Roumania, No. 1, 27pa.....	350 00	102 50
St. Vincent 4d No. 20 *.....	30 00	18 50
" 4d on 1sh *.....	125 00	45 00

The sale as a whole was a decided success, although the per cent. averaged was nowhere near that of their sale of three years ago. It is only fair to state that the sale was conducted in a very honest manner, and the limit in mail bids was seldom reached, as the audience contained a very small number of "pushers," being constituted mostly of "bargain hunters."

Some new private proprietaries have been exhibited here the past month by Mr. Chas. H. Stone of Concord, N. H. I saw as follows:—Fletcher's Castoria, black, and Warner's Safe Cure in light brown. Mr. Stone is also showing, what he takes to be a rare Confederate local. A description, as near as possible, is hereby given: Of the post-mark type, with "Lexington, Miss." printed around the rim and "Paid 5, E. H. P. M." in the centre in two parallel, horizontal lines. Mr. Stone asserts that he has learned that Erastus Hoskins was postmaster at Lexington, at the time of the date on the envelope which is Oct. 3, 1861.

Our postmaster recently received a letter from one of New York's prominent firms asking how many \$1.00 Omahas he

had in stock and stating that a cash remittance would be sent on notification. Wonder if they are trying to corner the market? If such be the case they will have a "lovely time" as many of the postoffices still have large supplies on hand, and many of them would not suit the condition crank at all, as they are "fircely" centered.

The U. S. special delivery surcharges for use in Cuba, was received here early last month (May). The surcharge is a *very poor* specimen of the printers art, and one has to hold the stamp in a certain position in the light to read it at all. In my estimation, black ink would have been far superior to the red which was used.

Australian Notes.

BY J. G. GRIFFIN.

A CURIOUS instance of ill luck, if nothing more, was revealed in the Bankruptcy Court in Sydney the other day, and, as the matter refers to our particular mania, it is worth quoting.

Dr. Andrew Honisman a medical practitioner, who for long had been the medical referee of one of our life insurance societies, was, owing to the amalgamation of the society with another, thrown out of his appointment and had to betake himself to private practice. This not succeeding as he hoped, he was forced to claim the protection of the court against his creditors. He said in his evidence that he would not have needed this protection, but that a serious disappointment in connection with the sale of his collection of postage stamps had befallen him. In the year 1889 he had sent his albums through a well known stamp collector, to London for sale. These albums were placed by his friend in the hands of Messrs. Ventom, Buhl & Cooper for auction sale. The collection realised £800.

But alas! none of the money found its way into the pocket of its rightful owner. Indeed it was some time before he could hear anything of his "friend." Ultimately he made inquiries through the leading members of the Philatelic societies of London with the result that he was told that the man he had trusted had decamped and nothing had been heard of him or of the money since!

Did you know that the now celebrated Mr. Henniker Heaton, member of the House of Commons for Canterbury and originator of the British Empire 1d postage is an old Sydney man? He was a reporter on the staff of the *Evening News* in that great Australian city, and while so engaged compiled *Heaton's Dictionary of Australian Dates*, a good and useful work. Finding favor in the eyes of Miss Bennett, a daughter of one of the proprietors of the *Evening News*, he was accepted by her as her husband, and on the death of old Mr. Bennett became, through his wife, a large shareholder in the *News*. His worldly prospects being thus assured, he turned his attention to English Parliamentary life, and seems not to have had much difficulty in procuring the Canterbury Seat. The idea of an Ocean 1d Postage was his first essay, and that gradually gave way to the Penny British Empire Postage, the first practical step, which was started at the beginning of the present year and the first stamp in connection therewith was issued by Canada and illustrated by you in your January number.

It should be made known that while Canada, India, and many other portions of the Empire have adopted this 1d postage, the Australian Colonies have not, as yet, done so and the postage rate from England to Sydney, Melbourne, etc. is still 2½d or 5 cents.

The new colors of the 6d, 2½d, and ½d stamps of New South Wales are satisfac-

tory; the first is orange, the second blue, and the third pale bluish green. By the bye, the 6d green which is now superseded has become very scarce. It is not to be purchased at the General Postoffice, or indeed at any of the Sydney suburban postoffices where I have inquired.

Western Australia has made a change in the color of its 2d stamp. It is now yellow or more correctly dull orange. The design is the same as the old 2d, viz.: a black swan, (You recollect the old Latin quotation *rara avis in terris ingroque truibinea tigrco*) but I am told that the plate has been re-engraved and the same may be said of the new N. S. W. ½d.

Generally there is not much stirring in the Australian philatelic world and so my letter must necessarily be a short one.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 27, 1899.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

"ARE no more 6 cent stamps to be issued," is a question that at present is being asked by a great many collectors. The post office in this city has been out of them for some weeks past, and from other places comes word that none can be had. In talking to the stamp clerk here on the question he stated that if present indications could be taken as a criterion, no more would be received. He said that several times past when making requisitions for stamps the postmaster had specially asked that a supply of 6 cent stamps be sent him, but that on each occasion none had been sent, and further, the Department gave no explanation for their action. It appears to me that this is a rather strange method of doing business. Of course now that 2 cent postage

is in force very few of these stamps will be used, but I should think that the demand for them would be sufficient to warrant their continuance. However, be that as it may, we all want some authentic information on the subject.

It is expected that the 8 cent stamp will go out of use entirely as soon as the present supply on hand is exhausted. I inquired for them at the post-office recently and the clerk told me there were no more to be had, but I believe a supply has since been received.

As to whether the "maple leaf" stamps which have recently been on sale at various Canadian offices, are reprints or not, is the cause of much speculation among collectors and dealers in this country of ours. I quite coincide with the statement of a certain Canadian writer, who says, "although it is known that these stamps have been printed and issued, I would hardly call them reprints, they having in all probability been used in place of some of the "numeral" plates that had become worn out." Generally there is something in a reprint to distinguish it from an original, but I fail to discover anything in these reprints (?) by which we might be enabled to tell one from the other.

It is said there is one dealer in Ottawa who has over 1000 of the 2 cent purple envelopes, and another who has about 600. If this report be true it makes quite a hole out of the 10,000 which is the number supposed to have been printed. I do not know who either of these parties are, they have doubtless secured them from various sources all over the country. Shortly after they were recalled a certain collector-dealer in this city received an offer from an Ottawa man who wished to purchase a quantity of these envelopes, and sent him all he had at 15 cents each. Of course he is sorry now.

One of our local dealers had the good

fortune, while on a trip to a neighboring town, to secure about 100 of the 3 cent surcharged envelopes. He also made inquiry for the surcharged letter cards but none were on sale.

From present appearances the stamps of Canada have a bright future before them. Our Jubilee and recent issues have done great things for us, and though many harsh things could be said about the way the Department has managed, still we should look to them with pride for they have certainly had the effect of bringing Canadian stamps in general before the notice of the philatelic world. It is well known that there have been heavy demands for stamps of the present issues, but there are other stamps, issued in times past, which it might not be well to lose sight of. Among those I might mention the 1859, 12½c green; 1864, 2c pink; 1868, 6c brown and 12½c blue, and the 1875, 5c olive. A great many Canadian stamps can be purchased at from 50 to 75 per cent off catalogue, but when a few such stamps cannot be secured at better figures than about 25 to 40 per cent off catalogue prices it is about time for us to expect a change.

A Grand Work.

A COMMITTEE of the Boston Philatelic Society consisting of Messrs. Toppan, Deats, and Holland are engaged in the compilation of an Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States including the Private Die Proprietary Stamps. It is needless to comment on the value of such a work when completed, we therefore print the prospectus in full.

SUBSCRIBE now to the V. P.—for summer reading. It'll keep you cool.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

The following have been received:

	Vol. No.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	4. 5.
Evergreen State Phil. Hartland, Wash.	11. 62-63.
New York Philatelist, New York	6. 2.
Stamp Exchange, Boston, Mass.	1. 1.
Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tenn.	1. 5.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Kan.	1. 6.
FROM CANADA.	
Canadian Phil. Review, Hamilton, Ont.	4. 6.
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1. 12.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	6. 5.
FROM ABROAD.	
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3. 4.

In *The Allegheny Philatelist* Philatelist speaks of "The Value of System" and both collectors and dealers can well profit by the suggestions made. Mr. Chapman gives "Impressions of the Hour" in which the new stamps of Malta come in for a share of criticism. The chronicle of "New Issues" is very complete and is quite a feature of the *N. P.* Under "Comments" we find the following, which, if the figures quoted are correct, shows quite a difference between supposed and actual values: "The collection of stamps of the late Harold Frederic, valued by himself at \$5000, was recently auctioned off in London and brought a little over \$450."

Seldom has a finer Number One of any stamp publication come up for review than the first copy of *The Stamp Exchange*. Attractive in appearance, it is filled with good reading from cover to cover, containing articles on various philatelic subjects by many well known writers, and it is hard to say to which to award the most praise. Mr. Dietz's

"Fragments of Confederate Stamp History" contains good advice about the 10c Confed. perforated. "Zura" on "Space Fillers" speaks against putting counterfeit stamps into one's album. Mr. Cass advises dealers not to palm reprints, foreign revenues and "Seebecks" off on the young collector who some day will know better and resent the imposition. The description of "Lagos" gives beside historical information about that to most collectors "*terra incognita*" a *resumé* of the issues of that country. Miss Swift gives the "News of the Month." Mr. Chapman besides "Cogitations" conducts the Review. Notes from different points and a Canadian page are also in evidence. We predict a bright future for the *Stamp Exchange*.

In *The New York Philatelist* Veritas discusses "The Indiscriminate Credit System" being led thereto by the now celebrated Williams case. No doubt the business methods of many stamp dealers and collectors also are lax, but every year sees an improvement in them. A few seasons back an ad asking for references was the exception, now it is the rule and if references are given and investigated before sending out stamps, the dealers can not run so many risks. In the same issue of the *N. Y. Philatelist* Mr. Carter says that the statistics show that only one letter in every 53,000,000 pieces handled by the P. O. Department is lost and asks why should then so many addressed to, and sent by stamp dealers fail to reach their destination. It seems queer no doubt, but don't at times some of the dealers try also to play a little game? We have in mind the case of a fellow member of the Virginia Philatelic Association to whom a concern in Denver, Colo., sent unsolicited a lot of stamps on approval. The stamps were returned by mail, and after

some little time duns began to come in for the return of sheets, finally threatening exposure in the various philatelic papers, etc. When patience ceased to be a virtue our member in turn advised them that if they did, he would sue for criminal libel and there the matter rests, unsatisfactory at least to one party—for who would care to be accused of cheating?

Bro. Chapman in "Concerning Late Issues" hits back at some of his critics. He also tells us that the Die A varieties will never be rare. How about Die A on blue? How many have come to light?

Both the April and May numbers of *The Evergreen State Philatelist* are to hand. In the April number under Canadian Chat the explanation of the drop in prices of unused New Brunswick stamps is explained. A large lot of remainders amounting to several thousand sheets were discovered and sold to a syndicate of dealers it is said at 30c per set.—Veritas discusses Philately Month by Month and John Peltz explains the differences between certain issues of stamps which are often puzzling to the young collector. In the May number Leon V. Cass advises the investment of money in old issues in preference to the many jubilee issues, surcharges etc. In "Notes on Stamps" the question is asked: Ought pen-canceled stamps to be catalogued like foreign ones are. We think not, for in nine cases out of ten the pen cancellation on the foreign stamp denotes its use as a revenue stamp while in this country postage stamps are not used that way, except in very rare instances, when a two cent postage stamp passes on a check.

"Little Boy Blue come blow your Horn" must have been in the mind of the editor of the *Stamp Tribune*, for on the editorial page there is certainly something to remind one of the old

Mother Goose rhyme and also the "yellow journalism" of some of the daily press. It seems very well to praise one's paper, but when it comes to promising the "grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America" it raises expectations which in nine cases in ten are dashed, and work harm to the party promising so much and then perhaps failing to fulfil those pledges. If next month proves us wrong we will cheerfully apologize to the Editor.—"The Dead Letter Office" is written up by Wm. M. Verbeck and gives an insight into its workings.—Mack has his New York letter.—The Constitution of the Philatelic Association of America fills better than two pages.—"Armory" writes of "The Greatest Enemy to Philately" viz: Fire. The Review fills the remaining space not allotted to advertisements.

Stamp Talk for April continues "Stamp Hunting," by Lewis Robie. In this instalment Mr. Robie gives his experience with the U. S. P. O. Inspectors and a U. S. Marshal who were looking him up for taking away 98 sets of Periodical stamps. It seems in this case the officials were doing the stamp hunting. H. A. Chapman tells of stamps "On the Cover," and how he was presented with a U. S. 10c '47 on the original letter which proved to be written by W. B. Astor, son of John Jacob Astor of New York. In these days of envelopes we are not so lucky as to find autographs along with the stamps, still a collection of stamps on the envelopes is a very interesting thing to have, of course bulky and not easy to display unless you prepare a book specially for it. That this form of collecting is gaining popular favor seems to be beyond question. Editorials and review fill the balance of this issue.

The *Philatelic Advocate*, as ever neatly printed and gotten up, tells us of Al-

phoso XIII with whose picture philatelists are well acquainted and who has names and titles enough to crush any ordinary mortal. Some of the titles ought to be relegated to the "has beens." "Why certain Canadian stamps are issued" does not enlighten us why that country flooded the philatelic market with its recent issues, but deals with the reasons for the different values of the earlier emissions. Mr. Chapman speaks about "The Collecting of Stamps," and like many a fellow collector mourns the chances lost in days gone by. Society notes and a goodly number of advertisements make up the balance of the number.

About the only thing there is to *The Montreal Philatelist* this month is its letter from New Zealand in which the information is given that Tasmania is going to join the procession and issue a pictorial set of stamps to advertise the scenery of the country. "Personal" editorials and a column of abuse by Jean Baptiste Canuck help to fill the paper, which does not contain more than seven pages of reading matter. Better hustle, Brother, and get out another "Christmas" number, or else soon *The Montreal Philatelist* instead of "coming from Montreal and going to all parts of the world" will be "coming from nowhere and have gone to the literary graveyard of so many stamp papers."

Stamps' April number is interesting. Uncle Sam as Stamp Dealer treats of the sale of the periodical stamps. Stamps Junior gives helpful hints to the younger collectors, by some of which the older ones can also profit. The same question of catalogue values which vexes collectors on this side is discussed and the list of underpriced stamps is continued. The Harry Hilckes & Co. matter receives its full share of attention and evidently the end thereof is not yet.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., *May 10, 1899.*

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

Our twenty-second meeting was held on the above date. In the absence of the President, Mr. Thos. Christian filled the chair. The routine budget was scanty and was quickly disposed of. The interest of the evening was centered in the proposed Confederate Exhibit at the coming convention.

On motion of Mr. Stearns it was decided in order to make the exhibit more interesting, to have it divided into 5 classes, and after some discussion it was decided to place them as follows:

- 1st. Class—General issues on cover.
- 2nd Class—General issues off cover.
- 3rd Class—Locals on cover.
- 4th Class—Confederate oddities.
- 5th Class—Locals off cover.

The V. P. A. will bestow suitable awards in the shape of diplomas for the most meritorious display in each of the five classes. Richmond collectors to be non competitors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

Hussman Leads Off.

MR. C. E. HUSSMAN, the well-known St. Louis stamp dealer, has signified his intention to make a magnificent exhibit of Confederates—both general and local issues—at the Convention of the S. P. A. in Richmond, Va., this fall.

Who will be the next dealer to follow suit?

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P. O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:—Another month nearer to the "great" Convention and the nearer we get the more favorable are the indications for a large attendance.

I will ask you to do what is in your power to make the proposed Exhibition of the Postal Emissions of the Southern Confederacy, as suggested by the V. P. A., a success. It is the first thing of the kind ever attempted in the South and what better place could it be than in Richmond, the capital of the South. I would suggest that each member write Mr. Franklin Stearns, who has been appointed a committee of one, giving him an idea of what stamps he would like to or could send and that gentleman will, I am sure, be pleased to give pointers as to what it would be advisable to send for exhibition. The offer of the V. P. A. to insure against loss and theft is a most liberal one and they are certainly due our best thanks.

The S. P. A. is in a fair way to become one of the largest, as it is already the best, of the philatelic societies. I have at different times tried the exchange department of other societies but I have not found any of them to be as well managed as our own and my private opinion is that we have the best Sales Superintendent in the country. I know just how he works his department, how systematic he is and above all how prompt he is in making returns. The only trouble is that too few members avail themselves of the benefits. The greater number of members join for the purpose of increasing their collections and they should first of all support their own society more especially as they can procure their stamps at less cost than from the dealers. Bear this in mind brethren, have your names on the circuit list to receive stamps and buy first of all from your brother members.

The membership list continues to grow and I hope it will reach the 200 mark by the time we meet in Richmond. Yours for the S. P. A.,

H. FENTON, Pres.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 164 Scoville, Earl, 3523 Dearborn st., Chicago, Ill.
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 167 Springen, Whilden, Jr., South Creek, N. C.
 168 Lewis, David, 536 37th-st., Chicago, Ill.
 169 Bruce, Guy J., 234 Barney-st., Waukesha, Wis.
 170 Cutting, W. H., Lock Box 436, Waukesha, Wis.
 171 Kennard, H. C., Birmingham, Ala.
 172 Sutton, Geo. B., 207 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va.
 173 Peterson, Jas. H., 210 E. 19th-st., N. Y. City.
 174 Smith, W. R., 718 E. Marshall-st., Richmond, Va.

