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# A PAGE OF BARGAINS!

Following are a number of desirable stamps that are often lacking in the larger collections. All are in fair condition. Anything unsatisfactory will be exchanged. . . . .

## UNUSED.

Abyssinia, 1894, 1/4 g.....	\$ 03
Barbados Jubilee, 1897, 1 farthing....	02
"    "    1/2d.....	02
British East Africa, 1896, 1/2.....	03
"    "    1896, 1a.....	05
China, 1885, 1 cand.....	03
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"    "    10c.....	05
Cooks Islands, 1893, 1d, cat. 25.....	10
Great Britain, 1900, 1/2d green.....	02
Rhodesia, 1891, 1/2d.....	03
St. Helena, 1894, 1/2d.....	03
"    "    1896, 1/2d.....	03
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St. Vincent, 1885, 1/2d.....	02
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"    "    1893, 4d yellow.....	12
Seychelles, 1890, 2c.....	03
"    "    4c.....	04
Stellaland, 1884, 3d.....	20
"    "    4d.....	20
Tonga, 1897, 1/2d.....	03
"    "    1d.....	05
Venezuela, '87-88, 25c orange, lith...	04
Zanzibar, 1899, 1/2a.....	03
New Hebrides, 1897, 1d.....	05

*Mexico '80, 1 to 25c, inclusive, Scott's Nos. 212 to 220, cat. value \$1.38, our price.....	30
Canada, 5c Registered, o. g. ....	12

## USED.

C. of Good Hope, 4d blue, triangular	40
China, 1898, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10.....	12
Tasmania, 1856-57, 1d.....	20
"    "    1864, 6d.....	05
Austria '90-91, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50kr, 1gul, cat. 33c.....	\$ 12
Austria '96, 1gul, cat. 5c.....	02
Bolivia '94, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c.....	08
British Guiana, 2c jubilee.....	03
Greece, Olympian Games, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 25.....	12
Labuan, 18c error.....	09
Iceland, 3, 5, 6 and 10ö.....	08
Bosnia, 7 varieties.....	10
Straits Settlements, 1c on 8c orange, "    "    1c on 8c green...	03
Brazil '50, 30 and 50r, each.....	03
Natal, 1/2 on 1d rose.....	05
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This number has been considerably delayed by the printer, who had the misfortune of "smashing" the cover plate originally prepared for this volume,

The colors used on this cover are abominable, and the "register" is excruciating. We feel in a mood calculated to make the recording angels regard us with silent awe, and we are at a loss for adjectives of sufficient strength to properly express our feelings.

We have ordered another supply of covers, and all who desire a decent copy of this cover will receive one on request.

Respectfully,

ROY B. BRADLEY,

P. O. Box 124.

Ed. and Prop.

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### AN ERROR.

In the advertisement of Mr. Dietz' Pittsylvania C. H., Va., Confederate local the printer has made it read '4c. red on cover.' This should be 5c. red on cover.

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# THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST

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## AUGUST DIETZ.

IN THE opening number of the fourth volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST it is in order to present the likeness and a short biography of my friend, a dyed-in-the-wool stamp collector, and one of the earlier publishers of this journal—Mr. August Dietz—well known to philately of America, and beyond. August Dietz was born in Windecken, Prussia, Germany, on October 19, 1869, and removed with his parents to America in 1871, finally settling in Richmond, Va., in '73, where he has since resided. He received a thorough education in private schools of this city.

By profession Mr. Dietz is a "Knight of the Stick," as well as a designer and engraver, in which he is an adept. His taste in this line is excellent, and his artistic designs adorn many a popular book and publication.

Mr. Dietz is a benedict, having been united in marriage in 1894 with Miss Lillie Meisel, a popular and talented young lady of Richmond, and their happy home is blessed by the presence of two rosy-cheeked girls.

Of a congenial disposition, his friends are numerous, and August Dietz is a

favorite with all who have the pleasure of knowing him. His literary works are quite numerous, and some excellent poems are to his credit, but he modestly disclaims any talent in that direction.

His collection is a general one, comprising some 7,000 varieties, his preference being for German States, U. S. and Confederates, many fine specimens being added on his tour of Europe in 1891, and the World's Fair in 1893.

Mr. Dietz was editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST since the first issue, and the first three volumes stand as a lasting monument to his labors. Talented, speaking several languages, his abilities in this line are too well-known to need further mention. Mr. Dietz is a member of the Southern Philatelic Association, and takes an active interest in all things appertaining to Philately.



AUGUST DIETZ.

Though he has retired from active duty on THE VIRGINIA he will still continue to contribute to its columns from time to time.

He has for years been connected with the J. L. Hill Printing Company, one of the largest art printing and publishing houses in the South, having charge of the job and art department of that concern.

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**Past and Future.**

IN assuming control of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST a few words of greeting will not come amiss.

In entering upon the fourth year of publication, we are deeply grateful to our many friends who have so kindly assisted us in making the V. P. the success that it is, for which we return our heartfelt thanks.

Our readers may look for articles of substantial merit, notes and chronicles of new issues, biographies of prominent philatelists, auction reports, editorials

and other departments which go to make up an ideal philatelic magazine.

We invite correspondence from our friends on any "paramount issue" that may arise for discussion in our science, but *personal* matters will be consigned to that dead oblivion, the editorial wastebasket. Quality—not quantity—of contents will be our aim, and we solicit articles of merit, on subjects of interest.

With this brief statement of our future policy, and conscious of our record in the past, we invite a continuance of your cordial support.

**Advertising Rates and Subscriptions.**

WE wish to announce that for the present our advertising rates remain as formerly, 50 cents per single-column inch, with proportionate reductions for larger space. Subscriptions, 30 cents per year to all points in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

In this connection it is well to state that all unpaid bills are due the present management, who respectfully request that the various accounts be settled.

**Received.**

WE have received a 70-page Price List of Asiatic stamps from Messrs. C. A. Ribeiro & Co., No. 3 Battery Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements. The List is most complete, and the prices quoted are quite tempting to the specialist in the stamps of Asia. Price 25 (Mexican) cents.

**Black List.**

MR. R. L. DEITRICK, of Lorraine, Va., forwards us claims against Ney Mikles, of South Bend, Ind., and Phillip Heinsberger, of New York City, with accompanying letters from a collection agency stating it is impossible to collect the accounts. Steer clear of them!



### Mafeking "Befaked."

COMMENTING on the prices of the Mafeking issues in our August number we suggested that a slump would come as soon as enough could be "prepared" to meet the demand.

Our prediction has been verified. The editor of the *Fortnightly*, in a recent issue of his paper, printed an anonymous typewritten card received with the following message :

Please warn your readers to be wary in purchasing the Mafeking 'Siege' stamps, either used or unused. P. B. P.

Though he attached little importance to the anonymous card he deemed it his duty to publish the matter. The assertion has been verified, for forgeries of these "romantic" stamps have been offered several London merchants.

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### Deceased.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of the father of Dan E. Hazen—Gen. William Pitt Hazen, who departed this life on July 17th, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Of a genial disposition, his friends were numbered by the thousands, and his untimely death elicited many expressions of regret.

Our sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives in the hour of their bereavement.

MR. W. KELSEY HALL informs us that upon his return home from a trip to Montreal, Quebec, and eastern townships, he found that his father had dropped dead in his office only the day before his arrival. It was a sad home-coming and Mr. Hall has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in this hour of affliction.

### An Italian Fakir.

WE have received from one E. Oneglia, of Turin, Italy, the following communication, which by way of caution against this fakir's products, we print for the benefit of our readers :

DEAR SIR :

My house is the first, and, perhaps, the sole one in the world which has up to date put, *clearly and as such*, in trade the greatest stock of imitation stamps of every land, which, owing to the great expenses, made for, are known to-day as the best, for they have been made with the marvelous modern proceedings and are a wonder of engraving, filigree, indenting, overcharge and stamp of obliteration.

For these reasons they have met with the universal approbation, so that most of the philatelists, who are boasting as experts, vexed, because they could not distinguish my imitation stamps from the genuine ones, made me the most unworthy commercial war.

If you want my new price-list with supplements of all my imitations, which I send gratis, you have only to give me your address, but very clear, and I will send it you at once. I am sure you will be very satisfied of its contents. If you will some specimens, as a trial, please add to your request a little sum.

I accept in payment rare stamps, to my mind, and buy also imitations.

For my imitations I have been awarded in various exhibitions 8 medals, 9 crosses of merit, diplomas, etc., etc.

I sell my produces in order to favor those gentlemen who do not find, or will not, or cannot get the genuine stamps because they have been bought up by speculators who make a monopoly of them and are selling at usury prices.—I beg to write French.—Faithfully yours.

E. ONEGLIA, Turin

P. S. I beg the gentlemen who have, till date, received my price list and are wishing to receive it further on, to communicate me their exact address in order to form a new index.

We are not familiar with the laws of his country in regard to such matters, but we sincerely hope the case may be brought to the attention of the authorities and Oneglia's career nipped in the bud by the postal officials of Turin; and we trust that no American dealer or collector will fall into the meshes of this Italian fakir.

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### 1901 Edition of the Standard Catalogue.

THE Scott Stamp & Coin Co. announce that they are actively at work on the 60th edition of the Standard Catalogue. The first installment of Advance Sheets will be distributed before the end of this month.

### A Find of Imperforate First Issue Samoa.

*Mekeel's Weekly*, in a recent issue, reports that Mr. William J. Garduer, of San Francisco, recently received, in a foreign correspondent's parcel, one entire sheet (ten stamps) of the 6d lilac, first issue, Samoa, imperforate; one entire sheet and a block of four of the 1d blue ditto; and a block of four of the 5s green ditto! The importance of the find was first made manifest by Mr. Max Ettinger and Mr. A. H. Weber, who shared the stamps with Messrs. H. J. Crocker and C. Eschman, some securing blocks and some pairs. There appears to be no doubt whatever as to the genuineness of the stamps, but it seems a pity that the sheets were not preserved entire.—*Fortnightly*.

### U. S. Postoffice in China.

THE postoffice department is looking for new fields to conquer. Postmaster General Smith has ordered "That a military postal station be established in China on August 25, 1900, to be known as Military Postal Station No. 1, China, with facilities for the transaction of money order and registry business, the sale of postal supplies and the receipt and dispatch of mails." The postoffice and the war department march hand in hand.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

### Editor Stewart-Wilson Honored.

EDITOR C. Stewart-Wilson, of the *Philatelic Journal of India*, has been empowered with the task of organizing a postal service for the Chinese Field Post Offices in China.

Ask your dealer why *his* ad does not appear in THE VIRGINIA. Tell him *you* will look for it there next month.

### How to Distinguish Chalky Paper.

THE *Monthly Journal* is authority for a discovery that has often puzzled a stamp collector; i. e., the distinction between chalky and ordinary paper used in the printing of Portuguese stamps. To separate the papers draw the edge of a silver dime across the white edge of the stamp under examination, and if the paper is chalky, a clear black line will be observed, while on ordinary paper no mark is observed.

### Victor Emmanuel III.

THE foul assassination of King Humbert of Italy and the ascension to the throne of Victor Emmanuel III. will, in all probability give us a new series of stamps with the likeness of the new king.

MR. L'ESTRANGE EWEN is said to have discovered more than 50 distinct varieties in that "Vaster Empire" stamp of Canada.

### Northern Nigeria.



A SET of stamps of the De la Rue type—identical in design with the current St Vincents—has appeared from Great Britain's "newest" colony, Northern Nigeria.

This country should not be confounded with the Niger Coast—it being a separate and distinct territory.

### "Orange River Colony."

A BELGIAN contemporary states that a series of stamps of the Seychelles type inscribed "Orange River Colony" is being prepared for the Orange Free State.

They may prove to be interesting souvenirs.

## A FORMIDABLE RIVAL.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

THE stamps of Britain's Colonies have ever been regarded as the greatest favorites of the general collector. Second only to the postal emissions of our own country, their sway has been an undisputed one—even the acquisition of colonies by the United States and the subsequent appearance of surcharges galore could but temporarily affect their prestige.

The great variety—the market value—and, above all, the rare beauty of the earlier issues, have been the factors in establishing for them a place in the affections of the philatelist, which heretofore no other class of foreign stamps—be they ever so gaudy—have been able to usurp.

And there need be no fear of these early issues ever falling into disfavor, but the British Colonial of to-day is fast losing its hold on the philatelist.

To the deluge of Commemorative and Jubilee issues, followed by innumerable surcharges and provisionals, changes in color, and what not, all must be ascribed the decline of the current British Colonial.

The beginner, as well as the advanced collector of moderate means, very soon becomes aware of the fact that specializing in this line is an expensive and discouraging pursuit, with a long train of disappointments. He finds that even princely wealth would not suffice to complete this specialty.

Confronted by this unsurmountable obstacle he may turn to the current issues of England's colonies—only to meet with new disappointments. For, aside from the legions of varieties of type, paper, perforations and surcharge (which he need not collect) he finds two distinct classes: the "Scenic" and the "DeLa-

Rue" patterns—the former speculative, the latter decidedly unattractive, and he naturally turns to a specialty more adapted to his purse and to his tastes.

## GERMAN COLONIALS.

Among the stamps that have quite recently come into prominence abroad are the German Colonials. Unpretentious as were their brethren in the fatherland, they have quietly forged their way well to the front, and the attention paid them on the Continent leads me to believe they will soon hold a stronger attraction for the general collector than British Colonials.

Above all there is a refreshing absence of the "speculative" about the German Colonials, and, but for the specialist seeking local cancellations, there is little left beyond the "straight-one-of-a-kind" set to collect.

Before presenting a brief sketch of these stamps, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the following sources from which I have freely gleaned information and data: Franz Reichenheim's most excellent "History of the German Colonies, etc.," in the *London Philatelist*, Konrad Starke's articles in *Die Post*, extracts from *Senf's Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, and various other publications; to which are added bits of information obtained through the medium of personal correspondence.

## THE COLONIES AND THEIR STAMPS.

Germany at present has ten Colonial possessions, German Southwest Africa, Togo, the Cameroons, German East Africa, German New Guinea, Marshall Islands, German China, the Caroline and Mariane Islands, and Samoa. For each of these a separate issue consisting of stamps of the eagle type (1889) have been surcharged or overprinted for use in their respective Colonies.

These stamps will soon be obsolete. A new series comprising the values of 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80 pf., 1, 2,

3, and 5 mark has been prepared for all the Colonies. The pfennig values will be in the same colors, size, and perforation as those of the "Germania" series, and show in a frame the picture of a steamer nearly "bows-on;" while the mark values, conforming likewise in size, colors and perforations to the German Empire issue of 1900, show the same steamer nearly "broadside-on." The name of the Colony appears on a scroll above the ship.

In this article, however, I propose to deal only with the colonial stamps of the eagle type.

#### GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA.



German Southwest Africa was created a German colony on August 24, 1884. It extends along the southwest coast of Africa and comprises an area of about 322,500 square miles, with 200,000 inhabitants. The first issue of stamps were placed on sale in 1897, consisting of the following denominations, overprinted "Deutsch-Südwest-Afrika": 3, 5, 10 and 20 pfg.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

(Type I.)

#### Deutsch- Südwest-Afrika

The second issue, which appeared in 1899, is overprinted "Deutsch Südwestafrika," without the hyphen, and consists of the following values: 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50 pfg.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

(Type II.)

#### Deutsch- Südwestafrika

#### Togo.



Togo, situated on the Gulf of Guinea, between Benin and the Gold Coast in Africa, was created a German colony July 5, 1884. It has an area of 31,800 square miles.

The first postoffice was opened at Klein Popo March 1, 1888.

The first issue of stamps appeared in 1897, consisting of the following values of the eagle type of Germany, overprinted "Togo": 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50 pfg.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## Togo

Prior to the overprinted series the regular German issue of 1889, eagle type, including the 2 mark value, was used throughout the Colonies, and in the case of Togo, the postmaster of Lomé recalls issuing stamps of the 1880 type from his office. These are considered great rarities when bearing colonial cancellations.

#### CAMEROON.



Cameroon, situated on the west coast of Africa, was created a German colony July 14, 1884. Its area is about 195,000 square miles, with 3,000,000 inhabitants. Each of

the four districts of this Colony,—Kamerun, Edea, Viktoria and Kribi—has a postoffice in its capital. The first was opened at Kamerun February 1, 1887.

The first issue appeared in 1897, overprinted "Kamerun," and consists of the following values: 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50 pfg.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## Kamerun

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.



Situated as its name indicates, German East Africa was created a German colony January 1, 1891. It covers an area of about 384,000 square miles with a population of about 4,000,000. It is divided into 22

districts, each of which has a postoffice. The first opened being those of Dar-es Salaam and Bagamoyo, on Oct. 4, 1890.

The first issue of stamps for this colony was surcharged with local currency on the eagle type of Germany as follows:

2 pesa on 3pf.	10 pesas on 20pf.
3 " " 5 "	25 " " 50 "
5 " " 10 "	

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge:

(Type I.)

**25 PESA 25**

The second issue appeared in 1896 with the name of the colony, "Deutsch-Ostafrika" added to the values in local currency. This issue consists of the following stamps: 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50pf. with pesa values, same as on the first issues.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge:

(Type II.)

**5**

**Deutsch-Ostafrika**

**Pesa**

*(To Be Continued.)*

**Drop Us a Postal.**

We have received numerous complaints from subscribers who have not received their copy of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

While we regret such occurrences, and are unable to account for them, we again request to be notified by postcard whenever THE VIRGINIA fails to arrive.

The Old Curiosity Shop.

BY JOHN PAALZOW.

**A**N ANNEX to my stamp collection has earned for itself the above name as given it by a friend and fellow collector, I presume, because of the varied matter which it contains, for to it is consigned everything odd that comes into my hands. While perhaps of small philatelic value it affords me pleasure and every addition to it is almost as much a gratification as the adding of a new specimen to my stamp collection. A short description of part of its contents may not prove uninteresting to other stamp friends.

First and foremost in it are those envelopes used during the war between the States, which had to do double duty. Paper must have been very scarce, and so often the expedient was adopted to use the envelope again by turning and regumming it. In most cases the stamps were left undisturbed and in that way many fine copies have been secured, as naturally the ones inside were protected from the exposure to light and air. That this fashion of using envelopes twice has not gone entirely out of style is proved by specimens in my possession dated as late as 1878 and one even as late as 1893.

An illustration of how long it took after the Civil War to get postal matters in the Southern States in good working order is furnished by a letter mailed Dec. 28th, 1865, at Windsor, N. C., directed to Richmond where it arrived Jan. 4th, 1866. This letter bears no stamp but is hand-stamped Paid 3. This would show that even eight months after the Confederacy collapsed there were no U. S. stamps furnished to the office mentioned.

In looking over a batch of correspondence of the forties a letter was found on a sheet of paper embellished by a cut of Henry Clay and the eagle and flag and

the Whig principles printed out in full. There is also a small cartoon, one fox being chased by another which rolls before him a globe and is made to shout: "Get out of the way for old Kentucky." Below is this doggerel:

Get out of the way, you're quite too late  
You little Red Fox of the Empire State.

Politics ran about as high then as now, more than a half century later.

That our postoffice employees are liberal and busy people one cannot doubt when seeing the different sort of things that pass through the mails. I have some fourteen specimens of envelope-stamps cut out and pasted upon other envelopes, some used as early as 1870; others as late as 1899, and strange to say an even half of the number passed through the mails all right, while the progress of five of the others was arrested with the legend, "Held for postage;" two were forwarded and postage due collected from the receiver. All the above described envelopes are from the correspondence of business houses and therefore *not* "made to order."

Two envelopes are here prepaid with postage due stamps. One with two 1 cent yellow brown used in 1884 and one with a 2 cents claret used in 1893. Both passed without any additional postage being required. Badly torn stamps seem to pass without question; on one envelope is a current two cents carmine torn in half and placed in shape of a cross on the letter, others with stamps as badly mutilated seem to pass without let or hindrance. It often happens that in transit stamps drop off the letters, but here are two envelopes which do not reveal the slightest evidence of ever having had a stamp upon them, still they reached their destination all right. A cover over which I have puzzled without arriving at a truly satisfactory conclusion is that of registered letter marked "collect 4c" and bearing four 1c postage

dues, but no sign of any other stamp whatever. Why were 4 cents collected and not 12? How was the registration fee paid in this instance? A special delivery letter with "collect 4c" charges this double rate because only the special was upon it when mailed, and therefore double postage was exacted from the receiver. Another special delivery cover has upon the face: Offered at address Oct. 1, '98 at 9:25 P. Cause of Non-delivery:—Closed. Upon the back was the printed notice:—

A Special Delivery stamp affixed to any article of mail matter is intended only to secure an immediate delivery, or one offer of immediate delivery. If the article cannot for any cause be delivered when FIRST offered, it thus becomes ordinary mail matter and is thereafter treated and delivered accordingly. How many users of special delivery know of this ruling of the department?

The issue of the Revenue stamps in 1898 brought a crop of letters bearing the two cent stamps and in a number of instances they did postal duty all right, in others the penalty was exacted or they were held for postage. The queerest cover in that time in my possession is a registered one bearing a  $\frac{1}{2}$  blue proprietary along with two 2 cents carmine and one 1 cent green. This also passed without additional postage. But the surprising part of it was, that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  stamp had been plainly cancelled by a rubber stamp ere it was placed upon this letter and so it was a case where a cancelled stamp was used.

That a U. S. stamped envelope with a five centavos Mexican stamp affixed should come through all right from Mexico is not very strange, but how it happened that a letter from Ainsworth, British Columbia should come all that distance to New York with a one cent green Canadian and a one cent green U. S. stamp to prepay the postage is more

than I can tell. Perhaps this patriotic Canadian thought that his government ought to divide the remuneration for carrying this letter with Uncle Sam, but surely he was lacking in loyalty when he placed the effigy of Her Imperial Highness upside down while our own Benjamin F was "right side up with care." Perhaps he wanted to give the two illustrious persons depicted upon these stamps a chance to look at one another, and so while away the tedium of the long journey.

Covers with U. S. stamps upon them and the postmark of the U. S. Postal Agency Shanghai repose peacefully with those postmarked, U. S. Sea Post Office, the latter being letters mailed at the piers of the Trans-Atlantic liners just prior to the sailing of the vessel. Covers with uncharged U. S. stamps and used in Cuba and Manila are also in evidence and might well be considered "provisionals" only the removal of the stamps from the original envelope would destroy their individuality.

An envelope rather a little the worse for wear is that of a letter mailed in N. Y., February 28, '96 directed to Black River, Jamaica. The steamer bearing this was sunk by collision while yet in the Hudson and most of the mail recovered though in a soaked condition. It was forwarded to its destination and bears upon its back beside the Kingston and Black River postmarks this printed notice pasted upon it. This article of mail matter has been recovered from the wreck of S. S. "Ailsa" which sunk in New York Harbor on 29th February 1896. G. P. O. Jamaica, 17 April, 1896.

Geo. H. Pearce, P. M. Jamaica.

The little baptism this letter received seems not to have injured it very much. But I fear that ye editor will use his blue pencil on this effusion should I go further in to the enumeration of what else reposes in the recesses of the Old Curiosity Shop.

New Issues and Discoveries.

BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

BAVARIA.—I have received the following new cards, all bearing the imprint "00" for 1900; old type, inscriptions in black; 3pf, 2 varieties, "POSTKARTE" with round and with oval "O".

5+5 and 10 pfennig, new type, inscriptions in same color as the stamp: 5 and 10 pfennig.

- P. C. 3pf brown and black on buff, 2 var.
- 5+5pf " " " " T. 3.
- 10pf carmine and " "
- 5pf green on buff.
- 10pf carmine on buff.

The stamp on the new type 10pf is the numeral type as impressed on the 10pf. Letter Cards, L. C. 1.

GERMANY.—The following Germania types have come to hand:

- P. C. 5pf green on dark buff.
- 10, 10pf carmine on cream, T. 3 "1200"

GREECE.—Since the introduction of Postal Cards, in this Kingdom we have seen but one design, Greek pattern frame and the familiar Greek stamp with head of Mercury, until during the latter part of June an entirely new departure was made by the issue of four new cards, as illustrated below.

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΝ ΔΕΛΤΑΡΙΟΝ

ΔΙΑ ΤΟ ΕΙΣΤΕΡΙΚΟΝ

Έξω τῆς ἀλλοδαπῆς γυμνάσει μόνον ἡ ἀποστολὴ



- P. C. 5 lepta olive on light amber.  
 5 5 lepta olive on light amber, T. 4.  
 10 lepta carmine on pearl.  
 10 10 lepta carmine on pearl, T. 4.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Among a lot of the new inland reply cards received recently I found a few of the reply cards imperforate at the fold. I am not able to say, at present, whether they are thus issued officially or whether these few specimens accidentally escaped the perforation.

- P. C.  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ d brown on buff, T. 3, imperf.

JAPAN.—The Postal Cards reported in the Press as having been surcharged for use in the Japanese post offices in China and Corea are being sold there without surcharge, so my correspondent in Tokio informs me.

Editors of Philatelic Chronicles should cease to *assume*.

MEXICO.—It may not be generally known that there are several varieties of the 1 centavo Card with Local print formula of 1899. P. C. 44. (See supplement in P. C. Reporter No. 4).

All these cards are imprinted "M. C. 17" in the lower right corner. I have three varieties in my collection.

Variety A, has "Tarjeta Postal" and "Servicio Postal" as P. C. 44, "En Este lado, etc.," measures 66½mm. "M. C. 17" 8mm., color dull blue.

Variety B, has "TARJETA POSTAL" and "SERVICIO URBANO," "En Este lado, etc.," 64mm. "M. C. 17" 9mm. Color light blue.

Variety C, has same style of type, "En Este lado, etc." 63mm, "M. C. 17" 10mm. Color dark blue.

VENEZUELA. — European journals chronicled a few months ago a new set of Postal Cards which I hesitated to accept having been informed by my correspondent at La Guaira that they were not known there.

They were, however, placed on sale

there, according to my informant, in July last and I am now enabled to present herewith an illustration of the single Card. The double Card has the inscriptions in three lines "Estados Unidos de Venezuela" on a tablet, "Tarjeta Postal con Resfuesta Pagada" and "Union Postal Universal."

These cards were probably not placed on sale until recently although they bear the inscription in lower frame "Emission de Junio de 1899."

The stamp and coat of arms are in vermilion, the inscriptions and the frame in black.



- P. C. 10 centimos, vermilion and black on white, 90x138.  
 10 10 centimos, vermilion and black on lavender B. 1, 90x138.

### New U. S. Issues.

A NEW series of Documentary stamps will be issued by the Government about Oct. 1 to take the place of those now in use. All denominations will be of the same size and color—a grayish drab—and the difference in value will be marked by large numerals stamped in different colors. The stamps will be printed in a specially prepared ink that will not stand the application of acid, thus making the washing of cancelled stamps impossible.—JOSEPH HOLMES, in *Metropolitan*.

PUT THE VIRGINIA on your ad-list of journals for the fall season.





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### EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Since my last report Circuit D8 has been com-  
 pleted, with sales amounting to \$33.70, or a little  
 more than 47%.

I am in hopes that more members will partici-  
 pate in my department this winter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FRED DOUGHTY,  
 Exchange Superintendent.

35 S. Fourth Avenue,  
 SAGINAW, MICH., August 12th, 1900.

The Treasurer and the Secretary have nothing  
 to report this month. Respectfully submitted,  
 T. H. GAFFORD, Secretary.  
 CHURCH HILL, MD., Aug. 20th, 1900.

### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Since my last report I have received the follow-  
 ing renewals of subscriptions: Waldemar Hoff-  
 man \$3.00, W. D. Arnold \$6.49, and Herbert A.  
 Croghan \$4.16.

New Cards have been received to this date from  
 Germany, Greece, Port Said and Bavaria which  
 will be sent out in the next distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,  
 Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, August 18, 1900.

TELL your friends about THE VIRGINIA-  
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ACCORDING to a statement in *Antver-*  
*pia*, Canada realized £400,000 on the sale  
 of stamps to collectors and dealers dur-  
 ing the past two years.

### The Southern Philatelic Association.

President—Roy B. Bradley, P. O. Box 6, Rich-  
 mond, Va.  
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 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.  
 Trustees—Roy B. Bradley, Chairman Ex-Officio,  
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 Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.  
 Official Journal—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

### REINSTATED.

W. R. Lecky, Richmond, Va.

### APPLICATION.

Percival, J. W. Age 30. 1309 W. Clay-st., Rich-  
 mond, Va. Refs., Roy B. Bradley, Aug.  
 Dietz, and W. C. Lowry.

### REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., August 17, 1900.

In circulation June 15, 54 books, value.....\$1468.78  
 Received since, 12 books, value..... 252.88

66 \$1711.11  
 Retired (sales \$120.14) 17 books, value..... 480.06

In circuit on Aug. 17, 49 books, value.....\$1281.05  
 CHARLES WARING.

### CALL FOR CONVENTION.

By authority vested in me, and as President of  
 the Southern Philatelic Association, I hereby  
 take pleasure in calling the Sixth Annual Con-  
 vention of the Southern Philatelic Association to  
 meet in New Braunfels, Texas, on Friday and  
 Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd.

I also appoint Messrs. Emil Gerlich, Robert  
 Kessler and U. S. Pleuffer a Committee on Cre-  
 dentials, in whose care all ballots should be sent.

Messrs. Emil Gerlich, H. G. Askew and Oscar  
 Jannasch are also appointed a Committee on  
 Arrangements, whose duty it shall be to select  
 place of meeting and make such other arrange-  
 ments as may be necessary.

I expect to be with you at the next convention  
 and I hope to see the largest meeting of stamp  
 men ever assembled in the South. New Braun-  
 fels is justly famous for her hospitality, and all  
 are assured of a royal welcome.

Let each and every member strive to be present.

Fraternally,

ROY B. BRADLEY,  
 President.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 20, 1900.

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

247. Chapman, Silas, Jr., Hartford, Conn.

#### APPLICATIONS

Lohmeyer, Adolph, age 60, 922 N. Gilmor St.,  
 Baltimore, Md Refs. Roy B. Bradley, Aug.  
 Dietz and Franklin Stearns.

#### NOMINATIONS.

President—Roy B. Bradley.\* Oscar Jannasch.  
 Vice-President—W. C. Lowry. Dan E. Hazen.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Aug. Dietz, R. S. Nelson,  
 Robert Mayer.

International Secretary—R. S. Nelson, H. Fenton, Chas. L. DuBose.

Sales Superintendent—Chas. Waring.

Librarian—H. Schott.

Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes

Board of Trustees—Emil Gerlich and Robt. Kessler.

Convention Seat, 1901—Birmingham, Ala. Knoxville, Tenn.

Any additional nominations may be sent to me or to the editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

#### CONVENTION.

President Bradley, after consulting with the Texas members, has called the annual convention to meet in our historic little city of New Braunfels, on November 2nd and 3rd, and I hope to meet and greet many of you there.

I will shortly mail blank ballots and proxies to all members in good standing.

Yours for the S. P. A.

WALTER C. LOWRY,  
Secretary.

\* Declines.

### Surcharged Stamps for the British Forces in China.

THE *Metropolitan* prints the following:

Mr. William Thorne has shown us a set of the regular Indian stamps surcharged "C. E. F." for the use of the Indian troops now with the allies in China. In regard to their use the *Philatelic Journal of India* says: "A difficulty has arisen in the matter of the sale of stamps in the field post offices attached to the China Expeditionary Force which has been sent from India. For the purposes of official calculations the dollar has been taken at 1s. 11p. This makes 1 anna equal to 4 cents, plus a considerable fraction. It has been decided to sell stamps in the field at the rate of 4 cents to the anna. As this would undoubtedly lead to the purchase of every stamp in stock by the wily Chinaman to remit to India, it has been decided to surcharge all stamps sold by the China Expeditionary Force field post office with the letters 'C. E. F.' so that they may not be available for use in India."

Provisional Stamps.

½ anna, green.
1 " maroon.
2 annas, blue.
2½ " green.
3 " orange.
4 " olive.
8 " red-violet.
12 " brown on red.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

TRY an ad in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST! It pays others! Why not You?

### The 15th Annual Convention of the A. P. A.

THE Fifteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association at Milwaukee, August 28-29-30, 1900, has passed into philatelic history as a grand success. The reports show the Association to be in excellent condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

*President*—G. L. Toppan.

*Vice-Presidents*— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P. M. Wolsieffer. \\ C. E. Severn. \\ S. Leland. \end{array} \right.$

*Secretary*—H. E. Deats.

*Treasurer*—H. G. Smith.

*International Secretary*—E. Doebelin.

The following appointments were also announced:

*Counterfeit Detector*—J. W. Scott.

*Librarian*—E. A. Anderson.

*Assistant Librarian*—H. E. Deats.

*Collecting Agent*—H. D. Watson.

*Auction Purchasing Agents*—New York, W. F. Gregory; Boston, A. W. Batchelder; Chicago, P. M. Wolsieffer.

*Obituary Committee*—F. H. Burt, E. M. Carpenter, L. L. Green.

*Literature Committee*—Wm. C. Stone, R. R. Thiele, G. S. Dickinson.

*Philatelic Appliances*—A. G. Burgoyne, A. W. Batchelder, C. L. Annan.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* was chosen as the official journal for the next year by a practically unanimous vote.

### An Exception to the Rule.

IT IS reported that the General Post-office in Bloemfontain will not fill orders for V. R. I. surcharges from foreign dealers and collectors. Such orders are being returned with the advice that parties request acquaintances in Bloemfontain to purchase the stamps for them at the postoffice.

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N. Borneo 1897, 1 to 8c, 6 var. .... 20 1 00

\*Guatemala 1898, sur., 5 var., comp. .... 85 2 50

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## 1897, JUBILEES OF CANADA.

	NEW	USED
½c black.....	8 25	8 25
1c orange.....	02	01
2c green.....	05	02
3c bright rose.....	05	01
5c deep blue.....	08	05
6c rich brown.....	30	30
8c violet.....	15	15
10c brown violet.....	15	15
15c steel blue.....	23	20
20c vermilion.....	30	20
50c ultramarine.....	60	
\$1.00 red.....	1 25	
2.00 dark purple.....	2 25	
3.00 yellow brown.....	3 25	
4.00 purple.....	4 25	
5.00 olive.....	5 25	

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" 5c gr'n " " 10, ".....	12
" 10c blue " " 25c, ".....	25
" 2c gr'n " " 1.25, ".....	70
1862 10c red " " 1.00, ".....	1 25
" 2c red " " .50, ".....	07
" 10c perf, " " 1.35.....	20
1863 5c blue, " " .02.....	02
" TEN blue, " " 1.50.....	1 25
" 10c blue, " " .02.....	01 1/2
" 20c green, " " .50.....	03
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Old collections wanted. Confederate bonds and notes bought for cash. I will pay 1c to 20c for broken bank notes. Send me what you have. Prompt settlement.

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Reference—Savings Bank, Richmond, Virginia.



A decorative border at the top of the page consists of a row of postage stamps. Each stamp features a profile of a man's head facing right, surrounded by ornate scrollwork. The word "POSTAGE" is printed at the top of each stamp, and "10 CENTS" is printed at the bottom. The stamps are arranged in two rows, with the title text overlaid on them.