APPLICATIONS.

Tucker, Ralph W., Box 3276, Boston, Mass. Age 21. Dealer and Publisher. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, M. W. Bates, Arthur W. Merriam.

*Doak, R. L., Pearl, Ohio. Age 19, Farmer and Stamp Dealer. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, W. C. Doak.

*Rabbitt, J. B. Moolton, Punjab, India. Age 31, Inspector. Refs., R. S. Nelson, Chas. Waring, H. Fenton.

*Will, Wm., 218 N. 21st-st., Birmingham, Ala. Age 33, Barber. Refs., H. Fenton, Chas. Waring, R. S. Nelson.

*Butler, G. M., Box 11, State School of Mines, Golden, Colo. Age 18. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

*Peterson, P. A., Ruthven, Palo Alto Co., Iowa. R. R. Postal Clerk. Member E. S. P. S. 167. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, J. H. Thatcher, Cashier Iowa Savings Bank.

*Lamb, Wm. B., 409 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va. Student. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

Hartung, Geo. C., 1629 Barry-ave., Chicago, Ill. Age 21. Member V. P. A., J. of C. P., Col., P. A., Dom. P. A., and S. of P. Specialty U. S. and B. C. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

J. H. Conley from Tampa to Sanford, Florida.
 C. Bergholz from Onalaska, Ark., to 726 W. Commerce-st., San Antonio, Texas.

Royal B. Bradley from Waco to Hillsboro, Tex.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

Ben Russell, Charlottesville, Va.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.

The following members are hereby dropped from membership on account of failure to pay dues, after being twice notified.

C. L. Shelton, Chattanooga, Tenn.

D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.

J. P. Simpson, Malvern, Ark.
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 M. C. Odell, 154 Nicholas-st., Ottawa, Ont.
 N. Mackey, Jr., San Antonio, Tex.
 W. S. Dorsey, Hissop, Ala.
 S. Baker, Ft. Sheriden, Ill.
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 J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
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 C. G. Schrader, Knoxville, Tenn.
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 Leo. Fritter, Columbus, Ohio.
 F. M. Thomas, New Orleans, La.
 W. W. Woodruff, Knoxville, Tenn.
 William Myers, Toronto, Can.
 B. B. Bell, Swift, Ga.
 W. A. Bostwick, New York City.
 R. C. Farrant, Lima, Peru.
 H. W. English, Birmingham, Ala.

Any of above wishing to be re-instated will please remit amount of 1899 dues, 25 cents, to the Secretary. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$20.67
Received from members.....	5.45
Total.....	\$26.12

EXPENDITURES.

March 18, To Secretary's postage.....	\$2.78
March 10, To V. P. for March.....	1.17
April 1, To V. P. for April.....	1.25
Total.....	\$5.20

Balance on hand.....	\$25.32
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Respectfully, W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas.

Report of Board of Trustees.

We can now report that we have carefully considered the objections to application No. 136 and have come to the conclusion that it is to the interest of the Association to decline same. Respectfully submitted,

Yours fraternally, H. FENTON, Pres.,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.
 New Braunfels, Texas, May 10th, 1899.

S. P. A. Prizes.

To THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.

Another.

L. P. HEAD, Fulton, Ky., will give one year's subscription to any two monthly magazines to any person securing three new members to S. P. A.; result to be decided by Secretary's report.

To the person securing the second largest number of new members by Convention time, will give \$2.00 in cash. This offer is in conjunction with that of the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., and based upon same rules. Money to be paid at Convention. Neither offer to apply to directors or publishers of papers—as I consider they have the advantage of regular members.

Yet Another.

I will present FREE to every collector applying to me for an application blank for the Southern Philatelic Association and enclosing 35 cents for 1899 dues and 2 cents extra for reply postage, an unused copy of the Two Cent Orange Newfoundland (1898 issue) stamp, which is now obsolete. I have just 25 copies to distribute in this manner.

WM. A. McDONNELL,
 1616 Madison-ave., N. Y. City.

Enthusiasm Rampant.

MR. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will present complete files of The Perforator from March 1897 to April 1899—26 Nos. Mailed free to each of the three members of the S. P. A. who secures the greatest number of new members before the convention of '99. Conditions of these prizes are that each contestant must secure at least 3 new members, no officer of the Association or editor or publisher of a paper eligible.

AN HISTORICAL REFERENCE LIST
OF THE
Revenue Stamps of the United States
Including the
Private Die Proprietary Stamps.

COMPILED BY

GEO. L. TOPPAN, H. E. DEATS AND
ALEXANDER HOLLAND,

A COMMITTEE OF
THE BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BOSTON, MASS., 1899.

THE present work, as its title indicates, is designed to be more than a bare reference list, or catalogue, of the various emissions of the Revenue stamps of the United States. It aims not only to be a reliable and complete catalogue, but to give a full and detailed description of each stamp; its history, so far as it has been possible to ascertain it, and such other data as has been deemed to be of general interest.

The scope of the work, which was conceived in May, 1896, has been gradually increased as the authors discovered new material until now the book will comprise upwards of 400 pages royal octavo.

It is compiled almost entirely from official records; the committee having been so fortunate as to have had access to all of the books, accounts, correspondence, etc., of the firms of Butler & Carpenter and Jos. R. Carpenter, who held the government contracts for this class of stamps from Sept. 1, 1862 to Aug. 31, 1875. In addition to this we have obtained copies of the records of the American Bank Note Co., and of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

These latter records have enabled us to complete the work up to the final repeal of the stamp tax in 1883.

Commencing again with the current

issue of Playing Card stamps, first issued in 1894, we have obtained the records of all the stamps, both Documentary and Proprietary, issued prior to Jan 1, 1899.

From the above it may be easily seen that the work is, before all else, *accurate* and that it contains much hitherto unpublished and unknown information which will, undoubtedly, prove to be of value and interest to even a beginner in the collection of those stamps of which it treats.

The information gleaned from the records has, of course, been supplemented with much individual research and investigation and, although it has been a slow and laborious task, the committee feel that the results obtained have well repaid them for their efforts.

A good idea of the scope of the work may be obtained by the following synopsis of its chapters, or divisions:

1. Contracts for the Engraving and Printing of the Stamps.
2. Paper.
3. Perforation.
4. Color.
5. Rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
6. General Notes.
7. Counterfeits.
8. Each stamp considered under its own title and denomination.

Under this last heading all data concerning each separate stamp has been systematically condensed. It includes:

1. A full description of the stamp.
2. The date of its first printing.
3. The date of its first delivery.
4. Plate numbers.
5. The number of stamps per sheet.
6. The total number of the stamp issued.
7. Such general notes as are of interest.

The above refers especially to the first issue; but the same general arrangement has been retained throughout the entire work, modified or elaborated, of

course, as circumstances seemed to warrant.

In the second and subsequent issues of documentary, proprietary, and the private die stamps, the above information is supplemented by the date of the Approval of the Die by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and, of course, by the number issued on *each kind* of paper.

The general information will be found to be very full and interesting; for example: In the case of the \$500 stamp of the second issue we are enabled to state not only the exact number issued but *just who purchased each copy and the date.*

Especial attention has been paid to the chapters upon Paper and Perforation, and, while we do not claim that the subjects have been exhausted, we do claim, that so far as the official records throw any light upon the subjects, no more can be ascertained.

We are aware that, in a few cases, our information is not so full as we might desire, but, in by far the greater majority of instances, it is, practically speaking, absolutely complete.

The work is concluded with an exhaustive catalog of the various stamps, the pronounced shades being duly listed, upon all the various papers, etc.

It may not, perhaps, be generally known that this is the first philatelic work to be undertaken and carried to a successful conclusion by any society in the United States; such, however, is the fact and, naturally, the step is rather in the nature of an experiment.

We trust that it may prove a successful one and that the collectors of the United States will signify their approval of the undertaking by favoring us with their subscriptions for the work.

As the Society has not undertaken to publish it with an intention of filling its treasury from the proceeds of its sale, we are enabled to announce a price which

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ROMAGNA.

"WHERE is Romagna?" many a young collector has been heard to ask. The haziest ideas as to the locality of this "country" have been held by philatelists well out of their teens. "Thurn and Taxis" is another well known instance of the same uncertainty, for only within the past few years have the great body of stamp collectors learned that the stamps so marked were issued by the princely family of Thurn and Taxis, who for so many years enjoyed the postal monopoly of certain parts of Germany. "Romagna," as a geographical expression, no longer possesses the slightest significance; you may search for it in vain on your maps of Italy. To be strictly accurate we should say "*The Romagna*." As Mr. Westoby tells us in his "Postage Stamps of Europe," the Romagna was the name given to the provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Forli, and Ravenna, which before 1859 formed part of the Papal or Pontifical States. On the departure of the Austrian troops from Bologna on 12th June, 1859, a provisional government was at once nominated by the Municipality, and on 6th August following Colonel Cipriani was elected Governor of "The Romagna." The stamps then in use in the provinces were those of the Pontifical States (called in some albums and catalogues, "Papal States," "Roman States," or "States of the Church,") but the stock in hand was small, and the post office at Bologna was soon compelled to borrow from other States while measures were being taken to provide temporary stamps. On 30th August, 1859, Colonel Cipriani issued a decree abolishing and declaring invalid all stamps bearing the Pontifical Arms, and announcing that new stamps would

be issued on the following day, with the legend in a frame of "FRANCO BOLLO POSTALE ROMAGNE," and the value in bajocchi in the center. The currency adopted was the same as was then in use in the Pontifical States, 100 bajocchi making 1 scudo, of the value of about 4s 2d English; a bajocchi, being therefore equivalent to one halfpenny.

There are but nine stamps of the Romagna, the values and colours being as follows:

- 1 baj., straw-colour.
- 1 baj., dark grey.
- 2 baj., yellow.
- 3 baj., dark green.
- 4 baj., russet.
- 5 baj., reddish-violet.
- 6 baj., yellow-green.
- 8 baj., rose.
- 20 baj., light blue.

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The New Hungarians.

CONTRARY to other reports not all the denominations of the current Hungarian postage stamps have appeared with the new watermark. Several of the values have not even been printed as yet, namely, the 8kr, the 1 and 3 florins, there being a large stock on hand which must first be used up before the new paper will be used in printing these values.—*The Philatelic Monthly*.

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CHARLES WARING.

FOR the facts enabling me to present this sketch I am indebted to our esteemed President, to whom I appealed after a succession of futile assaults on Bro. Waring's modesty. That I secured his photo is a stroke of strategy, at which he himself will stand in utter amazement, for—he doesn't possess one himself. However, I'll explain this mystery when Bro. Waring comes to the Convention at Richmond this fall.

Chas. Waring, who has held the office of Superintendent of Sales Department of the S. P. A. for two years, was born in Ireland, one-half a century ago. He completed his education at the Dublin University, where he took high honors, being the Gold Medalist of his year.

He commenced collecting in 1851, and has never laid his collection aside, and at present has some of his "first" stamps in his albums. He accumulated some 16,000 varieties, but deciding that the Earth was too large, he disposed of a good many countries and now devotes himself to the Mother Country and her Colonies, having about 3,000 varieties; though he has, of course, a very fair collection of United States stamps.

He landed at Boston in 1870, Knoxville, Tenn., being his objective point, but on account of the yellow fever scare then prevailing, he remained in New York for a few weeks. On his arrival in

Knoxville he commenced the practice of his profession, Civil Engineering, and during the 29 years he has been located there he surveyed almost every foot of the surrounding country, more especially the Mining and Timber districts. He is better posted as to titles than any other man in his section, for he made it a point, in his younger days, to fill in his spare time taking abstracts, and since then the entire records of several Counties have been destroyed by fire, leaving him with the *only records in existence*.

He has been an active Philatelist for years; is at present member of the S. P. A., A. P. A., S. of P., and T. P. A.

He has declared his intention of attending the Convention in September and anticipates the pleasure of meeting many S. P. A. members with whom he has been in correspondence.

Bro. Fenton writes that he is a jovial crank, fond of a joke and something else at times, and is the

life of a gathering.

He told Bro. Fenton that he had only one photograph taken in his life and as the copies were scattered to the four corners of the Earth hopes I would excuse the absence of the "cut", but my long-distance mental-photography apparatus attended to that.

That there can be no complete Convention without Bro. Waring goes without saying, and I but hope to be as successful in getting *him* here, as I was in the photo case.

DIETZ.



CHARLES WARING



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Our Convention Boomers.

THIS number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is the first of the announced series of three "Convention Boomers", embracing the months of July, August, and September, and extending over the

two last numbers of Vol. II., and including the initial number of Vol. III., from the press just previous to the grand meet of the "Southern" at Richmond.

Judging from the activity of Philately in the South, the Convention itself requires little booming—it *will be* a success—and it is not to this end that we concluded to issue these special numbers. Our principal aim will be to "boom" *business* for the dealer during a season that is usually "dull".

Our method of accomplishing this effect is simple and sure, and will at once appeal to all concerned.

We have been assured that the pages of our publication contain matter of interest to *all* classes of collectors—as well for him who studies Philately as a science, as for the school-boy who, happy in the possession of his first dime-packet, stands amazed on the threshold of Philately's new world.

It is this "something-for-all" feature of our publication that has won for it admiring friends, and these three boom numbers will be characterized by the same qualities—will be replete with interesting stamp subjects for all.

With an increased circulation—going to every Southern collector's home, and to many in the North—we are confident of attaining the desired result with our Boom numbers, and invite *you* to share in the advantages.

Food for the Dealer's Thought.

A NEW YORK dealer states that he has received *twice as many* requests for approval selections from the *South* than from *any other part of section of the United States*. Try an ad in the representative stamp magazine of the South. Our three "boom numbers" will convince you. Copy for No. 12 must reach us before July 23rd.

The S. P. A. Souvenir.

WE WOULD again call the attention of dealers and collectors to the valuable Souvenir we purpose issuing in September provided the necessary support is given the project.

An outline-prospectus was printed in the June number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and though we are in receipt of several responses to that call, the number is still insufficient to warrant the undertaking. We therefore repeat the announcement in part, and again solicit correspondence on the subject from all interested:

Aside from its artistic dress, it is to contain reproductions from originals, of the stamps of the Confederacy—local and general issues—accompanied by facts and data pertaining to these interesting stamps, thus making it a valuable reference book for all time. * * * *

To enable us to prepare this work we call upon all philatelists possessing authentic specimens of Confederate locals, or rare general issues, to supply us with photographs of such stamps, as well as any facts concerning their issue they may possess. Due credit will be given every contributor.

A limited number of advertisements will be included in this publication, and dealers are invited to enquire the terms of the editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, who will have the work in charge.

Applications for space will be given positions in the order in which they arrive.

Let us hear from you.

The Permanent 6c. Ceylon.

OUR Ceylon correspondent sends us copies of the permanent 6c rose and black (Penny Post) for Ceylon, superseding the surcharged 6c on 15c, which has been suppressed. R. 2-25, R. 1-50 and 75c have also appeared.

The Confederate Hand-Stamps.

WE PRINT in this number an interesting article from the pen of Royal Bennett Bradley, entitled "The Local Hand-Stamps of the Confederate States," which will prove of interest to every Southern collector. It matters little what the "authorities" think of these "hand-stamps" to-day, as we feel confident the time is not remote when certain varieties will find their merited recognition.

The compilation of the list of hand-stamps accompanying Mr. Bradley's article is the result of years of labor, and we would request all collectors possessing "hand-stamped" Confederate envelopes from post offices not included in this, to aid us in publishing a supplementary list, in order to make it as complete as possible.

"The Gods give nuts to those who have no teeth to crack them."

THERE IS little doubt that the star of the Confederates is in the ascendant. Every leading philatelic publication to-day contains something pertaining to these interesting stamps. The demand for, and the interest in them is increasing, while the sources of supply are gradually failing. This is no fancy—but a fact.

And just here the question occurs to us: *What are the collectors of the South doing to-day?*

Are they exerting themselves to secure these treasures, to be found nowhere but in their own section; or, are they still in a state of *dolce in niente*, while the lustling stamp-hunter from the North gathers the richest harvest right "from under their very noses"?

Yes, truly, "The Gods give nuts to those who have no teeth to crack them."

A Montgomery Local.

THE following interesting item appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly* of June 8.

A correspondent in Maryland writes as follows: "I have just discovered what can safely be called a new local Confederate and I should like your opinion on it. I have an envelope which bears on the left side the plain postmark, Montgomery, Ala., July 21, 1861. In the upper right hand corner is a small stamp in red impressed on the cover; it is circular in shape and reads, Paid 5, Welsh. I have written the postmaster at Montgomery, who says that a Welsh was postmaster in 1861." The *Weekly* is slow to express an opinion on the authenticity of alleged Confederate locals, even when it has fuller details concerning the stamp, and in the present instance we can only say that the envelope possesses potentialities of some promise. An inspection of the cover might aid in forming an opinion."

Before us lies, at this writing, a fine specimen of the cover referred to. It is part of the magnificent collection of Confederate locals of our friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala.