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	Now in Sets		Now in Sets
1001 U. S. postage, all issues.....	33	1058 Bulgaria.....	12
1002 " " before 1888.....	18	1057 " " higher values.....	5
1008 " " 1879 and 1882.....	10	1058 " " 1889 complete.....	4
1004 " " 1883 to 1888 incl. 3c verm....	7	1059 " " 1898 post. due complete.....	3
1005 " " 1890 to 1893, 1c to 15c.....	10	1060 Canada old incl. beaver.....	9
1006 " " '93 Columbian 1c, 10c (II quality).....	8	1061 " " jubilee, X-mas and registration recent, incl. surcharges.....	11
1007 " " 1895 and present issue.....	15	1063 Cape Good Hope.....	8
1008 " " '98 Omaha 1-10c (II quality)	6	1061 Cape Verde.....	4
1009 " Departments.....	7	1065 Ceylon.....	7
1010 " Special Delivery.....	5	1066 Chili.....	12
1011 " Postage Due.....	7	1067 Chili postage due and envelope.....	4
1012 " Ruvelpos '53, '64, '70.....	4	1068 China.....	6
1013 " " later issues.....	20	1070 Panama.....	5
1014 " War Department.....	4	1071 Other single States.....	5
1015 " Telegraph Am. Rapid.....	6	1072 Congo.....	4
1018 " Revenues (Civil War).....	17	1073 Corea.....	4
1017 " " another set.....	13	1074 Costa Rica.....	10
1018 " " Proprietary '71-78.....	5	1075 Crete.....	7
1019 " " Playing Cards '91.....	2	1076 Cuba before 1876.....	6
1020 " " 1898 Documentary and sur Proprietary.....	13	1077 Cuba 1876 to 1879.....	7
1021 " " ".....	8	1078 " " 1880 to 1888.....	7
1022 Confederate States, 10, 20c.....	2	1079 " " 1890 to 1898.....	9
1023 Angola.....	6	1080 " " U. S. surcharged.....	4
1024 Angra.....	6	1081 " " present issue.....	4
1025 Argentine before 1880.....	7	1082 " " newspaper stamps.....	9
1026 " " 1880 and after.....	14	1083 Curacao.....	5
1027 Austria first four issues.....	13	1084 Cyprus incl. first issue.....	4
1028 " " 1867 to 1891.....	22	1085 Danish West Indies.....	11
1029 " " present, newspaper and due.....	17	1088 Dutch Indies.....	5
1080 Austrian Levant.....	7	1089 " " unpaid.....	4
1031 Austrian Italy.....	7	1090 Ecuador 1872 complete.....	3
1032 Azores incl. Jubilee.....	7	1091 " " 1881-87.....	7
1033 Baden.....	5	1092 " " later issues.....	8
1034 Baden Land Post complete *.....	8	1093 " " Revenues used for postage.....	5
1035 Barbados.....	8	1094 " " official and envelopes.....	3
1036 Bavaria, old issues.....	9	1095 Egypt incl. unpaid and off. ial.....	10
1037 " " 1873-75 *.....	6	1099 Finland.....	11
1038 " " 2pf to 2 marks.....	12	1100 France, empire.....	10
1039 Belgium before 1891.....	14	1101 France, republic.....	25
1040 " " 1891 1/4 with coupon.....	10	1102 France, unpaid.....	7
1041 " " newspaper and postage due.....	10	1103 France, offices abroad.....	5
1042 " " postal package stamps.....	8	1105 Germany, Thurn and Taxis, used.....	5
1043 Bermuda.....	4	1106 " " other values *.....	5
1044 Bolivia before 1877.....	5	1107 North German postal district.....	8
1045 " " later issues.....	8	1108 German Empire before 1875.....	10
1046 Bosnia 1/2 to 25kr.....	9	1109 " " 10 and 30gr *.....	2
1047 Brazil, old issues.....	7	1110 " " 1875 to 1890.....	20
1048 " " later issues.....	11	1111 " " 1900, 2pi to 1mrk.....	10
1049 " " newspapers and postage due.....	7	1112 German Colonies (various).....	6
1051 Br. Bechuanaland.....	8	1113 Gibraltar.....	5
1052 British Guiana.....	7	1114 Gold Coast.....	4
1053 British Guiana, pictures.....	3	1115 Great Britain old issues.....	10
1054 British Honduras.....	4	1116 " " recent issues.....	10
1055 Brunswick *.....	3		

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## WM. RALSTON LECKY.

HERE are hundreds of Leckys, but only one Wm. Ralston Lecky, the subject of our sketch this month, and a popular member of both the Southern and Virginia Philatelic Associations.

Wm. Ralston Lecky is a Virginian, and was born in Richmond, July 3, 1874.

He comes from a long line of distinguished ancestors, his father, the late Dr. Robert Lecky, being first assistant in charge of the Purveyor's office of the Confederate Navy, in which capacity he served during the war between the States.

He received a thorough education in the public schools of the city, and his earlier years were spent in assisting his father in his professional duties.

Having a love for the "Art Preservative," he secured an apprenticeship in one of Richmond's leading job offices, where he had the good fortune to serve with the most progressive printers of his day, including Mr. August Dietz, with whose artistic ability our readers are acquainted. He rose steadily in his chosen profession, and is to-day an expert operator on a Linotype machine.

Ralston was married in 1898 to Miss Ella D. Woodroof, an accomplished young lady of Amherst County, to which happy union God has given a bright little baby girl.

As a stamp collector, he is best known, and it is needless to remark that he stands high in the estimation of all of the Richmond philatelists who have the pleasure of knowing him. His collection

is a general one, he naturally having a fondness for stamps of the Confederate States. All specimens must be in fine condition to secure admission to his album, and although his collection is young in years it promises to rank with the best in the course of time.

Mr. Lecky is of a quiet and genial disposition, a friend to every young collector-always ready to share his little "book of dupli-

cates" with a brother collector. As a friend, he is always ready to lend assistance, or do a friend a favor, and every sentence of his is pervaded with good breeding and chivalrous qualities that go to make up a Virginia gentleman.

At present Ralston is employed with the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, where his abilities are in much demand.

Vive Lecky!

BRADLEY.



WM. RALSTON LECKY.



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**Welcome, S. P. A.**

ERE another month has passed away the sixth annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association will be a thing of the past.

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New Braunfels is situated on the International and Great Northern R. R., between Austin and San Antonio, and is easily accessible in all directions.

**Stanton's Philatelic Index.**

WE have received the first number of *Stanton's Philatelic Index*, a monthly devoted to philatelic literature, published by W. J. Stanton, 918 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Mich.

This publication, covering as it does, an entirely new field of its own selection, is edited by an able lawyer, who, knowing the inestimable value of an index in his own profession, and conceiving the idea that a similar work of reference for philatelists would fill a niche in stamp journalism, has set himself the task of compiling a monthly index of philatelic bibliography.

The first issue of the *Index* is alone worth the 35 cents of a year's subscription. It is a publication that will prove of more value to the student of philately than anything we know of, and all publishers should see that the *Index* is placed on their exchange list at once.

We wish Mr. Stanton all possible success.

**Scott's 60th Catalogue.**

WE will continue, as heretofore, to furnish our readers with a copy of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s Standard Catalogue, together with a year's subscription to this paper for sixty-five cents. Catalogue will appear in November and orders can be booked now, insuring prompt delivery.

**The Canadian Philatelic Magazine.**

THE above magazine has been "resurrected" and the first number of the fifth volume lies before us. It is published by *Hugh Adams*, and filled with advertising of Wm. R. Adams and the Cartier Stamp Co. Comment is unnecessary.

DON'T miss S. P. A. convention.

### Aguinaldo's Stamps.

*Mekeel's Drummer* is the title of a neat little journal issued by the Mekeel Co., and distributed gratis to their patrons. Among the interesting notes we cull the following in reference to the stamps of the Philippine Republic:—

"The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. The Filipino government established at Malolos from August 1898 to March 1899, was in possession of the railway, Manila to Dagupan, and entertained postal relation with several parts of the Island of Luzon, and I myself received letters from the province regarding stamps. I have bought my stamps directly from the Filipino government when Aguinaldo was at Tarlac. You may remember that a Spanish government sent a commission to Tarlac to arrange the liberation of the Spanish prisoners. A member of that commission, Mr. Enrique de Macaida, bought the stamps from the post office at Tarlac."—FREDERIC SCHENKEL, Manila.

"Enclosed you will find a sheet of insurrection postage stamps captured at Indang. The general gave me about 5000 sheets of them to burn up, saving only one sheet to send in with his report. I burnt all except three sheets. We destroyed the press and plates from which they were printed."—CHAS. SINCLAIR, U. S. Cavalry.

"About Aguinaldo's stamps. A friend of mine sent me two of them that were purchased by him at Hong Kong, and I have seen a few others here purchased from Spain, all unused. A member of the Philippine Republican government told me last year when I was abroad that postage stamps such as are described in the philatelic papers were only used in the interior of the islands."—M. ANDREINI.

### A New Weekly.

We are in receipt of the first issue of Volume II of *The Philatelic Post*, now published weekly. The number before us contains twelve pages and cover, and presents a neat and creditable appearance, and we lie hope to see it with us for many years to come.

MR. KRASSA has shown me a set of the Porto Rico surcharged Habilitado para 1898-1899, all cancelled. The surcharge is found to be counterfeit. These stamps come from Porto Rico, the vendor claiming to have removed them from official correspondence. The surcharge is well executed, while on the original it is poorly impressed.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

### Regarding Discounts.

THE editor of this journal has been quite frequently called upon in the past to answer inquiries as to why certain stamps are so difficult to obtain in good condition, many of our readers not being aware that the catalogue values given on a certain stamp or stamps are for average copies only, and those specimens in fair, good, or mint condition are expected to bring a larger proportion of catalogue value than an average specimen. Some stamps of European countries are very difficult to secure used in fair condition; take Great Britain, for instance. A lightly cancelled specimen is seldom met with, and selling prices are always based on the condition of the stamps offered for sale, collectors may expect to pay a fair price for a fair specimen.

### Our Cover.

AS mentioned in our supplement last month, we stated our intention of having a new supply of covers printed, which has been done and we will cheerfully send an extra copy to any of our readers who may desire it. We trust this number may be an improvement, as our printer assures us that it will be.

*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* is authority for the statement that a set of U. S. Revenue Stamps of special design were issued early in 1899 for use in the Philippines. Eight values in three different designs are described. 2 centimos carmine, 25 centimos carmine, 50 centimos olive yellow, 3 pesos blue, 5 pesos blue, 6 pesos blue, 10 pesos blue, 15 pesos blue, all imperforate. Excellent half-tone illustrations are given. The designer of this set is evidently not one of Uncle Sam's regular staff.—*International Philatelic Review*.

### The Twelfth German Philatelic Congress at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

THE Twelfth German Philatelic Congress was held at Frankfurt-on-the-Main from the 28th to the 31st of July. Twenty-five societies, with an aggregate of 5,400 members, were represented by delegates. Two hundred philatelists were present, coming from Germany, Austria and abroad.

The Convention was presided over by Mr. A. Rosenberg, (Frankfurt), and the meetings were held in the Hotel du Nord, and the "Palmengarten," a beautiful resort near the city of Frankfurt. It was there the two local societies gave a reception and dinner to the delegates and visitors, and here too the Imperial Postoffice Department had provided an office, cancelling all matter posted by the philatelists on Sunday, July 29th with a stamp bearing the inscription, "XII. Deutscher Philatelisten-Tag Frankfurt A. M." Many thousands of souvenir cards alone were cancelled with this postmark during that day.

On Monday the philatelists enjoyed a trip down the Rhine to the National Monument on the Niederwald near Assmannshausen-Rüdesheim; and on Tuesday the Convention closed with a grand Stamp Fair. Many dealers from abroad were present.

The entire Convention seems to have been a decided success—the delegates laboring with that ardour characteristic of the German philatelist, to effect a more complete organization.

The "Bund Deutscher und Oesterreichischer Philatelistenvereine," an alliance of the philatelic societies of Germany and Austria, is the greatest philatelic association in the world, comprising 110 societies with 5,000 members. The board of directors consists of Mr. Ernst Poenicke, engineer at Mannheim B. 5, 2, chairman; Mr. Umpfenbach, merchant

at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, vice-chairman, and hon. treasurer; Mr. Beringer, lawyer at Landau (Pfalz), hon. secretary. The other members of the Directory are, Mr. Glasewald, editor at Gössnitz, S. A.; Dr. jur. Kloss, lieutenant-colonel at Dresden; Mr. Leede, author at Dresden; Mr. Lossau, merchant at Hamburg; Mr. Wiegand, merchant at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Mr. Forster, merchant at Vienna. The board of directors of the alliance, "Die Bundesleitung," governs the following sections: Examination of Stamps, Information, Litigations, Purchase of Current Postage-Stamps of all General Issues, Literature. The statutes and regulations of the alliance are printed in book form and sent gratis to each of the 5,000 members.

The official organ of the "Bund" and also of the German Congress is the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt Philatelistischer Vereine*, the "Confidential Journal of Philatelic Societies," which is now in its tenth annual course an enterprise of amateurs without any profits for the editors. In 1900 the "Briefmarken-Club Hannover" is the editor, its official address is Mr. Hans Müller, Hannover (19) Volgersweg 9. For 1901 the "Verein für Briefmarkenkunde Kiel" will be the editor, its official address is Dr. med. Alfred Künkler, Kiel, Ziegelteich 7. The Confidential Journal is no philatelic journal in the common sense, but it publishes the official addresses and other important communications of the subscribing societies, reports of the congresses, exhibitions and other interesting matter. Its principal object is the exposing of all forgeries and dishonest persons in the philatelic world. In this regard the journal must be "confidential," every subscriber, member of one of the subscribing societies, is to sign a pledge binding himself to regard the contents as "confidential." In this association

are 200 philatelic societies with 13,000 members, 150 German and 50 foreign, including nearly all societies of Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Hungary and Finland, the American Philatelic Association, (the chief society of the United States) the Société Française de Timbrologie, (the chief society in France) the societies of Milan, Pittsburg, Wellington (New Zealand) etc. But every philatelic society should subscribe to this journal. It is strictly international, and the societies belonging to it lose absolutely nothing of their independence. The dues are 5 marks for societies with 50 members or less, 10 marks for societies with 50-100 members, and for societies with more than 100 members 10 marks and 2 marks more for every additional hundred members. For this one copy of the Journal, containing from 16 to 32 pages, will be sent post-free monthly to any society; besides this the name, date of organization, official address, time and place of meetings, name of the official organs, entrance fee, yearly subscription, number of the members, corresponding societies, members of the board with addresses of every subscribing society is published, and every month the name and address of all new members and of those who have resigned, in fact all details and important communications, whatever the societies desire to publish. Also every member of a subscribed society is allowed to write to every one of the 100 addresses for examination of stamps and to the 100 addresses for the purchase direct of nearly all current stamps bought by post-offices, published in the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*.

The Thirteenth German Philatelic Congress will be held in 1901, at Berlin, the capital of the German Empire.

ADDRESS the editor for an S. P. A. application blank.

### British Army in South Africa.



WE are in receipt of a number of covers from our correspondent in London, Mr. John Courtice, bearing current British and Natal stamps, and canceled as per the above illustration.

### Orange River Colony on Cape Stamps.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY.** THE *Philatelic Journal* prints the following:

The Free State 2½d value having been exhausted, recourse has been had to the Cape stamp of same face value—the 2½d having been overprinted in the type shown in our illustration.

### Mourning Stamp for Finland.

A collector here has received direct from a correspondent in Finland a copy of what is described as a "mourning stamp." It shows the Finnish arms in the upper right hand corner, with "Finland" below and "Suomi" ("postage") in the upper left hand corner. The color is black. A writer in the *London Graphic* says that people in Finland are using a stamp of their own instead of those furnished by Russia, and as may be readily understood the stamp is not recognized as having any postal value. The denomination, 1 pennia, is printed on the back of the stamp.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

### Received.

WE acknowledge with thank copies of the Premium and Price Catalogue of the Stamp & Coin Exchange, 13 Ann St., New York City. Price ten cents each.

## A FORMIDABLE RIVAL.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

### II.

#### GERMAN NEW GUINEA.



German New Guinea comprises Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, Bismarck Archipelago and the north-east part of the Solomon Islands, and was placed under imperial administration on March 27, 1899. Area about 129,000 square miles, population estimated at about 190,000. There is but one postoffice, Stephansort, opened December 14, 1889.

The first issue of stamps appeared in 1897. The following values were overprinted "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea," 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50pf.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge:

#### Deutsch- Neu - Guinea

The 3pf. value was issued in August or September, 1899. The 25pf. value of this series is said to have been sent to the Colony by an oversight on the part of the home office, but the fact of its having been on sale and freely used in that Colony establishes its claim to a place in the set.

#### MARSHALL ISLANDS.



Among all the German Colonials the stamps of the Marshall Islands are the most interesting and valuable. The fact that German Colonial postmasters are prohibited from filling orders for collectors and dealers, and the "out of the way"

location of this Colony makes it very difficult to obtain these stamps. And it is equally as difficult to secure facts regarding the first issue which appeared in 1897. This series overprinted "Marschall-Inseln" consisted of the 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50pf. values. It is claimed that only the 5, 10 and 20pf. values were ever issued at the only postoffice, Jaluit. But a correspondent of *Senf's Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* claims to have seen the entire series, cancelled at Jaluit, on the original cover.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

(Type I.)

#### Marschall-Inseln



The second issue for these islands were placed on sale Sept. 27, 1899. The spelling of the name was changed to "Marshall-Inseln," omitting the "c" in Marshall. The follow-

ing values have been overprinted: 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50pf., but only the 3, 5, 25 and 50pf. are said to be on sale.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

(Type II.)

#### Marshall-Inseln

Situated between 4° 30' and 12° north, and between 161° and 172° east longitude, they comprise an area of about 160 square miles with 13,000 inhabitants. Prior to the Spanish-American war a regular mail service between the islands and the Spanish colony Ponape existed, but at present the dispatch and delivery of letters are dependent upon the accidental arrival or departure of a vessel. However, the North-German Lloyd purposes calling at the islands at regular intervals in connection with their China-Japan service.



## GERMAN CHINA.



Since the establishing of a military station and coaling depot for the German navy in Kiautschau, a post-office has been opened at Tsintau, and a supply of stamps, over-

printed "China," placed on sale. The series, issued in 1896, consists of the 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50pf. values.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## China

Recently the postoffice at Tsintau seems to have run short of the 5pf. value and a supply of provisionals were prepared by surcharging the 10pf. value "5pf." in addition to the regular overprint "China."

## CAROLINE ISLANDS.



These islands along with the Mariane and Palau Islands were acquired from Spain on June 30, 1899. There are two post-offices in the Carolines—one at Ponape

(opened October 15, 1899) in the East Carolines, the other at Yap (opened November 7, 1899) in the West Carolines.

The first issue appeared in 1900, and consists of the 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50pf. values, overprinted "Karolinen."

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## Karolinen

Prior to the appearance of this set Marshall Islands or current German issues were used.

## MARIANE ISLANDS.

The Mariane Islands were purchased from Spain at the close of the Spanish-American war, and the first German postoffice was opened at Saipon on November 22, 1899.

The first issue of stamps overprinted "Marianen" appeared in 1900, and consists of the following values: 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50pf.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## Marianen

## SAMOA.

Since acquiring the Samoan group on March 1, 1900, Germany has prepared a set of stamps overprinted "Samoa" for the postoffices on the Islands. On March 20, 1900 the complete set, comprising the following values, was placed on sale: 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50pf.

The following illustration shows the type of the surcharge slightly enlarged:

## Samoa

## BEFORE THE SURCHARGES.

As before stated, German stamps of the eagle type were used throughout the Colonies prior to the surcharged series, and I possess in my own collection a number of the pfening as well as the 2-mark values canceled Shanghai and Tientsin in China; Dar-es-Salaam and Tanga in German East Africa; Klein Popo and Lome in Togo, and Kribi and Viktoria in the Cameroons.

## OTHER GERMAN SURCHARGES.

I have purposely omitted the stamps overprinted and surcharged for the German offices in Morocco and the Levant as these are not Colonials, hence but secondary in interest.

## FUTURE.

With the coming of the new Colonial type these obsolete stamps will enhance

in interest and value, and the general collector will do well to acquire the sets while yet within reach.

When compared to British Colonials, these stamps are inexpensive and within the reach of the collector of moderate means, forming as they do one of the most interesting specialties in philately.

#### CURRENT PRICES.

It may not be amiss to present the average current prices on the German Colonial sets in a table which may be preserved for future reference:

	PER SET.	UNUSED.	USED.
German Southwest-Afrika (1897).....	\$1.00	\$1.50	
German Southwestafrika (1899).....	.50	.50	
Togo.....	.75	.75	
Cameroons.....	.50	.65	
German East Africa (1893).....	1.00	1.50	
German East Africa (1896).....	.75	.75	
German New Guinea.....	1.00	1.00	
Marschall Islands (1897).....	2.50	10.00	
Marshall Islands (1899).....	1.25	5.00	
German China.....	.50	.75	
Caroline Islands.....	1.25	2.00	
Mariane Islands.....	1.25	2.00	
Samoa.....	1.00	1.00	

NOTE.—I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. Doebelin, of Pittsburg, Pa., in which he states that the first issue of German Southwest-Africa included the 25 and 50pf values.

As the sources from whence I gleaned my information mention only the values stated in this article, and as this series is the only one I do not possess in my collection, I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. Doebelin for this information.

THE AUTHOR.

#### Varieties in the Surcharged Ned. Indie.

OUR correspondent in Medan, Mr. J. L. Z. van der Laan calls our attention to two varieties in the current surcharged issue of the Dutch Indies, one of which shows the "e" in Indie with but one dot thus, **Ē**; and the second variety has the "e" without dots thus **E**. The varieties are found on the 10c value.

We attribute both varieties to broken letters in the surcharge setting.

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#### New Issues and Discoveries.

BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

GERMANY.—The "News" has been making the round in the Philatelic Press that a 3 pfennig Card in the Germania type had been issued. Where it originated I do not know. It is another "Myth," for my inquiry at Berlin reveals the fact that it *has not been issued*.

I have received a Military Card, without value, designed for free correspondence to the German Military. It is inscribed "Deutsche Reichspost" "Feldpost-Karte" and has two lines for the name of the soldier and spaces for his location, either on board of a ship, in a regiment, battalion company, etc., of the Military Service.

P. C. No value, black on buff, 90x138.

HUNGARY.—The following complete the new issues for this country, except the 5+5 and 10+10 filler Cards which will not be issued for the present:

P. C. 10 filler, carmine on pale green.

L. C. 10 " red on gray, perf. 1.

For Croatia.

P. C. 4+4 filler, brown on buff. T3.

5 " emerald green on rose.

L. C. 6 " blue green on gray, perf. 1.

Tel. L. C. 62 filler, brown and blue on white, 98x155, perf. 1.

PORTO RICO.—In the July issue of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly* it was stated that the 2c U. S. Postal Union Card had been issued with surcharge "Porto Rico."

As this was "news" to me I addressed an inquiry to the Postmaster at San Juan and in due time received the following reply: "Replying to your inquiry made under date of Aug. 18 I have the honor to state that no 2 cent Postal Union Card with the Porto Rican or Puerto Rican surcharge has ever been issued."

Another false alarm!

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Distribution No. 49 was sent out September 18, containing the following new issues :

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Germany, 2pf., Germania type.
Tasmania, 2d Letter Card.
Bavaria, old type 5, 5+5, 10pf, new type 5 and 10pf.
Hungary, P. C., 10, and L. C., 10 filler.

Since sending out the above distribution I have received the rest of the Hungarian cards for Croatia. The double cards, 5+5 and 10+10 filler, will not be issued for the present.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ADOLPH LOHMEYER,  
 Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 29, 1900.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

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All arrangements are moving nicely and our Sixth Annual Convention promises to be one of the most pleasant and well-attended in the history of our Association.

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All things point to a large attendance, and our Austin and San Antonio members will doubtless turn out *en masse*.

It is to be hoped that each and every member will "turn out," and none will ever regret it.

Remember the date and place, New Braunfels, Texas, November 2nd and 3rd, 1900.

Members residing outside of the State can usually secure "tourists tickets" to any point in Texas, with a return limit of six weeks, at one fare for the round trip. Fraternally,

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## CONVENTION.

President Bradley, after consulting with the Texas members, has called the annual convention to meet in our historic little city of New Braunfels, on November 2nd and 3rd, and I hope to meet and greet many of you there.

I have mailed blank ballots and proxies to all members in good standing.

Yours for the S. P. A.

WALTER C. LOWRY,  
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## Report of Board of Trustees.

Only a little more than a month from now and the date of holding our annual convention will be at hand. We hope to see the largest gathering of stamp collectors ever witnessed in the South and can promise you a rousing good time. There is plenty of interest to see here and we will do everything in our power to make your stay here pleasant and interesting. Again inviting you one and all to be at our convention and enjoy our hospitality, we beg to remain,

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J. F. DODGE, Sec'y-Treas.

## Really Overdone.

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## C. S. A. LOCALS.

One Lynchburg, Va., 5c blue (Scott's 72) magnificent copy, catalogued.....	\$35.00
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Pair " " 5c " (Scott's 20), one stamp has bit of corner torn off, but second stamp has parts of others attached, magnificent copy, catalogued, each.....	12.00
Four single Memphis, Tenn., 5c red (Scott's 89) on one cover, various shades; one badly torn, three others fine, cover considered as three stamps; catalogue each.....	6.00
One Albany, Ga., provisional env., orange (Scott's 1) 5c blue; not priced in cat.; worth about.....	50.00
One Mobile, Ala., 2c black, postmarked, on entire cover, fine, rare, catalogues.....	40.00
One Mobile, Ala., 5c blue, postmarked, on entire cover, fine, catalogues.....	6.50
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Two UNIONTOWN, Ala., (Scott's 140 and 141) on entire covers, postmarked, reserve price each.....	\$275
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Three covers with one and two 5c blue (Scott's 204) cat. each.....	75
One cover with 10c outline, postmarked, lines showing on two sides, catalogues.....	6.00
One cover with unsevered pair 10c rose, cat.....	6.00
Two covers 10c blue, Scott's A2, catalogue each.....	75

## UNITED STATES.

One Providence, R. I., 5c on original cover, magnificent, reserve price.....	\$70.00
Strip of three U. S. 1851-56 1c blue Type I. First two stamps to the left show type distinctly, third stamp is Type II (Scott's No. 30) catalogue price each.....	25.00
One cover with one 1862 60 2c black vertical half used as 1c—very fine copy, cat. price.....	25.00

Stamps sent on approval to parties giving satisfactory reference. Cash offers—no exchange.  
Collectors of Confederates will find it to their advantage to send me self-addressed envelope, as I am constantly "running across" good Confeds.

900 W. Clay, Station "A,"

AUGUST DIETZ,

RICHMOND, VA., U. S. A.

# CASH PAID

For the following Confederate stamps on cover and unused:

1861 5c blue, on cover, 13, new.....	\$ 10
" 5c gr'n " " 10, ".....	12
" 10c blue " " 25c, ".....	25
" 2c gr'n " " 1.25, ".....	70
1862 10c red " " 1.00, ".....	1 25
" 2c red " " 50, ".....	07
" 10c perf, " " 1.35.....	20
1863 5c blue, " " .02.....	02
" TEN blue, " " 1.50.....	1 25
" 10c blue, " " .02.....	01 1/2
" 20c green, " " .50.....	03
" 1c orange, " " 25.00.....	20

Old collections wanted. Confederate bonds and notes bought for cash. I will pay 1c to 20c for broken bank notes. Send me what you have. Prompt settlement.

R. L. Deitrick,  
LORRAINE, VIRGINIA.

Reference—Savings Bank, Richmond, Virginia.



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## 25c SPECIALS.

Antigua 1882-85, 4p blue.....	25	*Honduras 1887, ½r on 2r green, (red sur).....	25
Bahamas 1875, 1p vermilion.....	25	Mexico 1868, 6c brown.....	25
Canada 1875-77, 5c olive green.....	25	Mexico 1885, 12c olive brown.....	25
Columbian Republic (Bolivar) 1874-78, 10c red lilac.....	25	Mexico 1887, (206) 10c vermilion.....	25
*Columbian Rep. 1881, 5c red purple.....	25	Natal 1882-84, 3p ultramarine.....	25
*Columbian Rep. (Reg.) 1870, 5c black, (horizontal lines).....	25	New Brunswick 1860, 10c vermilion.....	25
*Corea 1885, 5 m-mns carmine.....	25	Nicaragua 1878-80, 25c green.....	25
*Curacao (unpaid) 1892-98, 12½c grn., type 2.....	25	United States 1870-71, 7c vermilion.....	25
*Curacao (unpaid) 1892-98, 25c green, type 2.....	25	United States 1873, 30c gray black.....	25
Ecuador 1894, (416) 10c green.....	25	*United States Treasury, 10c brown.....	25
Gold Coast 1884-91 2-h brown.....	25	*Confederate States (200) 1861, 5c green.....	25
Great Britain 1867, 5-h rose.....	25	Confederate States (203) 1862, 5c blue.....	25
		Spain 1858, 1r blue.....	25
		Trinidad 1863, 1p lake.....	25

## 20c SPECIALS.

Brazil 1888, 500r yellow.....	20	Mexico 1860, 25c buff.....	20
Cape of Good Hope 1865, 1sh blue green.....	20	Mexico 1884, 1p blue.....	20
Colombian Rep. (Tolima) 1886, 10c blue.....	20	*Mexico 1886, 12c lilac.....	20
Cuba 1871, 12c brown lilac.....	20	*Mexico 1890, 25c vermilion.....	20
Cuba 1876, 1p black.....	20	New South Wales 1891, 12½p on 1sh red.....	20
Ecuador 1893, 5c yellow black, surch.....	20	Straits Settlements 1883, 2c brown.....	20
Great Britain 1867-69, 9p straw.....	20	Tasmania 1871-76, 4p yellow.....	20
Great Britain 1876-77, 4p sea green.....	20	United States 1867, 12c black.....	20
*Labuan 1885, 8c purple.....	20	United States 1873, (official) 1c black.....	20
*Mexico 1868, 2r orange.....	20	United States 1873, 12c blackish violet.....	20

## 17½c SPECIALS.

Antioquia 1887-88, 5c red green.....	17½	Ecuador 1887-88, 1c green.....	17½
*Argentine Republic (Corrientes) 1864-80 (2c) mauve.....	17½	Great Britain 1866, 3p rose.....	17½
*Argentine Republic (Corrientes) 1864-80 (3c) dull blue.....	17½	Hong Kong 1866, 8½ on 96c black.....	17½
*Brazil 1889, 300r carmine.....	17½	Jamaica 1871, 3p green.....	17½
*Colombian Rep. 1868, 10c lilac.....	17½	Mexico 1868, 25c blue, pink.....	17½
*Colombian Rep. 1883, 20c violet, lilac.....	17½	Newfoundland 1876, 5c blue.....	17½
Colombian Rep. 1887, 20c purple, grayish.....	17½	Newfoundland 1876, 3c blue.....	17½
Colombian Rep. 1888, 50c brown, yellow.....	17½	Selangor 1882, 2c rose.....	17½
*Colombian Rep. (env.) 1880-93, 5c black, pink.....	17½	Sierra Leone Africa 1876-85, 6p violet brown.....	17½
		Tolima 1871, 10c blue.....	17½
		Trinidad 1862, (1p) carmine.....	17½

## 15c SPECIALS.

*Antigua 1886, 4p brown.....	15	*Cuba 1877, 1p brown.....	15
Bermuda 1881, 2p blue.....	15	Cuba 1880, 12½c lilac.....	15
Brazil 1889, 300r carmine.....	15	Ecuador 1893, 5c yellow.....	15
British Bechuanaland 1882-94, 4p green and brown.....	15	Mexico 1872, 6c green.....	15
British Honduras 1884-87, 4p violet.....	15	Mexico 1887, 2c carmine.....	15
Canada 1852, 3p red.....	15	Prussia 1887, 9kr gray brown.....	15
*Colombian Rep. 1881, 10c violet.....	15	*Roumania 1881, 50b brown.....	15
Colombian Rep. 1892, 1p blue, greenish.....	15	St. Christopher 1884, 4p gray.....	15
Costa Rica (official) 1883-87, 10c orange.....	15	South Australia 1855-59, 2p pale red.....	15
Cuba 1876, 12½c green.....	15	*South Australia 1880-90, 6sh rose, pen canceled.....	15



SCOTT F. REDFIELD,

Central Building,

Smethport, Pa.

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## JOHN T. ANDERSON, JR.

"John Anderson, my jo, John,  
When we were first acquaint,  
Your locks were like the raven,  
Your bonnie brow was brent."  
—*Burns.*

TO THE members of the "Southern" who attended the Fifth Annual Convention of our Association in Richmond at the fall of '99, we present an old acquaintance, whose name has been prominently linked with the earliest efforts of Richmond collectors to form an association, and whose interest in the work and material assistance aided in a great measure in making that Convention the brilliant success it was. To Philately in general, therefore, we take pleasure in introducing one of her staunchest champions, Mr. John T. Anderson, Jr. of Richmond, Virginia.



JOHN T. ANDERSON, Jr.

qualities that were her pride, and for which Virginians have ever been famed—sentiment, and honor, loyalty to principles, country and friends.

He received a thorough education in the best schools of this city as well as a mercantile training at College, fitting him, at an early age, to embark in business for himself. The success of this

venture was interrupted by a prolonged spell of illness of his father, resulting in a consolidation of both concerns under the title of John T. Anderson & Son, wholesale grocers and feed dealers, of which long established and flourishing business our friend is the junior partner, practically conducting its affairs.

"Jack"—as he is familiarly called, has quite a military career, having followed the guidon of the Stuart Horse Guards, Troop A, First Virginia Cavalry as Sergeant for

six years, until the disbanding of that Regiment. He was the favorite officer of old Troop A, the captaincy of which was repeatedly within his reach.

Shortly after visiting the World's Fair at Chicago in '94, John Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Schumacher, a talented and attractive

(Continued on page 29.)

John Anderson is a Virginian. Born in Richmond, October 29th, 1871—as the eldest son—he was surrounded with all that goes to make childhood bright—the gentle influences of a noble mother—of whom the home was all too early bereft—but whose character left upon her favorite an indelible impress, broadening his already sympathetic nature, and imbuing him with those chivalrous



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RICHMOND, VA., NOVEMBER, 1900.

**Greeting, S. P. A. Officers.**

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST extends congratulations to the newly elected corps of officers of the Southern Philatelic Association, and we trust that by the time the next convention rolls around we will see a large increase in membership in our Association. The V. P. is proud of the present officials of the S. P. A., and looks for great things in the future.

SEVENTY-TWO million of the black penny stamps of Great Britain were issued from April 1840 to January 1841.

**Another Honor.**

FROM the far Northwest comes the pleasing news that the board of officers of the popular society of Washington and Oregon, the Interstate Philatelic Association, have selected this journal as the most desirable for an official journal for their Association. We take this opportunity of thanking the officers for the honor bestowed upon us, and we trust that they will never have cause to regret their action.

**Kosack's Price List.**

WE have received a copy of the 1901 Price List of Philipp Kosack, Burgstr. 8, Berlin, Germany.

Herr Kosack has one of the finest stocks of stamps on the continent, especially in German Colonials, to which specially he devotes particular attention, and the booklet before us contains much of interest about these stamps which seem destined to become great favorites.

The Price-List is sent gratis on request.

**Philatelic Expansion.**

WE omitted to mention in our last issue that we have perfected arrangements with the popular secretary of the Columbian Philatelic Society, Mr. J. F. Dodge, whereby we are enabled to act in the capacity of official journal for the above popular organization. We trust the numerous members will be pleased with their new journal.

WHAT has become of Bro. Osgood's *Stampman*? Is the Junior claiming the editor's entire time?

LOOK out for Mafekings Befaked when the Canadian contingent returns from South Africa.



### The Origin and Introduction of the Postal Card.

While adhesive postage stamps have been in use since 1840, it was about 30 years later, on October 1, 1869, when the first Postal Card was issued by the Austrian Empire, where until this day it is called "Korrespondenz-Karte" (correspondence card).

The credit for having successfully agitated its introduction belongs to Professor Emanuel Herrmann, of Vienna, and Austria claims for him the honor of having *invented* the Postal Card.

However, the subject of introducing in the German mails the use of an open Correspondence Card was discussed by Dr. Stephan, who represented the Prussian Post Office Department at the German Postal Congress at Karlsruhe (Baden) in 1865, four years prior to the introduction of the Postal Card in Austria, which latter country, until 1866 a member of the German Confederation, was likewise represented at that Congress.