There are two impressions of this local on the cover; One in the N.-E. corner reads "PAID-5-T. WELSH."; the other near the center, same design, reads, "PAID-10-T. WELSH." Both are handstamped in red ink. The "PAID 5" stamp is canceled with a crude "quadrille" design handstamp, in red, while the "PAID 10" was left uncanceled. Besides the red cancellation mentioned, the cover bears another postmark, "Montgomery, Ala., Jun. 29, 1861," in black.

We reserve a detailed description of this interesting aspirant, accompanied by an illustration, for a future number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

A History of the Stamps of the Confederate States.

IN THE June number of *The American Journal of Philately* the publishers announce the appearance, in the near future, of a History of the Stamps of the Confederate States of America, prepared by Messrs. H. E. Deats and John N. Luff.

Up to this time the most complete treatment of this subject is from the pen of Maj. Edward B. Evans, of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, and appeared in serial form in the early nineties.

We are eager to read this new history, and trust that thorough research has qualified the authors to settle definitely the many disputed points of previous works.

It is to be regretted that this task was not undertaken by Southern philatelists, whose sympathies in the work would naturally have proved a great stimulus. However, we shall be under a great debt of gratitude to these gentlemen, and it is clearly the duty of all Southern collectors, who may be in possession of facts and data on the subject, to supply the historians with such information.

WILLIAM F. TREGO.

We are grieved to announce that our English correspondent Mr. W. F. Trego, is no more, and our sympathies go out across the sea to his bereaved mother, whose letter conveying the sad news reached us while mailing our June number.

The lingering illness to which he at last succumbed, never once deterred him from preparing his newsy notes, and his letters—always refined and cheerful—never led us to suspect that they were penned on a couch of suffering.

In his death Philately, and especially THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, sustains a painful loss.

Those Who Will Attend.

THE following gentlemen have announced their intention of attending the S. P. A. Convention in Richmond, Va., Sept. 21, 22, 23:

H. Fenton, Knoxville, Tenn.
 E. W. Doughty, Augusta, Ga.
 W. J. Craig, Augusta, Ga.
 Jas. L. Long, Hopkinsville, Ky.
 Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.
 Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Tex.
 Royal Bennet Bradley, Hillsboro, Tex.
 F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.
 R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.
 L. P. Head, Union City, Tenn.
 Jno. C. Seibert, Norfolk, Va.
 Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.

Are *you* coming? By notifying the Editor, at once, you will greatly assist the Entertainment Committee of the V. P. A.

A "Scratch" Back.

IN HIS "Scratchings" in *The Stamp Tribune*, Bro. M. A. Bell is shocked at our enjoying that "bright and witty, but obscene (!) sheet" *The Gatling Gun*, and completely overwhelms us with the title of "'Deacon' Dietz." All of which is not even "funny"; in fact Bro. Bell is entirely off his pedestal. Our tastes do not crave that specific literary food his remarks would infer.

While it is entirely unnecessary for us to champion the character of the *G. G.*, or to refute the charge of "obscenity" entered against it, we doubt seriously whether Bro. Bell is capable of judging in this instance. In fact we go so far as to doubt if he ever read the *G. G.*, or, if he did, that he comprehended what he read.

We are led to this conclusion by his "Scratch."

Anonymous Slander.

PERHAPS the most contemptible creature is the anonymous writer of so-called "personals" in the philatelic press.

He is by nature a coward, and he follows his natural instincts.

He is too craven to write over his name, of which, perhaps, he has just cause to be ashamed, and he would cringe in the dust if confronted by any of those whom he attempts to defame.

To him nothing is sacred. He does not spare even a woman in his vile slander, and we oftentimes wonder if he ever felt the ennobling influence of a refined woman's society. Sure! he is of a common clay. If he lived in the South he would be "elevated" or "perforated" after his first offence.

A Warning!

PETERBOROUGH, ONT., 26th May, 1899
 Editor *Virginia Philatelist*,
 Richmond, Virginia.

SIR:—I wish to warn such of your readers, as are not fortunate enough to see *Stamps* of Rushden, England, regularly (like the V. P., I esteem it highly) against H. Hilekes & Co., L^{td}., of 64, Cheapside, London, E. C.

On May 10, 1898, over a year ago, I sent them \$21.30 for a supply of new issue N. Z., but since that date I have failed to elicit a reply or explanation of any kind from them.

Since the exposure in March "*Stamps*" of their questionable business methods, I have received a score of letters from other unfortunates, who have been defrauded by this firm. One man writing from Cardiff says Hilekes is an unmitigated scoundrel, and I am afraid he is right, and that all your readers will govern themselves accordingly.

Faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL.



The New 5c Newfoundland.

UNDER date of June 16th, our correspondent in St. John's, Newfoundland, sends us the new 5c stamp placed on sale that day.

Arriving just as we go to press, it is impossible to present an illustration in this number.

The design of this new 5c stamp is similar to the other values of the set, printed in blue, and bears the likeness of the Duke of York.

It is a very attractive stamp.

A Third Die—Die C.

The Metropolitan prints the following chronicle in its issue of June 10th.

UNITED STATES.—A third die of the new 2c envelope has turned up. It differs from die B in having no band of ribbon around the queue. The variety is very marked, the flowing lines of hair being clear and distinct the entire length of the neck. It has been seen on white, amber and oriental buff.

2 cents, carmine on white, Die C.

2 " " " amber, Die C.

2 " " " oriental buff, Die C.

The New 4c Envelope.

THE DIE for the new 4c envelope has been finished and an order given to have a supply printed. As no satisfactory design has been furnished of Gen. Grant, no progress has been made on the die for the 5c envelope.—*Metropolitan*.

WHATEVER may be said against them, the new Virgin Islands set is a beautiful one, both in design and color.

A Warning.

A STAMP-DEALER, calling himself Jean Coumenos, advertised largely in philatelic papers last year, stating that his house was founded in 1880. Complaints about this Athens firm poured in upon the editors of the papers that had printed the wily Greek's ads. and investigations followed. It then became known, that Jean Coumenos was a minor, born in 1880 and the proud Greek stated in court, that he had a perfect right to say that his house was founded then, for he thought of becoming the founder of a great family! He escaped with a fine, being a minor, and has since changed his name to Yanni Koumeno, and his residence to Alexandria, Egypt. Beware of cheap offers from that quarter!—*Phil. Monthly and World*.

New Stamps for Mexico and Argentina

The Philatelic Monthly and World prints the following interesting information:

The Mexicans are no longer satisfied with the inartistic appearance of their present issue of postage stamps and, it is said, they are contemplating the early issuing of a new, handsome series. This has been ordered from England, and is announced to appear in July of this year. The designs are to be the handsomest shown in any country of late years.

The Argentine Republic is getting ready to issue its new series of postage stamps, envelopes, postal cards, etc. The new series will show a female figure (allegorical of the Republic) sitting somewhat on the style of the large Barbados stamps and the entires will have armorial bearings, instead of portraits of prominent men as heretofore.

BRO. LEV has just cause to be proud of No. 6 of *The Stamp Tribune*.

Colonial Stamp News.

PORTO RICO.

A SUPPLY of stamped envelopes and wrappers has been surcharged for use in Porto Rico with the words immediately under the stamp, and shipped to the island, namely :

- 5,000 1c green, wrappers.
- 100,000 2c red, No. 5 on white.
- 10,000 5c blue, No. 5 on white.

CUBA.

IT HAS been my privilege to see sample specimens of the new Cuban envelopes showing the portrait of Columbus, and now in the hands of the Third Assistant. They present a very creditable appearance and are fairly executed, though they can hardly be considered as coming up to the standard of our own issue. Yet opinions seem to differ on this point. The head of Columbus is at places a little too pointed and would have looked better if more rounded.

All three denominations are very similar, but the 1c differs slightly in the bust from the other two. The ovals are a little narrower than our own issue, and the color of the 2c is more of a dark red, but this may be only in the sample specimens, as other ink may be used when printing the regular supply.

At the top of the oval appears the word Cuba, at the bottom Un Centavo, Dos or Cinque Centavos, preceded and followed by numerals. The background is colored, while the head is embossed. Between the numerals and Cuba are two dots and a trefoil.

The department has notified the Director of Posts that orders can now be filled at any time.

Likewise the plates of the Cuban stamps are said to have been completed and the Bureau has called on the Department for an order for the stamps. It is believed that these Cubans will be num-

bered in with the regular U. S. to avoid keeping a separate set of books. This can but add interest to our issues in this line.—J. M. BARTELS, in *Metropolitan*.

THE new 10c Special Delivery for Cuba will be about the same size as the one used in this country. It will have in the center a circle, in which is a special delivery messenger boy on a bicycle; the words "Diez Centavos" on either side, together with palm branches and two ornamental tablets containing the number as "10." At the top of the stamp will be the name "Cuba" and at the bottom Spanish words indicating that a letter bearing the stamp will be delivered immediately on its arrival at the post office of destination. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing have been directed to engrave plates and print the stamps without delay. The color of the stamp will be orange.—*Ira*.

AN order for the regular issue of Cuban envelopes from the new dies has been received at the Department. It was approved the 12th instant and the following supply will be prepared and shipped as soon as possible. All envelopes are No. 5; half the supply will be on white paper and half on amber, while the wrappers will be on manila paper.

- 150,000 1 cent.
- 100,000 2 cents.
- 100,000 5 cents.
- 150,000 1 cent wrappers.
- 100,000 2 cents wrappers.

In the same manner an order has been received for adhesives for Cuba from the new dies, as follows :

- 3,000,000 1 cent.
- 6,000,000 2 cents.
- 2,000,000 3 cents.
- 2,000,000 5 cents.
- 600,000 10 cents.
- 100,000 10 cents Spec. Del.

This order will probably be approved at an early date.—*Metropolitan*.

The Local Hand-Stamps of the Confederate States.

BY ROY B. BRADLEY.

Q O my mind there are no stamps of more interest to the philatelic student than the issues of the ill-fated Confederate States of America, the name assumed by the seceding Southern States in 1861, maintaining their separation by the civil war, and maintaining for four years, with great heroism, but not with ultimate success, their attempt at separation.

Brought into existence in the midst of confusion, and under the circumstances, I repeat that there are no postal emissions of more philatelic interest from all standpoints—historic, philatelic—all.

A great deal of interest has been aroused in the stamps of the Confederate States within the past few months, chiefly due to the efforts of the *Lone Star*. VIRGINIA PHILATELISTS. The notes from Postmaster General Reagan's reports to President Davis have brought out many facts heretofore unknown, and which bring into use much very interesting testimony on the postal affairs, and more especially in relation to the payment of postage during the year '61, and the remaining years, as for that matter.

By virtue of an act of the Confederate Congress, Mr. Reagan issued a proclamation (on May 13, '61) stating that he would assume charge of the postal service of the Confederate States. The report states that the first delivery of stamps occurred on October 15th, 1861, and from the former to the latter date the postal requirements of the Confederate States were met by the issuance of local stamps and stamped envelopes by individual postmasters. These "stamped envelopes" include what is known as "hand-stamps," which I am about to treat.

These envelopes are of many different designs, and the generally accepted dividing line between "hand-stamps" and "stamped envelopes" is the manner in which they were used; the stamped envelopes being sold in the regular manner, and the hand-stamp being applied after being deposited in the mails. I have a number of hand-stamps before me as I write, and find the dates on them ranging from the earliest one, a Mobile 5c, dated June 2, 1861, to Jan. 2, 1862, and even later, as some of the smaller offices had great difficulties in receiving their regular supplies.

I give below the chapter entitled "Payment of Postage," which is taken from the report of Postmaster General Reagan, dated Nov. 27, 1861:

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE.

Capital is always timid in times of war and commercial depression like the present. And this, with the suspension of specie payment by all the banks, and the fact that corporations and individuals have issued and put in circulation, in many parts of the country, small notes which are substituted for specie as change, has caused the coin of the country to disappear, to a great extent, from circulation. This renders the payment of postage difficult in the absence of stamps, embarrassing the people, and necessarily reducing the revenues of the Department. In view of this, and of the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient supply of postage stamps for the present, I recommend that Congress extend the provisions of the act "to require the receipt by the postmasters of the Confederate States of Treasury notes, in sums of five dollars and upwards in payment of postage stamps or stamped envelopes," approved the 30th of August last, so as to make the Treasury notes receivable in sums of five dollars, or of amounts equal to other denominations of Treasury notes, for postage. It is necessary to limit the receipt of Treasury notes to amounts corresponding with their several denominations, and to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used, as it cannot be expected that postmasters should furnish coin in change for them, on account of its scarcity, and it would be wholly inadmissible to allow them to receive and use the small notes, issued by corporations and individuals, for change, partly on account of the general worthlessness of such notes and the facility for counter-

feiting them, and partly because whatever value they have is usually limited to some small locality which renders them wholly unfit for use as a Confederate currency.

The following comments are from the pen of H. G. Askew, who has been making public much matter of great interest to the student of Confederate stamps, and whose work has been highly commended in both American and European journals. He says, in commenting on the above chapter :

A careful perusal of the foregoing will disclose the following condition of affairs which prevailed in the Confederate States in 1861, after the war had commenced: The banks had suspended specie payments, and the money which was in the country chiefly consisted of (Confederate) Treasury notes of the smallest denomination was at that time five dollars, and "small notes" (the writer remembers them well under the name of shipplasters) for amounts less than five dollars, which were issued by corporations and individuals, and which entirely took the place of the silver coins which had disappeared from circulation. Now it must be remembered that up to November, 1861, the Confederate Government had only been able to procure a very limited supply of postage stamps, and that limited supply had only been placed on sale at a very few points. In the greater portion of the Confederacy, the situation was simply this when a citizen had written a letter and wished to mail it: He had no gold nor silver, neither had the postmaster. He had probably never seen an unused Confederate postage stamp—ditto the postmaster. He had in his pocket book some Confederate Treasury notes of denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars. If well to do, he probably also had some of the denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500. He undoubtedly had a greater or less supply of shipplasters issued on the private responsibility of sundry mercantile firms and enterprising individuals in his immediate locality. These ranged in denominations about the same as the silver coins that had disappeared, viz: 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. But their "range" of circulation was very much circumscribed. In an adjoining county other and different shipplasters were seen, and so on all over the Confederacy.

But to return to our Confederate citizen with his letter to mail. He hands it to the postmaster with a ten cent shipplaster. The postmaster tells him that he cannot take that kind of money because the government will not receive it from him. The citizen then lays down a five dollar Treasury note, and asks that \$4.00 in change be given him in silver. This the postmaster is un-

able to do because everybody has long since ceased paying him any silver for postage. Citizen then says that he expects to have more letters to mail in the future and that if the postmaster will hand him \$1.00 in postage stamps, I will answer his purpose. The postmaster cannot do this either, because he has not been furnished by his government with stamps. But an idea strikes him. He says to the Citizen, hand me the five dollar bill and I will mark your letter paid. I will also mark in the same manner forty-nine envelopes, (or maybe two or three less to compensate for the value of the blank envelopes), and you can take them home with you and whenever you have written a letter put it into one of them, address it, and drop it into my letter box, and there will be no more of this bother while you have one of these envelopes left. There you have the local envelope of the Confederate local envelope. General Reagan distinctly says that it was necessary to leave it to the postmasters and to arrange the postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these (Treasury) notes may be used." The most natural and convenient arrangement was the one I have endeavored to picture.

The writer was in the Confederacy during the whole four years of its existence, and was fifteen years of age when his state (Texas) seceded, therefore was old enough to observe and remember—and does remember—the practically complete disappearance of silver change from circulation. He knows that it would have been almost absolutely impossible for a person to pay the postage on a single letter at a Confederate postoffice prior to their having been supplied with postage stamps. I am firmly of the opinion that the greater portion of postage paid in 1861, was under such an arrangement as I have described, and that the reason Confederate local stamps do not exist now in large numbers is because of the great destruction resulting from a war which maintained to the last ditch, and until almost the whole of the South had been devastated by troops, some of whose commanders boasted not leaving undestroyed even a crow's rations.

The foregoing comments will explain much better than I could possibly do, the manner and methods in which the local hand-stamps and stamped envelopes were used. All information received on these interesting issues goes to prove their status in many instances as that of regular stamped envelopes.

In order to show the possibilities of varieties of these interesting hand-stamps, or whatever you may call them,

I list below those I have seen or have had reported to me. Of course the list is very far from being complete, and only records a small number of those that probably exist, but possibly in the future some one will compile a list of these hand-stamps for our benefit.

LIST OF HAND-STAMPS.

Austin, Tex., 5c black. Austin, Tex., 10c black. Albany, Ga., 5c black. Atlanta, Ga., 5c black. Atlanta, Ga., 10c black. Aberdeen, Miss., 5c black.

Banburg, Ga., 5c black. Baton Rouge, La., 5c black. Beaufort, N. C., 5c black.

Canton, Miss., 5c black. (There are four different designs used on the Canton hand-stamp.) Charleston, S. C., 5c black. Charleston, S. C., 10c black. Charleston, S. C., 10c blue. (There are seven varieties of these.) Columbia, S. C., 5c black. Columbia, S. C., 5c blue. Columbia, S. C., 10c black. Columbia, S. C., 10c blue. Charlotte, N. C., 5c black. Christianburg, N. C., 5c black. Christianburg, N. C., 10c blue. Columbus, Ga., 5c blue.

Darlington, Ga., 5c blue. Dumfries, Va., 5c blue.