While the proposition of Dr. Stephan was listened to with much interest, the idea of sending *open* correspondence through the mails was such a novel one in those days that it was not acted upon by that Congress.

It was not until 1870 that Postal Cards were introduced in Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland. During the next year (1871) Belgium, Canada and Denmark fell into line, while the United States adopted their use in 1873 and other countries followed until at present these convenient card boards are used in every civilized country.

It was again Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, (later Postmaster General of the German Empire until his death in 1897) the *inventor* of the Postal Card, who devoted his energy to the establishment of uniform international postage rates, his untiring efforts in this direction leading to

the formation of the Universal Postal Union in 1875.

This again led to the adoption of International Postal Cards, the uniform rate having been fixed at 10 centimes (French) = 2 cents, Germany taking the lead in their introduction.

The first United States Universal Postal Card (2c blue) was issued in 1879, and while Canada introduced a 2c card "To United Kingdom" in 1877 the Postal Union Card was not issued until 1879.

While Postal Cards have been collected ever since their introduction, especially in Europe, the American collector was rather slow in taking them up, and it was not until the early eighties that they were collected to any considerable extent, since which time a large number of very fine collections have been formed.

### Reprints of Fiji Locals.

The so-called reprints of the stamps of the Fiji Times Express are in reality mere imitations, the stamps being of different size and distinctly different type from those of the original issue. In addition to this, the reprinted labels are all on laid batonne paper, and in the case of the sixpenny value that has a small, instead of a large, numeral value. Even the youngest collector should be able to distinguish these imitations from the really rare old time Times Express stamps. — *Philatelic West*.

PHILATELY doesn't seem to have gone into hysterics over the coming Buffalo commemoratives—she's getting used to such trifles, it seems.

LOOK out for our big Christmas issue. Full of good things. Don't forget to have your ad in in good time to secure a good position.

**The Sixth Annual Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association.**

THE second of November has passed and the sixth annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association has gone into history as perhaps one of the most delightful and pleasant conventions ever held in the Lone Star State. The editor was unable to be in attendance, owing to an unforeseen rush of State printing, and is under many obligations to our friend Gerlich for reports and notes of the convention.

The convention was called to order by Vice-President Jannasch, November 2, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at New Braunfels, Texas. Upon motion Mr. Jannasch was elected temporary chairman by unanimous vote and Mr. H. A. Herzog, of Austin, temporary secretary.

Mr. Gerlich then read the annual message of President Bradley, who reviewed in brief the doings of the Association for the past year.

The Committees on Credentials, Standing Rules, Finance, Exchange Department, Official Journal, and a committee of five on Constitution and By-Laws were then appointed.

Under suspension of the rules Messrs. Pfeuffer, Heilig, Barton, Davis and Phillipowski were admitted to membership.

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Sales Superintendent and Board of Trustees were then read by Mr. Gerlich, which are herein reproduced:

**Report of Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Philatelic Association, for the Year 1899-1900.**

The past year has not been a very prosperous one for our society. During the past year we have taken in 38 new members, and have lost by suspension and other causes 59 members. We now have 124 members in good standing on the Secretary's books.

**FINANCES.**

During the year I have received from members \$32.34, and this together with a balance of \$13.84 from last year, makes a total of \$46.18 handled by

me during the year. This money has been expended by me in the following manner as per vouchers herewith attached.

Dues returned to R. C. Bach.....	\$	25
Official Journal for September, 1899.....	1.48	
Official Journal for October, 1899.....	2.06	
Official Journal for November, 1899.....	2.20	
Official Journal for December, 1899.....	2.24	
Official Journal for January, 1900.....	2.21	
Official Journal for February, 1900.....	2.32	
Official Journal for March, 1900.....	2.32	
Official Journal for April, 1900.....	2.36	
Official Journal for May, 1900.....	2.37	
Official Journal for June, 1900.....	2.40	
Official Journal for July, 1900.....	1.45	
Official Journal for August, 1900.....	1.52	

	\$25.26	\$25.26
To Virginia Phil. printing Constitutions.....	2.50	
To Thompson & Campbell, for 200 post cards and printing on same.....	3.00	
To Secretary's postage from Oct. 15, 1899, to June 2nd, 1900.....	6.27	
To Thompson & Campbell for printing 3000 application blanks.....	5.00	

Total expenditures.....\$42.38

**RECAPITULATION.**

Receipts.....	\$46.18
Expenditures.....	42.38

Balance in hand of Sec'y-Treas.....\$ 3.80

All the above bills have been paid and I herewith append the vouchers in order as received.

There still remains to be paid two bills—one for \$3.38 for Secretary's postage from June 2nd 1900 to date, and one for \$1.50 from the *Evening Mirror* for printing ballots, powers of attorney convention calls and addressed envelopes.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. LOWRY

**Annual Report, Sales Superintendent.**

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 25, 1900.

In circulation Sept. 14, 1899, 61 books.....	\$1125.00
Received since.....	3063.11

	203	\$4189.17
Retired.....	172	3411.17

From which have been sold \$905.15 = 295.

Now in circulation, 31 Books, value \$775.03.

Insurance Fund September 14, 1899 = \$17.76.

1% on \$3114 = 31.14

\$81.90

Less for stamps not paid for:	
By Thiele.....	\$21.27
By Myers.....	3.06
By Bunce.....	.58

\$21.91

\$24.91

Balance.....\$56.99

Mr. Thiele's account will, I expect, be collected by the Trustees. I am daily expecting over 600 books now in hands of members to be filled up. One book was "gobbled"—original cover and all—by the first member on that circuit. From another book, value \$28.50, sold \$22.23 on 78 good members dropped off circuit during the summer. I expect most of these will return to the fold. Regret that I cannot spare time to meet you all at New Braunfels, but hope you will have a good time and stir up more interest in Lone Star Philos.

Yours truly,

CHAS. WARING

**Report of Board of Trustees S. P. A.**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A. IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:  
GENTLEMEN:—

We herewith present to you our annual report for your consideration. During the year just passed, we have examined all bills that have been sent us and found them correct and approved them. A full report of receipts and expenses will be submitted by our worthy Secretary. Our officers we are pleased to say, have done their duty and we have no complaint to make against any of them. However, we regret to report, that our efficient Sales Superintendent reported two members Rev. R. R. Thiele of Manchester, Wis., and Wm. Myers of Toronto, Can., for taking stamps from circuits and not paying for them. Rev. R. R. Thiele took stamps to the amount of \$21.27 from circuit No. 84 on or about October 25, 1900. Although we, as well as Mr. Waring have written this party time and again, he has not yet settled, and lately he does not take any notice of the letters we write him demanding settlement. Wm. Myers took stamps to the amount of \$3.06 from a circuit and he does not pay any attention to the letters we write him. It is our opinion that both of these parties do not want to settle and we herewith turn the matter over to the convention and ask you to investigate and take action in this matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,  
EMIL GERLICH,  
ROBERT KESSLER,  
Board of Trustees S. P. A.

All of the reports were referred to the various committees, and the convention adjourned until afternoon in order to give the committees time to formulate their reports.

The second session was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. The report of the Credential Committee was then read and the report of the election was as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT:

Oscar Jannasch.....	20
Roy B. Bradley.....	4
H. Fenton.....	11
D. E. Hazen.....	13

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

W. C. Lowry.....	1
Oscar Jannasch.....	13
H. Schott.....	22
R. L. Dentrick.....	20

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER:

August Diez.....	53
R. S. Nelson.....	4

FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY:

R. S. Nelson.....	28
H. Fenton.....	11
Robert L. DuBose.....	16

FOR SALES SUPERINTENDENT:

Charles Waring.....	55
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FOR LIBRARIAN:

Charles P. Davis, (of Virginia).....	28
Henry Schott.....	27

FOR COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR:

F. Noyes.....	53
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FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler.....	50
R. S. Nelson and Robert Kessler.....	1

FOR 1901 CONVENTION SEAT:

Birmingham, Ala.....	25
Knoxville, Tenn.....	21
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1
Richmond, Va.....	1
Whole number of ballots cast.....	50
Not signed.....	1
Thrown out.....	1

Upon motion of Mr. Heilig the report was adopted.

The Committee on Sales Department accepted the report of the Sales Superintendent, and in the cases of the three members who owe the Department, the committee recommended they be given until December 1st to make settlement, and in case they fail to do so, they are to be expelled by the Board of Trustees. The recommendations together with the report was adopted by an unanimous vote.

The report of the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees was then adopted.

As each convention selects the location for the next annual convention, and Birmingham, Ala., having more recommendations than any other city, it was selected for the 1901 meeting.

The next report was the Committee on Official Journal, who recommended the continuance of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST at same rates, which was unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws was next heard, wherein they recommended the adoption of the following addition to Article 3, Section 1, regarding lapsed membership:

"Any member who is dropped for the non-payment of dues, and desires re-instatement, must pay all back dues due the Association before his name will be considered eligible for membership."

Upon motion of Mr. Kessler the report was adopted.

After some informal discussion regarding the welfare of the Association, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

The remaining time was spent in showing the visitors the attractions of the beautiful little city of New Braunfels. All in attendance say the event was one to be always remembered as one of the most pleasant episodes of a lifetime.

### New Issues And Discoveries.

BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

**BAVARIA.**—The issue for 1900, inscription and stamp printed in the same color is now complete, the 5 and 10pf double cards having come to hand. There is also a 5 pfennig provisional card, created by pasting a 2pf adhesive on the now obsolete 3pf Card, and by blotting out with a blue crayon, very crudely, the instructions limiting the circulation of the 3pf card.

I have also received a Field Post Card, similar to the German Card chronicled last month, except that the head line is "Königreich Bayern," the card board is of a darker buff.

P. C. 5+5pf green on buff, "o o." T3.  
 10+10pf carmine " " "o o." T3.  
 3 2pf brown, gray, and black on buff  
 Prov  
 No value, black on buff, no water-mark

**BELGIUM.**—The 10c Letter Card is now printed in carmine, to correspond with the adhesive. The Postal Cards single and double will soon follow, I am informed.

L. C. 10c carmine on pale blue, 80x115, perf. III

**GERMANY.**—The 10pf Letter Sheet with Germania Stamp has come to hand.

L. S. 10pf carmine on white, inside plain gray.

**FRANCE.**—I have received the new 15+15c Letter Card, the reply card being smaller and folded inside, with "Republique Francaise" and printed on a dark orange buff heavy card board instead of gray as heretofore.

L. C. 15+15c blue on dark orange buff, perf. III

**FRENCH OFFICES IN MOROCCO.**—The current French Card has been surcharged "5 centimos" in two lines in red over the Stamp for local use.

P. C. 5centimos red on 10c black on greenish.

**COREA**—This Asiatic Empire has at last fallen in line by issuing its first Postal Card. It is of Japanese manufacture and has the upright shape with stamp in the upper left corner, a neat frame with

native inscription in the upper and an imprint of the Japanese Government Printing Office in the lower frame, as well as two lines of native characters in the lower left corner.

The Stamp is of a circular shape with "Imperial Korean Post" below, the figure "1" on the left and "C<sup>n</sup>" (cheun) on the right of this English inscription.

P. C. 1 cheun, blue on white, 88x134.

**JAPAN.**—I have just received (Oct. 25) a consignment of this Empire's first Letter Card issued on Oct. 1. It is of the folding pattern with envelope flap, similar to the U. S. Letter Sheets, but folded twice only. The sides are perforated and gummed.

When folded it has the upright shape like all Japanese Inland Cards, a 3 sen stamp impressed in the upper left corner and under it an inscription in four Japanese characters. The paper is of a brownish buff tint.

L. C. 3 Sen, brown violet on brownish buff, size folded 91x141.

**URUGUAY.**—Mr. W. Hoffman of Buenos Ayres has kindly sent me a few sets of Jubilee Cards issued by this Republic on Aug. 25th, 1900, to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the declaration of independence. There are two varieties, one of which I illustrate below. The other is similar, differing only in the view at the left which represents "La piedra alta," and in the Stamp which shows the head without the "liberty cap" and which has the word "oriental" in the inscription represented by "O" only.



P. C. 2 centimos, black on white, 2 varieties, 92x142.

**John T. Anderson, Jr.***(Continued from page 23.)*

young lady of this city, an artist of no mean qualities and the leading soprano of one of Richmond's best church choirs. There's a little three year old Jack in their happy home but his name is Edward.

The closest ties of friendship—dating uninterruptedly back to early boyhood days—enable me to present this brief sketch, which I may fittingly close with part of a stanza from Robert Burns:

"Now we maun totter down, John,  
But hand in hand we'll go;  
And sleep thegither at the foot,  
John Anderson, my jo."

—DIETZ.

**Notice.**

Any one having been crookedly dealt with by Wm. V. Hetchie, Freedom, Pa., will please communicate with me.

R. L. DETTRICK,  
Lorraine, Va.

**A Treat to Richmond Collectors.**

RICHMOND collectors were afforded a rare treat by Mr. B. L. Drew the well-known stamp auctioneer of Boston, who exhibited the magnificent collections, constituting his 57th and 58th Sales.

Mr. Drew was at Murphy's Hotel, Wednesday November 13th, and the exhibit of his U. S. and Foreign began at 8:30 p. m.

MAJOR Chapman has secured the services of the well-known writer, J. F. Dodge, for his neat publication, *The Adhesize*. "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together."

A WELL-KNOWN Richmond collector recently found three covers bearing 5 cent Confederates surcharged "10." The stamps were postmarked at a country postoffice in Virginia.

**Uniformity of Inscriptions.**

EVERY PAGET.

**M**UCH has been said as regards uniformity of inscriptions on postage stamps.

Some are working and striving for the adoption of an international stamp. This, they claim, would do away with the various inscriptions. It, however, has about as much chance of success, as has the move towards the uniformity of languages, which is likely never to be—at least not in this age.

Should an international stamp be adopted by the Postal Congress, what would be the design? What language would be used in the inscription? It would be almost, if not quite impossible to have all the languages thereon. There would be a scramble amongst the governments as to what language they would use. English would have the preference, but if the English language was adopted, all kinds of objections would be raised to it by the defeated nations. They might claim it would be of no earthly good to their peasants, and they would perhaps sulk, and withdraw from the agreement. If the English speaking people did not get their language adopted, they would withdraw from the agreement perhaps. Again there is such a lack of uniformity of monetary units that to put the different values in different currency would cover half a dozen ordinary sized stamps. This seems to be an almost unsurmountable drawback. It hardly appears possible we will have an international stamp.

And if we did, would we have one—the half-ounce rate of postage on the Ocean, or would we have all our different denomination stamps on this plan? If the latter, it would be very unsatisfactory to these United States as well as to other countries. We all want our separate designs. We want to honor our dead

statesmen by giving them a place on our stamps. We want our own designs.

Another method proposed is to let each government have its own designs, but provides for a uniformity of language used in the inscription. This would not exactly be an international stamp, but it would be very similar to it. While it would not rob us of our own designs, it would rob us of our language, which we would very much regret and resent.

Stamp catalogues simplify matters for philatelists by giving a list of words used on stamps, giving their meaning in English, French, German, Spanish and in fact practically all the other inscriptions are fully explained. Thus the collector can now easily tell the value, denomination, nationality, etc., if he does not know it already and this too, without looking at the illustrations in the catalog.

The government's employees must be conversant with all these inscriptions and know them at sight, especially must those who handle foreign mail.

It is, and should be, the government's place where the letter originates to see that the postage is sufficient and properly applied. Either this post office, or the receiving post office should translate the address into the language of the receiving country, and forward it to its destination. This of course is being and must be done now. The translating requires quite a little time even amongst experts, but it is the only sure method now in vogue.

Publishers sending periodicals abroad should be compelled to have two address labels on each package. One for the country from which it originates (in this case the United States) and another in the language of the country to which it goes (let us take Germany for an example). This would save the post office department considerable time and facilitate the handling of our own mails. The government handles second class

matter at a loss, and they should make the publisher do a fair share of the work.

There may some day be a such a thing as an universal language—the same language would, of course, be spoken everywhere. If such was the case it would greatly facilitate the transmission of mail. Just the same as it is much easier and quicker to send mail to countries speaking the same language, than it is to send it to countries, speaking an entirely different language. The delay of translation is thus done away with in the former case—where the languages are the same.

In the meantime I am of the opinion we will be compelled to go on with the same old method. Each country will adopt and stand by its own inscriptions; change its designs as often as it may please so to do, and issue whatever denominations it may elect. The day has hardly dawned for any uniformity of inscriptions. It may be coming. It may not. Before it does come the masses should become more educated and our prejudices will have to subside.

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### Puerto Rican Revenues.

*The Metropolitan Philatelist* is our authority that the new revenues of Puerto Rico are out. They are all imperforate, size 9½x15mm., with varying designs.

The values are as follows :

- 1-10c black, for matches.
- ½c green, for liquors, etc.
- 3c blue, for liquors.
- 10c violet, for liquors.

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### Erratum.

WE call attention of our readers to an error in adv. of Clark W. Brown on third page of cover. The heading in center of ad "unused" should read "used."



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Respectfully submitted,

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**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.**

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 8th, 1900.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE I. P. A.—

It gives me great pleasure to be able to address you again through an official organ and I hope the selection of the Board of Officers will meet with your approval. While we all regret that circumstances prevent the publication of our official matter in a journal emanating from the Pacific Northwest, we feel that, if we must go East, we can secure no more capable representative than THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, a magazine which holds a very high place among the exponents of Philately.

Our Secretary, Mr. L. A. McArthur, will act as Official Editor for the Balance of the year. All officers' reports and other matter for publication should be sent to him so as to reach him not later than the fifth of each month.

The Fourth Annual Convention will be held in the beginning of January. Exact date will be announced next month. Members are requested to send nominations for officers for 1901 to the Secretary.

Some of the members have not yet paid their dues for the current year. With the most, I think this is merely a matter of neglect and would ask that they favor the Secretary with a remittance of 25cts. at once to balance their accounts.

In order to stimulate interest in the Society and increase the membership, I hereby offer to present a year's subscription to the *New York Philatelist* to any collector joining the Association before January 1st and remitting 38cts., entrance fee and dues to 1902, to the Secretary with application. Yours for progress,

H. MOELLER, Pres.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 9th, 1900.

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 L. A. McARTHUR  
 Sec'y-Treas.

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## BEULAH KERR ANTHONY.

In Philatelia's diadem  
Of priceless gems so rare,  
Resplendent o'er all others glows  
The center star—a woman fair.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for this month presents to its many readers the excellent portrait of one of philatelia's most devout worshippers—Miss Beulah Kerr Anthony, of Richmond, Virginia.

During the three years in which this journal has been published it is the first time we have had the pleasure to publish a biographical sketch of one of its fair friends in the philatelic world, hence this issue works an important epoch in its history.

Miss Anthony was born in the historic capital of the Old Dominion in the earlier seventies. She was educated in private schools and the Central School of Richmond, then at college in New York for some years, until failing health made it impossible for her to continue her studies. Then she returned to her home in Richmond.

Upon recovering from an invalidism of ten years (which incapacitated her for any duties) she returned to New York and commenced teaching the guitar, mandolin, banjo and zither for two years when her health again gave way and she

returned to Richmond, where she now resides.

Miss Anthony has been interested in coins and curios of all kinds since childhood, but her collection of stamps and postal cards was begun during the time she was an invalid. Her collection is a general one, and, as might be expected, is a model of cleanliness and neatness. A few countries are her favorites, and United States revenues come in for their

share of attention. While these favorites naturally take preference, it must not be inferred that others are neglected. Miss Anthony is a collector for pleasure only, and is never more happy than when exhibiting her treasures.

Of an unassuming manner, her bright comments, sparkling wit, accomplished powers of conversation and great enthusiasm for philately, make it a pleasure and a treat to be in her company,

and her long invalidism has failed to leave its mark upon her countenance, or stolen from her heart the geniality which characterizes her association with her many friends.

Of course Miss Anthony is a member of the leading societies and both the Southern Philatelic Association and the Virginia Philatelic Associations are proud to claim her on their rolls.

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**Compliments of the Season.**

TO THE many friends of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST in every clime, we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and, as our January issue appears after New Year's day we add: A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

WE wonder how many copies of the Baden Powell Mafekings, Bach will bring over?

**The New Century and Philately.**

In a few short days the Nineteenth Century will be a matter of history, and with the dawn of the Twentieth, it is fitting that we philatelists pause and inquire "where are we at?"

Scarce fifty odd years have passed since the birth of philately—yet to-day we have thousands and thousands of postage stamps that we may collect, excluding fiscals and their kindred. To acquire a complete collection is an impossibility, even though the collector be as rich as Cæsus.

What are we to do with the situation that confronts us? For some years back thinking philatelists have viewed with dismay the increasing number of varieties, many of which were issued for the sole purpose of sale to collectors. What are we to do. The Universal Postal Stamp is a Utopian dream. Where will it end, and what will be the effect on our hobby?

The editor of this journal advocates the collection only of those stamps issued prior to and including 1900 for those desiring a general collection, and for those who desire to collect a certain country, continent or otherwise to secure a blank album with interchangeable leaves. Above all things, collect by countries. Complete one before commencing on another. The value of this advice can easily be proved by consulting any dealer in stamps. Collections with complete countries can always find a ready sale, while scattering collections are a drug on the market.

Communications *re.* the above views are solicited for publication.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR—

It is currently reported in Washington that we are to have a surcharge series for the island of Tutuila, the island in the Samoan group belonging to the United States.

### The Anglo-Boer War.

ONE year ago, at the beginning of the struggle in South Africa, we took occasion to review the history of the two Boer republics, in connection with their postal emissions, and to express our sympathy for and our faith in the ultimate success of the Boer cause.

Let us again review the situation after the lapse of a twelvemonth, on the anniversary of that Christmas edition of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

In the unequal contest mighty Britain has repeatedly been defeated, her proud flag humbled in the dust of the veldt, and the incompetency of her deified commanders made the contempt and the laughing-stock of the world; while the small Spartan band that could stem the tide of invasion has challenged the admiration of a world, and made itself immortal!

But dark days came for the Boers: their magnificent leaders "passed over the river on the long trek," their capitals were occupied, their armies defeated and scattered by overwhelming odds, their plea to the nations of Europe and their mighty sister republics in America for intervention was unavailing—and so the star of the Boer republics seemed, for a time, destined to pass forever from the firmament.

England proclaimed to the world the end of the South-African campaign, and Kitchener, the Sirdar, despised by his own troops for his brutality, was left to "pacify" the "annexed" territories. Kitchener resorted to measures more heinous than were ever adopted by Attila, and more barbarous than practiced by a Commanche Indian, and in his impotent rage invaded and despoiled the Boer home! It is the old story of British atrocities during our own War of Independence told over again. The Boer has been touched to the quick, and

on the anniversary of their victory at Colenso, the resurrected Boer armies have dealt England two staggering blows—to be followed—God grant it!—by more. Then, as last Christmas, may we hope now, at the dawn of the new century, to welcome the victorious flag of a sovereign people—the proud battle-born colors of the United States of South Africa. God grant it.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

### An Ideal Number.

THE issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* for November 22nd is a handsomely printed magazine of thirty-two pages and cover, designated as "The Chinese Special." As would indicate, the number is devoted to information and articles on the stamps of the Chinese Empire, and kindred countries; the array of instructive articles being well worth the price of a year's subscription.

The cover is also worthy of note. It is designed especially for this issue, after original ideas as outlined by the publisher, Mr. I. A. Mekeel. The design is an elaborate one, and presents a pleasing appearance in the three harmonious colors in which it is printed.

The editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has been actively connected with philately for ten years, during six of which he has been publishing or connected with stamp publications, receiving all American and European magazines, and he feels no hesitancy in saying that the number in question, is the finest number, in all respects, he has ever had the pleasure of reviewing.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR—

### New Issue for Cayman Islands.

Messrs. Bright & Son, of England, mention an issue for these islands, the design being the well-known De La Rue type.

### More Anent That Mafeking Faking.

"IT IS an ill wind that blows nobody good," says the proverb.

While some months ago the world with bated breath was awaiting the result of the Mafeking Siege, and pouring out to the heroic (?) garrison its fulness of sympathy and admiration—the "heroes" in Mafeking were lustily faking away feathering their nest for the future—the gullible collector—especially the British patriot—furnishing the feathers.

Now that the philatelic Johnnies have had their fill of Mafeking ale—the *Katzenjammer* has set in, and they ail and wail, and hail baleful maledictions on the whole Mafeking shootin'-match. The latest "disclosures" appear in the *Fortnightly*—to wit:

#### SIXTY THOUSAND MAFEKINGS.

#### OFFICIAL STATISTICS AS TO NUMBERS ISSUED.

Mr. A. H. Stamford, well known as a member of the Philatelic Society, London, and also as president of the Bradford Philatelic Society, has sent the *London Philatelist* the following "numbers of each denomination of stamps issued during the siege of Mafeking, March 23rd to May 17th, 1900"

No.	Description	Surcharged
7,680	½d green, Cape, square	1d
5,280	½d green, Cape, figure of "Hope"	1d
6,000	½d red, English overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate"	1d
6,000	1d red, Cape	3d
1,800	1d lilac, English, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" (Small Type)	3d
1,800	1d lilac, ditto (Large Type)	3d
810	3d Cape	6d
1,440	3d yellow, English, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate"	6d
3,600	3d lilac, British Bechuanaland	6d
1,200	2d green and red, English, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" (with "6d" printed above)	6d
1,200	2d green and red, English, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" (with "6d" printed below)	6d
1,440	4d Cape	1s
2,320	4d brown and green, "British Bechuanaland"	1s
240	6d red, "British Bechuanaland"	1s
1,410	6d red, "Bechuanaland Protectorate"	1s
570	1s green, "British Bechuanaland"	2s
6,072	3d Local, small size, with Baden-Powell's bust	
3,036	3d Local, large size, with Baden-Powell's bust	
9,476	1d Local, Bicycle stamp	
61,434	Total	

The information is official. Mr. Stamford receiving the figures direct from the Postmaster of Mafeking. It will be seen that the "market" appreciation of the relative scarcity of these stamps has been marvellously accurate.

### Dame Rumor Hath It—

THAT the election decided that the postal emissions of Aguinaldo's Republic will continue to be regarded as fraudulent issues.

That Greece has entered the surcharging field.

That Editor Herbst has become an annexationist.

That the next German Colonials will emanate from Uroan.

That J. M. Bartels has returned to *Mekeel's Weekly*, and that the *Weekly* is a very material gainer thereby.

That Fijis will go up as a result of the federation mania down that way.

That Dodge's "Office Cat" has moved to New York.

That Spain still continues to turn out yearly issues for Fernando Po.

That Pennsylvania has a weekly now.

That Japan is surcharging her issues for Formosan use.

That the advance prices will not encourage the bulls.

That the bears won't get very much comfort either.

That the Cayman Islands are the latest victims of the British Colonial type.

That the counterfeit is quite an important personage nowadays.

That Victoria has established a cancelled-to-order counter.

That the *American Philatelic Magazine* is to be resumed.

That in a philatelic way the Boers are responsible for a prodigious quantity of surcharged varieties, if for nothing else.

That American philatelists did their country honor at the Paris Philatelic Exhibition.

That the Post Office Department of Chile has become partially unfaithful to Columbus.

That the philatelic imperialists are now telling us what a fine thing the Pan-American issue will be in the way of stimulating interest in Philately.

H. M.

## A Supplementary Chapter on German Colonials.

BY AUG. DIETS.

SINCE the appearance of my article on German Colonials in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, under the title of "A Formidable Rival," I have received many communications from collectors interested in this specialty. Quite a controversy has arisen over the authenticity of the 25 and 50pf values of German Southwest-Africa, and I am glad at this time to be able to lay before the readers of THE VIRGINIA a few facts in the case, as well as add a supplementary chapter of general information on the subject of German Colonials.

Anent the 25 and 50pfg of German Southwest Africa, I take the liberty of presenting a free translation of an article in *Senf's Ill. Briefmarken Journal* of November 17th. The editor reproduces the following communication received, and, in replying, prints a letter from the postal official at Windhoek, German Southwest-Africa, which will, I believe, interest all collectors who possess genuine (?) specimens of the stamps referred to. The article reads as follows :

"SENF BROS., Leipzig :

" \* \* \* And now I should like to ask some information : I find in advertisements and price-lists that the 25pfg stamp of German Southwest Africa is rarely, if ever, priced; in most instances this value is omitted from the set. Even in your Catalogue this value is priced with the well-known ——. Now, was this value ever issued, or is it but an essay, as frequently claimed ?"

Several weeks ago, when this letter was turned over to the editor of the *Ill. Briefmarken Journal* for consideration there were quite a number of private—but no official—communications on the subject at our command. Happily, to-day we are better enabled to reply, for we find in the October issue of the *Philatelist*, page 321, the following :—

" Dr. Luebbert (Member No. 1732) sends us as he finds that price lists and catalogues continue to diffuse erroneous statements regarding the postal issues for the German-Southwest-African Protectorate) an official statement from the postal authorities at Windhoek, which reads as follows :

IMPERIAL POSTOFFICE,  
No. 1420.

WINDHOEK, 24 July, 1900.

The Imperial Postoffice has the honor of replying to your query of the 11. June, in regard to the issue of postage stamps with surcharge of the German-Southwest-African Protectorate, as follows :

That the surcharge

"Deutsch-Sudwest-Afrika"

appeared on the entire series of German stamps with the exception of the 25 and 50 pfg. and 2 mark values, and on all postal cards. The surcharge

"Deutsch-Sudwestafrika"

on all postage stamps, excepting the 2 mark value, as well as on all postal cards, and were thus put in circulation.

I. V. DERS.

To  
The Imperial General  
Staff Surgeon,  
DR. LUEBBERT.

Official Business.

As will be seen from this communication from The Imperial Postoffice at Windhoek, the *Senf* Catalogue of 1900 is correct; and the so-called essay of the 25pfg., II. issue has really been in circulation. The 25 and 50pfg of the I. issue, however, were *never issued*. We have just been informed that only 1000 of the 25pfg. value of the II. issue were sent to the postoffice or Windhoek. This value, therefore, bids fair to become quite rare. THE EDITOR, (of *Senf's Ill. B. J.*)

This fact, it would seem, will finally settle the controversy anent the status of the 25 and 50pfg. values of the first issue and the 25pfg. of the second issue, and it bears out the statement made in the chapter on German-Southwest-Africa in my former article in THE VIRGINIA.

### COLONIAL CANCELATIONS.

Quite an interesting compilation of German Colonial cancellations appears in Kosack's Price List referred to in last month's issue of THE VIRGINIA. I have taken the liberty of rearranging this list of post offices for my readers, adding thereto several new offices recently established—thus bringing the directory up to date.

### A Table of German Postal Stations, Whose Cancellations May be Found on German Stamps Used Prior to the Overprinted Series.

#### I. German East Africa.

*Zanzibar.	Bagamoyo.	Kilwa.
*Tamu.	Tanga.	Suadani.
Daressalaam.	Lindi.	Pangani.

**II. Togo.**

Lome. Klein Popo.

**III. Samoa.**

Apia.

**IV. German Southwest Africa.**

*Otyjimbingue.	Omaruru.	Luderitzbucht.
Windhoek.	Okahandja.	Warmbad.
Swakopmund.	Gibeon.	*Uhabis.
Otjimbingue.	Cap Cross.	Rehoboth.
	Keetmanshoop.	

**V. Marshall Islands.**

Jaluit.

**VI. German New Guinea.**

*Finschhafen.	Stephansort.
*Hatzfeldhafen.	Herbertshohe.
*Konstantinhafen.	Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen
*Kerawara.	Matupi.

**VII. Cameroons.**

Kamerun.	*Bibundi.	Kribi.
Viktoria.	*Gross-Batanga.	Rio Del Rey.

**VIII. Foreign Offices.**

Constantinople.	Shanghai.	*Tongatabu.
	Tientsin.	

[\*Offices Discontinued].

**A Table of German Postal Stations in the Protectorates and in Foreign Countries Whose Cancellations May be Found on the Overprinted Series.**

**I. German Southwest Africa.**

Windhoek.	Gross Barmen.	Waterberg.
Swakopmund.	Seeis.	Okombahe.
Otjimbingue.	Hohewarte.	Maltahohe.
Omaruru.	Gobabis.	Marienthal.
Okahandja.	*Rossing.	Kubub.
Gibeon.	*K'aurivier.	Haris.
Cap Cross.	Jakalsvater.	Kuis.
Keetmanshoop.	Ukamas.	Hasis.
Luderitzbucht.	Ramansdrift.	Hatzamas.
Warmbad.	Bethanien.	Karibib.
Rehoboth.	Grootfontein.	
Outjo.	Otavi.	

**II. German East Africa.**

Daressalaam.	Kilossa.	Muanza.
Bagamoyo.	*Masiude.	Kilimatinde.
Tanga.	Moschi.	Iringa.
Lindi.	Mpapa.	Ujiji.
Kilwa.	*Kisaki.	Wilhelmthal.
Saadani.	Langenburg.	Songea.
Paugani.	Marangu.	Wiedhafen.
Mohorro.	Tabora.	Muhesa.
Mikindani.	Bukoba.	

**III. Cameroons.**

Kamerun.	Kribi.	Rio del Rey.
Viktoria.		Buea.

**IV. Togo.**

Lome. Klein Popo

**V. German New Guinea**

Stephansort.	Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen	Matupi.
Herbertshohe.	Berlinhafen.	

**VI. Caroline Islands.**

Pouape. Yap.

**VII. Marianne Islands.**

Saipan.

**VIII. Marshall Islands.**

Jaluit.

**IX. Samoa.**

Apia.

**X. Kiantschou.**

The cancellation was first  
TSINTANFORT;  
then  
TSINTAU;  
and at present it is  
TSINGTAU.

**German Postal Agencies in Foreign Countries.****I. In Turkey and Syria.**

Constantinopol.	Jerusalem.	Beirut.
Jaffa.		Smyrna.

**II. Morocco.**

Tanger.	Mogador.	Larache.
Saffi.	Mazagau.	Casablanca.
Rabat.		Marrakesch.

**III. China.**

Shanghai.	Haukau.	Tapatur.
Tientsin.	Futschau.	Tongku.
Tschifu.		Peking.

**Stanley Gibbons and Entires.**

This firm has decided to exclude all entires and locals from their catalogue and also from the *Monthly Journal*. In future they will import nothing fresh in this class of philately and will make their specialty the retail stamp trade and the publication of philatelic works. It is very probable that this decision will prove a severe blow to the collectors of postal stationery. The largest firm in England coming to a conclusion like this is sure to make some of the smaller dealers follow their example. Meanwhile Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Limited, have a little lot of nearly a million "entires" going cheap. This is indeed the "Entire" collector's opportunity.


**Removal Notice.**

OUR genial friend, formerly editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, Mr. August Dietz, is now connected as manager with The Frank Baptist Printing Company, of this city. They make a specialty of art printing, and any one desiring any work in that line are assured of courteous treatment.



**A Trio of Rarities.**

BY AUG. DIETZ.

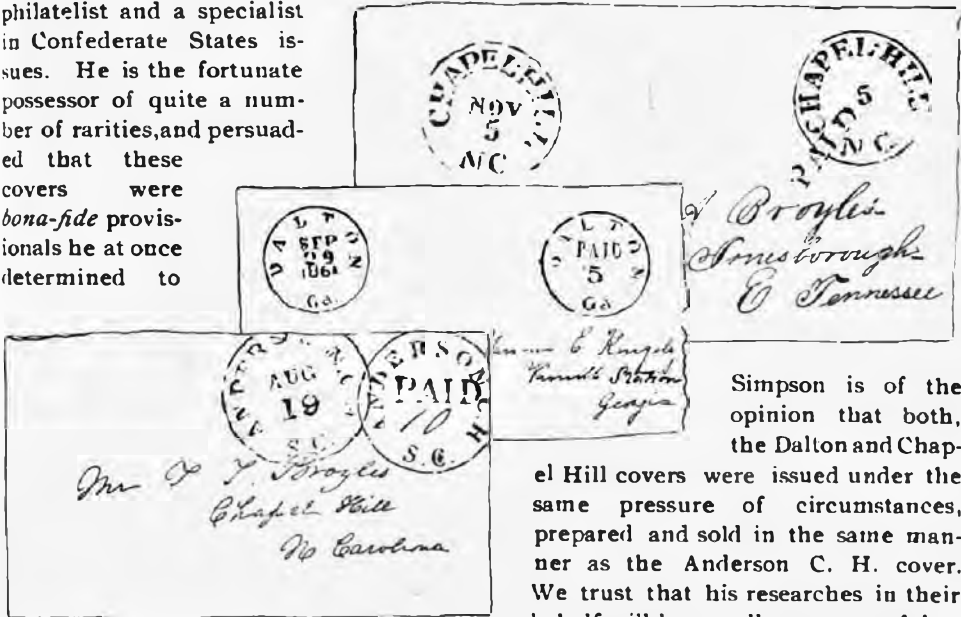
 R. W. D. SIMPSON, of Anderson, S. C., sends for examination, with permission to illustrate in THE VIRGINIA, the three interesting Confederate postmaster's provisionals here shown.

Mr. Simpson is an ardent philatelist and a specialist in Confederate States issues. He is the fortunate possessor of quite a number of rarities, and persuaded that these covers were bona-fide provisionals he at once determined to

affidavits from parties who bought these envelopes from the postmaster of Anderson C. H., in packages as needed.

Our reduced illustrations will convey a better idea of the appearance of the cover than a detailed description.

With the Anderson C. H. cover are also shown the Dalton, Ga., and Chapel Hill, N. C., covers. The Dalton, Ga., existing both in 5 and 10c values. Mr.



Simpson is of the opinion that both, the Dalton and Chapel Hill covers were issued under the same pressure of circumstances, prepared and sold in the same manner as the Anderson C. H. cover. We trust that his researches in their behalf will be equally as successful.

secure facts in the case.

His tireless research has, thus far, been rewarded with success in one case: He has been able to establish the claims of the Anderson C. H., S. C. cover to be classed among Confederate Postmaster's Provisional envelopes.

In his letter accompanying these covers he states that the aged postmaster of Anderson C. H. is still living and that he has his affidavit to the effect that he (the postmaster) prepared this stamp and printed the envelopes—omitting the value, which was supplied with pen—and that he kept them thus prepared in stock for sale. Mr. Simpson also has

**A Neat Price List.**

We have received the new forty-four page price list of one of our leading advertisers, the J. T. Starr Stamp Co., of Coldwater, Michigan. The price list contains a large list of many desirable stamps, which are offered at prevailing prices. It is sent free to any collector on request.

W. C. PROUDFOOT of St. Vincent has contracted for space and is offering choice unused British West Indies.

## New Issues and Discoveries.

BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

AUSTRIA.—I have received the 6 heller Letter Card printed on yellow, which supercedes the first issue of the new type on greenish.

L. C. 6 heller, orange on yellow, perf. 1.

BRAZIL.—Among a lot of Brazilian cards received recently I find some 100 reis single cards of the current issue which have undergone a slight change. While the type remains unchanged, except that the stamp is of a brighter carmine, the card board is now pure white, and the size is reduced.

P. C. 100 reis, carmine, black, green on white, 90x140.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The permanent 2 cent card, superceding the recent Provisionals, were issued on November 1. They are of the same type as the now obsolete 3 cent cards, except that the words "Carte Postale" have been added to the second line of inscription which now reads "Post Card—Carte Postale."

P. C. 2c carmine on buff.  
2+2c carmine on buff, T. 3.

CHINA.—A new single and corresponding reply card was issued a few months ago, differing slightly from the 1897 issue. While the latter is a Japanese production the new cards are printed by Waterloo & Sons, London. The inscription in the stamp has been changed to "Chinese Imperial Post."

The corner ornaments remain unchanged, but the Greek pattern in the frame runs the entire length on three sides while the bottom frame contains a Chinese inscription only.

P. C. 1c carmine on yellowish, 95x140.  
1+1c carmine on yellowish, T. 3, 95x140.

CHILE.—European contemporaries mention the issue of a new 2c card and a 5c letter sheet inscribed "Memorandum Postal." As I have not yet received

either I take the illustration of the postal card from *Der Philatelist*.



P. C. 2c carmine on blue green, 90x137.  
L. S. 5c dark blue on white, 240x260.  
folding lines red.

GERMANY.—The "Germania" type issue is now complete, the 5pf reply cards and the 25pf pneumatic reply cards having been issued and received.

P. C. 5+5pf., green on cream, T. 3.  
25-25pf., yellow brown on rose, T. 3.

GERMANY.—*Levant*. The Postal Union Cards of the "Germania" type have been surcharged "20 para 20" and placed on sale in Constantinople, on October 27. While on the former issue the surcharge is in a straight line the figures 20 and 20 now cover the first and last letters of "Reichspost" and the word "Para" is placed 2mm higher so as not to obliterate that inscription.

P. C. 20 para on 10 pf. carmine and black on cream.  
20+20 para on 10+10 pf. carmine and black on cream, T. 5.

GERMANY.—*Offices in Morocco*. The new cards have been surcharged in black in two horizontal lines over the lower part of the stamp "Marocco-5 Centimos" resp. "10 Centimos" and placed on sale on October 27.

P. C. 5 centimos on 5pf. green and black on cream.  
5+5 centimos on 5+5pf. green and black on cream, T. 3.  
10 centimos on 10 pf. carmine and black on cream.  
10+10 centimos on 10+10 pf. carmine and black on cream, T. 3.

MAURITIUS.—Owing to absence of my correspondent I did not receive the

latest provisional card, 2 cents on 8 cents until now, although it was issued several months ago. The 8c card of 1897 has been selected to supply the "long felt want." It has been cut down to 74x140mm, the inscription "Union postale universelle" has been obliterated by a black bar, as well as the former value "8 cents" and the stamp surcharged "2 cents" in 2 lines.

P. C. 2c on 8c carmine and black on buff, 74x140.

**NICARAGUA.**—In the May number, page 166, I described the 2 centavos card of the 1900 "Asenjo" issue. I have now received, six months after sending my order, the complete sets. The 6 centavos cards are of the same type as the two centavos, except that the word "exterior" is substituted for "interior." The double cards are printed on the first and fourth pages and are folded at top, "Con Respuesta Pagada" on first, and "Respuesta" on reply half being added under "Tarjeta Postal." They are of the regulation Postal Union size, 90x140mm. I therefore add to my previous chronicle:

P. C. 2+2c vermilion on white, T. 4.  
6c ultramarine on buff.  
6+6c ultramarine on buff, T. 4.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY.**—As my remittance to Bloemfontein for "V. R. I." cards was returned to me by the British P. O. authorities a few weeks ago, and I have therefore not seen the surcharged cards, I clip the following tabulation from *Stanley Gibbons Monthly*:

I. Surcharged like the adhesives, with large stops on the same line as the letters

½d on ½d, rose.  
1d on 1d, orange.

II. Similar type, but stops above the line.

1½d in black, on 2d mauve, (adhesive stamp, etc.)

III. Sans-serif capitals and stops after all the letters.

½d on ½d rose.  
1d on 1d, orange.  
½ + ½d on ½ + ½d, green on buff.  
1 + 1d on 1 + 1d, brown on buff.

**TRANSVAAL.**—According to *J. B. J.*, 5000 postal cards of the type below, which cut I take from *Der Philatelist* were printed in Machododorp on August 7, 1900.



P. C. 1d flesh-red on white, 90x120.

**TRAVANCORE.**—I clip the following from *S. G. Monthly*:—A correspondent tells us that, when the post card rate was reduced to 5 cash, the remainders of the 8 cash cards were surcharged "five cash," in violet, for the purpose of using them up.

P. C. 5c on 8c, orange.

**SWEDEN.**—The letter cards were issued last month perforated IV., i. e., the perforation line is rounded at the corners.

L. C. 5 ore, yellow-green on blue-white, perf. IV.  
10 ore carmine on blue-white, perf. IV.

Now that the issues of Orange Free State, even its revenues, are in such demand, it may be worth while to repeat a bit of information I recently found in looking over a journal issued during 1895, viz.: "No Orange Free State revenue stamp has ever been legally used for postal purposes." This is something worth remembering when about to purchase any such stamp purporting to be postally used, and I have noticed that such are being offered. Of course the decree may not hold good for recent issues, but cancellations of earlier date than 1895 are questionable.—AMY L. SWIFT, in *The Adhesive*.



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I have no renewals to report since my last.

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New issues have been ordered from Chili, Peru, China, Sarawak, German Colonies, Russian Levant, Belgium and Ceren.

The German Colonial Cards in the new Colonial type will be issued January 1, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

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BALTIMORE, MD., December 1, 1900.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

December 7th, 1900

### FELLOW MEMBERS:

In accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution, I hereby issue the call for the Fourth Annual Convention of our Association to be held in Portland, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1901, and hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting many of you on that date.

Messrs. McArthur, Gumbert and Drews have been appointed Committee on Arrangements for this occasion, and Messrs. Precemeder, White and Finnegan, Committee on Credentials. I trust that every member will do his share toward making the coming gathering the most successful in the history of the Society. All who contemplate being present are requested to notify the Secretary of their intention. Additional nominations should be sent in to the Secretary not later than the 10th of January.

All members who have not paid their dues for the current year are urged to do so at once. The matter of official organ which has been hampering us during the past months is now adjusted and there is no reason why we should not look forward to a most prosperous year in 1901.

Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me in giving me the highest office in the Society during the past year, I remain, with best wishes for the future welfare of the I. P. A.,

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Pending receipt of the Secretary's books the report of my friend Lowry appears below for the past month.

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It would seem that the discussion regarding the existence of the 25 pfenning German Southwest Africa, was destined to be closed. I note by the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, published in Leipzig, that late in 1899, 1,000 stamps were surcharged at Windhoek in the second type, "Sudwestafrika" in one word.—WILLARD O. WYLIE.

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Through the courtesy of his comrade and life-long friend Mr. P. den Outer, of Vlaardingen, Holland, I am enabled to present the likeness and a brief sketch of our correspondent in the Dutch Indies.

Jacob van der Laan was born in Rotterdam, Holland, November 24, 1879, the youngest of three children. His father, a prosperous underwriter of his native city, died some years ago.

Educated at the University of Rotterdam, and receiving his diploma at the age of sixteen he chose the commercial career, engaging with a large tobacco concern, subsequently with one of Rotterdam's leading forwarding agents, and finally on April 2d, last, sailing for the Dutch Indies to fill a position of trust with the great tobacco house of Nolte &

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*God Save the Queen!*

**The New Catalogue.**

THE 60th edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue is before us for mention in our columns. It is of quite the same style as its predecessors, neatly printed and well bound in a beautiful green cover. We are unable to make intelligent comment upon the prices as the editor has been too occupied to make more than a casual examination. As was expected, the prices on the stamps of the South African Republic and Orange Free State have made material advances. They are now listed as Vaal River Colony and Orange River Colony.

Price 58 cents, post free, from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., 18 E. 23rd Street, New York City.

**How the Boers Interpret the V. R. I. Surcharge.**

A CLIPPING from a Dutch paper sent us by our friend Mr. P. den Outer, of Vlaardingen, Holland, credits the Boers with placing the following interpretation on the V. R. I. surcharge on the Transvaal and Orange Free State stamps:

**Verraderlijke Rooie Indringer.**  
(Traacherous Red-(coat) Intruders).

**What's That For?**

THE editor of the Chicago Philatelic Society's Special *Weekly Philatelic Era* announces that "every article in this issue is copyrighted."

What's the use in doing that? No one's going to steal your marbles.



### Let Us Grow.

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WE herewith extend to all a New Year's greeting. Since our last issue the nineteenth century has passed into history, and a new century, the twentieth, has begun. When we look back at the many pleasures and sorrows, the prosperities and the failures, we can not but be thankful to Him who shapes our destinies, for permitting us to have been a part of the masses which have shaped the history of the century just passed. It has been an epoch of progress and civilization, and among the many good works of that time, few surpass the development of general interest in philately, among the intelligent men and women of this mundane sphere. Only sixty years have passed since Sir Rowland Hill introduced our first postage stamp; while today, with our Universal Postal Union, a little square inch of paper will carry a letter unto the most remote spots of the world.

To pass from one century into another is an event experienced but once in a lifetime; to pass from a century of such marvelous achievements as we have witnessed in the nineteenth into a century of such vast promise is an experience for this generation alone. Just now, by reason of the history of the past few years, and owing to various forces at work, young men and women are particularly susceptible to proper effort, and every Association member and collector ought to exert himself to the utmost to make this a year unparalleled in the history of philately.

The first year of the new century ought to be made a record breaker in the spread of interest in collecting. It can be done if each collector will become a missionary to carry the "gospel" to the "heathen."

Let each collector select from among his intimate friends at least two persons upon whom he intends to concentrate

his efforts this year in creating an interest in philately. You can not expect to get a new "convert" unless you hunt around for one. Hundreds of men and women will become active, earnest and enthusiastic collectors during the present year if only the first attempt is made to interest them. Do not become discouraged because the first man whom you approach may laugh at you. Keep at it. Remember that according to Army statistics only one bullet out of eighty-five takes effect. You know that you can do better than that.

See that your collection is in proper shape to interest your non-collecting friend, if possible. Only a stamp-crank would be interested in a collection kept in a cigar box.

The fact to be emphasized is that you must have your collection in shape to be shown to the best advantage, you must be prepared to "talk stamps" interestingly and entertainingly and to impart to your friend some of the enthusiasm that you yourself feel.

The sin of the stampite is *inertia*; he is lukewarm when he should be hot; he is asleep when he should be awake, wide awake, enough awake to awaken some one else.

### A Rare Canadian Surcharge.

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WE were considerably amused by the receipt of a copy of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for December, from Mr. J. E. R. Rangman, of Seaforth, Ont., surcharged across page 35 as follows:

*"Stop your d—n old paper."*

Our agitated Canuck friend probably loses sight of the fact that by turning his souvenir over to the postal authorities we could land him in limbo where he would find a sufficient abundance of time to meditate on social ethics.

### Remembered the Ex-Editor on Christmas.

THE former editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, Mr. August Dietz, was the recipient on Christmas day, of many tokens of friendship from distant readers of THE VIRGINIA

Mr. P. den Outer of Vlaardingen, Holland, sent greetings in the form of a photograph showing Mr den Outer in his study with copies of THE VIRGINIA before him, and himself writing to his friend the ex-editor.

From far Durban, in Natal, South Africa, came on Christmas morning a selection of Souvenir Cards from Clyde A. Dickinson, editor of the late *Cuyler Sun* and *Ambition*. Mr. Dickinson is on a tour around the world, and was not aware of the fact that Mr. Dietz had retired from THE VIRGINIA.

### A Useful Work.

WE acknowledge with thanks, receipt of a neat little brochure from the *International Philatelic Review*, entitled "Die Varieties of U. S. Envelopes." The publication is a useful one, well illustrated and easily worth the price asked, 25 cents.

### An Unintentional Omission.

Through an oversight of the printer, credit was omitted from the "History and Introduction of the Postal Card," which appeared in our November issue. Credit should have been given to Lohmeyer's Price List, published by A. Lohmeyer, the popular postal card merchant of Baltimore, Md.

Now that the Boers have invaded Cape Colony there seems to be a probability of more Cape for the Boers and less of Hope for the British.

### The New French Stamps.

THE new set of adhesives—the series heralded some time ago—has at last appeared, and it is a credit to France.




The designs are decidedly artistic and the workmanship is very fine. The lower values from 1 to 5 centimes presents a figure of Justice. The values from 10 to 30 centimes show a figure of the Republic, holding a tablet with the inscription "Droits de l'homme" (The Rights of Man). The values from 40c to 5 francs are of an oblong shape, and again present the figure of the Republic in another posture as per our illustration. The values of this type are bi-colored. The series consists of the following :

1c gray	25c blue
2c violet brown	30c violet
3c red orange	40c red and pale blue
4c yellow brown	50c bistre br'n and lavender
5c green	1f claret and olive green
10c carmine	2f gray violet and yellow
15c orange	5f dark blue and buff.
20c brown violet	

AN English contemporary intimates that the Fijians, Tonganese and Cook Islanders have petitioned to be incorporated in New Zealand. Great philatelic events are looked for at the Antipodes. Moral: collect Fiji, Tonga and Cook Islands.

## Variations in Size and Shape of Stamps.

BY CHARLES E. JENNEY.

 TIME there was when Uniformity of Size might have been the title of this article, but it is no longer.

In the good old days stamps varied little in size or shape, and a person might rule off spaces for 99% of his stamps from type an inch wide by an inch and an eighth long, that is, allowing a slight margin all around. The very few variations from this common size and shape were, by their scarcity, made objects of desire. Our own 1869 issue of square stamps, the 5c "heaver" of Canada, the triangular Cape of Good Hopes and the big pound values of Great Britain are instances of the comparatively few variations of our early collecting days and what a prize the first triangular Cape was to the young collector! It was the few odd designs that made them desirable and since they were desirable, speculative inclined governments have begun producing them in large quantities, and the fact of their being present today in such large quantities and for the aforesaid reason has brought them to be undesirable in collector's eyes. It is a case of over-reaching and collectors begin to long for the old uniformity of size again. So far has the mania gone for bringing out something unique in the shape of a postage stamp that many collectors are beginning to look with a suspicious eye on any issue of stamps whose shape is far out of the ordinary.

Let me call attention to some of the stamps that violated the generally conceded proper shape for a postage stamp. There is our Columbian issue, the Canada Jubilee set, and the Azores Anniversary stamps. I will leave alone all comments on designs, holding myself only to my subject of size and shape. A fair trial of this size of stamp has convinced about everyone that it is too large and

cumbersome for practical use. Perhaps where they have lots of leisure time, as in Somali, Obock or Djibouti, it may be a pastime to spend an afternoon in moistening a few of their monstrosities, especially if the gum be highly flavored with essence of missionary, but in the future such shape and size in stamps ought to be confined to uncivilized countries.

Going to the other extreme, we have the small half-penny stamps of New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria and the little square "Dog's head" stamps of Newfoundland. While these stamps might be a little too small for general use, since it has almost always been a custom of England and her colonies to print a smaller stamp for the ½ penny or newspaper rate value, we will not object too strongly. These small newspaper rate stamps are the most legitimate odd size stamps we have.

We now come to the sets of stamps varying in size and shape. From this the U. S. has always been free. All the stamps in any one issue of U. S. are of uniform size and shape. But the late issues of foreign countries have been the opposite in a great many instances. Take the Cabot issue of Newfoundland, with part of its stamps longer horizontally, part longer vertically. What a problem it presented to the designer of stamp albums to arrange this set geometrically. And look at the new issue New Zealand emitted in the year of grace, 1898. Look at the triangular Liberians, the circular Egyptian official stamps, the hexagonal telegraphs of Belgium, and the gigantic San Marino stamp, of which it is said thirteen will carpet the whole republic. We have only to await issue by some wide-awake state, of pentagons, duo-decagons, crescents and oblate-spheroids for postage stamps to have our albums look just a little more like scrap-albums than they do now.

## The Stamp Catalogue.

EVERY PAGET.

THE average collector fails to appreciate the value of a stamp catalogue.

We look upon them as the agent of some dealer rather than an indicator of the public sentiment.

If there were no stamp catalogues, no printed basis of value, it would be a hard matter for philately to progress as rapidly as it has been doing. The catalogue is a basis of exchange.

It is perhaps a lamentable fact there is no catalogue published by collectors, arranged from actual sales, rather than from prices fixed by dealers themselves.

However, the present catalogue is far from a correct one. Especially so amongst the more common stamps. Thus, we pick up a stamp catalogue and we find the one cent stamps of the United States of the present issue valued at one cent each, whereas they would hardly bring one cent per one hundred.

Then again do we find stamps listed at two, three, four and five cents each that would be dear at one cent. This is true all the way up. A stamp listed at ten dollars might not bring five dollars at auction. Yet another stamp listed at five dollars might bring twelve dollars at auction.

To re-arrange a catalogue every year is no small matter. It is a herculean task. To get the correct market value of every stamp would be nigh unto impossible. The compiler must consult the price realized at the various auction sales; he must consult his stock; he must consult his records and see how the stamps sold the last year at that year's price. He must go back a few years. See how his sales have been; how rapid has been the advance or decline; and how difficult it is to obtain copies of the particular stamp. In fact there are hundreds

and hundreds of things sometimes necessary to take into consideration that the average collector thinks little of.

The one cent minimum should be changed. If a stamp is only worth one tenth or one fifth of a cent it should be so stated. There should be no misrepresentation of value, owing to its being a very common stamp. The common stamp should be given as much consideration as the more valuable ones.

The stamps ranging from one dollar down should be given as much consideration as the stamps ranging above that. Quite often we take a catalogue and open it and find a stamp listed at one cent, ten cents, twenty five cents, or fifty cents, which could not be obtained for five times the price asked. If we send the publisher of the catalogue his printed price he will return the money and inform us he is out of stock or that the price is now much higher. And yet, how is the public to know how rare this stamp is? The catalogue has been quoting it at about the same price for years. Then again we find stamps valued at one dollar in the catalogue that are commonly being offered at one fifth or one tenth of that price. Is the dealer overstocked or understocked? Does he name such a price wilfully, or does he do so without giving it sufficient consideration?

Aside from the minimum valued stamps, the catalogue generally reflects the price of the stamps of the country wherein it is published, and the adjoining countries, with much more accuracy than it does the stamps of other countries.

The various auctions of stamps being yearly held in the different parts of the globe are undoubtedly a great aid in determining prices. The catalogue who follows the leading auction sales closely does not fall very short of heralding the present true value of the stamp in question. But very few low priced stamps are sold at auction. If they are sold, a

quantity of them are made up in one lot and sold in a bunch, and there is no reliable way of figuring out the actual value of each stamp.

Low valued stamps must be collected, and more of them are collected than of the higher valued stamps.

The hare and the terrapin ran a race, as we are all aware. The hare was the faster, but realizing its own superiority was a sad thing, as it was so far ahead it tarried by the wayside. The terrapin kept on slowly but steadily, and the result was it won the race, as the hare had returned to taunt it and had forgotten to cross the line until it was too late. So the common stamps may some day commence to grow scarce, and when they do this, then will their price commence to advance. We should be fully posted as to the supply and demand through the catalogue. Being as it is the basis of exchange everywhere, it should be the publisher's aim and purpose to get their catalogue as complete as mortal man could make it.

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### New Issues and Discoveries.

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BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

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**ARGENTINE.**—Mr. Waldemar Hoffman has kindly sent me a few specimens of a commemorative Postal Card and a Letter Sheet, (Memorandum Postal) issued on the occasion of the visit, paid by President Campos Sales of Brasil to his colleague, President Roca of Argentine, the latter part of October 1900. The Card and Letter Sheet were issued on Oct. 24th, and are reported to have had a validity of only 6 days, for use in the Interior mails of the Argentine Republic and to Brasil. Their issue was not reported to the Authorities at Berne, hence they are not recognized in the Postal-Union mails, a striking proof of which I had by the payment of a "Postage due"

tax on two pieces addressed to me by Mr. Hoffmann. They are impressed with the five centavo Envelope Stamp, type of the current Postal Cards, printed in yellow-green. The Card is of an unusual size, 109x152, which, in itself, would subject them to full letter rate in the Postal-Union mails.

On the reverse are printed the medaillon portraits of the two Presidents, in black, surrounded by ornamental frames, embellished by palm branches and the arms of the two Republics. On a tablet below the two portraits appear the years 1852-1865-1900, and above all the inscription "Al Gran Pueblo Brasileo SALUD!" (All Hail to the great Brazilian People!).

The Letter Sheet has the same illustration on the inside, and on the flap an impression of the current 100 reis stamp of Brasil in green which, of course, is merely ornamental, having no postal validity.

I therefore chronicle:

Celebration Postal Card:

5 centavos, yellow-green on buff, 109x152

Celebration Letter Sheet:

5 centavos, yellow-green on white, 103x133.

**MAURITIUS.**—There are two varieties of the surcharge 6 CENTS on the 8c card. On those first surcharged the "6" is 4mm. high, while on the latter printings it measures 5½mm and is much heavier.

P. C. 6c on 8c, carmine and black on buff, second variety.

**VENEZUELA.**—According to *Der Philatelist* the current Cards have been surcharged "1900" in black on the stamps. (see chronicle Vol. IV, page 10).

P. C. 10 centimos, vermilion and black on white.

10+10 centimos, vermilion and black on lavender.

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A FRENCH publication has it that the two South African republics will henceforth be styled Trans-Orange!



### The Postal Card Society of America.

President—Guy A. Bryant, Princeton, Ill.  
Vice President—Herbert A. Croghan, 1311 E-st.,  
San Diego, Cal.

Secretary—T. H. Gafford, Church Hill, Md.  
Treasurer—John N. Morse, P. O. Box 5343, Bos-  
ton, Mass.

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458 Bates-ave., St. Paul, Minn. N. Haskell  
Withee, 230 S. 9th-st., La Crosse, Wis.

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Purchasing Agent—Adolph Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gil-  
mor-st., Baltimore, Md.

Int'l Sec.—E. Doebelin, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.  
Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

#### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my  
last report:

F. L. Smith, \$3.03; W. Alex. Smith, Jr., \$3.03;  
Waldemar Hoffmann, \$2.35; Walter S. Allen,  
\$3.03; Walter Dormitzer, \$3.03.

Distribution No. 51 was sent to the participants  
in this department on December 26th, 1900, and  
contained the following New Issues: Mauritius,  
6c on 8c, Type 2; French Morocco, 5 centimos on  
10 centimes; Austria, 6 heller Letter Card, on yel-  
low; German Empire, 5 1/2, 10 1/2 pfennig and  
Pneumatic Post 25 + 25 pfennig; German South-  
west-Africa, 10pf.; German Southwestafrica, 5  
and 10 1/2pf.; British Honduras, 2 and 2 1/2c;  
Japan, 3sen, Letter Card, and Nicaragua 1900, 2,  
2 + 2, 5, and 6 + 6 centavos.

I have received since, the Jubilee Cards of  
Uruguay, Sarawak Reply Cards, and an invoice  
for the new German Colonial Cards, all of which  
will be in the hands of the members before this  
report reaches them.

Now is the time for members, who have not yet  
availed themselves of the benefits of this Depart-  
ment, to send in their \$5.00 subscription.

It is my desire that every member should reap  
the full benefit, to which his membership entitles  
him.

Now, Fellow Members! Start the New Century  
right, and do not shut your eyes to the advanta-  
ges offered you.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,  
Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 5th, 1901.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand last,	\$101 42
Rec'd from Secretary,	2 25
Total,	\$103 67
Paid Virginia Phil. bill 4 mos.,	\$ 10 00
Amt. on hand,	\$ 93 67

BOSTON, Jan. 18, 1901.

J. N. MORSE, Treas.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

##### APPLICATIONS.

J. T. A. Hoshbach, care Fourth Street National  
Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. Age 29 Clerk.  
References: John J. Bradley, Adolph Loh-  
meyer.

S. M. Edwards, Argusville, N. Dakota. Age 54.  
Farmer. References: Adolph Lohmeyer,  
T. H. Gafford.

##### COLLECTIONS.

I have collected for Dues the past month \$2.25,  
which amount I have remitted the Treasurer.

##### NOMINATIONS.

For President: Adolph Lohmeyer, Baltimore,  
Md.

Vice President: Herbert A. Croghan, San Diego,  
Cal.; \*Dr. Paul Rossberg, St. Louis, Mo.

Secretary: T. H. Gafford, Church Hill, Md.

Treasurer: John N. Morse, Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee, (3 members):

Guy A. Bryant, Princeton, Ill.

W. D. Arnold, St. Paul, Minn.

N. Haskell Withee, La Crosse, Wis.

Official Organ:

*The Weekly Philatelic Era.*

*THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.*

*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News.*

\* Declines the nomination.

##### RECEIVED.

Mr. Charles de Grave Sells, of Cornigliano,  
Ligure, Italy, one of our corresponding members,  
has sent me the new 7 1/2 x 7 1/2 red brown card of  
Italy, bearing date of '900; although I have had  
this card in my hand since November 30th, 1900,  
this is my first opportunity to officially acknowl-  
edge receipt of same.

##### REVISED MEMBERSHIP LIST.

In the near future, probably before these reports  
reach our members, they each will receive a neat  
and artistic souvenir, in pamphlet form, contain-  
ing the Renumbered Membership List; with al-  
the dead wood dropped out and none but paid up  
members for 1900, giving the new number of each  
member, besides our Constitution, Rules of the  
Purchasing and Exchange Departments and  
much other useful information; this work will  
be issued principally to give prospective members  
some idea of what we are doing and the many  
advantages the Society offers in return for the  
membership fee.

##### TO NON-MEMBERS.

The Postal Card Society of America is an inter-  
national body of Card Collectors, organized in  
1891, purely with an aim towards mutual help-  
fulness and profit. We want young companionship.  
Send for information, application blanks,  
etc., and see what privileges and benefits the So-  
ciety offers, and you will want to be one of us.

One dollar will now pay your dues to March 1,  
1902, and the amount is many times outweighed  
by the benefits offered to our members through  
the Purchasing and Exchange Departments  
alone. It will be to your interest to join.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GAFFORD,  
Secretary.

CHURCH HILL, MD., Jan. 21st, 1901.

**The Columbian Philatelic Society.**

**OFFICERS FOR 1900-1901.**

- President—Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.  
 Vice President—Rev. W. A. Carver, Stewartstown, Penna.  
 Sec'y-Treas.—J. F. Dodge, Abbottstown, Pa.  
 Sales Sup't—Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Conn.  
 Auction Manager—Geo. N. Fellows, West Concord, N. H.  
 Librarian—H. S. Adair, McCounelsville, Ohio.  
 Attorney—Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.  
 Int. Sec'y—R. J. Russell, M. D., Hanover, Pa.  
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.  
 Trustees—A. Jungmann, (Chairman), 1432 Vliet Street; Chas. Toelle and Wm. Volgt, Milwaukee, Wis.

Official Journal—*Columbian Philatelist*.

**COST OF MEMBERSHIP.**

Admission fee 10 cents; annual dues 25 cents. Outside of the U. S., Canada and Mexico, annual dues 50 cents. Members receive the official journal free.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

**NEW MEMBER.**

- 415 H. O. Marimian, 166 Boulevard Pasteur, Paris, France.

**APPLICATIONS.**

- 416 Mrs. Frederick W. Boyd, Waukesha, Wisc. 77. J. F. Dodge, Wm. A. Koch  
 417 C. C. Johnson, 428 Grand Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisc. 20. Lumber. A. Jungman, Edw. Doell.  
 418 Alwin Krause, 1107 Walnut Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. 23. Clerk. A. Jungman, Edw. Doell.

The above will be admitted in thirty days if no sufficient objections are filed, and will then receive their membership cards. Members should send for application blanks and induce their friends to join. The Sales Department is helping members to dispose of their duplicates and others to fill vacant spaces in their albums at a low cost. Use it. Don't rely on the officers to do all the work. Every member with a little effort could get at least one new member. Try it now. Bargains in the Sales Department. Ask to be put on circuit, and if you have any desirable duplicates get some sales books of Mr. Holt, price them right and you will be pleased with the check he sends you.

**RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.**

- 457 Rev. E. E. Weaver.

I trust members will be prompt in sending in dues for the year about commencing, as the Society is a few dollars in debt and there are a few small bills to pay and we would like to start the new year out of debt, or as nearly so as possible. The convention will probably be called some time in March, due notice of which will appear in the next issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. F. DODGE, Sec'y-Treas.

**SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**

On hand July 1, 1900, 75 books, value.....\$514.27  
 Received since July 1, 80 books, value ..... 646.58

\$1160.85

Have sent out 12 circuits.  
 88 books returned to owners, value.....\$539.84  
 From which has been sold..... 212.58  
 Almost 10%.  
 Insurance Fund now on hand .....\$4.55  
 67 books remaining on circuit, valued at... \$651.01

I am sorry to have to report the death of two members, Mr. Elwood B. Carter, October 14th, at his home in Dayton, Ohio, from lung trouble, and Mr. Carl Bergholz, of Onalaska, Arkansas, November 13th, in a Roman Catholic Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., from consumption. Mr. Bergholz had a circuit in his possession when he died, and the nurse not understanding what was wanted, caused a delay of over two months in his warding. Both gentlemen were good members of my department and I shall miss their prompt reports. I have had to call on the Insurance Fund to pay the account of O. J. Edwards, formerly of Philadelphia, which amounted to \$6.26, as he refused to pay any attention to dues. I wish very much that more of our members would take advantage of this department.

It seems to me 40% sales is a good showing for a small society, and I am sure collectors with medium sized collections can find plenty of good stamps at moderate prices in our books. Would like fifty more names for circuit. Won't some of you try it once? If not satisfied, you can easily have your name dropped by notifying me. Wishing success to our Society in the coming year. I am yours sincerely,  
 FRED P. HOLT.

**The Southern Philatelic Association.**

- President—Oscar Jannasch, Waco, Texas.  
 Vice-President—H. Scholt, Richmond, Va.  
 Sec'y-Treas.—A. Dietz, Richmond, Va.  
 Int'l. Secretary—R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Sales Supt.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Librarian—Chas. P. Davis, Richmond, Va.  
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.  
 Trustees—August Dietz, Chairman Ex-Officio, Richmond, Va., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.  
 Official Journal—*THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.**

I regret to have no report to present this month on account of the fact that my predecessor has not as yet turned the books of the Association over to me.

I have received the following resignation: Basil S. Butler, Camden, S. C. Dues for 1901 (25 cents) are now payable, and I earnestly request all members to be prompt in remitting to me at 900 W. Clay, Station "A", or P. O. Box 124. Very respectfully,  
 AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

RICHMOND, VA., January 24, 1901.

ABOUT all that "Great" Britain will get out of her South African campaign is a good stock of surcharged stamps.

### Interstate Philatelic Association.

#### LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—H. Moeller, 264 12th St., Portland, Or.  
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 Auc.-Purch. Agent—C. H. Precemeder, 206 Taylor  
 Street, Portland, Oregon.  
 Librarian—M. L. Gumbert, 474, Salmon St., Port-  
 land, Or.  
 Ex-Supt.—F. Drews, Care of O. R. & N. Co.  
 Shops, Portland, Or.  
 Attorney—J. K. Stout, Spokane, Wu.  
 Trustees—H. O. White; E. C. Patton; F. N.  
 Stump, Salem, Or.  
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

#### PRIZE:

The following stamps will be given at the Fourth Annual Convention to the member securing the largest number of members before that meeting: 1 U. S. 1855, 10c green, o. c.; lot of Colonials, mint state, Hawaii, Gibraltar, Newfoundland, Seychelles, etc.; catalogue value \$1.75.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

January 14, '01.

#### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

The following members have been admitted: 124 Mrs. Frederic Bausman, Summit Avenue and Columbia St., Seattle, Wash.  
 129 Mrs. F. L. Fehren, 752 Belmont Avenue, North, Seattle, Wash.

All dues for the coming year should be paid at once. The amount is small, only twenty-five cents.

Yours for the I. P. A.

LEWIS A. MCARTHUR,  
 Sec'y-Treas.

### Western Australia.

A fourpenny blue, of the first issue with the swan in the center inverted, which belonged to the late Duke of Leinster has been given to the National Museum, Dublin. The stamp was not with others when upon the Duke's death his very fine collection was left by him to the Museum at Dublin, but it has just been returned by the authorities of the British Museum, into whose hands it had fallen.—*Metropolitan Philatelist.*

### New Issue for Spain.

WE have received several specimens of the new issue of Spain with an up-to-date likeness of the Boy King. The new stamps present a very pretty appearance.