Flat Rock, S. C., 5c black.

Galveston, Tex., 5c black. Grove Hill, Ala., 5c black. Greensboro, Ala., 5c black.

Houston, Texas, 10c red. Huntsville, Ala., 5c black.

Independence, Va., 10c black. Lexington, Ga., 5c black.

Montgomery, Ala., 5c red. Montgomery, Ala., 10c blue. Montgomery, Ala., 10c red. Mobile, Ala., 5c black. Murfreesboro, Tenn., 5c black.

Ninety-Six, S. C., 5c black. Norfolk, Va., 5c blue.

Petersburg, Va., 5c greenish blue. Petersburg, Va., 5c blue. Palmetto, Ga., 5c blue.

Raleigh, N. C., 5c red. Raleigh, N. C., 10c red. Rock Hill, Va., 5c black. Ringgold, Ga., 5c black. Richmond, Va., 5c black.

Salem, Ala., 5c blue. San Antonio, Texas, 10c black.

Talbotton, Ala., 5c black. Thomasville, Tenn., 5c black. Talledega, Ala., 5c black.

Winnsboro, Tex., 5c black. Winchester, Va., 5c black.

Yorktown, Va., 5c black.

[*Mr. J. A. Stallings, of Nichols, Ga., sends us a specimen from a city of the same name in Georgia. The one before us is stamped "TALBOTTON GA.—PAID 5" black.—Editor.]

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VIII.

ISSUE, 1896.



A22

SCOTT
TYPE
A23

Upright rectangle containing an oval for the 2 sen with portrait of Prince Kitasirakawa; around the oval at the top the usual Japanese inscription, below IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST, 2 and S^{en} at the sides, Japanese value below, ornaments in the corners; for the 5 sen a circle containing the same portrait, the same inscriptions above and below, but the Japanese value in the upper corners and 5 and S^{en} in the lower corners; *taille douce* engraving, white paper, perforated 11½.

87. 2 sen rose.

88. 5 sen violet.

SCOTT
TYPE
A24

The same designs, but portrait of Prince Arizugawa; same impressions, paper and perforation.

89. 2 sen rose.

90. 5 sen violet.

These seem to occur with perforation 11½ only.

Japanese stamps occur sometimes in unused condition with the surcharge in Japanese characters shown here: (Mi-hon, specimen). It occurs in two sizes of type.



A25

Of late years another kind of letters has been employed, the surcharge reading the same as before: this surcharge indicates stamps sent to the postmasters as specimens of new issues or exchanged with other countries and the Cen-

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tral Bureau of the Universal Postal Union.

Japanese stamps have been canceled in various manners. In the earlier issues they are often canceled with brush or red pencil; then we find heavy circles with a few characters in them, two concentric circles with smaller inscriptions in both, square and rectangular postmarks with the name of the office, black daubs with single letters left blank, hollow crosses, hollow circles and ovals, single circles with inscriptions in English, single circles divided horizontally by a thin line with Japanese inscriptions above and below; these latter two the most common at the present time. A



very common cancellation is the one shown here (of course the characters differ for each office), having no inscription in the center.

This is no postmark at all, but a telegraphic cancellation. From May 1885 to March 1888 Japan employed special telegraph stamps; before that date and since then the fees on telegrams are paid by *postage* stamps (similarly as in Spain) which are canceled as above shown. Some stamps are very common with this mark, but quite scarce used postally.

ADDENDA.

VARIOUS Japanese stamps of the later issues are found with this cancellation:

FUSO-KEN SEN



FUSO-KEN SEN



This cancelation corresponds to the

DUE or T mark applied in various other countries to indicate postage due. Japan has no "unpaid" stamps; on letters insufficiently prepaid the necessary stamps are affixed and canceled with this mark to serve as vouchers at the delivering office. The characters at the left read "fuso-ken;" those in the smaller compartment "sen," a small space being left for the insertion of the respective amount with ink, which, however, is seldom done.

The End.

Columbians Destroyed.

AN IMPORTANT decision, and one which will be hailed with joy, has just been reached at the Post Office Department. It is one of interest to thousands of collectors and speculators throughout the world. Some time ago we reported having had extended conversations with the officials in regard to securing better perforations on our present issues and also urging the destruction of all high value Columbians which have been at this office for the past few years. It is well known that the 6c, \$3, \$4 and \$7 have been on sale here since 1893. On Monday last the order was sent to the Post Office to return to the Department all old stock of Columbians which will be immediately destroyed. The stock consists of the following quantities:

48,400 6c	3,357 \$4
2,937 \$3	4,506 \$5

These figures show that since October 1, 1896, this office disposed of 65 \$3, 80 \$4 and 75 \$5 Columbians. At the same rate there would still have been a supply on hand in the year 2000—J. M. BARRELS in *The Metropolitan*.

SEE THAT *your* ad appears in Nos. 12 and 1, Vol. III. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. It will pay *you*.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

STILL, business is good,—no words more expressive can describe the present tone of the stamp market. From reports in various stamp papers the business seems to be good in all parts of the country. This certainly must be true, for, if there was any depression, this city would be the first to feel it. One dealer tells me, that he has received twice as many requests for approval selections from the South, than from any other part or section of the United States. This speaks admirably for the Philatelic Scientists below the "Mason's and Dixon's Line." The cause of this revival amongst an heretofore neglected field is truly surprising, even taking into consideration that the South is now represented by three live monthlies. The organization of local and State societies is encouraging and shows that the stability of Philately in the South cannot easily be shaken.

Turning to matters more locally (although I presume less interesting) I must admit, news is surprisingly scarce. The arrest of a couple of young men for dealing in washed revenue stamps caused some talk among the dealers. The swindlers had in their possession about \$5,000 worth of the stamps in question. It is said that the Department is devising some scheme or patent, whereby it would be impossible to again use revenue stamps after once being canceled, that is, to prevent the stamps from being soaked off a document without destroying them. One suggestion was made to compel users of these stamps to cancel them with an instrument something on

the style of a check punch—which is used to a considerable extent to protect against forgery in check raising. The punch suggested is to cut the stamp in such a manner that when it is soaked from the paper, it will fall into many small pieces, useless for any purpose. If this punch should be adopted within a month, it is reasonably sure that it will be hardly possible to procure the new \$100, \$500, \$1,000 stamps in *fine* canceled, unless someone should defy the Government and cancel the stamps with pen and ink or rubber type. The low prices now asked for the five, ten and fifty dollar stamps, would certainly show an early advance if such a law should be enacted.

I note that the Southern Philatelic Association will convene on Sept. 21, 22, and 23, and to all appearances the attendance will be large. The only meet in this city this year will be that of the Empire State Philatelic Society, in August, and from the present outlook, attendance will also be large. Meetings will be held in the evening, in order to allow members employed during the day-time a chance to attend in person.

The continuation of the article, on the stamps of the Confederate States of America was continued in the June issue of *The American Journal of Philately*. Among the new envelopes and adhesives I note the following: Hand-stamped envelopes from Lexington, Miss.; Raleigh, N. C.; Salisbury, N. C.; Selma, Ala., and Statesville, N. C. Adhesives from Bridgeville, Ala.; New Smyrna, Fla., and Salem, Va. The following excerpts are interesting to would-be variety discoverers. At different times a variety of hand stamps have been chronicled as provisional stamped envelopes. The best authorities are now agreed that the following are only post-marks: Canton, Miss.; Christiansburg, Va.; Greensborough, Ga.; Huntsville,

Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Ringgold, Ga.; Savannah, Ga.; The Plains, Va., and a number of others." "The so-called stamp of Madison, Fla., is not a stamp at all, but merely a form of receipt issued by the postmaster."

Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN-EATER.

Stamp news at the "Hub" is at present a very scarce article. The stamp auctions have now closed for the season. B. L. Drew's last sale occurred May 31st, and as a whole brought very good results. In many cases unused recent issues in sets, brought more than they can be bought for from dealers. U. S. 1869, 90c perfectly centered brought \$9.25; 90c, 1861 used, fine, sold for \$2.10; set of newspaper stamps, 1899 reprints went for \$4.62; 1c playing cards, imperf. narrow margins, brought \$6.75, which was a good price considering condition; \$1.00 Mortgage, perf. sold for \$2.15; \$2.00 perf. superb sold for \$14.00; \$1.00 second issue, sold for \$9.50; a set of cardboard proofs, 211 var., perfect condition, brought \$37.50; Hawaii Prov. Govt., \$1.00 o. g. fine, brought \$1.50; official set, canceled, sold for \$1.56; Newfoundland, surcharge 1 on 3c unused, sold for 62c; same stamp on original cover brought 50c.

Many of our local dealers sent their entire stock of three-cent Canada envelopes to Ottawa to be surcharged; they are now sorry they did not lay aside a few, as the price of the unsurcharged has advanced on account of the limited number on hand.

A recent importation of Falkland Island stamps showed a different shade of colors from the former issue, it being most noticeable in the 1d stamp, which one might justly call a claret. It is now rumored that the new 5c Newfoundland

stamp (blue) will probably be put on sale in a few weeks. It was first promised last Christmas.

The two new stamps of Peru, the 5 and 10 sols, arrived on mail matter the latter part of last month. The 2c in the new color (vermilion) is becoming quite common, being offered here by the hundred.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., sailed for Europe on June 3rd, on a two months' business trip for the firm. He was accompanied by Mr. F. J. Laurie of Worcester, (Mass.)

Tasmania is about to follow the example set by New Zealand, in issuing a pictorial set of stamps.

The lower values will conform with the colors of the U. P. U. requirements.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

A SHORT time ago I wrote to a gentleman living in Iowa, and desiring a reply enclosed two cents for return postage. Not having any U. S. stamps at the time I sent him Canadians, never dreaming but that he would of course either get them exchanged or use what he had. In due time the answer arrived, and the envelope bore the Canadian stamps that I had sent him. I was greatly surprised at the fact that the letter had come through at all, and strange to say, when it did come through, there was no "postage due" on it. The letter in question was written by the postmaster in the town I refer to, which probably had something to do with it. Several years ago I received a letter from the U. S. bearing a one-cent Canadian stamp and a one-cent U. S. stamp; but there was two cents due on it. Queer instances are brought before our notice occasionally, and I think this might rightly be called one of them.

The above item reminds me of something else which runs a little along these lines. I received a postal card from a gentleman in a certain Canadian town who, instead of using a regular Canadian, took an unused American card and put a one-cent Canadian stamp on the face of it. I had to pay four cents "postage due" on it, and upon making inquiries of the postmaster as to the reason of this, he stated that the postal laws were very strict in such cases. I believe, though, that this law has since been amended, and that had the above mentioned card been sent today it would have carried all right.

Mr. W. A. Nicholson, a St. Catharines collector, has in his possession quite a novelty. It is a postal card mailed to him by another of our local stamp men, Mr. Jas. F. Irwin, on September 24th, 1897, and just reached him on June 2nd, having been nearly two years going through our local office. What could have delayed it so long is indeed a mystery.

What at one time bid fair to become one of Canada's foremost philatelic magazines has gone the way of the inevitable. The *Weekly Stamp Reporter* has joined hands with the *Philatelic Advocate*, and Mr. Bradley will now look to other realms for greater glory than can be obtained in philatelic publishing.

Another supply of 6-cent "numeral" issue has been received at the Post Office here. Quite a number of the 2 cent Imperial stamps are also on hand.

Ottawa reports say that the last of the ½ cent maple leaf stamps have been issued from the Department.

Again the news comes from Manitoba that a philatelic monthly will shortly make its *debut* from these regions. I trust that it will amount to something, for a good paper is needed in that locality.

TRY an ad next month.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

MAJ. JNO. F. MAYER, President.
DR. MARK W. PEYSER, Vice President
WM. S. AIDERN, Sec'y-Treas.
JOHN PAALZOW, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond
Va., Sales Manager.
C. F. W. MOSER, Counterfeit Detector.

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., June 10, 1899.
To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The twenty-third monthly meeting of our Association was called to order by Mr. Thos. Christian, in the absence of the President, who was detained by business from being present.

In the absence of the Secretary, who was also detained by business, Mr. Dietz assumed his duties for the evening.

After the routine business had been disposed of a general discussion on the preparations for the Convention was indulged in, especially the preparation of a program covering the Convention days. In this matter the V. P. A. will be governed by the actions of the "Southern;" but as soon as the regular routine business of that body is disposed of the V. P. A. intends taking the delegates and visitors in charge.

"Further your deponent sayeth not."

WILLIAM F. AIDERN, Secretary
per DIETZ.

"Scott, Not Schott."

"RICHMOND'S only Stamp Dealer" recently received a want list from a collector in the North enumerating nearly every rare Continental stamp in the catalogue. As Mr. Schott is specializing in Revenues at present he returned the want list with this laconic advice: "It's Scott, not Schott, you want."

CONVENTION-ROOM prices in the ads of this number.

SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President.—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Lowry, Hillsboro, Texas.
 Int'l. Secretary—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
 Sales Supt.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Librarian—Chas. P. Galyon, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
 Trustees—H. Fenton, Chairman Ex-Officio, Knoxville, Tenn., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Vice-President's Address.

To the Members of the "Southern"

FELLOW-BEINGS—NATIVES:

Since the unmerited distinction of Grand-Vizier was conferred upon me by the only Association in these Expanding United States, I have contented myself with a few rhapsodies on the editorial pages of this, our official hand organ, and, with the proverbial timidity of a ward politician, have been little in evidence otherwheres—for all of which you are undoubtedly, duly grateful.

But I feel it my duty (Germans would say, "verdammte Pflicht und Schuldigkeit"), in view of the approaching Convention of our Association in this city, to turn an official somersault.

I was grilled all over to note in the Secretary's report for June, an all-too-long list of members suspended for delinquency. My perforations ache at this, for I am confident the cause was mere forgetfulness in every instance. I would urge these brethren, singly and collectively, to advance in order, without crowding the Secretary, and deposit the amount of their indebtedness, whereupon we will chant "wash me and I shall be" and so on. Memento mori, and the subsequent gratis pyrotechnical display.

The "Southern" cannot afford, and does not intend to lose a single one of her old members. I hope to meet each and every one in our beautiful city this fall: I desire to see this meet as pleasant as a warm, fraternal, Southern welcome can make it; and then, when I come down from my lofty perch to the ranks again, I would know the "Southern" the most prosperous Philatelic Association in America.

In conclusion, I would counsel you to discourage the growing fad of collecting perforations and waterworks minus the stamps.

Fraternally, AUG. DIETZ, V. P.

Erupted spasmodically, at Richmond, in the year of our Newspaper and Periodical misery, 1899.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 175 Tucker, Ralph W., Box 3276, Boston, Mass.
 176 Doak, R. L., Pearl, Ohio.
 177 Rabbitt, J. B., Moolton, Punjab, India.
 178 Witt, Wm., 218 N. 21st-st., Birmingham, Ala.
 179 Butler, G. M., Golden, Colo.
 180 R. A. Peterson, Ruthven, Iowa.
 181 Lamb, Wm. B., 409 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va.
 182 Hartung, Geo. C., 1629 Barry-ave., Chicago, Ill.

APPLICATIONS.

- *Williams, G. M., Arlington-ave., Birmingham, Ala. Agent. Refs., R. S. Nelson, W. C. Lowry, R. B. Bradley.
 *Ort, C. P., 2009 1st-ave., Birmingham, Ala. 10, R. R. Agent. Refs., R. S. Nelson, W. C. Lowry, R. B. Bradley.
 *Petree, S. J., Russellville, Ala. Age 30, Clerk. Refs., R. S. Nelson, H. C. Kennard, W. C. Lowry.
 *Hall, W. Kelsey, Box 113, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Age 31, Stamp Broker. Member Collector's Club, A. P. A., Chicago P. Society, P. S. of A., D. P. A. and Fiscal Collectors Club. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *John J. Bunce, Box 32, Richmond, Va. Age 23, Clerk. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *Carter, Geo. J., 265 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 36. Member A. P. A. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 Stowell, J. W., Federalsburg, Md. Age 30, Printer and Publisher. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 *Pistorius, Ferdinand, 1137 W. 10th-ave., Denver, Colo. Age 37, Bookkeeper. Refs., Chas. A. Nash, Martin Albertson, Denver, Colo., F. Stearns.

(Those marked * desire to participate in Exchange Department.)

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- R. B. Bradley from Waco to Hillsboro, Texas.
 C. Bergholz from San Antonio, Tex., to Onalaska, Ark.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

- L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

Respectfully,

W. C. LOWRY, SEC. TREAS.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	725.82
Received from members.....	2.45
Total.....	827.77

Respectfully, W. C. LOWRY, Sec. Treas.

Report of Sales Superintendent.

Carried last report 85 books.....	\$1269.02
Received since 27 books.....	663.63
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	1932.65
Retired 32 books.....	380.13
(From which have been sold \$103.10)	<hr/>
Now in circulation 80 books.....	1552.31
Insurance fund \$45.31.	CHAS. WARING.

Committee's Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.