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enter into correspondence with a view to exchange.

Imbued with that spirit of enterprise and dauntless courage—characteristic of the sons of the Netherlands who founded our Metropolis, who were the pioneers of the South African veldt, and who converted the Dutch Indies into one of the wealthiest, paradisaical colonies of the world—Van der Laan has cast his lot far from his fatherland; and, that deserved success and fortune attend his efforts is the wish of his American philatelic friends.

DIETZ.

Few feel that they have known the august and venerated Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, as do the followers of philately. How often has the well-loved Queen's profile been depicted on the stamps of the cordon of countries acknowledging the sovereignty of the regal mistress; how familiar her majesty's picture has become to philatelists,—and the familiarity has bred admiration. Beginning with the black penny stamp of Great Britain where the queen is shown in her pure beauty as the young ruler, and progressing down to say, the one cent green Newfoundland, the philatelist has an almost vivid representation of the gamut of a shining and truly royal career. The Canadian Jubilee stamps are an interesting souvenir of the youth and old age of her majesty. And now, the first penny black, Great Britain carries a dual suggestion; it becomes the typification of mourning even as it represents her majesty in her girl-hood queenliness—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

WILL the Britishers ever cease harping on V. R. I.'s.



# P. A. B. BARGAIN PAGE

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5c Inland Exchange, red.....	15	05
10c Certificate, blue.....	4 00	1 50
15c Inland Exchange, brown.....	1 00	35
20c " " red.....	25	08
20c Foreign Exchange, red.....	1 00	40
25c Insurance, red.....	12	05
25c Life Insurance, red.....	1 00	40
25c Power of Attorney, red.....	25	08
25c Protest, red.....	75	25
25c Warehouse Receipts, red.....	1 00	33
30c Inland Exchange, lilac.....	60	20
50c Conveyance, blue.....	1 50	45
50c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	1 25	40
50c Lease, blue.....	1 25	45
50c Mortgage, blue.....	1 25	40
50c Original Process, blue.....	30	07
50c Probate of Will, blue.....	2 00	65
50c Surety Bond, cut rather close.....	6 00	1 00
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2c Bank Check, blue.....	01
2c Certificate, blue.....	40
2c Playing Cards, blue.....	12
2c Express, blue.....	03
2c Express, orange.....	05
2c Proprietary, blue.....	05
2c U. S. I. R.....	01
3c Foreign Exchange.....	06
3c Proprietary .....	08
3c Telegram.....	15
4c Inland Exchange.....	04
4c Proprietary .....	10
5c Playing Cards.....	40
5c Inland Exchange.....	01
5c Agreement .....	02
5c Certificate .....	01
5c Foreign Exchange.....	03
5c Express .....	03
6c Inland Exchange.....	12
10c Inland Exchange.....	01
10c Foreign Exchange.....	25
10c Bill of Lading.....	03
10c Certificate .....	01
10c Contract .....	01
10c Power of Attorney.....	02
10c Proprietary .....	50
15c Inland Exchange.....	03
20c Inland Exchange.....	02
25c Bond.....	07
25c Certificate.....	01
25c Entry of Goods .....	05
25c Insurance.....	02
25c Power of Attorney.....	01
25c Protest .....	15
30c Inland Exchange.....	05
40c Inland Exchange.....	04
50c Conveyance.....	01
50c Entry of Goods .....	01
50c Foreign Exchange.....	25
50c Lease.....	25
50c Life Insurance.....	03
50c Mortgage.....	02
50c Original Process.....	01
50c Surety Bond.....	05
50c Passage Ticket.....	10
60c Inland Exchange.....	10
70c Foreign Exchange.....	07
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	08
1.00 Entry of Goods.....	05
1.00 Foreign Exchange.....	02
1.00 Inland Exchange.....	02
1.00 Lease.....	05

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5c lilac.....	01
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25c purple.....	01
40c blue.....	03
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"    "    '92, 1d carmine.....	01
"    "    "    2½d blue .....	01
"    "    '97, ½d green .....	02
"    "    "    1d red.....	02
"    "    "    2½d blue.....	03
<b>Bermuda</b> '84, 1d rose.....	01
<b>Br. Guiana</b> '89-91, 1c green.....	01
"    "    "    2c mauve & orange.....	01
"    "    "    5c blue .....	01
<b>Canada</b> '59, 1c pink.....	04
"    "    "    5c vermilion .....	03
"    "    '69, 1c green.....	01
"    "    '82, ¼c black.....	02
"    "    "    5c gray .....	01
"    "    '97, 1c Jubilee.....	02
"    "    "    2c .....	03
"    "    "    3c .....	02
"    "    "    5c .....	05
"    "    "    ¼c Maple Leaves .....	02
"    "    "    5c .....	02
"    "    "    8c .....	03

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HAS ONE OR MORE OF EACH FOR SALE.

	Cat. price	My price
1c Agriculture.....	\$3 50	\$1 70
2c Agriculture.....	1 00	45
3c Agriculture.....	80	15
6c Agriculture.....	75	30
10c Agriculture.....	6 00	3 00
12c Agriculture.....	8 00	4 00
15c Agriculture.....	3 50	1 60
24c Agriculture.....	5 00	2 40
30c Agriculture.....	5 00	2 50
1c Executive.....	8 00	4 00
2c Executive.....	8 00	4 00
3c Executive.....	6 50	3 20
6c Executive.....	16 00	7 50
10c Executive.....	10 00	5 00
1c Interior.....	25	10
2c Interior.....	10	14
6c Interior.....	50	25
10c Interior.....	50	25
12c Interior.....	50	20
15c Interior.....	50	20
24c Interior.....	1 00	50
30c Interior.....	1 00	50
1c Justice.....	3 00	1 50
2c Justice.....	1 50	75
3c Justice.....	3 00	1 15
6c Justice.....	2 00	1 00
10c Justice.....	2 50	1 25
12c Justice.....	3 00	1 50
15c Justice.....	3 00	1 50
24c Justice.....	6 00	3 00
30c Justice.....	17 00	8 50
1c Navy.....	20 00	10 00
2c Navy.....	37 50	20 00
3c Navy.....	1 25	65
6c Navy.....	50	20
10c Navy.....	40	20
12c Navy.....	50	20
15c Navy.....	15 00	8 00
24c Navy.....	2 50	1 25
30c Navy.....	1 50	75
1c Post Office.....	3 00	1 50
2c Post Office.....	6 50	3 25
3c Post Office.....	3 00	1 50
6c Post Office.....	10 00	5 00
10c Post Office.....	40	16
12c Post Office.....	25	12
15c Post Office.....	20	18
24c Post Office.....	1 35	70
30c Post Office.....	1 00	40
1c State.....	1 00	40
2c State.....	1 00	40
3c State.....	1 00	50
6c State.....	1 00	40
10c State.....	2 50	1 15
12c State.....	2 50	1 25
15c State.....	5 00	2 00
24c State.....	75	35
30c State.....	75	35
1c U. S. Int. Rev.....	3 00	1 20
2c U. S. Int. Rev.....	3 00	1 20
3c U. S. Int. Rev.....	4 00	2 00
6c U. S. Int. Rev.....	4 50	2 00
10c U. S. Int. Rev.....	8 50	4 25

	Cat. price	My price
30c State.....	\$7 00	\$3 00
90c State.....	12 00	6 00
\$2.00 State.....	22 50	12 00
10.00 State.....	70 00	65 00
20.00 State.....	50 00	40 00
1c Treasury.....	1 25	65
2c Treasury.....	35	16
6c Treasury.....	20	10
7c Treasury.....	2 50	1 25
10c Treasury.....	50	25
12c Treasury.....	60	30
15c Treasury.....	40	20
24c Treasury.....	12 50	5 50
30c Treasury.....	50	25
90c Treasury.....	2 00	1 00
1c War.....	50	25
2c War.....	50	25
7c War.....	2 50	1 25
10c War.....	1 00	50
12c War.....	1 00	50
15c War.....	25	12
24c War.....	20	10
30c War.....	50	25
90c War.....	1 00	50
1c Playing Cards.....	1 50	50
2c Certificate, blue.....	40	20
2c Certificate, orange.....	25	10
2c Certificate, orange.....	25	10
2c Certificate, orange.....	60	30
3c Playing Cards.....	4 00	2 00
4c Playing Cards.....	5 00	2 50
5c Playing Cards.....	40	20
5c Proprietary.....	75	35
6c Proprietary.....	35 00	15 00
10c Foreign Exchange.....	30	15
10c Proprietary.....	40	20
15c Foreign Exchange.....	35	15
20c Foreign Exchange.....	50	25
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	35	15
30c Foreign Exchange.....	1 00	50
50c Foreign Exchange.....	25	10
50c Lease.....	25	10
50c Probate of Will.....	50	25
\$ 1 00 Manifest.....	40	20
1 00 Mortgage.....	2 00	1 00
1 00 Passage Ticket.....	1 00	50
1 00 Probate of Will.....	75	35
1 30 Foreign Exchange.....	40	20
1 40 Foreign Exchange.....	1 25	60
1 80 Foreign Exchange.....	60	30
5 00 Mortgage.....	50	25
5 00 Probate of Will.....	50	25
10 00 Charter Party.....	50	25
10 00 Conveyance.....	1 25	60
10 00 Mortgage.....	75	35
10 00 Probate of Will.....	50	25
15 00 Mortgage, blue.....	5 00	2 50
20 00 Conveyance.....	1 00	50
20 00 Probate of Will.....	20 00	10 00
25 00 Mortgage.....	2 00	1 00
50 00 U. S. Int. Rev.....	2 00	1 00
200 00 U. S. Int. Rev.....	15 00	7 50

## Second Issue.

1c.....	\$ 40
4c.....	30
6c.....	1 00
15c.....	25
30c.....	40
40c.....	35
60c.....	40
70c.....	40
\$ 1 30.....	4 00
1 60.....	11 00
1 00.....	2 00
2 00.....	85
3 00.....	1 00
3 60.....	3 00
5 00.....	40
10 00.....	2 00
20 00.....	10 00
25 00.....	15 00
50 00.....	10 00
200 00.....	75 00
500 00.....	200 00

## Third Issue.

1c.....	70
4c.....	50
6c.....	50
15c.....	25
30c.....	18
40c.....	40
60c.....	40
70c.....	35
\$2.00.....	30
2.50.....	30
3 00.....	1 00
5 00.....	35
10 00.....	2 00
20 00.....	10 00

## Fourth Issue.

2c black, inverted medallion 8 00

Ecuador, Provisional 1897, Nos. 122 to 125, unused.

I offer this month 50 sets—only one to a customer—at 50 cents a set.

The set catalogs at \$1.00.

1c blue, die B, U. S. envelope, No. 1478, unused, entire. Price 10c. It catalogs 50c.

No. 1504 U. S. envelope, unused 2c red on fawn. Price 20c. It catalogs 75c.

No. 3 Peru '58, 1d blue. Price 9c. It catalogs 25c.

205 Peru, Postage Due, 50c brown, '74. Price 10c. It catalogs 40c.

Nos. 222, 227, 224, 225, Peru, Postage Due. Price 20c. They catalog 58c.

No. 226 Peru, Postage Due, 50c brown, 1883. Price 8c. It catalogs 25c.

**CASH OFFERS** invited on the following rarities in **PERFECT** condition, from my collection:

**CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.**

Pittsylvania C. H., Va., (Scott's 113), 5c red, magnificent, on cover, clearly cancelled.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., (Scott's 138a, E1), entire, fine.

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**UNUSED.**

Abyssinia, 1894, 1/4g.....	\$ 03	St. Vincent, 1898, 1d.....	04
Barbados Jubilee, 1897, 1 farthing.....	02	"    1893, 4d yellow.....	12
"    "    "    1/4d.....	02	Sevcheles, 1890, 2c.....	03
British East Africa, 1896, 1/4.....	03	"    "    4c.....	04
"    "    "    1a.....	05	"    "    13c.....	13
China, 1885, 1 cand.....	03	Stellaland, 1884, 3d.....	20
Congo, 1895, 5c.....	03	"    "    4d.....	20
"    "    10c.....	05	Tonga, 1897, 1/4d.....	03
Cooks Islands, 1893, 1d, cat. 25.....	10	"    "    1d.....	05
Great Britain, 1900, 1/4d green.....	02	Venezuela, '87-88, 25c orange, lith...	01
Rhodesia, 1891, 1/4d.....	03	Zanzibar, 1899, 1a.....	07
St. Helena, 1894, 1/4d.....	03	New Hebrides, 1897, 1d.....	05
"    "    1896, 1/2d.....	03	*Mexico '90, 1 to 25c, inclusive,	
"    "    1d.....	05	Scott's Nos. 212 to 220, cat.	
St. Vincent, 1885, 1d.....	02	value \$1.38, our price.....	40
"    "    1d.....	05	Portugal, set Vasco de Gama, 2 1/2-150r	55
"    "    1898, 1/4d.....	04	Canada, 5c Registered, o. g.....	12

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## J. W. PERCIVAL.

SOME time ago I prefaced a sketch in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST with the remark that stamp-collecting attracted only the thinking man, while it held no charm for the superficial—the every-day man.

The subject of this brief biography is but another evidence of the truth of that assertion. Humorist, actor, soldier, master printer, J. W. Percival could not but become an ardent worshipper at Philately's altar.

Our friend is a born Virginian, and now in his thirty-first year, the last fifteen of which cover about as varied a career as falls to the lot of but few.

After graduating from school "Billy Percival," as his friends call him, chose printing for a profession, served his "Lucifership" in Richmond offices and became a master of the "Art Preservative." But the click of type was too monotonous for our young friend—the born actor and humorist would not be suppressed, and we next find him before the footlights in the rôle of light comedy parts in several companies.

He has appeared in his rôle in every State of the Union but Alaska, and has run the entire gamut of the varying fortunes and misfortunes of an actor—feasted on plenty and stranded—rode in a Pullman, and then counted ties, yet there was one thing that never forsook him—health and good humor.

So one autumn, "when the leaves began to fall," Bill Percival showed up again at his case. For a time again the click of type satisfied him. He then became a member of old Troop "A" First Va. Calvary, and was a great favorite with the rank and file. Then came the Spanish-American "scrap" and we find our friend among the first to enlist in the 2nd Va. Regt. Inf. Va. Vols. following the flag as his father had done.

The regiment did not get further than Jacksonville,

and his letters from "Camp Cuba Libre," to his Richmond friends were always full of humorous sketches of camp life. He was rapidly promoted to Corporal and then Sergeant.

When the troops returned to Richmond few were greeted heartier than Sergeant Percival the favorite of his company.

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J. W. PERCIVAL.



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**An Apology.**

THE editor regrets exceedingly the delay in the issuance of this paper, also other short comings, caused by the serious illness of relatives, who, we are pleased to state, are now convalescing.

**Edward VII. ?**

SPECULATION is rife among philatelists in the British Colonies whether the familiar features of Victoria on their stamps will make room for the likeness of the new King.

**Stearns—Dickinson.**

ON Wednesday, January 30th, Mr. Franklin Stearns, one of the originators and former business manager of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST was united in marriage to Miss Florence Berner Dickinson, at the home of the bride's parents.

THE VIRGINIA tenders its congratulations and best wishes.

**An Exposition Booklet.**

HERE comes another of the beautiful booklets from the Bureau of Publicity of the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y. It consists of 16 pages and a cover in light green. The unique feature of it is the miniature reproduction of the famous poster, "The Spirit of Niagara," which has had a most remarkable demand. The envelope in which the poster booklet is mailed also bears a reproduction of this artistic work. The grounds contain 350 acres, being half a mile wide, and a mile and a quarter long. The pages show horticulture, graphic arts and mines, manufacturers and liberal arts, the Music Temple, the Plaza and its beautiful surroundings, the Stadium or athletic field, the agricultural, live stock and ethnology features, and a few of the 30 or 40 ingenious and novel exhibits which promise to make the Midway the most wonderful that has ever been prepared for Exposition visitors. The last page shows a ground plan of the Exposition, whereon the location of different buildings is indicated. The railroads will make low rates from all parts of the country during the Exposition, which opens May 1 and continues six months, and the people of Buffalo are preparing to entertain comfortably the millions who will attend. Anyone desiring a copy of this booklet may have it free by addressing the Pan-American Bureau of Publicity.

**Dame Rumor Hath It.**

BY H. M.

THAT the death of Queen Victoria opens up a vista of new issues which will make most collectors shudder.

That Reviewer Stone of the *Era* has incurred the wrath of the *New York Philatelist's* Associate Editor.

That surcharging is becoming popular in the vicinity of the Balkans,—Servia being the latest offender.

That Palmer of Campbell filled a precious lot of space in the philatelic papers, if he did not get very many stamps.

That the new Governor of Guam is not of the philatelic bargain counter order.

That some of our writers and others appear to be laboring under the delusion that Father Scott publishes the standard catalogue.

That New Zealand set the ball rolling with a universal penny postage stamp.

That the *American Philatelic Magazine* evidently intends to become "the" paper on American Colonials.

That "Vaal River Colony" is not official and that the catalogue makers have aroused the displeasure of the Phil-Afrianders by using the phrase.

That our Canadian friends are having quite a little tempest in the political teapot.

That the rumored possibility of the sale of the Danish West Indies to Uncle Sam is worrying some stamp men.

That they may have to worry a long time, if they intend to keep it up until the Islands are transferred.

That "Yours Truly" is the latest addition to the clan of philatelic writers.

That the Cape Postoffice Department has dealt a crushing blow at the Mafeking Besieged labels.

That the Yankees of South America are coming it strong on provisionals.

That the pre-cancelled fad is dying hard.

That surcharges will no longer do service in the manufacture of German Colonials.

That the Finnish "mourning stamp" came to an early and untimely end.

That the new French set has at last materialized.

That the comment on the same is anything but complimentary.

That the French Colonies will celebrate the ushering in of the new century with a grand change of colors all round on the postal stationery.

That Corea is rapidly adopting Occidental methods in the issue of her postage stamps.

**Changes Hands.**

This city is to lose another one of its monthly stamp papers, the *New York Philatelist* has been sold to Clark W. Brown & Co., of Syracuse, New York, who will issue the paper from that city, beginning with the March number.

Our New York correspondent writes us he has been informed that the *Perforator*, the official journal of the Philatelic Sons of America, has been purchased by Messrs. Rice and Sheldon, the two Oswego, N. Y., stamp dealers.—*Era*.

**A Fine Sales Department.**

THE Sales Department of the Southern Philatelic Association is in a flourishing condition. A large circuit for the Richmond members which arrived recently at tempting prices was well patronized.

A PROMINENT Richmond collector recently placed his large collection with a well-known auctioneer for sale, and we learn that the prices realized proved the most discouraging experience of his life.

**German China Provisional Stamps.**

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON, ON OCTOBER 26TH, 1900.

BY FRANZ REICHENHEIM.

(From the *London Philatelist*.)

FOR the first time since German stamps have been issued, a provisional issue has been put in circulation by the Post Office, Tsingtau, in the German Colony Kiautschou (China), on or about May 9th, 1900.

About this date the German Post Office in this Colony ran out of 5pf. stamps, and to comply with the public demand

for this value, some sheets of 1897 10pf. stamps, surcharged diagonally "China" were surcharged horizontally in black

**5Pfg.**

Underlined with a blue pencil drawn with a ruler, except on the very first sheets, on which only the figures 5 were underlined.

As the little printing office in Tsingtau had not a sufficient number of types of figure 5 and the letters of the same kind in stock, they were obliged to take three sorts of types, one after the other, to be able to surcharge at least half a sheet at a time (50 stamps). These three different types are arranged on each pane in the following way:—

1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
1.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
11.	11.	11.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.

Type I (stamps Nos. 1 to 21)

**5Pfg.**

The top line of the 5 is short, the lower curve ending in a dot. The letters are in medium serif type. The whole surcharge is 11mm. long.

Type II (stamps Nos. 22 to 43)

**5Pfg.**

The top line of the 5 is longer and

more curved, the lower curve ending in a flourish. The letters are in thick serif type. The whole surcharge is 12mm. long.

Type III (stamps Nos. 44 to 50)

**5Pfg.**

The surcharge is in narrow "antique" type. The top line of the 5 is well curved, the lower curve ending in a dot.

1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
1.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
11.	11.	11.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.	111.

The whole surcharge measures 10½mm.

There exists two minor varieties—

(a) Fourth stamp of bottom row on each pane broken †

(b) Seventh stamp of bottom row on each pane broken ‡

and as these two minor varieties happen to appear on Type III, of which only seven specimens exist on each pane, only ten regular surcharges of this type are found on each sheet.

As each pane has been separately surcharged, the position of the surcharge varies, and appears on some panes through the centre of the stamps, and on others over the original value.

The first postmark known on these stamps is May 9th, 1900, and the latest date of obliteration I have seen on them so far is the middle of August this year.

The two pairs of these stamps—in Types I and II respectively on original envelope, forwarded by a firm in Tsingtau to Hamburg, and obliterated "Shanghai II. 5. 00."—you have before you, have very probably escaped obliteration in Tsingtau, and the mistake was discovered and made good in Shanghai, as these surcharged stamps were not

issued by the German Post Office in the latter place.

In July a new surcharge, also horizontally in black, on the 10pf. German China stamps appeared in Tsingtau, reading

**5Pf**

only 9½mm. long.

The 5 and letters are similar to the Type II of the previous issue, the dot at the end of the surcharge surrounded by a small circle, the whole surcharge also underlined with a blue pencil, as in the May issue.

The German Post Office in Futschau (China), opened on June 7th, 1900, issued the same value surcharged

**5pf.**

in black, on the 10pf. German China stamp of 1897, in August this year. The surcharge here is only 8½mm. long, and has neither a dot at the end nor is it underlined. The 5 and letters are much larger and thicker than in the other issues, and instead of a capital letter P, we find here a small p.

I am afraid we shall hear by-and-by of some more authorised German Colonial

provisionals, not to speak of the use of bisected stamps, as the "Steamer" issue for the German Colonies, and the surcharged "Germania" and "Picture" stamps for the German Post Offices in foreign countries, which were expected before the 1st October this year, seem to have been delayed for some reason or other.

I will not conclude this paper without tendering my best thanks to Mr. Hans Müller, President of the Hanover Philatelic Society, and Editor of *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt Philatelistischer Vereine* and *Germania Blaetter*, Mr. R. Meyer, of this Society, and Mr. Philipp Kosack, of Berlin, for their kindness in furnishing me with some interesting details on the matter, and submitting me complete sheets, photographs of sheets, and various specimens of the different surcharges, for compiling this paper.

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Again Billy Percival reported at his case, and after a time was united in marriage with Miss Bessie E. LaPlace on July 5, 1899. There's a little Maurice Langhorne Percival at their happy home who attends to seeing that "pop" isn't smitten with stage nor war-fever, and ye writer fully believes that the click of type at the large printery of Clyde W. Saunders—where our friend holds a leading position, and the laughter of "Billy Jr." are about all that's needful to make up his cup of happiness.

His collection, recently begun, is not very large, but his enthusiasm makes up for that.

He is a member of the S. P. A., a jovial, good fellow, and the ready wit of his Irish ancestry is his happy heritage.

He is a general collector—with a preference, naturally, for United States and Confederate States issues, and will be pleased to enter into exchange relations with beginners.

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## New Issues and Discoveries.

BY ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

ARGENTINE.—Mr. Hoffmann has sent me a few copies of a Letter Sheet Envelope, issued about January 1, 1901. It is impressed with the current 5 centavos circular stamp in dark blue, and has on the inside a series of scenic illustrations with the inscriptions "Republica Argentina", "Feliz Año Nuevo" (Happy New Year) and the date "1 de Enero de 1901."

L. S. 5 centavos, dark blue on white, 130x100.

BAVARIA.—I have received the 2 pfennig card with control figure "01" for 1901.

P. C. 2pf., gray on buff.

FRENCH COLONIES.—I have received two new cards for "Indo Chine" and "Reunion", the latter having a Money-Order blank printed on the reverse.

They are of the old type without the inscription "Republique Française", but the names of the colonies are printed in red.

P. C. 10 centimes, black and red on greenish, for Indo China.

10 centimes, black and red on greenish, for Reunion, with Money-Order blank on reverse.

GERMAN EMPIRE. (*Offices in China.*)—The German Cards of the Germania type have been surcharged "China" in black over the stamp for use in the German Post Offices in China.

P. C. 5pf green and black on cream.

5+5pf " " " " T3.

10pf carmine and black on cream.

10+10pf " " " " T3.

GERMAN COLONIES.—An entirely new set of Postal Cards was placed on sale in all the German Colonies the latter part of 1900. The Stamp impressed on them is known as the "Ship-Type," and is uniform for all the Colonies, except as to the name of the Colony, which appears on a curved band above the central (ship) design, below which is expressed the



denomination, viz.: "5 Pfennig 5", resp. "10 Pfennig 10", except on the cards for German East Africa, on which the values are expressed in "Pesa." I therefore chronicle:

P. C. 5pf green on cream.  
5+5pf " " " T3.  
10pf carmine on cream.  
10+10pf " " " T3.

For the following colonies:

Cameroons.	Caroline Islands.
German New Guinea.	German S. W. Africa.
Kiautschou.	Marianna Islands.
Marshall Islands.	Samoa
	and Togo.

And:

P. C. 3 pesa, green on cream.  
3+3 " " " " T3.  
5 pesa, carmine on cream.  
5-5 " " " " T3.

for German East Africa.

GREECE.—I have received a new Letter Card of the denomination of 10 lepta. The stamp is of the same type as that on the 1900 Postal Union Cards (see illustration on page 9 of Vol. IV). Unlike the first issued of 20 lepta the color of the stamp and the inscriptions are in the same color, and the instructions are now on the left hand side, reading downward.

L. C. 10 lepta, red on blue, perf. 1.

ITALY.—Dr. Dieua has kindly sent me the regular 10c card with imprint "900" also the 20c Letter card with stamp of the new type. The color of the paper is now of a pure orange tint.

P. C. 10c, carmine on cream. "900."

L. C. 20c, brown-red on orange, perf. 1.

MEXICO.—Some years ago I called attention to a variety of the 5 centavos card of the 1891, P. C. 20 of the 1898 catalogue, consisting of a period after "Interior" at right, and a comma, in place of a period, after "Postal."

A correspondent in Mexico City now directs my attention to an error on the same card, which has "Intebiob" instead of "Interior" at the right side of the card, sending me his specimen, with request to return after my examination. By reference to my collection I now find

that the card with period and comma, chronicled some years ago, really has the two "Bs" in "Interior," although they are slightly broken at the bottom.

The card just received from Mexico, however, has *no* period after "Intebiob," and, in looking through my stock of this issue, I found two others like it.

There are, therefore, two varieties of this error, with and without period. The formulas of these cards are type set, and the distinctive features of the "Intebiob" errors are: The first "I" of that word is out of line, being lower than the rest, all have a comma after "Tarjeta Postal" and a period after "Direction," which latter does not exist on the correct card.

P. C. 5c, blue & red on white, error "Intebiob" with period.  
5c, blue & red on white, error "Intebiob" no period.

NETHERLANDS.—The current cards, issued in 1899, P. C. 9 and 10, have just been issued with corrected arms, having "Supporters" at the sides and the inscription "Je Maintiendrai" on a ribbon, extending under the entire arms.

No other change has been made.

P. C. 2½c dark green on greenish.  
2½-2½c " " " " T3.  
5c carmine on rose.  
5-5c " " " " T3.

PERU.—I have received some new cards from this Republic which, I think, were issued some time during 1900. They resemble the 1899 issue in their general make up, except that the head, facing to the right, is now printed in blue-black, and the views are on the reverse side of the card. Above the head appears the figure "1900" and below it the value in Roman Capitals, which, as well as the other inscriptions, are in a color different from that of the head.

P. C. Un (1) Centavo, blue-black & green-black, on white, 143x91.  
Dos (2) Centavo, blue-black & dark brown, on white, 143x91.  
Cuatro (4) Centavo, blue-black & yellow-brown, on white, 143x91.



### The Southern Philatelic Association.

President.—Oscar Jannasch, Waco, Texas.  
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 Sec'y-Treas.—A. Deitz, Richmond, Va.  
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 Trustees—August Dietz, Chairman Ex-Officio,  
 Richmond, Va., Emil Gerlich and Robert  
 Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.  
 Official Journal—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

#### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have just received by express, from my predecessor in office the books and stationery of the Southern Philatelic Association.

At this writing—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST about to go to press—I am unable on such short notice, to present a report of the condition of affairs in this number. It will appear next month.

Several members have sent me their 1901 dues, who have been duly credited, and will receive their membership cards at an early date. The greater majority, I regret to report, have not responded to my call for dues.

It is imperative that these dues be paid. Our Association is a strong one, our Sales Department is one of the best, if not *the* best, and there are many advantages offered members of the Southern if they will but avail themselves of the opportunities. But our Treasury is depleted. Several bills against the Association remain to be paid, and I urge every member to remit to me at an early date his yearly dues—but 25 cents.

In assuming this office I relied upon the members to uphold the S. P. A., and give me every support in their power. Let us determine to carry on the work successfully. Let us infuse some life and vim into the work. Let each member make it a matter of personal pride to build up the S. P. A.

A rival philatelic society has chosen the watchword "Man for Man," determining that each member shall induce one more collectors to join its ranks. Let us do likewise—let us enter into a friendly and enthusiastic race with the other societies for the largest membership in 1901.

Who'll follow the flag?

AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.  
 RICHMOND, VA., February 20, 1901.

#### APPLICATIONS.

Geo. F. Stein, 84 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y.  
 Book-keeper. Refs., Chas. Waring, Aug. Dietz.  
 Percy L. Phillips, 300 So. Pine St., Richmond, Va.  
 Printer. Refs., Aug. Dietz, Roy B. Bradley.  
 A. M. Barden, Bristol, Tenn., Barden & Lewis,  
 candy mfrs. Refs., Chas. Waring, Wm. S. Frost.

#### RESIGNATION.

R. L. Doak, Pearl, Ohio.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE REMITTED DUES.

I am notified by the former Secretary, Mr. Lowry, that dues have been received by him from the following members, who, if they have

not received their membership card, will kindly notify me by postal, and same will be sent:

James H. Cowan.....\$ .35	W. N. Barton.....\$ .35
Marshall Olsen..... .35	Jake Phillipowski..... .35
H. S. Vanderburgh..... .13	Otto Heilig..... .35
S. V. Pheuffer..... .35	Geo. F. Stein..... .35
M. B. Davis, Jr..... .35	Chas. Waring..... .25
Jori H. DuBose..... .25	

The following members have remitted their 1901 dues to me, and will receive their card as soon as I receive same from the President:

H. A. Chapman.....\$ .25	John C. Morgan.....\$ .25
Geo. L. Ellis..... .25	Dr. M. W. Peyer..... .25
Shirley E. Moisant..... .25	P. A. Peterson..... .24
W. P. Kelley.....\$ .25	Gordon B. Bradley.\$ .25
Robt. Kessler..... .25	Thos. C. Disbrow..... .25
Emil Gerlich..... .25	F. Pistorius..... .26
Aug. Dietz..... .25	John Glassford..... .25
Roy B. Bradley..... .25	

#### REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., 2-14-1901.

In circulation last report, Dec. 20, 1900,	
23 books, value.....	\$726.45
Received since, 10 books, value.....	271.17
	33
	\$997.62
Retired 9 (from which have	
been sold \$63.61)	210.37

In circulation Feb. 14, 24.....\$787.25

CHARLES WARING.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Inasmuch as REV. R. R. THIELE, and WM. MYERS have not yet settled for the stamps taken from the Sales Department, and whereas the time given them to settle by the Sixth Annual Convention, has expired two months ago, and as they have to this date not yet settled, they are hereby expelled from membership in compliance with the actions of said convention.

Yours respectfully,

EMIL GERLICH,

ROBERT KESSLER,

Board Trustees S. P. A.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEX., Feb. 1, 1901.

### Interstate Philatelic Association.

#### LIST OF OFFICERS.

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 Librarian—David F. Brown, 930 Holly St., New Whatcom, Wash.  
 Trustees—(Charles H. Precedemer,  
 Jas. B. Finnigan,  
 M. L. Gumbert, Portland.)

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FEBRUARY 5th, 1901.

#### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I desire to express my thanks to you all for your support in electing me as your president for the ensuing year. I can say that the honor was greatly appreciated. The office was not sought after, and it was my expectation that I would be "snowed under", and that you would elect our worthy member, Mr. Precedemer, to the office

I have but little time to devote to it; I will however, do what I can to fill the office with credit to the "I. P. A." and trust that all members and officers will give me their hearty support. Now let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and add many new members to our roll before the next annual convention. Again thanking you for the honor bestowed upon me, I am yours with best wishes.  
E. C. PATTON, Pres.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 1, 1901.

The Fourth Annual Convention was held in the office of the President on the evening of January 29th. After calling the meeting to order, the President delivered a lengthy address, in which he reviewed the condition of the affairs of the Society during the past year, recommended changes in the Departments to make them more effective and urged members to make special efforts to get new recruits. The prize which had been put up at the Third Convention for the member securing the most new members was left in the hands of the Secretary to be competed for during the coming year.

A recess of fifteen minutes was then taken, during which the Credential Committee checked over the ballots and proxies. Upon Convention coming to order, Chairman Precedemer announced on behalf of his committee that the gentlemen whose names appear on the revised list of officers had been elected to serve during 1901. After minutes of last Convention had been read and various committees appointed, reports of officers were submitted.

The Secretary Treasurer reported 33 members in good standing, 18 delinquent. Cash on hand, \$3.67. Referred to Committee on Finance and Official Journal. Exchange Superintendent Drews recommended increase of commission charged in Sales Department to 15%. Reported 31 books circulated, valued at \$100.52, sales made, \$15.39, 15.3%. Referred to Committee on Exchange, Auction and Purchasing Departments.

Recess of ten minutes for Committee work. Committee on Standing Rules and Library recommended that papers in Library be turned over to Auction Superintendent for disposal on most advantageous terms. Accepted.

Committee on Exchange, Auction and Purchasing Departments advocated establishment of an Insurance Fund in Sales Department, to protect members against loss. Adopted.

Committee on Finance and Official Journal found Treasurer's accounts correct. Recommended continuing VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as official organ. Adopted.

The proposition of the Portland Philatelic Club to consolidate under condition that the Club turn its cash over to the Society was accepted.

After a vote of thanks had been tendered the out-going officers for their faithful and efficient services, the Convention adjourned, to meet again in Portland at the call of the President in the Fall of 1901.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Frank L. Applegate, Eugene, Or. Refs., J. M. Shelly, H. Moeller.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS A. MCARTHUR, Sec'y-Treas.

REPORT OF SALES AND AUCTION SUP'T.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30, 1901.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—

Again it becomes my duty to thank you for showing confidence in me by turning over the Auction and Sales Departments to my care. This

I do most heartily and hope your trust has not been misplaced.

Before this will reach you, you will have received a circular letter setting forth the benefits of the Departments and explaining the methods of operation.

Trusting that you will all co-operate with me in making 1901 a successful season, I remain,

Yours for the I. P. A.,

H. MOELLER,  
Sales and Auct. Supt.

The Postal Card Society of America.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

63 J. T. A. Hoshbach, care of Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

64 S. M. Edwards, Argusville, N. Dakota.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

O. Ruprecht, 803 Union Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

By the time this report reaches our members our annual election will be over and the successful candidates will be announced in our next report.

It is earnestly requested that members remit their **DUES** for the year 1901 promptly. By giving this matter immediate attention members will save both the Secretary trouble and the Society expense, and on receipt of dues I will be pleased to mail you the handsome Membership Certificate entitling the holder to all the privileges and benefits of our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GAFFORD, Sec'y.

CHURCH HILL, MD., Feb. 26th, 1901.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance last report.....\$93.67  
Received from Secretary ..... 1.00

Balance on hand .....\$94.67  
No payments.

J. N. MORSE, Treas.

BOSTON, Feb. 21, 1901.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

I have received the following renewals since my last report:

Edward H. Buehler, \$3.00. W. P. Agee, \$5.00. Siegfried Schachue, \$3.00. J. Oakley Hobby, \$3.00. Guy A. Bryant, \$5.00. John N. Morse, \$5.00. Waldemar Hoffmann, \$0.35. Bruce V. Jenkins, \$5.00. Nicholas Adler, \$3.00. Dr. Paul

Rosberg, \$3.08. W. A. MacCalla, \$10.00. George H. Worthington, \$3.00. Max P. Heaverich, \$5.00. W. Rasmus, \$3.30, and one new subscription, A. Hoshbach, \$5.00.

Distribution No. 52 was sent out January 20th, containing the following new issues:

Sarawak, 4+4c; Sweden, letter cards, 5 and 10 ore; Greece, 1 c., 10 lepta; Uruguay, 2c, 2 var.; Togoland, eagle type, 10pf. and 10+10pf.; German Levant, 20 para; German Morocco, 5, 5+5, 10, and 10+10 pfennig; and the same values of

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The rest of the German Colonials have arrived since, and will be distributed with other new issues within a few days.

When are the non-participating members going to come in and reap the benefits of this department? Respectfully submitted,

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Purchasing Agent.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 20, '01.

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Grenada—½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 6, 8, 1/-.  
St. Lucia—½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1/-, 5/-.  
Gambia—¼, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1/-.  
Virgin Islands—½, 1, 2½, 4, 6, 7, 1/-, 5/-.  
Trinidad—¼, 1, 2, 2½, 4, 5, 6, 1/-, 5/-.  
Turks Islands—½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6, 1/-.  
Leeward Islands—½, 1, 2½, 4, 6, 7, 1/-, 5/-.  
Jamaica—½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-.  
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5c Express, red.....	35	12
5c Inland Exchange, red.....	15	05
10c Certificate, blue.....	4 00	1 50
15c Inland Exchange, brown.....	1 00	85
20c " " red.....	25	08
20c Foreign Exchange, red.....	1 00	40
25c Insurance, red.....	12	05
25c Life Insurance, red.....	1 00	40
25c Power of Attorney, red.....	25	08
25c Protest, red.....	75	25
25c Warehouse Receipts, red.....	1 00	33
30c Inland Exchange, lilac.....	60	20
50c Conveyance, blue.....	1 50	45
50c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	1 25	40
50c Lease, blue.....	1 25	45
50c Mortgage, blue.....	1 25	40
50c Original Process, blue.....	30	07
50c Probate of Will, blue.....	2 00	65
50c Surety Bond, cut rather close.....	6 00	1 00
60c Inland Exchange, orange.....	1 00	40
70c Foreign Exchange, green.....	4 00	1 75
81.00 Conveyance, red.....	30	12
1.00 Life Insurance, red.....	3 00	1 25
1.00 Power of Attorney, red.....	1 00	40
1.00 Foreign Exchange, red.....	75	30
1.00 Inland Exchange, red.....	15	05
1.50 Inland Exchange, blue.....	15	06
2.00 Conveyance, red.....	2 50	85
2.00 Mortgage, red.....	2 50	85
3.00 Manifest, green.....	1 50	60
5.00 Conveyance, red.....	1 50	50
15.00 Manifest, red.....	3 50	1 50
15.00 Mortgage red.....	3 50	1 50
10.00 Conveyance, green.....	4 00	1 50
20.00 " " red.....	2 00	85

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Mr. John J. Courtice, since the first number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, a contributor of stamp news from the British capital, is one of our oldest and staunchest friends, and though I have been all these years besieging him for the permission to introduce him to the readers of THE VIRGINIA, I have failed. While in possession of his latest photo, I have managed to glean from many years' correspondence the meagre facts that are here presented.

John Courtice was born in England forty-three years ago, and has been collecting since 1870, while at school. His fine collection now numbers well up in the thousands, his specialties are British Colonials, old "Capes" etc., though he is a general collector.

Our friend is in the grocery business, but manages to devote the little spare time from business to his stamps, which through all the years have never lost their charm.

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—DIETZ.

Mr. Reginald C. Frith, our correspondent in Turks Island, is a native of that West Indian Colony. He was born on the island in May, 1873, where, with the exception of two prolonged trips to New York, he has always resided.

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Philatelic dealers from early date put their prices of stamps in printed form. Hence we have stamp catalogs galore, and references to these of former days and comparisons with these of the present time are very interesting, entertaining and good for thought. I well remember taking a stamp catalog of 1876 and taking the prices asked therein for the 1869 issue of United States stamps. I then took Scott's Catalog for 1895 and figured out the percentage of advance. Basing the percentage of advance in those nineteen years, it will take unheard of fortunes to possess a set of those stamps in 1995.

When we enter into philately we go in to learn. To become philatelists, we should saturate ourselves with the works of philatelic interest, of local interest and of personal interest, that will be of any aid to us whatever. As I have often remarked, philately is a vast field, and one that we cannot master in a day, a week or a year. It is like the subject of law. We never know it perfectly. There is always something new to learn.

Much criticism has been heaped upon our philatelic papers of today. They fail to compare with those of former years, we often hear it said. Their contents are bad. They are not philatelic. It is true philatelists may still be such without being entirely wedded body and soul to stamps. They like diversion. We do not necessarily confine ourself strictly to stamps in our reading, our writing, in

our work. We do not, however, care to know how brother Jones cut his finger, or how sister Smith let a hot iron fall on and smash her toe. In fact we take little stock in so-called Philatelic Notes. Interesting entertaining facts are always, or should always, be welcome in our papers. Because a year ago we published an article on a subject is that a reason why we should refuse one of today on a similar subject? Continual persistency brings success. There are many things that prove interesting, aye on the third or fourth reading even.

We should subscribe to all the good stamp papers. Advertising sheets, solely, should be consigned to the waste basket after perusal, but good readable articles in a regular stamp paper should be preserved. At the end of each volume we should see that the same is properly and neatly bound and placed on the shelves of our library. Did not some of our most noted authors turn out their productions on stampic subjects when closeted with their books and papers? Some of our authors outside of philately, do their writing between midnight and dawn and claim that is the only time to write knowingly, clearly and entertainingly. Fancy a philatelist burning the midnight oil, or contracting with the gas or electric light plant to let the lights burn all night, so that he may turn out philatelic articles. Why the revenue he would derive from such productions would make him as rich as Croesus. Did I hear a small wail of some hunger-expiring philatelic author as I penned that line, or was it merely the wind sweeping down the chimney and scattering the ashes of an almost dead fire, and no coal in the coalshed?

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As I have before remarked, we should not fail to purchase all the works of philatelic subjects. There are many good books published abroad we should have. They are interesting and instructive. It is a great diversion to turn from our business cares to our stamp collection, and from them to our favorite papers or books. Without books a man is a mere nothing. Without literature our progress would indeed be slow. We owe it all to them. By these records the thoughts of men are preserved for ages and ages. Take the Rubiyat of Omahr Kuyyam for an example. Who would have been the possessor of these rare poetic gems had not this tentmaker of Persia put his thoughts into writing. What if he had merely thought such thoughts? Would we be here devouring them seven hundred years afterwards? We would never have known such a man existed. And so it is in philately. Keep your files full of good literature.

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### A Just Stamp Tax.

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HERE are many collectors of the right kind who, by affiliation with a stamp society could benefit themselves through benefitting the society. Some folk join a society to help the society; others to help themselves: but is it best to join a society for a combination of self help and society help.

The stamp society is a concrete, tangible evidence of philatelic power; it is a multiplication by the number of its members of the worth or fitness of the average member. The sum of the pygmies, individuals, becomes a giant for purposes of pushing philately ahead and hoisting it higher; and commanding attention by the display of strength alone.

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free list. Let him deflect a sum equivalent to the low rate of taxation on his stamps to the maintenance of stamp societies; but it is scarcely fair to call the dues in the society a tax; for rather, they are an investment. The returns are not always sure to the individual perhaps, but when they do come, they may be of much richness.

Any investment that has a tendency to promote an interest in or add to philately's strength, increases the value of one's collection of stamps—the logic of this assertion may be proved easily enough. As a business proposition, the stamp society is the thing for you; it adds to the value of your collection and it adds to your power as a philatelist.

There are many collectors who believe as thoroughly in stamp societies as they believe in stamps themselves, but they do not make connection between themselves and the societies; the missing link is their application for membership.

Sense and sentiment call upon you to join a good society,—one composed of collectors, such as yourself; it will pay to do so, even though the benefit comes indirectly.—*Wolsieffer's Auction Catalogue.*

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### A Curlo.

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OUR friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., has sent us for inspection a lower half sheet of current 8c stamps, showing on the white bottom margin a faint impress of the plate. There are eight so-called "offset" prints of the plate clearly visible, running diagonally from left to right upward.

The sheet was evidently "misfed" to the press, saved in time to rectify, but not before a slight "kiss" of the plate had occurred. It was evidently overlooked in the revision of the sheets and found its way to the Birmingham post-office and to the hands of the "old stamp hunter."

### Collectors at the Fair.

Thousands will be at the Exposition in August.

There are 5,000,000 or more persons in the United States who devote more or less of their time to the collection of stamps, coins, pictures, curios, etc., and the majority of them are members of the societies of collectors. Among these are: The American Society of Curio Collectors, the Philatelic Sons of America, The American Philatelic Association, the American Numismatist Association, the American Camera Club Exchange, and the Illustrated or Souvenir Card Exchange. These and many other associations of collectors will hold their annual meetings in Buffalo during the week beginning August 19th, while the Pan-American is in progress.

On account of the many attractions offered by the Exposition and Niagara Falls, and the extraordinary opportunities which the collectors will have for adding to their specimens, it is expected that this will be the most largely attended meeting of the different associations ever held.—*Daily News*.

THE *Monthly Circular* has received information that of the Orange River 6d, carmine, twenty-five sheets were printed with "level dots" and five sheets with "raised dots." These five sheets were returned from outlying post offices and surcharged.

Our contemporary remarks that as these five sheets were sold to officers only, who resold them in entire sheets to various speculators, they can hardly be described as stamps issued to the public. It is a rather nice point.—*London Philatelist*.

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### Valuable Scraps.

Paper Which Has Been Bought at £27,500 a Square Foot.

Some valuable scraps of old paper came under the hammer yesterday afternoon, when Messrs. Puttick and Simpson started a four days' sale by auction of a number of rare old stamps.

The gem of the collection was a pale blue Roumanian stamp nearly fifty years old. It is a plain ugly-looking piece of paper, with a bull's head and a hunting horn on it, and stamped eighty-one paras. Yet it fetched £143 yesterday.

Taking the area of the stamp at three-quarters of an inch, Puttick and Simpson have succeeded in selling old paper at the rate of £27,504 a square foot.

Another stamp is to be put up later, the last copy of which sold for 100gs. This is a 30-cent carmine and blue U. S. stamp, with an error in the shape of inverted flags.

Errors in printing are pounced upon by sharp-eyed philatelists, for they sometimes treble the value of the specimen. A curious error is represented in this sale, for a 1d Cape of Good Hope stamp is blue instead of red. This issue of stamps was printed from a number of little copper blocks clamped together.

When the little blocks were clamped together, a penny block was dropped by mistake among the fourpenny blocks, so that one stamp in each sheet of fourpenny stamps was a penny one, and was coloured blue instead of red. That little slip has made the stamp worth £50. The most valuable stamp in the world is not likely to come on the market yet. It is in the hands of a French collector, and is a one-cent British Guiana valued at anything up to £1,500. It is the only known copy in existence.—*Exchange*.

READ the advertisements.

### What Are Guam Stamps Worth?

AN interesting comparison of values is afforded between the stamps of the U. S. surcharged for use in Guam, and those issued at Mafeking, and some of the values of the Orange Free State surcharged, V. R. I.

The circumstances that aid in determining value are the same in both cases; the numbers issued of the various values of the Guam set has a parallel in Mafeking and Orange River Colony issues; the demand for both sets is large, and the most important point in the comparison, the probable number in the hands of collectors, dealers and speculators, is the same in both cases. I think it will be conceded that the number of stamps in existence in each value of the above issues with which comparison is made will run from 90 per cent to 98 per cent of the number printed and placed on sale.

I have prepared the following schedule based on the number of Mafeking and V. R. I. on Orange Free State issued of certain varieties, and the lowest advertised prices I have seen quoted on the several Mafeking and Orange Free State values, taken from English and American papers:

#### TABLE OF ISSUES AND PRICES ASKED.

V. R. I. 4d on 1d O. F. S. ....	74,400	\$ .60
2c. Guam.....	75,000	?
V. R. I. 2½d on 3d O. F. S. ....	19,200	2.50
1c and 5c Guam.....	15,000	?
Mafeking Bicycle.....	9,476	3.70
10c Guam.....	10,000	?
Mafeking 1d on ½d old C G H. ....	7,680	3.00
Mafeking 3d on 1d carmine C G H. .	6,000	2.60
Mafeking 1d on ½d vermilion Beche Protec.....	4,000	3.00
Mafeking 1d on ½d 1898 C G H.....	5,280	4.00
3d B-P small head.....	6,072	4.50
3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c Special Del and 15c Guam.....	5,000	?
Mafeking 8d on 3d lilac Br. Protec	3,600	5.50
50c Guam.....	1,000	?
3d B-P, large head.....	3,038	18.50
\$1 Guam.....	3,000	?

In making the Mafekings and Orange

River Colony issues the basis for comparison, I believe that the number actually in existence in the hands of dealers, speculators, and collectors will run over 80 per cent of the number issued. The soldiers and inhabitants of Mafeking at the time of the siege were keenly alive to the possibilities of philatelic and public interest that would be created by such an issue, and those receiving letters franked by such stamps would be likely to save them on account of the historical and sentimental interest that would attach to their use. The early surcharges of Orange River Colony were bought largely by collectors, dealers and speculators, and the number actually in existence must be over 90 per cent. of the issue.

Of the Guams, I believe that from 90 to 98 per cent. of the issue is in the hands of collectors, dealers and speculators. There could not have been any large demand for their use by the inhabitants, and the larger part of the issue that were used to pay postage must have been used by the army and navy.

I believe that Guams at triple face are bound to be a good investment. There are but 3,000 complete sets running from 1c to \$1 and prices have been advancing for the past 6 months.— W. J. STANTON, in *Meekel's Weekly*.

#### A Fine Sales Department.

The Sales Department of the Southern Philatelic Association is in a flourishing condition. A large circuit for the Richmond members which arrived recently at tempting prices was well patronized.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—A complete list, with the information that the stamps are plate engraved, and have the Queen's head in centre on solid ground, is given by the *S. C. Fortnightly*.

SUBSCRIBE to the V. P.

### Stamps of the National Bank Note Company on Double Paper.

BY JOHN N. LUFF.

COLLECTORS have for some years been cognizant of the existence of certain stamps, printed by the Continental Bank Note Company, on double paper. The list includes several values of the issue for general use and also a few of the Department stamps. The 2 cents brown and 3 cents green of the issue of 1873-75 are not scarce on this paper. But it does not appear to have occurred to philatelists to search for similar varieties in other issues; yet, had we but considered the history of these stamps, we might have found reason to suspect the existence of this paper in issues preceding that of 1873.

The object of this paper was to prevent the washing and re-use of stamps. It was composed of two papers,—one, thick and hard; the other, thin and soft. The two were united by some adhesive preparation. The printing was to be made on the thin paper, which was to be so delicate as to be destroyed if an attempt were made to remove the cancellation. This paper was patented on February 16th, 1869, by Charles F. Steel.

For some years I have known the 3 cents of the 1869 issue, printed on this paper, and recently I have seen the 15, 24 and 30 cents. However, we have, as yet, no evidence that these are anything more than an experimental printing, and the best informed collectors hold that they are essays and not stamps which were placed in use. About 1877, the attention of collectors was called to a printing, on double paper, of the stamps then current. This printing is said to have comprised twenty millions of stamps. I do not know what authority there is for these figures. This information appears to have been overlooked by most collectors and the stamps were al-

most unknown until a few years ago, when attention was once more drawn to them and their recognition by cataloguers was secured. I must confess that, while I knew the stamps were printed experimentally in 1869 and issued in considerable quantities about 1875, it had not occurred to me to look for them in the intermediate issue. I had taken it for granted that nothing had been done with the patent in the years between 1869 and 1875. But we now have evidence to the contrary.

In September last, Mr. C. P. Orr wrote me that he had found a copy of the 24 cents 1870-71, on double paper, and subsequently he showed me the stamp. Unfortunately, it had been soaked apart and not very successfully reunited. Because of its rather unsatisfactory appearance, and in view of the difficulty of distinguishing between the printings of this stamp by the National and Continental Bank Note Companies, I preferred to suspend judgment and wait for more evidence, before chronicling the stamp. Such evidence is now available. Mr. C. E. Severu has recently sent me a copy of the 6 cents National print, on the original cover and on double paper. There is no room for doubt about this copy. The date of the cancellation is November 1st, 1870. A curious thing about both these National stamps is that they are printed on the thick side of the paper instead of on the thin. By this blunder the purpose of the patent is, of course, defeated. I think it is quite probable that other denominations of the 1870-71 series will be found on double paper.—*American Journal of Philately.*

THE new stamps of the German Empire have been slightly modified by having the word "*Reichspost*" reduced in size in the 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 pfennig values, so as to fit the label better.—*Le Philatliste Francais.*



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The above will be admitted in thirty days if no sufficient objections are filed, and will then receive their membership cards. Members should send for application blanks and induce their friends to join. The Sales Department is helping members to dispose of their duplicates, and others to fill vacant spaces in their albums at a low cost. Use it. Don't rely on the officers to do all the work. Every member with a little effort could get at least one new member. Try it now.

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### DECEASED.

96 Charles Bergholz.  
 331 E. B. Carter.

### RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

424 D. Pick.

I have been extremely busy the past two months and have not been able to give the society as much time as I would like to have done, but hope to be better situated soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. F. DODGE, Sec'y-Treas.

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### SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

PORTLAND, OREGON, March 21, 1901.

The following new member has been admitted:  
 130 Frank L. Applegate, Eugene, Oregon.

### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

Eli Fisher, from Salinas, Cal., to Petaluma, California.  
 Oscar Bergman, Jr., from Argyle, Wash., to 1601 First Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

It seems necessary to remind our members that dues for 1901 are now payable.

Respectfully submitted,  
 LEWIS A. MCARTHUR, Sec'y-Treas.

## The Southern Philatelic Association.

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 Official Journal—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

### REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

I am gratified to state that dues and new applications are coming in pretty lively. This is as it should be, and I trust it may continue at the same good rate.

I am still unable to forward the membership cards—having to date not received the signature of our President. However, a list of the paid up members has, and in future will be published, until the cards are ready for delivery.

The following applications have been received:

APPLICATIONS.

- \* R. C. Barksdale, 1910 Arlington Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Druggist. Refs., Fred Fuessel, F. R. Amear. Manager City Department of Meyer Bros. Drug Co., and F. G. Udell.
- \* Carpenter, Ben May. Cashier. Care of Planters F. & M. Ins. Co., Memphis, Tenn. Refs., Aug. Dietz, Frank B. Hunter, Planters F. & M. Ins. Co.

The following application was left over by my predecessor, and should have appeared several months ago. Due apology is offered Mr. Olson:

- \* Marshall Olson, 648 Erie St., S. E. Minneapolis, Minn. Occupation, Secretary-Treasurer. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Charles Stone, Otto Dahlberg.

[\* Desire to participate in Sales Department].

The following dues and application fees have been received since my last report:

P. W. Koning.....	\$ .25	R. C. Barksdale.....	\$ .35
Ben May Carpenter.....	.35	G. C. Cuenod.....	.25
W. D. Osgood.....	.25	C. E. Severn.....	.25
R. L. Deitrick.....	.25	W. D. Simpson.....	.25

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Attention has repeatedly been called to the fact that the S. P. A. Library has never been trans-

ferred from Bro. C. P. Galyon to Bro. Henry Schott, Librarian during 1900, and now that Mr. C. P. Davis, of Richmond, Va., has succeeded Mr. Schott in office, it would be well to have the Library forwarded to its proper custodian. Large contributions of philatelic journals have been received from Brother R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., and with the old library this should make a fine stock of philatelic literature.

Let every member put his shoulder to the wheel and push along the S. P. A.

Yours for success,

AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

RICHMOND, VA., March 28, 1901.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

In circulation last report 21 books, value...\$787.25  
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48 \$1366.96

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## CLYDE ALLEN DICKINSON.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has the pleasure of presenting, this month, the portrait and a brief sketch of a well known young American philatelist and writer, now touring the world—Mr. Clyde Allen Dickinson, formerly editor of *Ambition* and *The Cuyler Sun*, both of Chicago, who is at present in Durban, Natal, South Africa.

As Mr. Dickinson has a graceful way of declining to speak of himself I was compelled to seek other sources for data in preparing this sketch, and much of the following is clipped *verbatim* from a sketch in *The Cuyler Sun*.

Clyde Allen Dickinson was born April 6, 1879, at Middlebury, Elkhart County, Indiana. At the early age of eleven he decided to follow a journalistic career, and start his life in a newspaper office, there to receive, by his own efforts, the education necessary to the success of his plan. Against the advice and wishes of his parents who tried to discourage him in his undertaking, he stood firm in his resolution, until finally his father purchased for him a small amateur printing outfit, consisting of the smallest of presses and two fonts of type. With this miniature outfit he labored steadfastly his only capital being ambition, of which he has a bountiful supply.

In the spring of '91, while visiting in Gosben, Indiana, he called on the late Wm. A. Beane, an old friend of his father and editor of the *Goshen Democrat*, a leading journal in that part of the State. Clyde saw in this man a kindred spirit and confided to him the resolution to become a newspaper man, and it was from Mr. Beane that the young lad received his first encouraging words. The old editor at once took a kindly interest in him and the friendship between the two was only broken by the death of Mr. Beane some years since, and his young friend has often said of him "A finer man I have not known in the profession."

Later in '91, Clyde A. Dickinson moved with his parents from Waka-rusa, Indiana, where they then resided, to Chicago, locating in the suburb of Cuyler, where they have since lived. Much of his early experience was gained while with Norton &

Norton, who at that time published the *Ravenswood News*.

After his interest was once awakened in newspaper work it was his one ambition to publish a paper of his own, and having come into possession of some old amateur papers he conceived the idea that he too could conduct a small newspaper. This became firmly set in his mind and to this end he patiently worked. From his spending money he saved

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CLYDE ALLEN DICKINSON.



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**THE ARMS OF MADRID.**

MOST collectors are aware that the arms of Madrid—a bear and a tree—form the central design of the two stamps value 1 and 3 cuartos issued in 1853, for use in the Spanish capital, but probably very few have any idea of the origin of the device. The following story was told in an ancient number of *Le Timbrophile* to account for its adoption by the city of Madrid and though we cannot vouch for its truth, it is nevertheless interesting.

Long years ago when the site of Madrid was occupied by only a few peasants' cottages, a young girl, resident in one of them, left her home to go and pluck *madrouns*. On approaching the tree she was about to despoil she observed a huge bear seated in its branches busily engaged in munching the fruit. Horrified, the girl hastily retreated; but on telling her mother what she had seen received in reply a blow from her distaff. "Indeed *Madre*," (mother) said the girl, "if you do not believe go into the orchard and see, and you will soon believe I am speaking the truth." Nothing loth, the mother went; the bear saw and seized her; and the justice of heaven was accomplished by her destruction. In memory of the fact the Government of the day conferred on the infant community the name of *Madre-id* (corrupted in time to Madrid) and granted it permission to take for its arms the "Bear and the Tree."—*Ewen's Weekly*.

**Bermuda Provisional.**

OUR thanks are hereby tendered to Mr. J. C. Crisson, Jr., manager of The Bermuda Wrecking Co., Hamilton, Bermuda, for a copy of the one farthing stamp, surcharged on the one shilling of the current issue. Quite a bit of speculation was indulged in upon the placing of this provisional; the entire supply being exhausted in a few hours. High prices were asked for some time, but a second issue has caused a marked decrease in market quotations.

THE S. P. A. convention at Birmingham next October promises to be the rallying point for hosts of Southern collectors. Bring along your "little book of duplicates."



### The American Society of Curio Collectors.

A NEW collector's society, for other than stamp collectors called the "American Society of Curio Collectors," has been organized. Its officers are Roy F. Greene, a stamp collector, naturalist and journalist of Arkansas City, Kan., President; Thomas L. Elder, numismatist and member P. S. of A., of Pittsburg, Pa., Vice-President; and Allen J. Reynolds, Naturalist, Connersville, Ind., Secretary and Treasurer. The society has already issued its first "quarterly bulletin," giving the names of members, what they collect, exchange, etc.; and its official paper, *The Curio Monthly*, will, we hear, make its bow early in April. The new paper is to be devoted chiefly to collecting subjects in general, but will have some unique features such as departments of Indian Folk Lore and "Facts in American History not Generally Known." Prof. W. O. Emery, a well-known Archæologist, of Crawfordsville, Ind., and Prof. C. Abbott Davis, a prominent Entomologist of Providence, R. I., will be associate editors. With this backing the Society and "Curio Monthly" ought to be a "go."—*New York Philatelist*.

### Society Dues.

MANY collectors are quite negligent about paying their society dues each year, and are often dropped for non-payment of dues, being often put to considerable trouble in being reinstated. AS THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is the official journal of several societies we desire to call the attention of our society members to the matter. Pay up your dues. The societies need funds and you should not neglect this small, but important matter.

### A New Editor.

COMMENCING with the May issue, C. T. Reno will assume the editorship of *The International Philatelic Review and Exchange*, of Peekskill, N. Y., and we are confidently expecting a great improvement in that department. A change of printers would also prove beneficial.

### The Dietz Printing Co.

OUR good friend, Mr. Aug. Dietz, formerly editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, has severed his connection with the Frank Baptist Printing Company, and will engage in business for himself under the firm name of the Dietz Printing Company, at No 13 N. 11th Street. Mr. Dietz will make a specialty of art work, and with his well-known talent in that direction, it is easy to predict a prosperous business. The V. P. extends best wishes.

### The Pan-Americans.

PROMPTLY on May 1, the beautiful new issue of stamps issued in commemoration of the great Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, were placed on sale. The issue is the finest series ever issued by this government. Printed, as they are, by hand, the beautiful vignettes show up well as handsome specimens of the engravers' art. The colors are harmonious, the one and two cent stamps appearing well in beautiful red and green colors. It is to be regretted that the colors on the four and ten cent stamps are printed in nearly the same colors. The one and two cent stamps, in the order named, easily head the list in beauty. The designs were described in full in our last issue.

### Postmaster of Samoa.

WE clip the following interesting note from our bright little contemporary, *The Australian Philatelist*:

Mr. J. Davis, late postmaster of Samoa, kindly forwarded us the following clipping from the *N. Z. Herald*. Mr. Davis long enjoyed the distinction of being postmaster, both under the King and the Treaty Powers. He was first appointed to the position in 1885, by the three Consuls, British, American and German, who were then governing the municipality of Apia. In 1886 he was appointed by Malietoa, the king, as postmaster of the Kingdom of Samoa, and continued in the office up to February 28, 1900. Mr. Davis has experienced several revolutions and civil wars, but his position was always maintained by the party in power, his latest appointment being from the young King Malietoa, who was put into the kingship by the Powers in 1898. Mr. Davis had the designing of his own stamps, and the dies have always been in the hands of the New Zealand Government, by whom they have always been printed. Among the most interesting of the stamp issues is that known as the "Black Error," when the head of Malietoa was printed in the New Zealand office black, which was considered a reflection on his majesty's complexion. Another most interesting issue is the Samoan stamp with the word "provisional" printed across it. This issue is historical, as it was printed by the authority of the Chief Justice during the late Samoan war, and was the last to appear prior to Germany taking over the island. Mr. Davis is going down to Wellington to break the dies of his stamps, and so conclude not only his own connection with the postal business, but the final scene in a most interesting and unique official career.

### Back From the Philippines.

OUR old-time friend, and co-worker on the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, Bertram J. Bishop, has just returned from the Philippine Islands, where he has been stationed for the past two years or more, and is at his old home in Wyandotte, Mich. B. J. reports many amusing and exciting incidents connected with his trip, some of which we hope to relate to our readers one of these days. Our friend was 1st Sergeant of Company K, 30th Infantry, U. S. V.

LEWIS ROBIE sailed for Europe on the 15th inst. on his trip around the world.

ALREADY one sheet of the 2c Pan-American stamps is reported to have appeared printed with inverted center, and a block of four was sold for \$100.

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enough to buy type from time to time, and, with several small fonts, started *The Sun* on August 15, 1894, he being then but fifteen years of age.

But one could go on *ad infinitum* in speaking of our friend if space would permit—suffice it to say that whatever he undertook he carried on to success, until he determined to circumnavigate the globe, starting from New Orleans, and after being 54 days at sea, reached Durban, where he is at present "comping" on the *Natal Advertiser*. He expects to visit Australia, China, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii, returning to Chicago via San Francisco in 1902. He will then issue a new "*Ambition*," for "*Ambition*," his watchword, coupled with a bountiful store of characteristic American vim and grit are the qualities of his make-up—the star that will surely guide him to success and fame. DIETZ.

### History of the Postal-Card.

THE following clipping was sent us by a former member of The Postal Card Society of America, Mr. Emil J. Rall, now connected with one of the U. S. Government offices in Havana, Cuba, and as it contains some very interesting data and facts, prominent among which is the now undisputed correct version of the *invention* of the *Postal Card*, we publish it in full. A. LOHMEYER.

### History of the Post-Card.

A GERMAN IDEA PROMPTLY ADOPTED IN ENGLAND AND NOW INDISPENSABLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The issue of larger post-cards to-day, (Nov. 1, 1899) is a concession by the post office which will be hailed with great satisfaction by post card writers, whose number is legion. It is one that has for some time been widely agitated for in this country. Both the inland and the foreign cards will be increased in size to five and one-half inches by three and one-half inches, and these cards will eventually displace the present thin inland and stout oblong cards, and the present foreign cards. They will be sold at the same prices as those for the cards they supersede, and the stout "court" cards will continue to be issued. Likewise, the maximum size of private cards will be increased to five and one-half inches by three and one-half inches to correspond with the size of the new cards. These changes may not seem in themselves of vast importance, but when the number of persons whom they will effect is taken into account they certainly appear deserving of notice. The Postmaster General states that the number of postcards used in the year is at present at the rate of 382,200,000, which means that if the whole population were given to postcard writing the average number of cards used by each person would be 9.5. So rapid, indeed, has been the growth of correspondence by postcard that the number now used annually is more than double the number used twelve years ago. These are interesting and noteworthy facts, and the change which takes place to-day in

the size of the cards will, without question, mark a further important development in the history of the post-card, a brief glance at which may not be inopportune at the present moment.

### BORN IN GERMANY.

This humble, though very useful, factor in the social economy of this country dates back nearly thirty years. It was on October 1, 1870, that post-cards were introduced here. The idea, however, was not due to native ingenuity, for similar cards had been brought into use in Austria just one year previously, being sold at two kreuzers each. But the merit of inventing the idea is really due to Dr. Stephan, the late innefatigable German Postmaster General, who in 1865 submitted to the delegates of a German Postal Congress, held at Carlsruhe in that year, a new kind of letter in the shape of an open post card (*offenes postblatt*), on one side of which were to be written the name and address, and on the other side the communication. These cards were to be sold at a very low rate of postage. The plan, however, was not adopted, owing to the fact that the German postal service had not at that time the necessary uniform organization, and also to a fear that its adoption would tend to decrease the revenue. Whether or not this scheme was known to Dr. Emanuel Herrman, of Vienna, is not recorded, but it is the fact that that gentleman made a similar suggestion in 1869 to the Austrian postoffice. It appears that Dr. Herrman was forcibly struck by the fact that a large number of letters was sent the importance of whose contents were in no proportion to the waste of trouble and polite sentences involved, and which might as well have been forwarded without covers. One-third of all the letters, he reckoned, contained merely simple information which might easily have been posted open at a lower rate of postage. So imbued was he with the idea that he forthwith suggested it, in an article to the *Neue Freie Presse* to the Austrian postoffice authorities, who recognized the value and importance of the proposition, so promptly that it was carried into effect on October 1, of the same year. The plan met with immediate popular favor, as may be judged by the fact that in the first month of their use as many as 2,926,102 cards were sold. The success of the system soon attracted the attention of other countries, and six

months later was brought into use by the North German Confederation. The Southern German States soon followed suit, as did also Belgium, Britain and France, and within less than five years post-cards were being sold in every civilized country in the world.

#### ADOPTED IN ENGLAND.

In our own country the subject was brought to the notice of the postal authorities by means of an article published in the Scotsman of September 17, 1869. There was also considerable agitation by private individuals, but the idea was at first rejected. On February 17, 1870, however, Dr. Lyon Playfair (afterward Lord Playfair) presented an extensively signed memorial in favor of what was termed a "card-post" with the result that inquiries were instituted in Austria. The investigation would appear to have been quite satisfactory, for a proposal to issue post-cards formed part of the Newspaper Postage bill of 1870, and the system came into actual operation, as already stated, on October 1st of that year. It is curious to recall at the present day the ridicule and even hostility with which the post-card was met on its introduction. The main argument against the post-card was that it would afford an opening for the ill-directed efforts of those who indulge in public libel and defamation of character for the purpose of venting their spite and malice. The argument was, of course, not without reason, for the moral assassin is unhappily one of the evils of the age. Fortunately, however, conviction of such a misdemeanor carries with it penalties of a sufficient deterrent character to depress the number of cases of the kind to a very low average. Some people, too, urged that the use of a post-card was little short of an insult to the recipient, inasmuch as if the communication were not worth a penny it was not worth sending at all. This somewhat foolish idea became dispelled as the use of the post-card rapidly increased. No one helped more in this direction, perhaps, than the late Mr. Gladstone, who has made countless numbers happy by the receipt of a card bearing his well-known writing. There was yet another class of persons who resented the introduction of post-cards. They were those who still regarded letter-writing as a fine art. This old school of letter-writers naturally looked upon the innovation as

the deathblow to the carefully written epistles of the past. That the post-card may have had some such effect is not perhaps to be altogether disputed, but in an eminently utilitarian age like the present the fact that post-cards have become a most useful and indeed indispensable adjunct of social and commercial intercourse must far outweigh any disadvantage which the old world letter writer ascribes to its use.

Notwithstanding all the objections urged against the system of post-cards, their use in this country spread very rapidly. On the very first day of their introduction, 575,000 cards passed through the office at St. Martin's le Grande alone, while the weekly number of cards posted throughout the country averaged 2,000,000. In the first year of their use the number of cards sent was 75,000,000, and since then they have increased each year at an extraordinarily rapid rate, until the present almost fabulous number of 382,200,000, as already quoted, has been reached.

#### Philatelic Brotherhood.

EVERY PAGET.



AMONGST philatelists there is more or less brotherly love so characteristic of a pursuit in which all of us are interested.

Perhaps this love would be stronger—the friendship more ready, had not so many of us been taken in by philatelic sharks. We are likely to look upon our best friend with more or less suspicion, and perhaps think he has a cudgel or something of the sort up his sleeve to "do us up" with.

It is undeniably true that the stamp collecting public has been imposed upon greatly by sharks of all kinds and conditions. We may have here, and after seeing the whole thing exposed, we may bite at another bait and be a victim again. Perhaps then, after all this, our suspicion of our neighbor may, in a measure, be more or less justifiable.

It sounds like stereotype to say that

man did not will to live in brotherly love, even in the Garden of Eden. 'No? Did not Cain slay Abel and commence the trouble? But was it not hereditary? Did not Cain's mother, Eve, entice Adam into eating the forbidden fruit. But who was Eve? Scripture says she was made from one of Adam's ribs. Practically therefore, Adam, or part of Adam, enticed himself (Adam) into eating the forbidden fruit and hence it seems to be hereditary for man to doubt his own self, and, with much more suspicion, his brother or friend.