Very respectfully, the Committee on Constitution beg to submit the following changes in the Constitution of the Southern Philatelic Association:

- A. 1. Name. (No Change.)
2. Objects. " "
3. Membership.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
" 2. " "
" 3. " "
4. Meetings.
Sec. 1. Change "next month prior to" to "second month prior to"
Sec. 2. (No Change.)
" 3. " "
" 4. " "
5. Officers.
Sec. 1. Add Librarian and create the office of Exchange Superintendent to create an exchange like Mekeel concern, with a fee of ten per cent for time and trouble.
6. Duties of Officers.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
" 2. " "
" 3. " "
" 4. " "
" 5. " "
" 6. " "
" 7. " "
" 8. " "
7. A section nine to provide for the duties of Exchange Superintendent.
8. Selections.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
" 2. " "
" 3. Change "thirty days" to "sixty days."
9. Property.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
10. Amendments.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
11. Official Journal.
Sec. 1. (No Change.)
- Respectfully,
ROY B. BRADLEY, Chairman.
WM. S. AHERN,
AUG. DIETZ, Committee

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.

Another.

L. P. HEAD, Fulton, Ky., will give one year's subscription to any two monthly magazines to any person securing three new members to S. P. A.; result to be decided by Secretary's report.

To the person securing the second largest number of new members by Convention time, will give \$2.00 in cash. This offer is in conjunction with that of the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., and based upon same rules. Money to be paid at Convention. Neither offer to apply to directors or publishers of papers—as I consider they have the advantage of regular members.

Yet Another.

I will present FREE to every collector applying to me for an application blank for the Southern Philatelic Association and enclosing 15 cents for 1899 dues and 2 cents extra for reply postage, an unused copy of the Two Cent Orange Newfoundland (1898 issue) stamp, which is now obsolete. I have just 25 copies to distribute in this manner.

WM. A. McDONNELL,
1616 Madison-ave., N. Y. City.

Enthusiasm Rampant.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will present complete files of The Perforator from March 1897 to April 1899—26 Nos. Mailed free to each of the three members of the S. P. A. who secures the greatest number of new members before the convention of '99. Conditions of these prizes are that each contestant must secure at least 3 new members, no officer of the Association or editor or publisher of a paper eligible.

READ Wendelin Weber's ad in this number. He is booming trade as THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is booming the grand S. P. A. Convention and Exhibition of Confederate Stamps.

The Allegheny Philatelist for May appeared without an editorial page. Unique number, indeed.


 REVIEW

BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1048 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

Our Review closed June 22nd.

The following have been received:

	Vol.	No.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	1	6
Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts.	2	5
Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash.	11	61
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.	13	38
Herald Exchange, New York, N. Y.	6	1
Lone Star State Phil., Hillsboro, Texas.	7	10
McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri.	13	20-25
New York Philatelist, New York	6	3
Perforator, Reading, Pa.	3	3
Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Nebraska.	9	2
Stamp Exchange, Boston, Mass.	1	2
Stamp America, Chicago, Ill.	1	5
Stamp Tribune, Hartman, Tenn.	1	6
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Mo.	2	1
FROM CANADA		
Canadian Phil. Review, Berlin, Ont.	5	1
Energy, Berlin, Ont.	1	1
FROM ABROAD		
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	4	5
Phil. Record and Stamp News, London, England.	21	1
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salisbury, England.	9	101
General Anzeiger für Philatelie, Hemenaw, Germany.	17	300-310
Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany.	3	12
Revue Philatèlique Française, Amiens, France.	10	102

In *The Allegheny Philatelist* the "Value of Philatelic Exhibitions" is commented upon by Phil A Telist and he makes a good plea for the cause. No doubt, if the course he outlines in regard to exhibits of stamps at State or County fairs was followed many who now laugh at the collector would change their opinion very much and good results for Philately would follow.

Forged Stamps and Frauds speaks of the forged 15 centimes stamp of France

and also of the forgeries of the four Moldavian stamps of 1858. New Issues is as usual one of the leading features of the *A. P.* Mr. Purvis gives his idea of when the stamp collector's millennium will come and Mr. Chapman has his "Hartford Letter." St. Louis and Canada Notes and Comments fill the balance of this number.

The Bay State Philatelist completes with the present number the first year of its existence and it is proud of its record of never having missed mailing its edition on or before its date of issue. It presents the likeness and biographic sketch of W. Russell Brown, the Secy. Treas. of the Bay State Philatelic Association. Editorials, Notes from many places and the Review fill its pages. We hope the *Bay State Philatelist* will with us for years to come.

For the next two months we will have to do without the *Evergreen State Philatelist* for Bro. French will take a much needed rest. Veritas pays his respects to the "New Reprint Theory" as advocated by "Father Scott." From the way in which in days not so very long ago, reprints were sold as originals in N. Y. it might appear as very convenient to not consider anything a "reprint," as long as it was reproduced from the "original" plates but how about those thousands of sets of Heligolands for instance that were sold to young collectors? If memory serves us right they did not even come from the original plates, and there are others in the same list.

With the exception of a few editorial notes and a few "Whispers" the balance of the paper is made up of advertisements.

The Herald Exchange continues its crusade against Frauds and Swindlers, a number of them receiving the free

advertising they deserve. Miss Swift's "Rise of the Postal Card" is a plea for the collecting of this rather neglected branch of Philately, still it, as well as the collecting of entire envelopes, is steadily on the increase and as Miss Swift says a great many collectors save all that come their way, and in time to come will not regret the trouble they took to care for them. Notes from different points, editorials, Some Pertinent Paragraphs by Mr. Chapman and a page of translations into German make up the rest of the paper.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* of June 17, has the following letter:

CONCORD, N. H., June 5, 1899.

W. W. JEWETT.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed I send you the 4c, size 9 of the new die; the other die having been rejected. You will also notice the color is now the same as the adhesive.

Have only seen this new die on the size I send you. The 4c and 5c rejected dies will be good property.

Yours Truly,

CHAS. H. STONE.

Two numbers of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* are before us. April and May both being issued from Mr. Bradley's new home in Hillsboro, Texas. The April number gives the illustration of the newly discovered Franklin local. From a most competent source comes Notes on Reprints, Cancellations and Forgeries of French Colonial Stamps, Portraits of Mess. Askew and Lowry adorn this number. Miss Swift reviews Current Literature. The May number contains the report of the proceedings of the Third Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association which naturally takes up a good part of the paper, leaving only room for some editorials and Miss Swift's review.

In *The New York Philatelist* Mr. Wm. M. Verbeck speaks of the "Stampic Revival" and cites many instances which give indications that the interest in stamp collecting is constantly growing. Speaking of personal experience he mentions the fact that "one old gentleman informed me the other day that he had two postage stamps that were 'over 150 years old' which he would bring to me next time he 'came to town.'" For Mr. V's sake we hope that they will not turn out to be of the lately discovered British Guiana order. In notes from England a warning is given against a very dangerous forgery of the 1fr orange of the First Republic of France. Scott quotes this stamp unused at \$75.00 and used \$40.00 so it is not likely many of them will float around on the average approval sheet. Mr. Chapman gives the news "Concerning Late Issues." Easy Country for Beginners "Romagna" is reprinted from *Stamps* of Ruslden, Eng. In the editorial department Mr. Herbst gives a few instances of the amount of "gall" or "cheek" some people possess and how they use it to make the philatelic publisher happy.

The Perforator under its new management has the picture and biography of James L. Long, a Kentucky collector. In "From Woman's Standpoint" the Gossip mentions the unique collection of postal cards belonging to the Duchess of York. She also mentions a variety of the 20pf Wurttemberg stamp and calls attention to the different types of Cape of Good Hope. The gossip is to all intents a close observer and student of her stamps. We think that she had better make her peace with the *Montreal Philatelist* for if Jean Baptiste Kanuck should get after her she would have to be swift indeed to escape. Editorials and enough Canadian Notes to fill a paper hailing from that section make up the rest of the paper.

The *Philatelic West and Camera News* goes its contemporaries one better and instead of one, gives the pictures and write ups of two stamp collectors and dealers. From "Pick ups" we take the following: If supply and demand and the scarcity of a stamp has anything to do with its value then the \$2.00 blue current postage is a very rare stamp. The writer tried to buy a used copy last month at full catalogue value and twenty-five leading dealers replied: "None in stock." Now the question arises, what becomes of all the used copies of this stamp. Someone must be buying them up. Postal Cards by A. Eugene Michel goes to show that the collecting of entires, both cards and envelopes, is greatly on the increase. The reports of the Nebraska and the Trans-Mississippi Society are also in this number.

Number 2 of *The Stamp Exchange* is fully up to the high standard which the editor has evidently set up for himself, Mr. Verbeek's picture and a short biographical sketch of his life opening the list. "The Model Stamp Collector" is described by G. R. Kennedy according to his ideas. In the "News of the Month" Miss Swift advises the collectors of entires to complete their sets of the present issue 4 and 5c envelopes, as the dies are to be changed and no wonder, for both Lincoln and Grant's heads on them are almost caricatures. The description of Bermuda is very good, and very properly calls attention to the stamps issued by that colony which, with exception of the surcharged ones, are easily obtainable and make a very pretty page in the album. The Winning of New Recruits, by Mr. Cox and the enumeration and description of the Envelopes and Wrappers of 1899, by Mr. Chapman, are interesting but the number of 59 distinct varieties is not quite correct, for several of the sizes have envelopes of differ-

ent shapes (long and short flaps) so that the number will be nearer 70 than 59, leaving out the Die A varieties. Notes from various places, editorials, and a full review of contemporary literature complete this number. For June a "Special" is promised.

Number 1 of Volume II of *Stamp Talk* is, as usual, good and interesting. Mr. Verbeek's "In the Days of the Confederacy" does not contain anything new or startling concerning the stamps of the "late unpleasantness". It, however, contains this sentiment which we cheerfully endorse: "Therefore, brother collectors, take hold of the oar and pull with the rest and make these sacred niementos, which were so dearly paid for, the 'fashionable' stamp of the day." "Mr. Hennessy on the Imperials" is amusing and as the ball on this sort of thing has been started by Mr. Undooly we suppose that there will be lots of it in the philatelic papers. Mr. Chapman again has an article on "On the Cover" and well describes that if one once begins to collect stamps that way, it takes such hold that the cover soon seems too sacred to remove a stamp from it, even to place it in its allotted space in the album.

Is it not about time that the editor and publisher of *Stamp America* revealed their identity? Since the first number came to the writer he has tried very hard to make a guess at the quarter from whence this paper comes, but he is still "guessing". We notice with pleasure that the printer is learning to use the rubber type so much better and the paper really presents a very good appearance and it affords me "Unknown" as much pleasure to get the paper up and distribute it, as it affords us to receive it, he will find himself repaid to at least a certain extent. Now

as to your complaint Bro. J. B.: A review of *Stampic America* was written for last issue and sent to the printer, but what happened to it afterward this deponent saith not and can therefore not tell if, after it was set up, the printer's devil pied it and had it for lunch, or if it fell under the editorial ban and was consigned to the waste basket. The fact remains that the May number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST contained less than half the matter written by the reviewer.

The much heralded Special Edition of the *Stamp Tribune* has come to hand. It is a good number, but still we cannot agree that it has fulfilled its promise to issue in June the grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America. Ralph W. Tucker's portrait adorns the first page and a generous write-up follows. The associate editor writes about Austria and Hungary and mentions that as early as the latter part of the *thirteenth* century a post was organized under the princes of Thurn and Taxis. Is not that date rather early? And did not the concession to Thurn and Taxis cover the whole "Holy Roman Empire" of which Germany was the main part and the Emperor of Austria, also German Emperor, as today, the King of Prussia is Emperor of Germany? An historical sketch of the Southern Philatelic Association and its officers is given. The answers to Inquiries are good, the good-natured sarcasm is at least not intended to wound the feeling. B. G. McFall enumerates the "Pretty Stamps" and explains why it is that the smaller the country the greater the need to issue stamps which are sure to please the eye and so to effect sales to collectors. If the statistics given in "Canada's Rarest Stamp" are correct, the 12 pence black is indeed a rarity for according to the list only 1510 were sold in four years, and how

many of them are in existence today? Mack has his New York letter and the Review is by the associate editor.

Energy from Berlin, Ontario, has one page devoted to stamp advertisements, part of one page to "Stamp Lore" but if its attack upon Mr. Stone is called "Stamp Lore" the less of that kind we have the better. The balance of its four pages is made up of poetry, football, cycling, etc. Price three cents a copy, fifty cents a year.

From no other English paper do we see so many articles reprinted in the American Philatelic press as from *Stamps*, of Rushden, England. Its "Helping Hints" for the junior collectors are widely copied as are also "Easy Countries for Beginners." Post and Letter Cards of the British Empire is continued as well as Revenue Stamps of Japan. Harry Hillekes Co.'s matter is still in evidence. Mr. Pearce continues his Notes on Revenue Stamps. The Question of Prices and Some Under-priced Stamps contain the complaints of overcharge, the other of the alleged undercharge of the catalogues.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* continues the History of the Correspondence Card and other entires of the Belgian Postal Service. It contains a paper read before the Manchester Philatelic Society by Mr. Ernest Petri, on The Stamps of the Italian States, in which the question is asked, why is it that so few collectors care for these stamps? We think that one reason is that they have been so extensively counterfeited that most collectors have not much faith in them. If one has seen the thousands of imitations and in a good many cases good imitations of the stamps of Parma, Modena, Romagna, etc., which were put into circulation in

the early and middle sixties by Spiro in Hamburg, one would not have much faith, and be very wary of investing in them unless very sure of what they were buying.

The *Philatelic Record and Stamp News* of London, England continues in its April number "The Stamps of Persia" giving in this instalment the 1878 issue of that country. Among Items of Interest we find the following: As there seem to be so many priced catalogues now in the market, and as each dealer reckons his catalogue, and his alone is the sole reliable index of value, I recently persuaded an advanced collector friend to value his collection by three different books—Senf, Gibbons and Scott—and the result was extremely interesting.

According to	Senf, (Ger.)	€181	about	\$875.00.
"	"	Gibbons (Eng.)	£220	" 1075.00.
"	"	Scott, (Amer.)	€270	" 1315.00.

This only proves what I have repeatedly pointed out that Scott's Catalogue is far too high as prices go now-a-days. In my opinion Gibbons' is the best of the lot.—Quite a difference in value between the highest and lowest estimates.

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I long to stand by Edna's side
To touch with trembling hands her
hair.

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No. 12.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

PERHAPS few philatelic writers enjoy the distinction of being so well and favorably known at home and abroad as Henry A. Chapman, whose likeness I have selected to adorn and lend a finish, as it were, to the closing number of Volume II. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, for in late years few have labored more arduously and disinterestedly for Philately than has he.

Henry A. Chapman is a native of Connecticut—born in Deep River during President Polk's administration. The precise year and day I do not know, for I write this sketch without the knowledge of the gentleman, based alone upon facts elicited from others who know him well.

For the same reasons I cannot tell of his early years, save that he was apprenticed to the "Art Preservative," and attained to a very high degree of efficiency in his calling.

It is rather of Mr. Chapman the collector, publisher, and scribe, that I would write. His collecting career does not date backward many years—nor is his collection of great value and magnitude, but that matters little to one so enthused as he.

His first venture in stampdom was the issuing of *The Perforator*, i. e., *The Perforator* that was.

His was a new field and a new pen. Differing radically from the systems of the past, it may be said that he was the

founder of a new school in stamp journalism. His writings were in a lighter vein, and it was he who first infused a strain of poetry into the irksome prose of the philatelic press.

Burning the "midnight oil," after a weary day of duty, he sent forth through the columns of *his Perforator* some of that youthful brightness that is his own happy heritage. And I comprehend why he chose that name for his journal. It "perforated" the gloom to admit light—brightness.

In those times Chapman's *Perforator* flourished, and its palmiest days were when he and Miss Swift filled its columns.

But circumstances, with which I am not familiar caused him to dispose of his publication, and he now contributes to a number of our most prosperous contemporaries.

Chapman wields a pointed quill—and does it well. The red ink spatters this

way sometimes, but this does not deter me from recognizing his honest efforts in behalf of our science, and the "Southern," among the many philatelic societies in which he holds membership, will be proud to welcome him at her Convention in Richmond next month, and we of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, too, would greet him who had for our publication the first kind word at its birth.

I shall look him for a dissertation on the "man climbing a tree".

DIETZ.





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WITH this number THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST closes its second volume.

The past year has been quite eventful to us. Supported by the good will and patronage of our friends we have been

enabled to maintain that standard set for our publication in the beginning, and to these friends we would now extend our sincere thanks, and express the hope that they will continue to favor us throughout the coming year.

The selection of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as their official organ by 3 large and prosperous societies, and by the retention of our old and the acquisition of many new subscribers, we have more than quadrupled our paid subscription list since a twelvemonth ago—a fact of which we feel pardonably proud, and by virtue of which we venture to assert that THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is not alone an up-to-date journal for all classes of collectors,—but one of the best advertising mediums in America.

For the coming year we announce the appearance of a series of articles of eminent philatelic worth from the pen of the author of "The Postage Stamps of Japan." Among them, a History of the Stamps of Finland, a country now prominently before the eyes of philatelists on account of the events—politic and stampic—about to transpire there. Several of the old Italian States will be treated by the same able pen, and besides our regular letters from philatelic centers, a number of other instructive articles will appear throughout the year.

It will be wise to renew your subscription at once, and to place your ad contract for the coming volume, beginning with the September number.

A Large Attendance.

ALL indications point to a large and representative attendance at the S. P. A. Convention this fall. Letters of enquiry are constantly coming in, and quite a number of prominent philatelists have signified their intention to come to Richmond, but for sundry reasons wish their names withheld from the list.