We wonder if Adam could have known of all the strife that would have come from his eating that apple, would he not have stopped and considered. Perhaps he would have compromised on a date or a pear hanging within range on an adjoining tree. Perhaps he would have picked up a "rejected die" and threw it at the witched serpent and thus killed it. They could have then buried it under a batch of "remainders," and all would have been well. Eve and Adam would not have needed clothes made of fig leaves. What could have been better, what could have been more gorgeous, than two or more beautiful suits made from the Columbian issue? It would have been simply grand! Such a picture painted by a master artist would have won first prize and a gold medal of honor at the Louvre in Paris, beyond the shadow of a two cent eighteen-hundred and ninety.

But you will perceive that Adam was not aware of all these things. He could not perceive them. He was won over by the cooing of Eve and the fancy talk of the serpent. Fancy a serpent wooing a stamp collector! The stamp collector would have handed it (the serpent) a few sheets of imperforate stamps, and ordered the said serpent to perforate them "a la serpent tooth perforation." If the serpent would have disobeyed, the col-

lector would perhaps have sprung one of our esteemed friend Severn's most estimable jokes upon it. Whereupon it would have then and there immediately died with uncontrollable mirth, and its teeth could have been used in making a perforating machine, and turned out some of those elegant serpent tooth perforations. Wouldn't it have been lovely?

But as "A little variety now and then, is relished by the best of men" too much is rather irksome.

We should be more friendly. We should get the collecting public into our societies. We should extend to them the right hand of fellowship. We should help one another. Not necessarily go so far as to have a common purse, but we should be sociable, obliging, friendly and ever ready to do a helping act for a friendly collector. We should share our information and philatelic knowledge with him. Such talks would do us both good.

Our National Societies, through their annual meets make an abundance of good fellowship amongst us. Our local societies should do the same. We should hold frequent meetings; should welcome and seek new members. Make them feel at home amongst us. Keep them with us. As we may be able to help them or they to help us.

We should do this openheartedly. Not grudgingly. A man can make such grimaces and the like in doing you a favor, as to make you wish he had left it entirely undone. Do these little favors for your neighbor considerately. Try to make him feel you are doing so without any exertion on your part. That it is a common duty. It will be appreciated the more, and he in turn will fully reciprocate when the occasion opens.

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### Notes on the Stamps of Hayti.

A LETTER addressed to Mr. Victor Flandrin, the well-known French Philatelic writer gives some interesting facts about the stamps of Hayti. It was not until 1881 that the little West Indian Republic began to issue stamps. Before that time letters for the interior of the island were prepaid in cash, and letters going out of the country were taken to the various foreign consuls by whom they were forwarded.

The writer of the letter to M. Flandrin is one of the original members of a philatelic society called into being by the first issue of Stamps in Hayti in 1881. An uncle of the writer was a member of the Haytian senate, and from his relative he learned that the stamps under consideration by the republic would consist of an allegorical representation of the arms of Hayti. With his fellow philatelists he earnestly desired that the stamps should have a series of effigies or portraits and he promptly set about considering the best means of protesting against the contemplated designs. Finally a deputation of Philatelists of Hayti waited upon the president, General Solomon, who listened to their views with close attention. The most the president would do was to abandon the arms and agree to a head of Liberty instead.

Thus it happened that the first stamps of Hayti bore the effigy of Liberty. They were engraved and printed by T. Richard, of Paris, in sheets of 300 stamps, composed of six panes of 50 stamps each. The first was of 1,025,000 stamps of the six values, but of these only 25,060 of the 20c value were printed.

The most curious part of this interesting letter is its concluding paragraph, in which he says:

Now you will undoubtedly want to know why General Solomon so completely changed his views that he allowed his own portrait to appear on the stamps of

1887. The reason is rather a curious one. When our stamps were put in circulation, some one stated that the head of Liberty resembled Madame Solomon. This statement spread, and one journal said "the president would not have his portrait on the stamps, but he put his wife's on instead. That was not what was asked for!" The president was finally bound to admit that the likeness, by a singular coincidence, was very marked, and he agreed to the portrayal of his own features on the issue of 1887. -- *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

[Exact copy of clipping from New Orleans paper, 1861.]

### Foreign Mail from New Orleans, via Tampico, Connected with British Mail Steamers.

The undersigned, now suffering, in common with others, the inconveniences of blockade and non-intercourse with foreign countries, has, by the advice and approval of J. L. Riddell, Postmaster at New Orleans, taken all needful measures to establish at his own expense, a monthly mail between New Orleans and the Mexican port of Tampico, to connect with the regular British Mail Steamers touching at the port. Auguste de Mesgrigney and P. H. Mazard, highly recommended by New Orleans merchants, have been appointed and duly qualified as mail carriers by our Postmaster for this service.

The first mail consisting of 1233 letters left this city on the 10th instant, in charge of Mr. Mesgrigney. The second mail will close on the 9th of November proximo at 3 o'clock p. m., and will leave New Orleans next morning. The third mail will leave New Orleans on the 10th of December, and subsequently, as soon as proper arrangements can be made, the times of departure will be on the 10th and 25th of each month, making a semi-monthly mail.

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NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 15, 1861.

**ATTENTION IS HEREBY CALLED TO ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF PAYING YOUR DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. DO SO AT ONCE.**



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**REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

I am again gratified to state that dues and applications are coming in fairly well, but there's still room for improvement.

The membership cards have been sent to all who have remitted their dues for 1901, but, it is possible that one or two have been overlooked, on account of the delay, if so, I would request that members who are entitled to a card and have not received same, will notify me by postal at once.

The following applications have been received:

**APPLICATIONS.**

- H. O. Pattison, Knoxville, Tenn. Y. M. C. A. Ref., Chas. Waring, James H. Canon.  
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**ERRATA.**

In last month's list of receipts appeared F. W. Koning. It should have read : F. W. Coning.

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## E. DOEBLIN.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has not, for a long time, indulged in a "Special Issue." But the pleasure and privilege of being able to present on its page of honor this month the latest likeness and a brief sketch of "Papa" Doebelin, will, in itself, stamp this issue a "special."

The meagre data and the more limited space at my disposal permits of but an outline sketch—the love and esteem of all Philately will, I know, supply the rest.

Mr. Doebelin is a German. He was born in Stettin, Prussia, September 11th, 1842. At the age of twenty-one, like all Prussians, he entered the army and served through the Prusso-Danish campaign in Schleswig-Holstein—that first of a series of glorious wars which led to the unification of the German States under the leadership of Prussia, forming the German Empire. He was severely wounded during this campaign, and returned home invalided.

In 1866 he came to America, and for the past twenty-four years has been in charge of the Advertising Department of Pittsburg's German papers, as manager.

Mr. Doebelin began stamp collecting in 1859-60, but on entering the army he presented his large collection, of about 100 (!) stamps, to his younger brother,

who has carried it on to this day. His present collection was begun in 1883, but in 1893 he disposed of all but his Europeans, which, by the way, are his specialty, and these number some 18,000 stamps! He is at present quite interested in German Colonials, and is the fortunate possessor of the entire series of surcharged issues for these Colonies.

Possibly Mr. Doebelin is one of the best known collectors of the United States. He is a member of the American Philatelic Association; Twin City Philatelic Society, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pittsburgh Philatelic Club; Staten Island Philatelic Society; Chicago Philatelic Society; Postal Card Society of America; Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden; Verein Fuer Briefmarkenkunde, Frankfurt am Main; Skandinavischer Philatelisten Verein; Sons of Philately; Philatelic Society of America, and the Mitteldentscher Philatelisten Verein, Gossnitz, S.A., and is sure to be in attendance at the meets of his societies.

And this brief sketch, too, is dedicated as an humble token of that respect and esteem in which Mr. Doebelin—one of the nestors of Philately in America—is held by stampdom in general and by the writer in particular.



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**Those "Inverts."**

NOT alone philatelia, but the country at large, seems to have grown dizzy over Pan-American inverted medallions. The non-philatelic press is adding fuel to the fire by concocting marvelous stories of their value—so much so that every little 5th class postmaster and every postoffice

employee is keeping an eye skinned for an "invert."

The *tra* and a Washington correspondent are having a little set-to about the conditions in Washington and other papers are likewise serving exciting stories on the theme.

The long and short of it is that the majority of the scribes are so slightly acquainted with the work at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and with the process of stamp-printing in general, that they are "talking through their hats" to use a popular expression.

Inverts *will* occur—it is almost impossible to guard against such things. Let our reader himself take, say, five hundred sheets of stamps, and revise them at the speed required at the Bureau, and before he gets through one half he will not know just what he sees!

We do not believe the Department nor the Bureau is party to or cognizant of a sheet purposely printed inverted, but we *do* know this, that *imperforate* current issues could and probably can still be secured of some Washington dealer, at fancy prices—and they were always in stock.

**Mail Quantities in German Colonies.**

THE following are the number of postal articles of all kinds posted in the German Colonies during 1899, and will give a general idea of the value of the used specimens of each country. The list is taken from a European contemporary, and we presume they are correct.

German East Africa, 605,210.  
German South-West Africa, 403,285.  
Kiaoutschou, 459,921.  
Camerouns, 123,355.  
Togoland, 83,608.  
New Guinea, 41,591  
Samoa, 29,168.  
Marshall Islands, 12,922.



### Forged Peru, 10c, 1866.

WE are indebted to the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* for the excellent description of the forgeries of the 10 centavos vermilion of the issue of 1866. We clip the description herewith:

#### PERU.

1866, 10c vermilion—Genuine—engraved in *taille douce* on thick white wove paper, perforated 12. The front llama has some dark shading on the back of its head and a dark patch on its back, but the two patches are not joined by shading down the back of the neck. The prickly pear or cactus in the foreground has 11 leaves and the commencement of a twelfth. The llama in the background has a head, neck and ears exactly like a greyhound, with very well marked eyes. The two ends of the C in Centavos almost touch, so as to make it look like an O. The mountain peaks in the background are so very faint that they would not be noticed on a cursory inspection. The figure 1 on each side has a proper head. The mouth and nostrils of the llama somewhat resemble those of a camel.

10c. Forged—Lithographed, very white paper and pin perforation 13. The dark shading on the head of the front llama runs down the back of its neck, and joins the shading on the back. The prickly pear is very blotchy, and the leaves are not easily counted. The head and neck and ears of the llama in the background resemble those of a wolf, and there is only one eye. The C of Centavos is like an English C. The mountain peaks in the background are very plain, and much too dark. The one at each side has no head. Both of the 0's of 10 have a little dot in the middle of the left limb. This is not found in the genuine. The front llama has a straight mouth and no nostrils.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is to-day the *only journal for stamp collectors in the South!* It claims the largest circulation south of "Mason's and Dixon's Line," and in paid-up subscriptions is second to none in the United States. It is to every dealer's interest to consider this.

### Dame Rumor Hath It.

BY H. M.

THAT Samoa is coming to the front philatelically.

That the *Philatelic Post's* office boy is developing literary proclivities.

That Costa Rica has commenced the new century with a new currency and a gorgeous set of stamps.

That Chicago has had another swindling scheme.

That the latest from Bermuda is a provisional farthing.

That "S. E. L." has entered the lists again and we may look for some entertaining controversies ere long.

That the new issue mill of Spain's last colony has had a heavy grist to grind lately.

That The Hague is to have an exhibition of postage stamps.

That Monaco has done the "revenue-used-for-postage" act.

That there is a considerable difference of opinion as to the advisability of making public the distinguishing marks of dangerous forgeries.

That Italy is to have a new set.

That there are indications of trouble in the camp of the P. S. of A.

That the sales and consolidations among philatelic papers are still going on merrily.

That patriotic Americans resent the British imputation that the Pan-Americans are gumpaps.

That the "Philatelic Proverbs" are not appreciated everywhere.

That pre-cancelled dues are the latest.

That there will be considerable interest in stamp circles in the progress of the Duke of Cornwall and York around the world.

That *Mekeel's* Pan-American must have made many a philatelist feel proud.

## A Trio of Rarities.

WE have recently been privileged to see three valuable Confederate provisionals, the property of a well-known Southern collector, and have secured permission to reproduce them in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for the benefit of our readers.

There are two Demopolis, Alabama, envelopes and one Aberdeen, Miss. Of the former, one is on white the other on buff paper, while the latter is on buff.

## A Few Comparisons.

BY EVERY PAGET.

DO we not often hear our friends say they know philately has grown rapidly and steadfastly in the last fifty years? That a history of its growth would be quite interesting and entertaining, and yet not one of these collectors could tell you what a certain stamp sold for in 1860 or 1870.

That we have made wonderful strides;



All three are of the 5c denomination.

There is no doubt at all as to their origin or mode of use, and the lucky owner is in possession of affidavits covering every point that might be raised against them.

With the steady growth of interest in Confederate provisionals, and the high prices realized on scarce specimens we think this trio of rarities represents quite a snug sum to the owner if placed on the market.

that prices have doubled and tripled and doubled again on some stamps we all admit, but to learn how, why and when they did so we care not so much about. At least it would seem so, and yet we often hear someone say the early history of philately would be interesting. Indeed it would. To those collectors who commenced as boys and have grown gray in the pursuit this little writing may be uninteresting. For can they not tell how the progress has been made? They

can tell you the value of completing every series of stamps in the year it is issued. Tell you how they would be rich today had they known prices would advance and they would have taken in a stock then and held it until now.

Philately commenced with a very few followers. At that time stamps were a mere matter of barter. Five cents would have been considered an enormous price for an used stamp. Attracted as they were to the field by its beauty and interesting instructiveness, the ranks commenced to augment and the number, few at first, gained steadily. A basis of exchange became necessary. Fixed prices were put on the used specimens, and, if the speculator had then laid up a stock of those stamps, he could be wearing diamonds now had he held them until now before disposing of them. No one at that time supposed philately would grow to such a science or dimensions. It was merely a pastime. Few indeed were in it for profit. Like everything else, however, a few saw an excellent plan of furthering its growth and making a little money themselves, and accordingly embarked into the stamp business. The father of Philately, Mr. John Walter Scott, was one of the first, and he is still in the business. Boys became attracted within the folds. In fact they are attracted now more and more. It is from this source that all our recruiting is to be done. We get in a thousand boys. Five hundred of them soon drop out; five hundred of them persevere for a few years. A few more years roll by and the number remaining of that thousand is perhaps only two hundred. Time moves on once more and out of that entire thousand, perhaps fifty or one hundred are true philatelists. Another school of a thousand start in and go through the same refining process, and so on, thus our ranks are made and filled. Some of those who enter the ranks only

to fall out again have, while they were with us, amassed quite a few stamps. The youth generally sinks all the money he can get into them when he is in earnest. Some of these collections are thrown on the market, some stored away and some are inadvertently destroyed. The thinking out process tends more and more to reduce the visible supply of stamps for those who persevere.

All these elements going on all around us tend to force up prices. As I have before said, we are making wonderful strides. Truly we are. Quite a few stamps are annually destroyed by fire. In the meantime our ranks are growing larger and larger and the demands greater and greater. The old principal that if a catastrophe of some sort was to happen and destroy all the wheat in the world with the exception of one peck, every grain of that one peck would be worth its weight in diamonds.

The day seems to grow nearer and nearer when a fairly complete collection is an impossibility. Stamps are getting beyond our reach. We wonder why the large advances. I have tried to give a few reasons for them, but to be thoroughly informed a study of the existing circumstances must be taken into consideration. Take the earliest stamp catalog you can find and compare it with the later issues clear up to that of today. Then close your eyes, and speculate on the prices in the catalog of the future—say only ten years hence. Can you read its unwritten pages?

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### Philately as an Aid to Culture.

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#### IN THE REALM OF NATURE.

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INASMUCH as the book of Nature ever lies open to our gaze, it is by no means surprising that the designers of stamps have often turned to it for inspiration.

Consequently our series of articles would be incomplete were it concluded without some allusion to what may be learned from philately about the varied forms of animal and vegetable life which exist upon our globe. What an interesting group of postal labels either the zoologist or the botanist can collect in illustration of his particular study! Passing over heraldic emblems and devices, and imaginary creatures such as griffins and Chinese dragons, we can compile a long list of representations from Nature about which the scientific student will desire to know more, with reference to their classification, their characteristics and habits, and the countries to which they belong.

Amongst beasts we have carefully drawn heads of the stag, the ox, the dog, the tiger; and complete pictures of wild cattle, llamas, horses, camels, both the African and the Asiatic elephant, the kangaroo, the gorilla, the lion, the leopard, the buffalo, and a herd of antelopes; while if we extend our investigation to local stamps of Norway and Russia we can add the reindeer, the bear, the wolf, the fox, and probably several more.

Of amphibious things and fishes we may enumerate the beaver, the seal, the crocodile, the hippopotamus, turtles (as a watermark), the codfish, and most singular of all the ornithorhynchus or duck-billed water-mole of Tasmania.

Of birds we have also an interesting assortment—the eagle of the Rocky Mountains, the condor of the Andes, the Tongan parrot, the resplendent trogon of Guatemala, three birds of Japan, another from Cook Islands, several of New Zealand including the odd looking apteryx or wingless bird, the Argus pheasant, ptarmigan, the emu and the lyre bird, and (as if in refutation of the ancient proverb) the black swan of Western Australia.

From these various living creatures the transition is easy to some of the spheres in which they move and have their being. Several recent issues of pictorial stamps are intended to familiarize us with the mountain, lake, and river scenery of far-off lands. Cascades and waterfalls, soaring peaks, bays and inlets, and the surf breaking upon the shore, are all brought under our view. Palms of many kinds rise up before us; the date, the oil, the cocoa-nut, the bread-fruit, and others, may be distinguished. The orange-tree of South Africa, the pine-apple of the West Indies, branching coral and tempting fruits from the Pacific, and fir-trees of the North, next lay claim to our attention; while the thistle and rose depicted on various issues of our American Colonies no doubt served to keep fresh in the thoughts of many a settler distant memories of home.

In taking leave of the readers of this *Journal* it may be well for the writer of these articles to recall the object which he has had in view, viz. to vindicate the claims of philately to a recognized place among the fine arts and sciences. Remembering this, the true philatelist, in the pursuit of his favorite pastime, will place before all other considerations the acquisition of useful knowledge, the enlargement of his ideas, and the cultivation of his mind. In his albums he will find stored up for those who know how to read it a most valuable record of contemporary history, manners, customs, and commercial pursuits. They will tell us of international relations; acquaint us with the features of many of those who rule over the people, or who shape the destinies of the world; and they will furnish us with pleasant object-lessons in the beauties and wonders of Nature as well as in the ingenuity, the progress, and the art of Man.—EDWARD BELL, M. A., in *Morley's Philatelic Journal*.

### Album Records.

BY EVERY PAGE.

THIS subject is one of historical interest if we choose to make it so.

Every day collectors are making history. We may not realize it perhaps, but such is the case nevertheless.

I dare say a great number of us place our stamps in our albums as soon as procured, and a week or month afterwards without referring to our letters, if we had kept a copy, could not tell the exact date on which a stamp, picked out at random by the visitor, was purchased. Furthermore we could not perhaps tell where or of whom we had purchased it, or what price it had cost us.

You may say, why should I care? I collect stamps! Why care I how they were acquired, when, how and where. It is not interesting to me. All I care about, all I study is, the stamps themselves. I am not hunting history.

However to be a stamp collector one should be methodical. Far too many of us, I fear, are reckless and indifferent as to our welfare philatelically. We do not keep a neat collection; we collect damaged stamps; we place them in our album recklessly and we are not appreciative of the care and cultivation required.

Just like it is in exhibiting stamps. Possessors of valuable collections are very careful as to who they let examine their stamps. The uncultured, unrefined philatelist touches the stamps, turns them over and fingers them. This is the worst treatment they could receive. Many collectors wonder why their fellow members of their local stamp society do not exhibit their stamps at the regular meets. The reason is very obvious after a moment's consideration. Rare stamps are not to be touched with the hand. The careful and methodical collector uses

instruments to handle them with. He is quite concerned in the hinges, and particularly in the gum on the hinges to be sure it has no acid in it. He only fastens about one fourth or fifth of the hinge to the stamp. The balance of the hinge is fastened to the sheet of the Album. I do not mean to insinuate we are uncultured in everything. Oh no, far from it. Our teaching in philately is very limited. We do not know, or perhaps do not fully realize that the hand is more or less moist—that it dampens the stamp; and that dampness destroys the stamp.

Quite a few advanced collectors are very dubious of hinges. Some of my friends use a method, something like the following. Instead of using hinges, they cut slits through the sheet on which the stamp is to be placed. The slits are just a trifle wider than the width of the stamp. Say the stamp measures 23mm from top to bottom. They cut a slit near the top of the space, then one about 20mm lower. Each end of the stamp is then placed through the slits. The stamp is reasonably firmly secured, and 20mm of it is visible. The other 3mm which are covered are about taken up with the perforations, and if the perforations needs be inspected, it is very easy to remove the stamp entirely. In this sort of an album it at once follows that only one side of the page is used. But what advanced collector uses two sides of a page for his stamps? The stamps would rub against each other and do irreparable damage.

The methodical collector also keeps in ink in the blank space which the stamp covers, or on the hinge, his album records. Here he notes down of whom the stamp was bought; where it was bought; the date and price paid. He also puts down the price it catalogs at by the leading catalog of that time. Any other notations may be made that are necessary. When the stamp is in place,

this "history" is covered, but by turning the stamp back, it is revealed.

This is not a hard task. It is a pleasant one. When the new catalog comes out we can turn to our album records and at a brief inspection tell how much they have advanced in price, or declined, and we can, if we so elect, figure out how much better off we are financially on account of the rise.

The collector who thinks it is unnecessary to keep any sort of record is

mistaken. At least he loses quite an amount of pleasure and history. Collecting the stamp is only a small part of the pursuit of philately. Nor is an abundance of knowledge philatelic all. To enjoy philately we should enter into its hooks and crooks with animation. We must not stand back and watch someone else heap the fuel on. We must do so ourselves. But before we amass a large and valuable collection we should learn to know how to appreciate and profit by it.

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#### REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

I regret to state that repeated requests for dues have not been heeded. The majority of the members as well as a number of the officers of our Association have not remitted to date of this report. I must therefore again urgently request their attention to this matter.

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424 D. Pick.

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### MEXICO.

No.		Unused	Used
13	1864, 1/2r on 1r red.....	13	.....
14a	1864, 1r red.....	02	.....
15a	1864, 2r blue.....	03	.....
16a	1864, 4r brown.....	03	.....
17a	1864, 1p black.....	05	.....
23	1864, 2r orange.....	04	.....
58	1867, 6c buff.....	10	.....
59	1867, 12c green.....	03	.....
61	1867, 25c blue.....	02	.....
94	1872, 12c blue.....	05	05
95	1872, 25c red.....	04	04
101	1872, 25c red.....	07	07
106	1874-83, 5c brown.....	05	05
107	1874-83, 10c black.....	08	08
107a	1874-83, 10c black.....	04	04
108	1874-83, 10c orange.....	02	02
109	1874-83, 25c blue.....	01 1/2	01 1/2
119	1874-83, 10c orange.....	03	03
120	1874-83, 25c blue.....	02	02
125	1879, 5c orange.....	03	03
133	1882, 5c orange.....	05	05
134a	1882, 10c blue.....	01	01
149	1884, 1c green.....	02	02
151	1884, 2c green.....	03	03
153	1884, 4c green.....	01	01
153a	1884, 4c green, imperf.....	25	25
154	1884, 5c green.....	03	03
156	1884, 10c green.....	01	01
161	1884, 1p blue.....	07	07
162	1884, 1p blue.....	12	12
171	1886, 10c orange.....	25	01 1/2
173	1886, 1c green.....	02	01 1/2
175	1886, 2c carmine.....	02	02
178	1886, 5c ultramarine.....	01	01
180	1886, 10c lilac.....	02	02
184	1887, 3c scarlet.....	02	02
187	1887, 10c scarlet.....	01 1/2	01 1/2
188	1887, 20c scarlet.....	01	01
212	1890, 1c green.....	01	01
214	1890, 3c vermilion.....	01	01 1/2
216	1890, 5c ultramarine.....	01	01
218	1890, 10c vermilion.....	01	00 1/2
219	1890, 20c vermilion.....	03	03
225	1890, 10c orange.....	01 1/2	01 1/2
	1895, 1c green.....	01	01
	1895, 2c red.....	01	01
	1895, 3c brown.....	04	02
	1895, 5c ultramarine.....	01	00 1/2
	1895, 10c rose lilac.....	02	02
	1895, 15c blue.....	05	05
	1895, 20c brown rose.....	01	01
284	1899, 1c green.....	01	01
285	1899, 2c red.....	01 1/2	01 1/2
287	1899, 5c blue.....	00 1/2	00 1/2
614	1895, 3c orange br'n, Official.....	01	01
615	1895, 4c orange, Official.....	06	06
616	1895, 5c ultramarine, Official.....	08	08



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No.		Unused	Used
<b>RUSSIA, (Continued).</b>			
21	8k green and black.....	01 1/2	01
23	5k lilac and black.....	01	00 1/2
24	7k green and rose.....	00 1/2	01
25	10k blue and brown.....	01	00 1/2
31	1882, 1k orange.....	00 1/2	01
31a	1k yellow.....	01	00 1/2
32	1k blue green.....	00 1/2	01
32b	2k yellow green.....	01	00 1/2
33	8k carmine.....	04	05
34	5k violet.....	00 1/2	00 1/2
35	7k blue.....	00 1/2	01
36	11k blue and rose.....	00 1/2	20
37	85k violet and green.....	05	01
38	70k brown and orange.....	20	00 1/2
41	1889, 4k rose.....	01	
42	10k blue.....	00 1/2	
<b>RUSSIAN LEVANT.</b>			
15	1872, 10k carmine and green.....	03	
20b	1878, 1k black and orange.....	50	03
24	1884, 2k green.....		03
<b>ST. HELENA.</b>			
33	1894-94, 1/2p green.....	04	
39	1890-93, 1 1/2p brown and gr.....	05	
<b>ST. LUCIA.</b>			
27	1883-85, 1/2p green.....	01	
33	1886-89, 1p lilac.....	01	
<b>ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.</b>			
14	1861, 50r blue.....	02	
30	1838, 2 1/2r gray.....	01	
90	2 1/2r brown, News.....	01	
<b>ST. VINCENT.</b>			
40	1883-88, 1/2p green.....	02	
42	1p carmine.....	02	
52	1885-91, 2 1/2p on 1p blue.....	01	
151	1838, 1/2p green, Wrapper ent.....	02	
152	1p carm Wrapper, ent.....	03	
<b>SALVADOR.</b>			
1	1867, 1/2r blue.....	02	
2	1r red.....	03	
13	1879, 1c green.....	04	
57	1891, 1c on 2c green.....	13	
73	1892, 1c on 20c orange.....	05	
74	1c on 25c maroon.....	06	
<b>SAMOA.</b>			
24	1889, 1/2p green.....	03	
30	1/2p green, Provisional.....	03	
<b>SAN MARINO.</b>			
1	1877, 2c green.....	02	

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No. 10.

## C. W. KISSINGER,

THE subject of our sketch for this issue is one of the best known and popular of American philatelists—Clifford Washington Kissinger—whose name has long been a household word

with his father until the first of this year, when he retired from the firm to accept the position of teller of the Berks County Trust Co. He is identified with a number of financial institutions, is a member of the Reading Board of Trade, and other public organizations.



C. W. KISSINGER.

with many philatelists in every clime. Probably no single devotee of our science has more acquaintances and friends.

Our friend was born on February 6, 1874, and is twenty-seven years of age. He graduated at Reading, Pa., in 1891, and was in the grain and storage business

Having a decided taste for journalism and literary work, he became connected with and finally the publisher and proprietor of the popular *Pennsylvania Philatelist* better known as the "*Pennsy*" which was published for many years.

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**About Ourselves.**

"The best laid plans o' mice an' men gang aft a-glee."

THE warm weather and also sickness in the editor's family are responsible for the delay in the issuance of THE VIRGINIA. Our correspondence has also been quite neglected, and we trust that our friends will bear with us until we can catch up with our work.

**An Interesting Clipping.**

A STAMP dealer here has presented to his friends sheets of the type of the small five-cent blue, 1862, Confederate, with the "five" altered to "ten." So that the status of these souvenirs may be understood, the following from an old article on Confederates by Edward B. Evans is submitted: 'In connection with this type, it may be well to describe here some adaptations of it that may be met with. The commonest of these appear to have been produced by means of a lithographic transfer from the plate of the five-cent, with the word five erased and the word ten substituted for it; it may be noticed in specimens of this that the letters of ten are not so nearly regular or well formed as those of the rest of the inscription; they vary, I think, also in the different stamps on the sheet. These are issued as reprints from a genuine original plate, in sheets of seventy-seven horizontal rows of ten, —in various shades of blue and ultramarine. I have also seen the *n* in carmine, and I believe that these are sometimes catalogued as original issued stamps, but there appears to be no foundation for this.'—*Meekel's Weekly*.

**A Second Requisition.**

THE Post Office Department has placed an additional order with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the following additional quantities of Buffalo stamps:—

1 cent,	75,000,000
2 cent,	165,000,000
4 cent,	4,500,000
5 cent,	6,500,000
8 cent,	4,000,000
10 cent,	4,500,000

This order is not far from the original order in size, and strongly emphasizes the popularity of our two-colored stamps.

### The Conventions.

THE different societies will meet at Buffalo on the following dates :

P. S. of A.,	August 19.
A. P. A.,	August 20.
C. P. S.,	August 20.
S. of P.,	August 19.

The annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association will convene at Birmingham, Ala., some time in October. Date will be announced in the next issue of this paper.

### Change of Address.

OUR friend Emil Gerlich has removed from New Braunfels, Texas to Schertz, Texas, where all mail should be addressed hereafter.

### PETER DIETZ.

Born, December 1, 1835. Died June 26, 1901. In the sixty-sixth year of his age.

### Communication.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., June 13, 1901.  
TO THE EDITOR OF VIRGINIA PHILATELIST:

I notice in the Great Britain Jubilee issue of 1887 that the vertical and horizontal perforations coincide at all four corners of each stamp; this is particularly noticeable in the 4d, 4½d, 9d and 10d denominations which have a double colored lined square in each corner and in many thousands I have examined the Crossings of perforations are in or almost in the center of inner square and they invariably coincide in one round hole. I do not find this to be the case in stamps of any other country. It would seem as though the designer of this issue and the manufacturer of the perforating machine had combined to produce a neat job.

T. C. D.

### A Consolidation.

THE leading weekly, *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* has purchased *Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post*, and the New York correspondent of the *Era* states that it is the intention of the owners to remove the St. Louis paper to New York City. We are unable to vouch for the truth of the latter statement, but we presume there is some foundation for the remarks.

PERHAPS you know the meaning of the word Pan-American, but there are many of us who would be at a loss, if suddenly asked to give a definition of the "pan." This happened to the writer a few months ago when questioned by quite a prominent foreign philatelist. The word is derived from the Greek "pas," genitive "pantos," meaning "all." It is a prefix denoting everything, everyway, altogether.—*Mekeel's Weekly*.

THE *Philatelic Record* breaks a lance for the incumbents in office of the D. P. A. It claims that the kickers usually do the least work for their association—and there's a goodly bit of truth in that, my son. There's no questioning the fact that those two 6x8 Canadian monthlies do their ample share of hustling for Philately. They could be taken as models by many of our contemporaries.

EVERY new issue of stamps naturally creates discussions and sensations, and, of course, the Pan-Americans cannot escape running the gauntlet. However the consensus of opinion seems to be favorable. They are without doubt, a fine set, and marvels of the engraver's art. To select inanimate—yea, prosaic—subjects and portray them in such pleasing a manner is alone worthy of praise, but aside from this the set is a wonderful little exhibition of fine engraving and a credit to our country.

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Another exceedingly unique publication was *Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card* an almost perfect imitation of a postal card, with the likeness of Mr. Kissinger substituted for the well-known features of Jefferson. As it enjoyed second-class privileges it was mailed without postage stamps being affixed, which tended to more clearly emphasize the idea. Later the *Pennsy* was sold and consolidated with the *Perforator*, which was published continuously until May 1, 1901, when it was purchased by C. B. Rice, of Oswego, N. Y.

In the field of amateur journalism our friend has also won laurels through the publication of *The Nineteenth Century*. He was also treasurer for several years of the National Amateur Press Association.

Clifford is a popular member of the A. P. A., S. P. A., P. S. of A., S. of P., Detroit, Chicago, and other leading societies. He has held prominent offices in nearly all societies, and is at present Secretary of the Philatelic Sons of America.

Among the fraternal organizations he is also very popular. He is a member of many orders, including the Masons, Mystic Shriner, *Royal Temple*, and many others.

As a philatelist, Mr. Kissinger will take first rank. His collection consists of many thousand varieties, and many rarities are to be found among the pages.

I am indebted to Mr. Kissinger for many kindly helps when I was a young and crude publisher in the earlier nineties, and this hastily written sketch is tendered as a partial recognition of those favors and as a testimonial of my high regard.

BRADLEY.

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OUR readers will confer a favor by mentioning THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST when writing to our advertisers.

### Another Sample of Technical Ignorance.

THE following is the leader in the *Era's* Washington Notes of June 29th, and is but another of the many specimens of gross ignorance so frequently displayed by writers who attempt to discuss the technicalities of printing.

A local dealer is showing a somewhat peculiar freak, being a block of current special delivery stamps—two by five—with the impression clearly imprinted upon the back of the stamps. This is not an offset as the impression on the back is the reverse of the face. I called the attention of the Assistant Director of the Bureau to the matter, and he explained the freak this way. A sheet of paper was improperly laid upon the plate and one corner turned up so that the impression instead of being upon the sheet at that point was upon the blanket of the small cylinder or roller under which the plate passes to produce the impression. Of course that sheet was destroyed, but the ink which had been upon that portion of the plate left bare when the corner turned up, was taken up by the blanket so that on the next impression the ink came off on the back of the sheet, reversed. As the backs of the sheets are not so closely scrutinized, and being only upon one corner, the sheet was not noticed by the examiners and was sold in the regular way at the Washington office. The stamps are well centered on the face but poorly centered on the back.

The freak mentioned above is nothing but an offset, pure and simple, and let the "Optimist" be assured that any reverse print on the back of anything printed IS AN OFFSET, and if he will take the trouble to step into any printery he may have the subject demonstrated at any moment.