Postal Card Society of America.**The S. P. A. Souvenir.**

THE following announcement reached us from Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer, Secretary *pro tem.* of the above Association :
BALTIMORE, July 5, 1899.

" FELLOW MEMBER :

Our annual election closed to-day. The report in detail, together with other official matter, will be published in the August number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST which journal received the highest number of votes for OFFICIAL ORGAN.

It will be out the first week in August. LOOK UP OUR PAGE. Very truly yours,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
Sec'y pro tem."

Coming, as this does, in the nature of a glad surprise, for our bid was higher than those of our esteemed competitors, we feel very grateful to the members of the Postal Card Society for this marked distinction conferred on THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and we are persuaded that the most fitting manner of showing our appreciation lies in the earnest effort to foster the welfare of the P. C. S. of America, and thus prove ourselves worthy of the trust.

We hold it to be true that an official organ of an association should not alone print the reports of its constituent in some " off-corner," but that it should represent and champion its charge to the best of its ability.

These are our principles, and they cover the course we intend pursuing in our new field.

In this spirit we greet the members of America's only Postal Card Society, and gratefully enter upon our duties as their official organ.

Now is the Time.

Now is the time to send your subscription for Vol. III. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and to place your contract for advertising for the ensuing twelve numbers. Do not miss the opportunity of beginning with No. 1.

THE announcement of our purpose to publish a handsome Souvenir on the occasion of the S. P. A. Convention has elicited many encouraging responses, and we feel especially grateful to a number of our leading dealers and prominent collectors, who have generously tendered the loan of valuable specimens of Confederate locals, as well as their assistance otherwise.

This liberality will find its merited recognition in the body of the forthcoming work.

But the *successful carrying out* of the task, as we have planned it, is dependent in a great measure, upon the assistance of those who will derive a lasting benefit from it—the dealers.

The Souvenir, as we purpose preparing it, will entail an expenditure of several hundred dollars, and it is therefore but reasonable that we solicit a limited number of advertisements from reliable dealers, to justify us in carrying out the work.

An advertisement in this Souvenir will be of lasting service to our patrons, and no argument whatever is necessary to substantiate this claim.

We are prepared to book contracts for space in the Souvenir up to and including August 15th. Subsequent applications cannot be entertained.

We dare say the record of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is, that it fills its promises.—If the requisite patronage is given this venture we can assure the dealer that his trust was not misplaced.

Applications for full details and contract blanks should be made *at once*.

We have received a selection of the Souvenir cards advertised by Mr. J. Andree, of Colombo, Ceylon. They are very interesting and beautiful. Postal card collectors should read his ad.

“Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer.”

IT WAS our intention to close this volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST with the long-deferred conclusion of “The Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer.” With this end in view, our friend Mr. Baptist had promised us to call on the matron who, during war-times, had charge of the force of girls at Archer & Daly’s in which department the sheets were gummed and said to be perforated.

Thirty years had passed since Mr. Baptist saw her last, and upon enquiry at her home he was told that she had been laid to rest just two days before.

With the assistance of our friend we shall strive to locate other former employees of Archer & Daly’s, and to secure more facts and data for the conclusion of our article.

An Erroneous Impression.

A NUMBER of our friends are under the impression that the S. P. A. Souvenir is a *Souvenir edition* of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

This is erroneous. The “Souvenir” is a separate and distinct publication, and advertisements intended for THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will not appear in the Souvenir, and *vice versa*.

An Invitation.

TO SUCH of our friends whose subscriptions expire with this number we extend the invitation to renew them at once. The next volume will be superior to any.

WE HAVE just received from our correspondent in Puna, Hawaii, specimens of the new 1c stamp in green. There is no change in the design. Our correspondent states that the 5c in the Postal Union color, blue, will be placed on sale shortly.

Nicholas F. Seebeck.

The American Journal of Philately pays a just and beautiful tribute to the memory of Nicholas F. Seebeck, stamp-printer and dealer, who died on Friday, June 23, after a lingering illness, in the 42nd year of his age.

It was Nicholas F. Seebeck who entered into a ten-years’ contract with several South American States, by virtue of which he was to supply them with a new issue of stamps in each of the ten succeeding years, receiving in payment therefor, on the delivery of each new issue, the remainders of the stamps of the preceding one.

Though the name of Seebeck has been coined the synonym of all that savors of the speculative in stampdom, yet Philately will not attach that odium which clings to his stamps to the memory of the man, who, from a purely business point of view embraced—perhaps created—a promising opportunity.

Aside from the fact that in all his dealings he was upright and conscientious, who will assert that Seebeck’s “pretty pictures” have not aided in recruiting our ranks more than any other factor?

For this alone let us think kindly of Nicholas F. Seebeck.

A New Issue for Germany.

DAME RUMOR again has it that Germany will issue a set of handsome pictorial stamps in 1900, and that as native artists and engravers were not sufficiently skilled for the task the stamps were to be prepared in England.

The former statement is probably true, the latter ludicrous.

SUBSCRIBE *now* and begin with No. 1. of Vol. III.

Attention Candidates.

THE September number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will be in the hands of S. P. A. members ten days previous to the Convention, thus affording candidates for offices an opportunity of publishing their cards in this number.

Quarter-page cards will be inserted at regular ad rates, and given a prominent position, facing page 1, in the new volume.

Half-tones of candidates for these cards will be supplied at the rate of \$2.00.

Copy must be in our hands on or before August 18th.

Wait till the Rush is Over!

COLLECTORS everywhere are much concerned as to the probabilities of getting the new set of Guam surcharged stamps. Resort is had to all manner of schemes to attain this end, and yet it seems to us the postal officials on the island cannot refuse to sell every last stamp they hold if ordered and paid for.

Perhaps the only revenue Uncle Sam will ever derive from his little colony, will consist in the sale of these stamps—therefore, just wait till the rush is over.

A Correction.

THROUGH carelessness the ad of Mr. A. Lohmeyer in our July number read "Just received. A second *set* of the beautiful cards of Hayti." This ad should have read "a second *lot*," and we trust Mr. L. has lost no orders through the error.

Three Wise Things to Do.

COME to the S. P. A. Convention, subscribe to and place your ad contract in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and take a page in the grand S. P. A. Souvenir.

A Grand Advertisement.

WE wish to call especial attention to the advertisement in this number of Mr. C. E. Hussman, of St. Louis. He offers the grandest lot of Confederate locals and general issues we have ever seen advertised, and we most heartily recommend their purchase to those who can afford to buy, as we have had very satisfactory business relations with Mr. Hussman, and have purchased a number of locals from him, which we always found as represented.

It's an "Albino," Son.

THE editor of *The Philatelic Advocate*, of Berlin, Ontario, has found "a great rarity"! It is a Canadian envelope showing the embossing of the stamp die, minus the ink. Bro. Starnaman is really sincere in his belief that he has a "good thing," for he is holding it for offers!

Let it go at ten cents, brother—it's only an "albino."

A Plea for the Local Society.

MR. APPELGATH'S well-written essay entitled "The Local Society as a Benefactor to Philately" appears in this number. It is timely and full of good suggestions.

Now let us hear from a champion of National Societies.

Our Anniversary Number.

WE have prepared a new design for the cover of our next volume, which we trust will eclipse the two preceding ones. We shall issue a special initial number for Vol. III. and invite the patronage of all reliable dealers.

DON'T forget that S. P. A. Souvenir!

A Surcharge for Canada.

OWING to the reduction in the domestic letter rate of postage the Postmaster General of Canada has ordered all remainders of 3c stamps surcharged 2 CENTS. As soon as the supply of such surcharged *threes* is exhausted, the issue of 2c stamps in *red* will begin.

High Values for Philippines.

Thursday, July 20th.

THE Post Office Department have just directed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to surcharge the following stamps for the Philippines:

150,000 15-cent.

50,000 50-cent.

—Washington Notes, *Era*.

Cuban Matters.

THE new stamps probably go down about the first of July. Through a mistake the 10c will be printed in slate, the color of the Omaha stamp. The Special Delivery stamp will be orange. The following U. S. envelopes with "Cuba" surcharge have been issued.

10,000 1c No. 13 on buff.
10,000 1c No. 5 on blue.
3,000 1c No. 5 on amber.
10,000 2c No. 5 on blue.

The following of the new regular issue have been ordered. All are No. 5, half white and half amber.

150,000 1c envelopes.
100,000 2c
100,000 5c
150,000 1c wrappers.
100,000 2c

Of course the wrappers are manila.—
Philatelic Monthly and World.

The New Cubans.

The Metropolitan has the credit, due to the enterprise of its Washington correspondent, Mr. J. M. Bartels, of printing the first illustrations of the new Cuban set. They are very neat and attractive.

New Stamps for Germany.

THE *Berliner Local-Anzeiger* publishes an article about new German postage stamps to appear next year. It says that Emperor William II., to whom Prince Eitel Frederick, his second son, recently showed his stamp collection, was so much pleased with the set of Columbian postage stamps of the United States of America, that he ordered a new series for 1900 which should be of a similar character. These new stamps are to be oblong and will illustrate important events in the history of the Hohenzollern dynasty. The German Post-office authorities immediately set about preparing designs for the new series, all of which will be submitted to the Emperor for his approval. The artist or artists have not as yet been selected and, it is believed, a popular competition for patriotic designs for postage stamps will very likely be resorted to. The new set is to be issued on January 1, 1900.—*Phil. Monthly and World*.

An Unpaid Registered Letter.

I. S. SEWELL, of Vernon, Texas, informs us that he had the good luck, a few days since, of seeing a curiosity in the shape of an "Unpaid Registered Letter," it coming to the office at Vernon, bearing no stamps whatever. The P. M. affixing the required amount in Postage Dues. The owner of the letter paid postage and registration fee, but upon request returned the envelope to the P. M. Of course 'twas an error on part of P. M. at sending office.

THE 10 centimes stamp of France has made its appearance in the Postal Union color, red.

NEW SOUTH WALES is contemplating the issue of three new stamps: 11d., 2 sh., 2sh.6d., says *The Monthly and World*.

The Local Society as a Benefactor to Philately.

BY CHAS. S. APPELGATH.

THE significance of the old adage—"In Union is Strength"—is very forcibly exemplified in the ranks of Philately.

If we glance for a moment at the numerous philatelic organizations in the United States and Canada, we see at once, that the most active among them are the state societies. While these latter may not be so strong numerically, their influence in the community they represent is bound to be felt to a greater or less degree. It is impossible for an active state society to pursue its course without casting some influence upon the outside world. While on the other hand, such large organizations as the P. S. of A.; the S. of P.; the A. P. A. and the D. P. A. are seldom heard of outside the Philatelic world.

And why is this? you ask! As a rule the state societies are composed of men, who join, not merely for the sake of pleasing some friend, or because they can join and subscribe to the official organ at one and the same cost; but they connect themselves with the organization for the benefits they see can be derived from its regular meetings. The personal acquaintance of the members of any organization goes a long way toward maintaining the unity of such organization.

Let us take for example, one of these regular monthly meetings of a state society. The members are notified in the official journal of the previous month, that the meeting is to be held, and a special committee has drafted a program for this meeting. This program also being published, is discussed by the members on various occasions previous to the meeting, and if the program be at all in-

teresting, which it invariably is, the members, the majority of whom live within reasonable distance from the society's headquarters, will be found in attendance at such meeting. Possibly some well-known collection is to be exhibited, or an instructive paper on some popular subject read; or perhaps an auction sale has been arranged for. In such case, information regarding same being conveyed to the secular press previous to the meeting, it is not unlikely that several non-members will be present. In such case an opportunity is at once presented for increasing the membership. Then again a full report of such meeting will have been prepared by the Secretary and the newspapers again convey to the non-philatelic world some of the stamp fiend's pleasures. It is not surprising then that when the next meeting is announced, representatives from "the outside world" are again in evidence. And thus it is that Philately settles down to her place among the Arts and Sciences known only to the Nineteenth Century.

When we affix our names to an application for membership in any society, we agree to be governed by its Constitution and to do all in our power to promote its interest.

It is true, some of us are quite active in securing new members, but the question which confronts every would-be applicant is—"What benefits will I derive by joining your society?"—and this is where many of us are trapped. We invariably have this question placed before us when recruiting, and how can we answer it? We may mention the Official Organ, the Auction, Exchange Library, and Counterfeit Detector's Departments, but there are many of us who do not participate in any of these. In the first place any person, no matter what attitude he holds toward Philately or Philatelic Societies, may become a subscriber

to the Official Journal, so there is nothing here to induce one to join. The great drawback to the Auction Department is that the stamps offered cannot be seen until paid for, hence the patronage this department receives is not what it should or would be under the local society's management. The Library is so seldom used that it might as well be dispensed with entirely.

Then there is the Counterfeit Detector, he may be a man thoroughly acquainted with his subject, but the majority of us prefer to stick to our own opinions as to whether the "*British Guiana*" stamps we hold are genuine originals or not.

Then there is the Exchange Department. This department is really about the only one of the lot in which every member can participate. Still it has its drawbacks. The first person on each circuit may perhaps be able to pick up something in the line of a bargain—(if the Superintendent has not already secured it), but when it reaches the last man on the list he is usually pretty much disgusted at having to pay postage and registration on a lot of books from which everything of any use has been removed. We might also mention the merely nominal department known as the "Advertising and Subscription Department." As for the 5 per cent. discount on subscriptions, it is admitted that it would cost more to communicate with the agent than it would to remit direct. The discount allowed is usually the munificent sum of "*one cent.*"

Therefore, when we come to seriously consider the matter we feel like asking ourselves "*where are we at?*"

Do we really gain anything by being a member of any of the national societies?

The above referred to departments can all be made to render efficient service to the members of a local or state society,

especially the Auction Department. The Exchange Department may perhaps be done away with, or retained principally for those members who find it impossible to attend through distance, and a literal exchange department inaugurated.

The great National Philatelic Societies hold only one gathering each year, and as each of them would have you know—"You learn more in a day at one of their Conventions than you would learn in a year by yourself."—And this is undoubtedly true. But why cannot we have these meetings more often? Well you say at once. Distance—Time—Expense. It is to overcome these objections that I advocate the Local Society.

The Local Society with its regular weekly or monthly meetings is in a position to teach its members "more in an evening than they would learn by themselves in many a month." A member comes across some philatelic knot he wishes to have untangled, he therefore reserves it for the next club meeting, where as "two heads are better far than one for counsel, etc."—he usually finds some one who can solve the problem.

The Local Society when properly conducted is nothing less than a series of Conventions, and how can we better set forth the objects of our association in the National organizations, "to acquire a knowledge of Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and to give the members an opportunity to buy, sell, or exchange stamps"—than by means of the Local Society?

Many writers have been endeavoring to demonstrate that Philately and the Photographic Art are very closely affiliated. If such be the case, and I am inclined to believe it is, no better subject for photography could be thought of than that of the "wee bits." At a small outlay those members who were of an artistic turn of mind could prepare lan-

tern slides of some particular country or class of stamps and with the aid of a lantern a very enjoyable and profitable evening could be spent, in the discussion of the stamps illustrated. It might also be arranged for one of the members to give an essay on the stamps under discussion.

I am fully convinced that Philately's future recognition as an art and science, depends upon the unity of philatelists everywhere. I hope therefore that the day is not far distant when our great national organizations will realize the importance of establishing local societies wherever there is a strong enough philatelic contingent to warrant the undertaking.

Removal of "The Stamp Tribune" from Harriman, Tenn., to Cleveland, Ohio.

THE editor of our esteemed Southern contemporary, *The Stamp Tribune*, will remove from Harriman, Tenn., to Cleveland, Ohio, from whence this publication will emanate in future.

We regret very much to see Bro. Lev leave Tennessee, yet while our best wishes follow him wherever he goes, we hope *The Tribune* will continue to represent Philately of the South, and that ere long he will again be "Gwine back to Dixie."

Postal Stationery for Porto Rico.

THE following quantities of surcharged postal stationery have been sent to Porto Rico:

5,000 1c green wrappers.
100,000 2c red envelopes.
10,000 5c blue envelopes.

AN AD. in the Souvenir will bring *you* more business than any ad anywhere at the cost.

The Mobiles not Typographs.

AUG. DIETZ.

IN the May instalment of "A Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," the *American Journal of Philately* illustrates and describes the provisional issues of the Confederate States of America.

In this very complete and valuable list appears the following:

Mobile, Ala.

ADHESIVE STAMPS.

Typographed in color on white wove paper. Size: 18x20mm.

1. 2c black.
2. 5c blue.
3. 5c dark blue.
1. 5c greenish blue.

But the Mobiles were *not* typographed—they were *lithographed*.

Before me, at this writing, lie three excellent copies of the black 2c, and five of the blue 5c—they are all lithographs.

This bare assertion of mine does not establish the fact, I know: therefore I produce the evidence:

1. The detail of the design is too fine to be carried out in wood—and photo-engraving was not in use 38 years ago. Hence engraving on stone was the only available process.

2. The panels bearing the words "Mobile" and "Postoffice," with their background of fine ruled lines, *crossing the lettering* are practically *impossible* in relief engraving. They are only possible in steel or lithography. The Mobiles are not from steel plates—hence lithographs.

3. There is not the slightest "impression" visible on the back of an unused 2c before me.

4. The general appearance of the stamp indicates lithography beyond a doubt.

The original of the Mobiles was an engraving on stone, and an excellent piece of work at that. From the original transfers for the two values (2c and 5c) were made.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

NOW, that the date of the issuance of the 59th edition Standard Catalogue has been definitely agreed upon, and that the advance sheets are in the hands of the subscribers (at \$5.00 each), dealers and collectors have contracted their yearly alertness and exactness and are now staving off hard times in picking up the "plums" dropped by the unwary who are unable to invest a V.

It is rather surprising but nevertheless true, that although many dealers advertise stamps at half of catalogue prices, and in some instances much less, local dealers invariably allow only one-third to one-quarter less than catalogue; this, of course, applies only to over the counter trade, but regular and up-to-date collectors are not taken into consideration when I make this assertion.

Many of these collectors do not read the stamp papers or have been cheated by unscrupulous dealers through the mails (which several have told me). The latter excuse is very seldom appealed to, but, the former is generally answered, when the query is forthcoming, "that I occasionally receive a sample copy but don't consider it worth while to subscribe just now." How many dollars are lost by this neglect.—"A penny wise and a pound foolish," is an old saying, which is applicable to a case of this kind of absurd reasoning.

I note that the *Herald Exchange* continues to include monthly a page devoted to frauds under the title of Errors and Omissions. I am sorry to see that Philately has such among her representatives. It seems rather strange why so many young

men (or boys) defy the government or the post office authorities in dealing fraudulently by means of the mails. In many cases, in large cities, when several complaints are received regarding the non-delivery of a letter, the letter carrier on the route is placed under the ban, if we can judge from the following clipped, from *The Sun*.

The system of tracing missing letters in the New York Post Office is as complete as possible, and the recent arrest of a dishonest clerk shows how dangerous it is to tamper with it. Despite all reasonable care, however, many valuable letters are lost each year in the mails of New York. As soon as a letter carrier is employed his name is entered in the "black book" for the inspectors' reference. When missing mail is traced beyond the Clerical Department, the inspector may tell from the black book what carrier should have taken this letter for delivery. A black cross is placed after his name for every letter missed on his route, and there are few carriers who do not have one or two crosses after their names. These indicate, usually, letters which were lost through carelessness of the carrier. As a class the letter carriers of this city are a hard working, honest lot of men, but black sheep occasionally get appointments on the force. It doesn't require great skill to detect envelopes which contain money, and risky as this method of sending money is many people resort to it. "The Sun" told the story several years ago of the detection of a dishonest letter carrier through his record in the black book. Complaints of missing letters on his route came to the Postmaster, and the suspected man was assigned to a different route. He kept adding crosses to his record and after his route had been changed several times without improving his record the inspectors shadowed him and convicted him of stealing.

The second annual convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society is drawing near to hand. The dates selected are August 23, 24 and 25. Sessions will be held in the evening in order to allow members who are employed during the day a chance to attend. The Park Row Avenue Hotel has been chosen as the headquarters for the meet.

W. K. HALL is booming Canadian Revenues. These beautiful stamps would show up well in one of the albums he is offering in this number.

Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN EATER.

THE long expected 5c Newfoundland stamp (blue) bearing the photo of the Duke of York, has at last made its appearance at the Hub.

The stamp is very attractive and is bound to become popular, both in this country and in Europe.

The Duke is a member of the London Philatelic Society, and they should be much pleased at having the unique distinction of being the only philatelic society that has one of its members represented on a postage stamp. Other novelties to appear are the 5c Canada numeral and the 2c numeral printed in the U. P. U. color, red.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society took place June 20th. After the business had been dispensed of an entertainment was furnished by the committee, and Mr. Levi A. Julkins exhibited his fine collection of Revenues and Match and Medicine stamps. All the stamps were in remarkably fine condition, and presented an elegant appearance, mounted as they were upon cardboard. Each card contained a design which was in many cases very appropriate to the stamps.

The 1c Hawaii stamp has made its appearance in the new color, rich green. It is thought now that the stamps of this colony will be in use at least another year, as nothing was done concerning them on July 1st, '99, the time set apart at Washington for a discussion on the subject.

Messrs. Calman and Bartels of Washington, D. C., recently called upon us, during their Eastern trip. Mr. C. displayed a handsome set of the Omaha proofs printed in two colors, as was the original intention of treating the stamps. The center design of each was in black,

and they all presented an attractive appearance.

I have recently seen several oddities in the Cuba 2c envelope surcharged on U. S. white. One contained a double surcharge, one had the two lines of the surcharge in the lower corner of the envelope. (one has also been seen in this condition inverted) and one contained only one line of the surcharge, viz.: 2c de peso.

The advance sheets of Scott's 59th catalog have been received here. The tendency has been to reduce, somewhat, the prices of the cheaper U. S. In fact more to their true *net value*, and I doubt if dealers can in the future allow large discounts on the present rates and still live. The catalogue is promised complete, early in October. A heavy sale is predicted for them at the Hub.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

MESSRS. STARNAMAN BROS., of Berlin, Ont., have recently come into possession of quite an oddity in the stamp line. It is a 1 cent Canadian stamped envelope of the present issue. It is embossed but has no color. In order to be convinced of its genuineness they mailed it, addressing it to themselves and it returned properly canceled. The above-named gentlemen make the statement that it is probably the rarest Canadian stamp in existence. It appears to me that this statement is a little exaggerated as it is not at all unlikely that there are others of its kind which have come into possession of collectors who have not made the matter public.

Some time ago a collector visiting in this town showed me a 3 cent Canadian envelope which he said he had just purchased at the post office. It was embossed, but on the outside no color was

visible white on the inside it looked quite natural. One might have thought that it had been turned inside out.

The demand for current issue Canadians is not nearly so great at present as formerly. I refer to the "numeral" variety. This can, of course, be partly accounted for by the fact that they are being used by the public continuously. Of the higher value the 6 cent is undoubtedly the most difficult to obtain. Some might regard this as a rash statement, but to further prove that my assertion is pretty nearly correct I will quote the words of a collector who is continually traveling through Canada, and has a great many chances to pick up Canadian issues. He says, "Of all the values of present Canadians I find the 6 cents the most difficult to secure, and though they are not catalogued so high as the 10 cents, they are really worth more."

A Toronto dealer tells an amusing incident of his first attempt to purchase from another city dealer a few of the 3c envelopes surcharged 2c. He had an order from a customer for some at whatever price they were selling at. Not having any on hand, he made his way into the said second dealer's office, and inquired the price. "I will give you 10 for \$5.00" came the reply. While the inquirer hesitated they appeared to suddenly rise in value, for \$6.50 was soon given as the price. That was enough—too much I should say—so he made himself scarce. Sometime afterwards he called on another dealer and while there was asked if he wanted to buy 100 of the new surcharged envelopes. He inquired the price, and this time "\$5.00 per 100" was the answer. The offer was accepted and needless to say he wasn't a bit sorry he had refused the former offer.

The 2 cent purple envelopes have decreased slightly in value, the price now being about 40 to 60 cents.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

MAJ. JNO. F. MAYER, President.
 DR. MARK W. PEYSER, Vice President.
 WM. S. AHERN, Sec'y-Treas.
 JOHN PAALZOW, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond
 Va., Sales Manager.
 C. F. W. MOSER, Counterfeit Detector.

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at B N. Eleventh St., Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., July 10, 1899.

To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The twenty-fourth meet of the Association was called at the usual place and time, with Vice President in the chair. Routine business was quickly gone through with, and the all-absorbing convention work was entered into with much zest. Reports from various committees were quite encouraging and everything points to a most successful termination of the great Southern gathering.

The secretary was ordered, after a duly seconded motion, to invite Miss Amy L. Swift, Philatelist and most ardent lady devotee, to attend the Convention as the guest of the V. P. A.

After some discussion it was deemed advisable on account of the near approach of convention time, to have a called meeting so as to get everything in the smoothest working order possible and same was ordered by the acting President for the 24th of July. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.

RICHMOND, B N. 11th-st., 24th July, '99.

A called meeting, the first in this Association, was held with a goodly gathering in its rooms as above dated.

Vice President Peyser presided. The business was of a preparatory nature and was pleasingly successful. The achievements of the different workers were all that could be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.

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 Secretary—T. H. Gafford, Church Hill, Md.
 Treasurer—John N. Morse, P. O. Box 5331, Bos-
 ton, Mass.
 Executive Committee—Adolph Lohmeyer, 922 N.
 Gilmore-st., Baltimore, Md. W. D. Arnold,
 358 Bates-ave., St. Paul, Minn. N. Haskell
 Withee, 230 S. 9th st., La Crosse, Wis.
 Exchange Supt.—To be appointed.
 Purchasing Agent—Adolph Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gil-
 more-st., Baltimore, Md.
 Int'l Sec.—E. Doebelin, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

110 Nicholas Adler, 210 W. Market-st., Louisville,
 Ky.
 111 Charles de Grade Sells, Cornigliano, Ligure,
 Italy.

MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership must be sent to
 the Secretary, and must be signed by two refer-
 ences, preferably members of our Society. The
 annual dues are \$1.00, but as our year terminates
 March 1, applications will now be received accom-
 panied by 50 cents. Application blanks may be
 had from the Secretary or any member.

COLLECTIONS.

I have received \$21.00 for dues which amount I
 have remitted to the Treasurer.

Members who have not yet responded to my
 call for 1899 dues will please remit to the Secre-
 tary.

ELECTION.

The following is the result of our election
 which closed on July 5th.

Total number of votes cast 31.

For President—Guy A. Bryant.....31
 " Vice President—Herbert A. Croghan.....30
 " Secretary—T. H. Gafford.....27
 Adolph Lohmeyer..... 1
 " Treasurer—John W. Morse.....30
 " Executive Com.—Adolph Lohmeyer.....27
 W. D. Arnold..... 20
 N. H. Withee.....20
 H. E. Deats..... 2
 J. Oakley Hobby..... 1
 Jos. S. Rich..... 1
 Geo. H. Watson..... 1

For Official Organ—VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.....12
 Philatelic Era..... 8
 Postal Card Bulletin..... 6
 Amer. Journal of Philately 4
 Perforator..... 1

resulting in the election of the officers and official
 organ as given above, until March 1st, 1900, or
 until their successors have been duly elected.

I now relinquish the office to which I was tem-
 porarily appointed by our late Executive Com-
 mittee. Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, Sec. pro tem.
 Baltimore, Md., July 10, 1899.

Treasurer's Report.

BOSTON, July 10th, 1899.

On hand last report.....\$12.07
 Rec'd from A. Lohmeyer, Sec'y pro tem..... 21.00

On hand..... 65.07
 J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.

Purchasing Department.

(For rules and regulations apply to the Purchas-
 ing Agent.)

NEW SUBSCRIPTION.

W. P. Agee.....\$6.00

RENEWALS.

H. E. Deats.....\$5.15 J. B. Zahn.....\$4.45
 F. L. Smith..... 4.51 J. S. Rich..... 5.52
 S. Schachne..... 4.51 W. S. Allen..... 4.51
 J. O. Hobby..... 4.51

Distribution No. 39 was made June
 29th containing the following new issues:

Angra, 25, 25 + 25, 40, 40 + 40 reis.
 Horta, 25, 25 + 25, 40, 40 + 40 reis. Ponta
 Delgada, 40, 40 reis. Egypt, 4 on 5
 mills, 4 + 4 on 5 + 5m. Tasmania, L. C.
 2d and N. Sembilan 1c.

Received since: Mexico, 1, 1 + 1, 2,
 2 + 2 centavos. Japan 1½ sen.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Purchasing Agent.

Baltimore, July 10, 1899.

**Postal Card News From Our Contem-
 poraries.**

We clip the following chronicles of new cards
 from the A. J. of P.

Argentine Republic.—1c dark green, 6c dark
 blue, 6½c dark blue.

Antioquia.—2c black on white, violet surch

India.—1/4 anna card, altered design.

Japan.—1½ sen, ultramarine on white.

Portugal.—10r green on light gray green.

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President.—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Lowry, Hillsboro, Texas.
 Int'l. Secretary—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
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 Librarian—Chas. P. Galyon, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
 Trustees—H. Fenton, Chairman Ex-Officio, Knoxville, Tenn., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

183 Williams, G. M., Arlington-ave., Birmingham, Ala.
 181 Out, C. P., 2009 1st-ave., Birmingham, Ala.
 185 Petree, S. J., Russelville, Ala.
 186 Hall, W. Kelsey, Peterboro, Ont., Can.
 187 Bunce, John J., Box 32, Richmond, Va.
 188 Carter, Geo. J., 265 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 189 Stowell, J. W., Federalsburg, Md.
 190 Pistorius, Ferdinand, 1137 W. 10th-ave., Denver, Colo.

APPLICATIONS.

*Collins, Sidney, G., Galveston, Texas. Age 35, Book-keeper. Refs., Emil Gerlich, Robert Kessler, G. C. Cuenod.
 Schwend, Chas., 1906½ 3rd-ave., Birmingham, Ala. Age 38, Gunsmith, Refs. R. S. Nelson, K. P. Orr, H. C. Kennard.
 DeGraffenried, McClure, Union City, Tenn. Age 46, Clerk. Refs., L. P. Head, A. E. Kirkland, G. F. Schleiffer.
 *Thiele, Rev. R. R., Manchester, Green Lake Co., Wis. Age 28, Clergyman. Member A. P. A. and Dresden Society. General Collector. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *Paalzow, John, 1018 Park-ave., Richmond, Va. Age 50, Masseur. Member V. P. A. General collector, adhesives and entires. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *Wicks, A. F., 119 South-st., London, Ont., Can. Age 30, Stamp Dealer. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 Gafford, T. H., Church Hill, Md. Age 21, Merchant. Member S. of P., P. C. S. of A., P. S. of A., L. A. W. Collects Postal Cards only. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *Platt, Albert, M., East Dubuque, Ill. Asst. Post Master. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, and W. C. Lowry.
 *Morgan, John C., New Kensington, West Moreland Co., Pa. Age 38, Tin Roller. Specialty,

Cuba and Porto Rico. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, M. L. Kirkland and P. A. McCracken.

*Harris, T. H., Co. F, 2nd Inf. U. S. Army, Sagua La Grande, Cuba. Age 32, Soldier. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, and O. L. Hinricks, 1st Serg't Co. F, 2nd Inf.

[Those marked * desire to participate in Exchange Department.]

REINSTATED.

J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
 W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa.
 Rev. E. E. Weaver, Hanover, Pa.
 S. Baker, Cleveland, Minn.
 D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
 F. L. Ross, Knoxville, Tenn.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

H. N. Bugbee, Fitchburg, Mass.

FINANCES.

Balance	\$27.77
Received from members.....	175
Total.....	\$20.52

NOMINATIONS.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found letters of nomination. Anyone wishing to nominate their friends for any office should do so at once.

Respectfully, W. C. LOWRY, Sec.-Treas.

S. P. A. Nominations.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 22nd, 1899.

MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

I nominate Franklin Stearns for President of the S. P. A. H. FENTON.

UNION CITY, TENN., July 14th, 1899.

W. C. LOWRY, Hillsboro, Texas.

DEAR SIR—I hereby nominate Roy. B. Bradley, of your city, for President of the Southern Philatelic Association, at the coming election, as I think he deserves the honor, having made the association what it is.

I also nominate Aug. Dietz for Vice-President and F. Stearns for Exchange and Sales Superintendent. Yours truly, L. P. HEAD.

RICHMOND, VA., July 22nd, 1899.

MY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

Having been nominated by our president to succeed him in the highest office in your gift, I cannot consistently run for two offices and hence respectfully decline, with sincere thanks to Bro. Head for the honor he has done me, to accept the nomination for the office of Supt. of the Sales Department. I hereby nominate for the office of Vice-President of the S. P. A. that well known and eminently worthy member from Hillsboro,

Texas, Roy B. Bradley. He was a great factor in the upbuilding of the S. P. A. and deserves your support for the office to which I have nominated him. Respectfully yours,

FRANKLIN STEARNS.

W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y S. P. A.

DEAR SIR:—I desire to place in nomination for re-election to the office of Sales Superintendent of the S. P. A., our present efficient officer, Charles Waring, of Knoxville, Tenn. He has labored faithfully to upbuild his department, and we now have the best conducted Sales Department of any society extant.

It is with pleasure I rise to nominate to the office of Secretary-Treasurer our present incumbent, Walter C. Lowry, whose efficient work for the last two years certainly deserves consideration at our hands. You will make no mistake when you vote for this energetic and loyal S. P. A. man.

All societies require Vice-Presidents, and it is with great pleasure that I nominate my friend August Dietz, the well known, talented and popular editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. His hard work during the past year is a continual series of earnest efforts to advance the interests of our pet S. P. A. and he is a good man in the right place. Keep him there!

Our excellent Official Journal, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, certainly is entitled to a continuance in the same capacity and I earnestly urge all of my friends to see that their votes are cast for the valued journal of Dietz & Stearns.

I desire to place in nomination for Board of Trustees two of the most energetic, enthusiastic and earnest workers of the S. P. A.—two men who stood by the old ship when she was sorely troubled and in need of friends. I personally know something of the hard work performed by the present Board of Trustees, and it is now due them the honor of a re-election.

Fellow Philatelists:—I now place in nomination for the office of Board of Trustees of the Southern Philatelic Association Messrs. Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, of New Braunfels, Texas, who are certainly deserving of the highest honors at our hands.

'Till we meet in Richmond,

Yours fraternally, ROY B. BRADLEY.

It is with a feeling of pride that I pen these lines for the purpose of placing in nomination the leading and best posted stamp man in the State of Texas for re-election to the important office of Counterfeit Detector. Fellow members, I place in nomination Mr. Frederic Noyes, of Alice, Texas. Of course you will re-elect him.

W. C. LOWRY

A MAN who has done as much faithful work for the S. P. A. as Daniel E. Hazen has done is certainly deserving of re-election, and I trust he will again be called upon to serve us. We can't find a better man.

ROY B. BRADLEY

I am authorized to announce L. P. HEAD, of Kentucky, as a candidate for SECRETARY of the Southern Philatelic Association, subject to action of the Richmond Convention.

FRANKLIN STEARNS.

THE CONVENTION IN 1900.

It is almost unanimously conceded that Texas is entitled to the next convention, and we desire to place in nomination for the 1900 meet the most desirable and centrally located city in the State.—Waco, Texas.

Waco is centrally located and has a number of well known collectors. All of philatelic Texas will be there en masse to welcome and greet you. Don't fail to instruct your proxies for Waco.

ROY B. BRADLEY,
W. C. LOWRY.

MY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

I desire to hereby place in nomination for the office of Librarian of the S. P. A. our present efficient officer, Mr. Chas. P. Galyon, of Knoxville, Tenn.

For the office of International Secretary, I could nominate a no more enthusiastic Philatelist and sincere S. P. A. man than the well known "Stamp Hunter" of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. R. S. Nelson. Mr. Nelson has done more to bring to light rare Confederate local stamps than any one man, and his persistent efforts to place the stamps of the Confederacy on the high pedestal they deserve should receive recognition at our hands. Sincerely yours, FRANKLIN STEARNS.

S. P. A. PROXIES.

Those who cannot attend the coming Convention of the S. P. A. to be held at Richmond, Va., September 21, 22 and 23, 1899, can have their wishes in the elections carried out by mailing their proxies to either of the undersigned.

W. C. LOWRY, Hillsboro, Texas.

ROY B. BRADLEY, Hillsboro, Texas.

FRANKLIN STEARNS, P.O. Box 6, Richmond, Va.

Proxies and ballots for the annual election of the S. P. A. will be mailed to members about August 10th, 1899. W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN
MY FRIENDS:

It was with pleasure and pride that I read of my renomination to the high office I now hold

in our Association, and it is with gratitude and regret that I must decline the proffered honor.

I cannot fill the office as one should. I am a poor philatelic politician, and my time is so pre-occupied with my other duties. In the preparation of *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST* I burn the "midnight oil," and I have even been compelled to abandon the hope of taking in a little plain sewing.

Therefore, while I thank my friends most sincerely for all this undeserved kindness, I would prefer to serve in the ranks along with the majority, and there work for the S. P. A.

AUG. DIETZ.

Report of Board of Trustees.

We can now report that we have investigated the charges against applicant for membership No. 162. We have also investigated the evidence submitted in defence and we find that we have to approve the actions of Mr. Deitrick in this matter and he is therefore admitted. We also have to report that our Sales Superintendent has reported to us that on April 3rd, '99, circuit No. 60 was delivered to Mr. L. P. Head by the postmaster of Fulton, Ky. Mr. Waring writes that he had already written Mr. Head three times, requesting him to return said circuit, but to date of June 17th Mr. Head had not complied with said request. We have written Mr. Head and hope that we will be able to report the return of said circuit to Mr. Waring next month. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours, EMIL GERLICH,

ROBERT KESSLER.

Board of Trustees S. P. A.

New Braunfels, Texas, July 1st, 1899.

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, *THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST* will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING Co.

Another.

L. P. HEAD, Fulton, Ky., will give one year's subscription to any two monthly magazines to any person securing three new members to S. P. A.; result to be decided by Secretary's report.

To the person securing the second largest number of new members by Convention time, will give \$2.00 in cash. This offer is in conjunction with that of the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., and based upon same rules. Money to be paid at Convention. Neither offer to apply to directors or publishers of papers—as I consider they have the advantage of regular members.

Yet Another.

I will present FREE to every collector applying to me for an application blank for the Southern Philatelic Association and enclosing 35 cents for 1899 dues and 2 cents extra for reply postage, an unused copy of the Two Cent Orange Newfoundland (1898 issue) stamp, which is now obsolete. I have just 25 copies to distribute in this manner.

WM. A. McDONNELL,

1646 Madison-ave., N. Y. City.

Enthusiasm Rampant.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will present complete files of *The Perforator* from March 1897 to April 1899—26 Nos. Mailed free to each of the three members of the S. P. A. who secures the greatest number of new members before the convention of '99. Conditions of these prizes are that each contestant must secure at least 3 new members, no officer of the Association or editor or publisher of a paper eligible.

More Prizes.

I WILL give a complete file of Vol. VI. of the "Lone Star State Philatelist" to the member who secures the largest number of applications by first day of Convention. To any one who will secure three applications I will give one year's subscription to the L. S. S. P.; and a copy of Jannasch's Want List of all U. S. Revenue Stamps to all securing two applications. ROY B. BRADLEY.
Hillshoro, Texas, July 15, 1899.

The Philatelic Journal of India tells us that a new series of stamps for Zanzibar are in course of preparation. They will bear the effigy of the young Sultan.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

All Publishers are requested to send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at No. 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va., U. S. A.

The hot weather seems to cut down the crop of stamp papers very much, and only such appear to come which have attained a solid footing and upon whom the proverbial Summer dullness has no influence.

We have received the following up to July 21st:

	Vol.	No.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	5.	1.
Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts,	2.	6.
Herald Exchange, New York, N. Y.,	6.	5.
Mekel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13.	26-27-28-29.
New York Philatelist, New York	6.	1.
Perforator, Reading, Pa.,	15.	1.
Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist, Salem, Mass.,	22.	10.
Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Nebraska,	9.	3.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Mo.	2.	2.
Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tenn.	1.	7.
FROM CANADA.		
Energy, Berlin, Ont.,	6.	6.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	7.	1.
FROM ABROAD.		
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3.	6.
Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany,	1.	1.
MISCELLANEOUS.		
The Directory of Indiana Philatelists, Goshen, Indiana.		

In the *Allegheny Philatelist* Phil. A. Telist dwells upon "Stamp Collecting as a Recreation" and makes a good argument in favor of collecting, if such argument be needed by those already in the fold, for there are few collectors of mature years who have felt and do feel as the instances described by the author. If Mr. Chapman knows the name of the great "I. B. Unknown" who amuses himself by sending out *Stampic America* he ought to let the rest of us poor mortals know and save us from mistakes such as the writer of this

evidently made when he felt certain he had discovered the editor and publisher. The usual full list of New Issues is in evidence filling nearly ten pages. St. Louis Notes, one article reprinted from the N. Y. *Sau* and one from *Stamps* of Rushden, also a rather novel feature for a stamp paper, a page of puzzles, fill the balance of this paper.

The Bay State Philatelist has a picture of C. T. Kirby, a Winnipeg, Man. collector. Minor Varieties of our Current Revenues explain some of the minor differences in the engraving of the present revenue stamps and illustrates the most marked difference. It also calls attention to the two styles of rouletting, the square, thin and thick, and curved types. Fortunately of all these varieties there seem to be plenty specimens, so that none of them will ever be very scarce. A short review, Canadian and N. Y. Notes and society reports fill the remaining pages.

The Herald Exchange continues under the heading of "Errors and Omissions" to show up the black sheep in the ranks of Philatelia, and is doing a good work for dealers and collectors. *The Herald Exchange* announces that Germany is to have a new issue in 1900. The stamps to be as large as our Columbians and to bear illustrations of events in the history of the Hohenzollerns. Rather a wonder that the Emperor has not insisted upon his face being on them, or did he object to giving every P. O. official a right to punch his head and blacken his eyes and nose for him. My! what a chance for the courts to be flooded with cases of "lese majeste." There are notes from various places and Mr. Chapman has some Pertinent Paragraphs. The usual German page is also in evidence.

In *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* of July 6th, Mr. Severn prints a letter which

was written by me under the mistaken idea that Messrs. Sopkins and Heverens were Messrs. Hopkins and Severn, and I must confess when Mr. Severn sent me his disclaimer of being the author of *Stampic America* I was only half convinced, as I did not for one moment think any one would use a *nom pe plume* so near as the above to real names and not be the owner of the latter. Subsequent developments have however convinced me that the author of those "Answers to Inquirers" is some one else and as I have said somewhere else in this review I still believe that whoever wrote those answers is responsible for *Stampic America*. Too bad that this month no copy has come to hand.

To review four numbers of a paper like *Meekel's* in the small space allotted to the review editor is impossible. The best advice he can give his fellow collectors: Subscribe for the *Weekly* and keep thoroughly in touch with everything pertaining to matters philatelic.

The New York Philatelist had promised us for July a very vigorous "kick" by Veritas, and we were on the tip-top of expectation to know which of the many philatelic abuses would be the subject. It is the "Gumpap," the speculative stamp, about which innumerable pages have been written, against which a society to suppress it was formed, but while the society is dead the "gumpap" comes in ever increasing numbers and does more than all other causes combined to drive so many general collectors into specialism, for to buy all the new issues as they appear takes indeed a long purse. Mr. Chapman has "Concerning New Issues."—A good part of the magazine is given up to the Empire State Philatelic Society's Convention, which takes place on August 23, 24, and 25, at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York.

In *The Perforator* Miss Swift speaks of "A Philatelic Side Line," the collecting of oddities and enumerates many of them. She does not mention among them the U. S. envelope stamps cut to shape and pasted upon common envelopes and then passed through the mails. The writer is fortunate enough to have a number of them, secured out of the correspondence of a large firm, and which were therefore *not* made to order. He also has some that did not "go," either they were "Held for postage" or else bore upon them two 2c due stamps. The "Albino" of Wurttemberg of the first numeral issue is not one in the sense we understand the term in the U. S., but happens on every stamped envelope of that issue for the envelope was ready folded before the stamp was embossed, giving therefore on the face the colored impression and on the underfold the white. B. G. McFall writes interestingly about Argentine Republic and her stamp issues, giving a list of the more desirable stamps of that country. Varieties of watermarks in British Colonials gives quite a list of such as occur, but is by no means complete, for besides those mentioned, there are Jamaica, Ceylon, and others that show errors. Among the reading matter the old chestnut of the "Genuine Tahiti's" advertisement comes to fill space. We hope that as the sole owner of the "genuine" has gone back to Paris to live there will be less of that trash advertised in the different American stamp papers. Notes and Editorials finish the 10 pages of reading matter, which with 14 pages of advertisements and a cover constitute the magazine.

The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist has from Mr. Chapman's pen an article on "Homely Stamps." Quite a number of stamps are enumerated which while they are not handsome, are

hunted and looked for with a much larger degree of longing than some of the "handsome" speculative issues which of late years flood the market. Why Mr. C. should include among the "homely" ones the issues of Egypt, we can hardly understand. Don't you think Bro. C. that the envelope stamps of that country are pretty? and it is surely more appropriate for the stamps from the land of the Pharaohs to have the Pyramid and Sphinx upon them than to have the face of either the Sultan or the Viceroy. Though come to think of it we believe the Koran forbids that. In Old Dominion Notes Mr. Dietz tells about the Exhibit of Confederate stamps which will be made during the S. P. A. Convention in Richmond and promises that visitors will see an exhibit worth looking at by all who are interested in the stamps issued south of Mason and Dixon's line during the "late unpleasantness." The prospectus of the Historical Reference List of Revenue Stamps, compiled by the committee of the Boston Philatelic Society, Messrs. Toppan, Deats and Holland, is given in full and to all interested in that branch of Philately such a book is a necessity. Toronto Notes, Society reports and Miss Swift's interesting review conclude this number.

The Philatelic West and Camera News presents on its cover the portrait of A. D. Grant, Kansas City, Kansas, who in the biographical sketch given of him is said to be about starting a new monthly paper (presumably philatelic). The stamps of Cuba are pretty fully described from the first issue in 1856 to the last one bearing the inscription "Cuba 1898y99." A correspondent in Brisbane, Queensland, tells about the experimental perforating of stamps out there by steel rules which did not work, so two new varieties were made viz: the 1d stamp with zigzag perforation and the same stamp

with zigzag and comb perforation, 240,000 of the former and 360,000 of the latter is the number given. "Stamp Repairing" as described by Bro. C. Daily is a legitimate trade but when it comes to "making" stamps by shaving down card board proofs, putting on the back a grill $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ mm., putting on the "original" gum and then perforating the specimen all around, it seems to us there should be another name for it than "Stamp Repairing." Notes and editorials complete the stamp part of the paper.

Stamp Talk for June continues Lewis Robie's Stamp Hunting in the author's well known style. Mr. Verbeck's Eastern Letter contains a good deal of philatelic chat in condensed form. Osgood at the Columbian Exposition by "His Whiskers" is in evidence in the second instalment. Editorials and a good review fill the balance of the paper.

The Stamp Tribune for July is not quite as voluminous as the June issue was. Columbus and the Postage Stamp is the first article and gives a short review of the great C. C.'s life and names as the sovereign of Spain who aided him to make his discoveries "Elizabeth of Spain." In the Columbian series of U. S. stamps is one bearing a picture of "Isabella pledging her jewels," and before the Chicago Exposition "Isabella" quarters were coined. So it seems the author must have gotten a little mixed on his history. Is there not also a vast difference between the island of San Salvador where C. C. landed and the stamp issuing country of Salvador? Bro. M. A. B. (or is it Sister Mabel) whatever is worth writing about is worth the trouble to be stated correctly, especially historical facts. Another thing in rather bad taste is to find in one part of a magazine a slur upon a contemporary and

then find on the next page an article reprinted from the same paper slurred at. We are sorry to see that the *Stamp Tribune* was denied second class rates by the P. O. Department and it is hard to understand how such a ruling could have been made when numbers of other papers not half as good have second class rates granted them. Some "pull" may be necessary.—The editor pleads "not guilty"—to being the author of *Stampic America* and reproduces from *McKeel's Weekly* a letter written by the writer of this under the mistaken idea that the "Answers to Inquiries" in the June No. of the *Stamp Tribune* had been penned by Mess. Severn and Hopkins. Mr. Severn has said he is not the author of those "Answers," and no doubt whoever wrote them used the two names the better to conceal his identity. No matter who it is I have not changed my opinion that the same party is the one who has amused himself and others with *Stampic America*. A very full "Review" by Mr. Verbeck closes the number.

The second number of *Energy* is to hand and in looking it over the reply of the man is brought to mind who when found reading Webster's Unabridged page after page, was asked if he found it interesting and replied: "Yes, very, only it changes the subject too often." To condense in the small space of three pages—for the fourth one is devoted to advertisements,—Humor, Foot Ball, Lacrosse, Amateur Photography, Editorials, Items of Interest, Cycling Events, Stamp Lore, Poetry and what not else, is a good deal like the pages of a Dictionary and while we hope that many subscribers at 50c may be found—still we cannot but feel that energy concentrated upon one subject would, perhaps, bring a better remuneration.

Both the June and July numbers of *The Philatelic Advocate* are to hand, the former under a special cover as the D.P.A. Convention number. Several pictures adorn the number. One, a very youthful looking one, is that of the D. P. A. Librarian. Another of Capt. Wurtele, who has since been elected president of the D. P. A., two others of the Rev. R. von Tirsch and Mr. W. H. Schmalz respectively, two of Berlin, Can., collectors. The number is especially devoted to D. P. A. reports, etc., besides there are Pithy Philatelic Points, Observations, and an addition to the numerous "Connell" literature.

The July number contains a paragraph of the revised Statutes of the U. S. which we would like to see reprinted in every Philatelic Journal and brought to the notice of those officials who persist in appropriating other peoples stamps from letters in transit through the mail: "Any person employed in any branch of the U. S. postal service who shall willfully and unlawfully remove from any mail matter any postage stamp affixed thereto in payment of postage shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

The Use and Abuse of Approval Sheets is discussed. From New Zealand notes we learn that the printing of the pictorial set is now being done in Wellington on small star N. Z. paper and perforated 11. This number gives the report of the D. P. A. Convention and a list of the new officers elected.

The rare find of an "Albino" stamped envelope would not be considered a great rarity on this side of the border. The writer not long ago got seven such out of one package of 25 one cent envelopes. But Canada uses so many less stamped envelopes than the U. S. that naturally there are fewer errors to be gotten hold of.



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91 10c blue, used	.40
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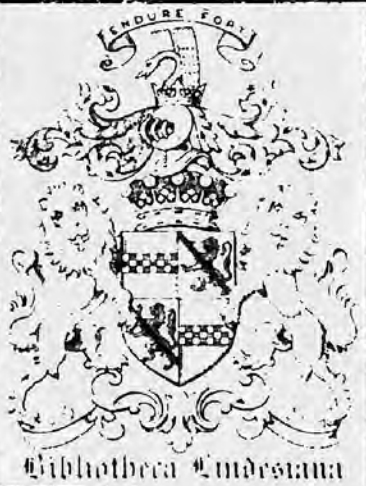
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