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MR. R. FRENZEL informs the *London Philatelist* that there are two distinct types of the 1872 issue, these being distinguishable by the shading of the ornamental parts outside of the ovals in the upper and lower frame holding the inscription "Correos" at top and "Mexico" at bottom. The values 6 and 25 centavos are shaded by vertical lines and the values 12, 50 and 100 centavos by horizontal lines.—*A. J. of P.*

### A Fine Group of Rarities.

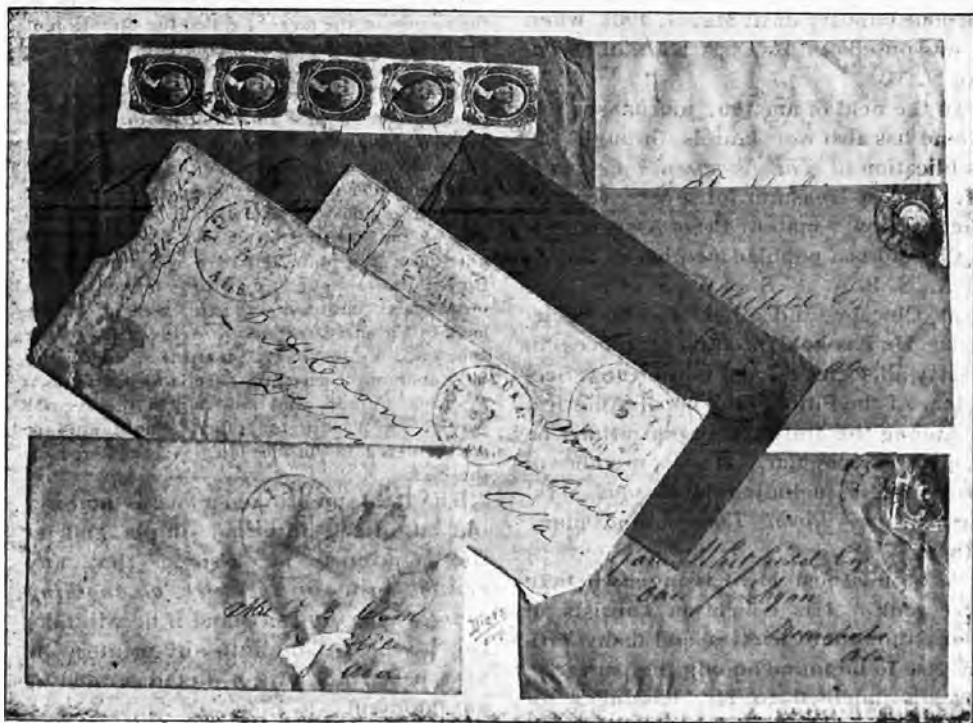
WITH the permission of their owner, Mr. R. S. Nelson, the indefatigable stamp hunter, of Birmingham, Ala., we present our readers with an illustration of as fine a group of rarities as one may ever see.

The lot consists of one cover bearing a strip of 5 20c green Confederate general

strip of five twenties is quite a rarity and would make a valuable acquisition to any collection of Confederates.

This entire group with the exception of two of the three Tuscumbias, we learn from Mr. Nelson, are to be placed on the market at \$125.00 each in the near future. Mr. Nelson is to be congratulated on this new successful find.

DIETZ.



issue; two covers each bearing a split 20c green used as a 10c provisional; three Tuscumbia, Ala., 5c provisionals—two on cream and one on orange; and two Lexington, Va., provisionals on cream colored envelopes, one of them a 5c value, the other a 5c surcharged 10.

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CURRENT YEAR. DO SO AT ONCE.**



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**REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

I am pleased to state that quite a number of our members have heeded my request and remitted their dues. There are a goodly number in arrears and I hope to hear from these during the coming month. Several bills are due and must be paid and prompt remittance of dues is absolutely necessary to keep our Association going.

The following applications have been received:  
 APPLICATIONS.

- \*Wm. T. Smith, Jr., Lumber Manufacturer, Chapman, Ala. Refs., R. S. Nelson, Aug. Dietz.
- Herbert A. Lathrop, age 19, farmer, Gruner, Emmet Co., Iowa. Refs., Jas. A. Lathrop, Henry Tyler, Aug. Dietz.

**NEW MEMBERS.**

- 263 Chas. Roener, 206 Adams-st., San Antonio, Tex.
- 264 T. L. Beaman, 809 Morgan-st., Knoxville, Tenn.

The following dues and application fees have been received since my last report:

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Wm. T. Smith, Jr.....25c	A. Lohmeyer.....25c
Herbert A. Lathrop.....25c	Earl M. Jackson.....25c
Robert S. Nelson.....25c	Erwin L. Shove.....25c
E. L. Maxson.....25c	Silas Chapman, Jr.....25c
Dr. R. L. Allen.....25c	I. S. Sewell, Ph. G.....25c

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**

- Herbert A. Lathrop, after Sept. 1, from Gruner, Iowa, to Ames, Iowa.
- R. C. Barksdale, from St. Louis, Mo., to 510 Engineer-st., Sedalia, Mo.

**REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT**

In circulation May 1, 01.....61 books valued \$1138.45  
 Received to date..... 7 books valued 130.01

Retired.....58 books valued \$1261.36  
 13 books valued 282.98

Now in circulation.....45 books valued...\$896.08  
 Sales for above 13 retired books, \$84.40, or about 30% All circuits are moving around as regularly as clock-work. Could do a larger business if more members would participate in the advantages of the sales department.

Respectfully,  
 June 13, 1901 CHAS. WARING.

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**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE C. P. S.:**

In accordance with the power vested in me by the last annual convention, I herewith call the annual convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society, at Buffalo, N. Y., on August 20th. Hoping that a large number of our members will attend, and wishing all a good time I remain,

Fraternally yours,  
 EMIL GERLICH, Pres.  
 NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, JULY 14, 1901.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**NEW MEMBERS.**

- 455 Clifford S. Drake, 142b Warren-st., Roxbury, Mass.
- 456 Geo. O. Billheimer, 141 So. Linden-st., Bethlehem, Penna.

**REINSTATED.**

- 420 Wm. D. Eldredge.

**APPLICATIONS.**

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**Our Future.**

Our publisher has in contemplation a number of improvements for THE VIRGINIA, which will be announced in our next issue. Any suggestions relative to the improving of our contents will be thankfully received and duly considered.

OUR friend R. S. Nelson is sojourning at Blowing Rock, N. C.,—but still manages to pick up a few rarities now and then.

**The Conventions**

THE Buffalo conventions are now over, and as all of our readers have doubtless read reports of same we will not enter into any extended reports. Practically the same officers were re-elected, and Springfield, Mass., was selected for the meetings next year. It appears that the smaller societies doubt that they can muster a quorum unless they follow the meets of the American Philatelic Association.

**The S. P. A. Convention.**

OUR readers, and especially the members of the Southern Philatelic Association, are notified elsewhere that the eighth annual convention will meet in Birmingham, Ala., on November 9, 1901. It is especially urged that every member make it a point to attend. Our Birmingham friends promise us a right royal reception, and several Richmond members have already expressed their intention of being present. Pack your trunk and remember the date!

THERE has been a decided jump in the Orange River Colony "V. R. I." on Orange Free State  $\frac{1}{2}$ p orange. This is now held at 60 cents per dozen, while the 1p of the same issue is only 36 cents and the current  $\frac{1}{4}$ p ("Orange River Colony" on Cape of Good Hope) only 18 cents per dozen. Readers of The A. P. M. will undoubtedly have many opportunities to pick up this  $\frac{1}{2}$ p "V. R. I." at bargain prices, as the prevailing price in this country is the catalogue figure of 4 cents, or less. The advance in price comes without any preliminary notice—without even a suggestion from some wise philatelic scribe that it would be in order.—*American Philatelic Magazine.*

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### Dame Rumor Hath It

H. M.

THAT the Belgian Sabbatical labels are going to the philatelic happy hunting grounds.

That one of the crooked gentry has been making things lively up in Canada.

That "Yours Truly" is keeping up his reputation as *enfant terrible* among dealers.

That the demand for Pau-Americans is ahead of the supply.

That the new policy of the catalogue makers in quoting prices on perfect copies may cause a "weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth" in certain quarters.

That London is to have an exhibition of South Africans.

That Mercury still holds his own on the Grecian postage stamps.

That Pierpont Morgan is a philatelist, That he is nothing of the kind.

That the revolutions and counter-revolutions in South America are sure to have their philatelic side, provided stamp collectors take it seriously.

That, contrary to expectations, the white winged dove of peace hovered over the S. of P. Convention.

That Mekeel's Weekly has not followed Horace Greeley's advice, and gone East.

That the stamp trust does not seem to be so formidable after all.

That the philistine press has some curious ideas about it.

That, judging by the samples from Nyassa, the Portuguese Colonial Office is realizing the need of up-to-date designs in postage stamps in order to gather in collectors' shekels.

That the new series from Federated Australia is still a long way off.

That the Abyssinian Postage Due stamps (?) are causing a good deal of trouble on the other side of the Atlantic.

That Switzerland is getting ready for a new issue.

ASIDE from any political significance which may attach to the struggle now going on in South African states, it strikes an unprejudiced observer that the occasional ebullitions one reads in philatelic journals published in the dependencies of Great Britain are rather ill-timed. That the struggle has been so bitterly and stubbornly fought at such a frightful loss of life ought to call forth regrets and sorrow rather than jubilation. Philatelists are interested only in the various issues of stamps as such, and any reflections on the war, its causes, costs, or effects on the governments might better be left for the partisan press.—*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

THE gray series of documentary stamps are becoming more plentiful. Thousands of these stamps are used daily on short time commercial paper, and a large percentage of them find their way into dealers' hands soon after the obligations to which they are attached are paid.—*A. P. M.*

THE commissioner of internal revenue has ruled that stamps attached to taxable articles are redeemable if the articles have not been removed from the place of their manufacture. This will slightly decrease the supply of proprietary stamps available to collectors.—*A. P. M.*

THE Bureau officials report that considerable progress has been made in the matter of a change in color of ink for dollar values of current revenues. However, they decline to give out the nature of contemplated changes and information on that subject is unattainable. The color of ink for both body and numeral may be changed.—*M. P.*

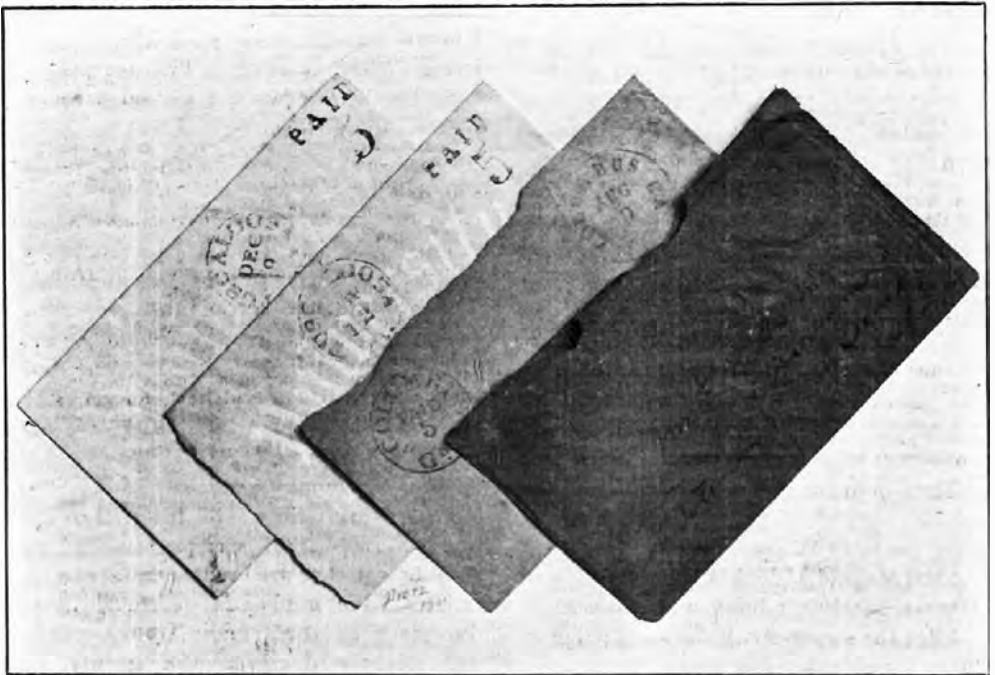
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THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is again enabled to present an illustration of a choice lot of Confederate Postmasters' Locals, the property of that stamp King, R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala.

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The remaining two covers are Tuscaloosa, Ala., Paid 5, in black. One is on pink tint-printed cover, the other on gray tint-printed cover with the "University of Alabama" showing through the tint in the white of the envelope. They bear cancelling dates of Nov. 12 and Dec. 9, respectively. These two covers likewise are in an excellent state of preservation and their owner, Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., we un-



is addressed to Mr. P. P. Ashe, Havana, Green Co., Ala. The cover is in a very fair state of preservation, the postmark and hand stamp being clearly and sharply imprinted.

One Columbus, Ga., Paid 5, blue on buff, cancelled "Columbus, Ga., Aug. 9," in black. It is addressed to Messrs. Wyatt & Bro., Marion, Ala., and is in excellent condition.

derstand will consider an offer of \$100.00 for the Prize Quartette.—D.

THE Post Office Department has received several unofficial criticisms of a most favorable and flattering nature of the Pan-American series, from representatives of foreign powers. Mr. Madden is very much pleased with his first two color creations.—M. P.





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SPECIAL NOTICE

By order of the Board of Trustees I am directed to suspend all members whose dues are unpaid for the current year. It is with intense regret that I obey this order, but as members have had repeated notice, and requests to remit, it is for the welfare of our association that this course be taken. Delinquents may be reinstated upon payment of dues, 25c.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

By virtue of authority vested in me, I hereby call the Annual Convention of the Southern Philatelic to assemble at Birmingham, Alabama, Saturday, November 9th, 1901, and appoint the following gentlemen a Committee on Arrangements:

Robert S. Nelson, 2315 Arlington, Avenue.  
 G. M. Williams, 2015 First Avenue.  
 Herbert A. Lathrop, of Chapman, Ala., who will prepare a report in the next number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

All nominations for the various offices should be sent to me at once for entry on the official ballot, which will be sent to each member in due time.

All members are urged to attend this convention, and by their presence infuse some of the much needed enthusiasm into the Association.

Very truly yours,  
 AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y Treas.

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**S. P. A. Convention Postponed.**

THE attention of the members of the Southern Philatelic Association is called to the announcement of the Secretary who, in the absence of a President and Vice-President, and under the authority thus devolving upon him, has declared the Convention which was to be held in Birmingham, Ala., postponed, until action can be taken by the Board of Directors.

We regret that the seeming lack of interest necessitated this course and trust the members will rally to the old standard and elect energetic officers who will carry the S. P. A. onward to success.

**Close of The Fourth Volume.**

THIS is the last issue of the V. P for the fourth volume, and while mentioning the fact we desire to express our thanks to our many friends and patrons, and trust that the coming volume will come up to their expectations.

**"Filatelic Facts and Fallacies" and its Editor Retires.**

WITH the closing number of the ninth volume, *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, W. Sellschopp's sterling paper, from San Francisco, retires from the field of philatelic journalism.

Reading Mr. Sellschopp's valedictory in the last number just to hand leaves us with a feeling of sadness—as if there was a void somewhere.

Unpretentious, always newsy, always clean, and a champion of Right, it had won a place in our affections and at our fireside which we are loathe to surrender.

Its place will not be filled—it was one of the old "friends." Adieu, adieu!

WE illustrate this month another of our friend R. S. Nelson's Confederate rarities—a cover with the Selma, Ala. plainly countersigned by the postmaster. This is one of the great rarities among the provisional issues of the Confederate States.

WHAT has become of Rudolph C. Bach, the erstwhile editor of the *Montreal Philatelist*, British Guiana and Pigeon Post stamp printer, and Queen's Own hero, slayer of Boers, maker of surcharges et cetera et cetera?

### The Old Rascal at It Again.

LAST year we called attention to the methods and counterfeits of the old rascal Oneglia of Turin, Italy. From the following clipping from *Mekeel's Weekly* we learn that he is at his old pranks again, and while the Italian government seems oblivious to his business we can, at least, warn our readers by this information. Steer clear of Oneglia of Turin!

"The notorious Oneglia, the Italian of unsavory reputation, is circularizing collectors in this country again. The evil that this man does is at the expense of the inexperienced or newer collectors, who are just the ones that should be protected from the wiles of the philatelically iniquitous. The clever manner in which the wares of Oneglia are offered leaves no opportunity for successful prosecution under the Italian laws, it is said. The circular distributed by Oneglia is a curiosity in a way and it was reproduced in the *Weekly* some time ago. For information and protection of our readers it is again given.

My house is the first, and, perhaps, the sole one in the world which has up to date put, clearly and as such, in trade the greatest stock of imitation stamps of every land, which, owing to the great expenses made for, are known today as the best, for they have been made with the marvelous modern proceedings and are a wonder of engraving, filigree, indenting, overcharge and stamp of obliteration.

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I accept in payment, rare stamps, to my mind, and buy also imitations.

For my imitations I have been awarded in various exhibitions 8 medals, 9 crosses of merit, diplomas, etc., etc.

I sell my produces in order to favor those gentlemen who do not find, or will not, or cannot get the genuine stamps because they have been bought up by speculators who make a monopoly of them and are selling at usury prices. I beg to write French. Faithfully yours,

E. ONEGLIA, Turin.

P. S.—I beg the gentlemen who have, till date, received my price-list and are wishing to receive it further on, to communicate me their exact address in order to form a new index.

It would seem that the influential philatelists in Italy could, by concerted action, promote the passage of some enactment that would effectually prevent this nasty traffic in admitted forgeries "

### Competitive Stamp Exhibition.

WE publish in full a letter received from Mr. John A. Klemann, Secretary of the Philatelic Society, New York. We trust that many of our readers will be interested in this Exhibition and send us collections to compete and win some of the handsome prizes offered.

OCTOBER 26th, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

For the first time since its organization the Philatelic Society, New York, has arranged for competitive exhibitions open to collectors who are not members, as well as members.

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Third—February 17th, 1902, best 1000 straight varieties, postally used, *condition only to count*.

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You are cordially invited to compete, special attention being called to third exhibit in which a stamp of greatest rarity counts the same as the commonest specimen.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. KLEMANN,  
Secretary.

### One of the Rarest Confederate Gems.

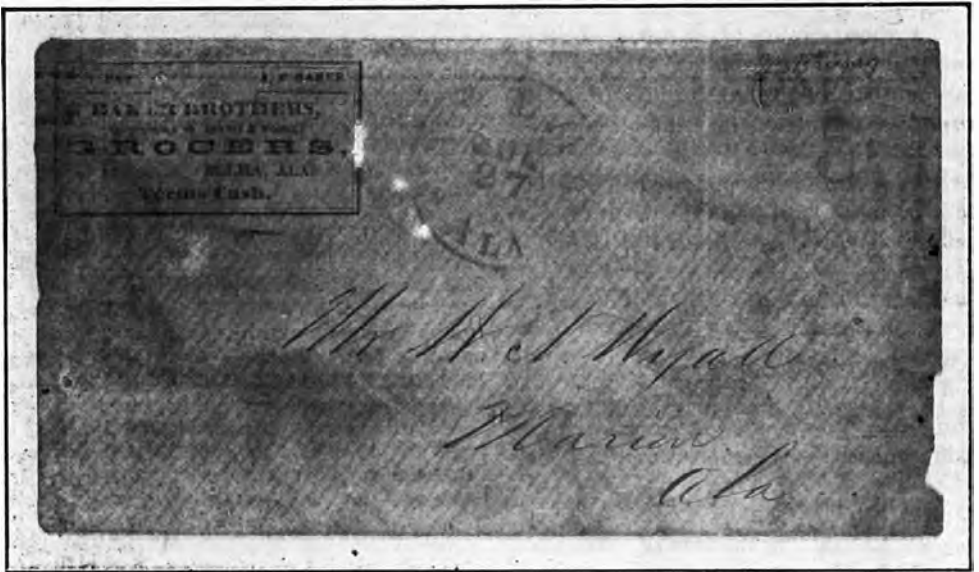
By the courtesy of our friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., we are enabled to present a fine illustration of the greatest among the many rare Confederate provisional envelopes. It is a 5c Selma, Ala. with the postmaster's, (Wm. H. Eagar) autograph.

The fact has been established that Mr. Eagar prepared and sold these envelopes over the counter, and they have been admitted to catalogue; but it is possibly

what has been known about the Selma, Ala. provisional envelopes, the specimen here illustrated is in an excellent state of preservation and contains the original letter it carried. We understand from Mr. Nelson that this local is on the market, and feel assured that he will find ready sale for such a fine specimen of this rarity.

Mr. Nelson has just returned to his home in Birmingham, Ala. after an extended stay at Blowing Rock, N. C.

DIETZ.



not known that the postmaster also prepared such envelopes for Selma firms, having their card printed for them in the left hand corner, in the same manner as printed envelopes have been and are still prepared for the public and furnished by our Post office Department. In fact this was at one time a monopoly of our government.

Great credit is due Mr. Nelson for his indefatigable efforts in ferreting out facts and additional information relative to many disputed locals, and thus in this instance he has again added a chapter to

### Another Weekly.

We understand that a syndicate of Washington collectors have in contemplation the issuance of a weekly stamp journal in the Capital City.

We acknowledge receipt of the annual report of the Birmingham (England) Philatelic Society which seems to be in a flourishing condition with 267 members. The Annual contains 32 pages and cover with much interesting information.

**A McKinley Postcard.**

UNITED STATES.—The form of the stampic tribute to our late President seems to have been settled to an extent which will warrant our referring to it here. For the present there will be only a postal card (to be issued December 1st.)

This will bear McKinley's portrait and name, with dates of birth and death, and its being printed in black will carry out the idea of mourning. There will be several other changes in the inscriptions on the card at this time, the value and date of issue being above the card and the large inscription lower down on the card to allow for postmarks. Of course it will be understood that the idea of having Mr. McKinley's portrait on an important value of the regular adhesive series has not been abandoned, but this will probably not take place until we get that new issue.—*Mekeel's Weekly.*

**Hurrah Again!**

FOR a long time we haven't indulged in philatelic pro-Boer expressions. But from all appearances and reports we may soon expect the re-establishment of the South African Republics and an issue of stamps with the true old "Zuid Afrikanisch: Republick" on the face of them not polluted with the E. R. I.

Poor old impotent "Vaster Empire *that* has been."

AND now British New Guinea has a new pictorial series.—Well that'll bring her little coffer a few guineas. The poor old mother country needs all the sand that she can get.

SERVIA too, is always ready to serve-ye with novelties, but somehow or other unable to do much business at the old stand with her unattractive goods.



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**Southern Philatelic Association Convention Postponed.**

UPON request of many members, and on account of the general lack of interest shown, I have decided—by virtue of the authority vested in me—to declare the Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, which was to be held at Birmingham, Ala., Saturday, November 9th, 1901, postponed, until further action of the Board of Directors shall be taken.

It is with sincere regret that this step is taken, and, possibly, if we will decide to hold a mail election of officers for the ensuing year—electing energetic workers—the old interest in our Association may be revived.

I shall render the Association a full report of my receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year just ended in the next issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

The following dues and applications have been received since my last report:

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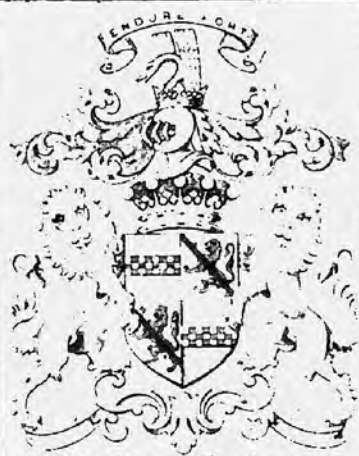
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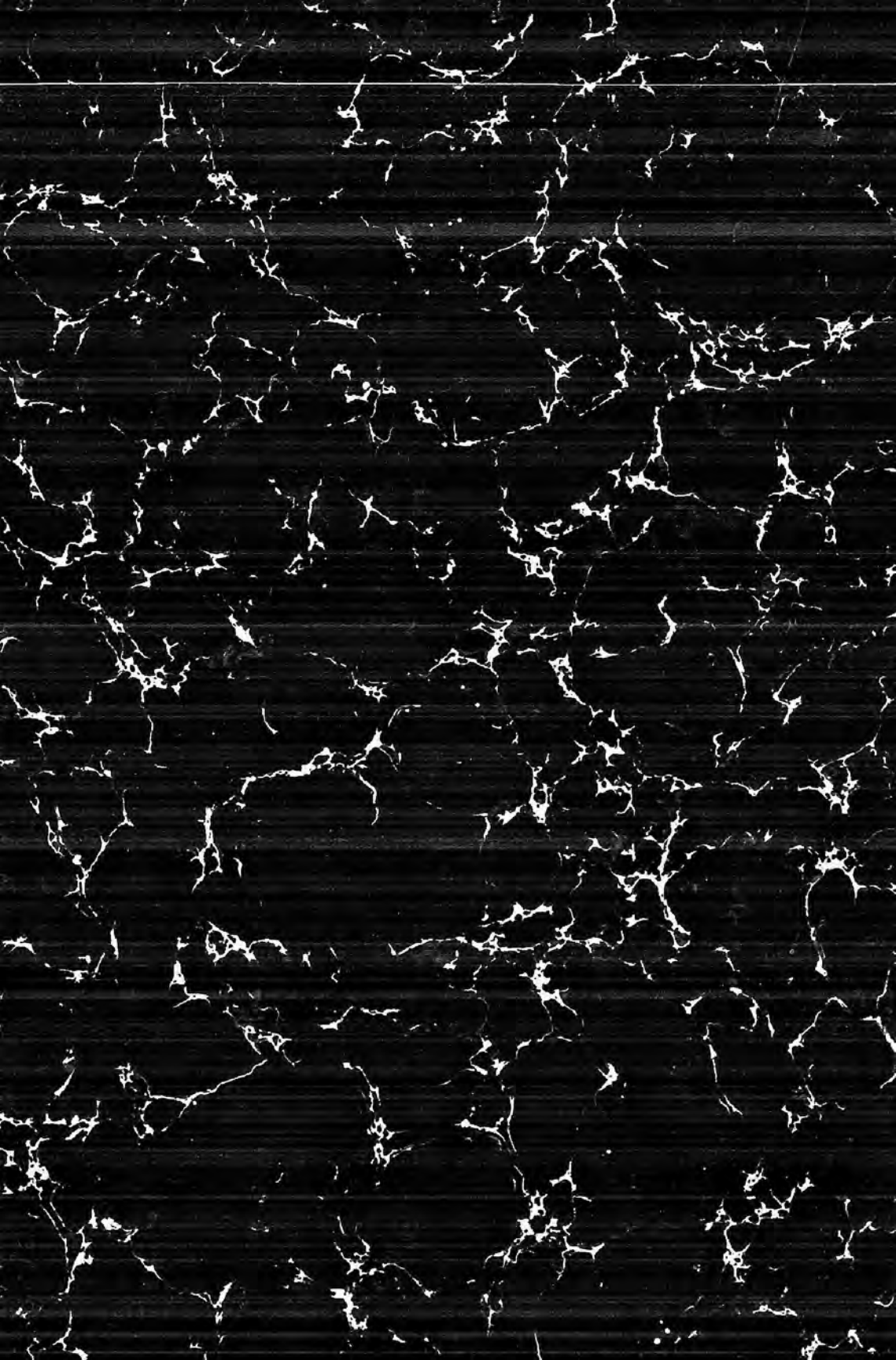
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## EDITORIAL.

WITH the beginning of the fifth volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST a few words will not be amiss concerning our plans for the future. During the past four years of our existence we have undergone the trials incident to the publishing of a philatelic journal; we have by force of merit created a demand for our journal. In contents, in typographic appearance it will stand comparison with any magazine in its class.

What of the future? THE VIRGINIA will be issued on the 20th of each month as heretofore. We shall endeavor to produce a magazine best suited to the needs of the average collector. New departments will be added from time to time, and we solicit articles of interest. It is the intention of the publisher to secure a staff of regular contributors that produce articles above the ordinary. The best is none too good.

DOES THE paper pay expenses? No. The journals in the United States paying expenses of publication can be counted on the fingers of one hand. One of the strangest things we meet with is the fact that the average collector utterly fails to recognize the value to himself of a good philatelic journal. Commenting on this well known fact, Edward J. Nankivell, an English collector of note, and who is connected with the *Philatelic Record*, says:—

“And here let me put in a word for the philatelic journal. I can speak from experience when I assert that collectors as a whole are singularly neglectful of their journals. With one or two notable exceptions, philatelic journals have to struggle on with a circulation ranging from a few hundred to a couple of thousand. \* \* \* \* \* What is the result of this neglect? The result is simply that philatelic journals are literally starved for means to carry on without incurring

heavy loss. Leading collectors, out of love for their hobby, and out of sheer enthusiasm, are continually putting their hands into their pockets to find the means to produce good journals for the benefit of their fellow collectors. \* \* \* \* \* For lack of the needful means collectors are continually deprived of the publication or the results of some of the most painstaking research; deprived of it because its publication would cost a good round sum for illustrations and literary matter.

But it is a penny wise and pound foolish policy at best which regards the philatelic journal as rather a nuisance than a necessity. Without its journals I venture to assert that stamp collecting would have been dead years ago, and further, I have no hesitation in asserting the belief that if the philatelic journals of today were discontinued for even a twelve month most dealers would, by the end of that time, be filing their petitions in bankruptcy.

\* \* \* \* \* But what I complain of is the measure of the support, what it is, compared with what it should be. As a matter of fact, the best circulated journal in this country, the *Monthly Journal*, is produced and published at a very heavy loss, and I daresay the same is the tale that the proprietors of the *American Journal of Philately* would have to tell, for its small subscription, even on a very large circulation, could not possibly meet the outlay. Hence it follows that collectors, who are to be numbered in each country by their hundreds of thousands, are, from some cause or another, not represented as supporters of stamp journals by more than five per cent. at the outside. Personally, I doubt if it reaches even one per cent. Now, if you were to button-hole any rational collector, and offer to bet him two to one that not five collectors in a hundred subscribed to stamp journals he would probably think you had recently suffered from sunstroke. But the fact is undeniable. Who will supply the explanation?"

The editor has been in the publishing business since 1894, and knows the remarks to be only too true. This is the reason, and the main one, why we have so many short-lived publications in the United States, as well as elsewhere.

Why does such a state of affairs exist? Ask us something easier.

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THE editor of *The Australian Philatelist*, in commenting upon the functions of Philatelic societies says he has been struck with the fact that the work of philatelic societies is not on such broad and comprehensive lines as it was ten or fifteen years ago. Quite recently a number of articles and editorials have appeared in our contemporaries commenting upon the marked decrease in the membership of American societies, and the reasons advanced have alleged the results to be from any one of half a dozen causes.

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COMING nearer home, we have but to observe the decrease in membership of the Southern Philatelic Association. Compared with membership of something like two hundred a year or two ago, we are confronted with a membership of about seventy. Why is this so? We do not know. We have the best conducted Sales Department in the United States, with the record of not a single claim against any member, and not a single stamp or book lost during the year. It is true, the society has been handicapped by the gross neglect of the last elected President, but we feel that the members themselves owe a duty to the Association.

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## Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue of Stamps of the British Empire.

WE acknowledge receipt of a review copy of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue for 1902, issued by the New York branch, and for the first time containing prices in American currency; resulting, as is stated in the introduction by the publishers, of some curious prices. The prices are exactly identical with the British edition, and as their unit of one penny (2 cents) is followed we are not greeted with the familiar 1, 3 and 5 cents of our American catalogues.

As to the publication itself, there are many valuable notes that are omitted from the Scott catalogue, but we are of the opinion that many of the trifling varieties due to over-inking, etc., might well be omitted. Several countries have been entirely rewritten, including Griqualand and Madagascar, and Transvaal is now included in Part I. On turning the pages we find Transvaal occupying a dozen or so pages, of which over two are consumed by the Pietersburg, 1901, issue by the Boers. Besides the regular V. R. I and E. R. I. issues we find the issues for Lydenburg, Rustenburg, Schweizer Renecke and Wolmaransted listed. The Mafeking siege stamps and the Vryburg Boer occupation and British re-occupation are listed under Cape of Good Hope.

As to prices we see no startling changes in our hurried perusal of the work. Our Canadian friends claim there are many underpriced stamps of their country, but as the list is a *selling price* for Stanley Gibbons, we have no criticism to make.

The book contains over 250 pages, is neatly bound in royal scarlet, is neatly printed and well illustrated. It can be obtained from Stanley Gibbons' Ltd., 167 Broadway, New York. Price 67 cents, postpaid.

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### Danish Islands Will be Ours.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—As a result of the negotiations that have been in progress between Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, the last obstacles of substance to the preparation of the treaty of cession whereby the United States will become possessed of the Danish West Indian Islands have been removed.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the insular cases has made easier the preparation of the treaty on satisfactory lines, it is said.



## Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

Hon. John H. Reagan, who was the sole incumbent of the office of Postmaster-General of the Confederate States of America, recently placed in my hands, for a few days, a copy each of six reports, made by him to President Davis, at different dates, in the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, from which I selected such information as seemed to me would be of the most interest to philatelists, and which (with Editor Bradley's consent) will be dealt out to my fellow readers of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* in several successive numbers of that favorite journal of ours.

H. G. ASKEW.

The first report is dated "Postoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala., April 29th, 1861."

At that time the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas composed the Confederate States, with Montgomery, Alabama, as the seat of government.

Hon. John H. Reagan was appointed Postmaster-General, March 6th, 1861.

At the date of the report the Confederate States Postoffice Department had not assumed charge of the postal service in the seceded states. (It did not until June 1st, 1861, as shown clearly by a later report.)

I quote from the report of April 29th as follows: "The only embarrassment that would be experienced in taking charge of the service at this time, would be the want of blanks for the quarterly returns of postmasters, and of *stamps and stamped envelopes*." (Italics mine). "Advertisements for proposals for contracts for furnishing these supplies have been made, and contracts for them are to be closed on the first day of May. Until supplies can be delivered under these contracts, the postage can be paid in money and the Department can make temporary arrangements for supplying such offices as are without blanks."

Three Chiefs of Bureau had been appointed, viz: H. St. George Offutt, Chief of the Contract Bureau, who assumed his duties March 22, 1861; B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau, appointed same date; and John L. Harrell, Chief of the Finance Bureau, appointed April 5, 1861.

(I learn from Judge Reagan personally that Mr. Offutt was of Virginia, Mr. Clements of Tennessee, and Mr. Harrell of Alabama. The two first named were up to the time of entering the Confederate States Postoffice Department, chief clerks in the post-office department at Washington.)

Each of these Chiefs submitted reports over their signatures, which reports were printed as appendices to the main report. That of the Chief of the Contract Bureau consists principally of a statement of the organization of the Confederate States Postoffice Department. Under this plan the making of contracts for supplies of postage stamps and stamped envelopes was to be vested in the Chief of the Finance Bureau, who was also to attend to all orders for the same.

The Chief of the Finance Bureau reported that prior to his installment into office, the Chief of the Contract Bureau had published proposals for furnishing the department with stamps and stamped envelopes.

Copies of two circular letters of the Postmaster-General, dated "Montgomery, .....1861," are printed with and referred to in his report. One evidently intended for mail route contractors, states that "the government of the Confederate States will not interfere with any existing contracts, entered into between the government of the United States and the present contractors until it assumes the entire control of the postal affairs" \* \* \* "but if the government of the United States should abandon the mail service in the Confederate States before the Department shall be organized and ready to enter into new contracts, I am authorized to continue existing contracts provisionally, by proclamation, until new contracts can be entered into."

The other letter provides that "all postmasters and other employees in the postal service are directed to continue the performance of their respective duties as such, and render all their accounts and payable moneys to the order of the government of the United States, as they have heretofore done, until the government of the Confederate States shall be prepared to assume the entire control of its postal affairs." (Italics mine.) The letter adds that it is "out of my power to determine definitely when the new service will be substituted for the old," (the substitution was made on June 1, 1861), "and no removals or appointments of postmasters or others in the postal service will be made by the Department, nor will it receive returns relating to or moneys derived from the postal service, until it shall assume entire control of the service."

It thus appears that on April 29, 1861, the entire postal service in the seven seceded states remained in the full control of the United States Postoffice Department.

Referring to Mr. E. R. Aldrich's "Notes on Confederates," in the August number of the LONE STAR STATE PHILATELIST, it clearly appears that Mr. S. J. Berry, who acted as postmaster at Madison, Florida, from "within a few days after January 7th, 1861, did not act under any authority from "the Montgomery government" between that date and June 1, 1861, and that under the orders of "the Montgomery government" he should have rendered his accounts and paid over all moneys received to the United States government for that period.

I am afraid that there is not much of philatelic interest in this first paper. The next will contain a detailed account of the difficulties experienced by the Confederate government in getting its first supply of postage stamps, the date of the first delivery of them and the number delivered up to November 27, 1861.

H. G. A.



## Chronicle of New Issues.

**Austria.**—Several of the current series have appeared with an overprint of brownish lines—we presume to prevent chemical cleansing.

*Adhesives—same as 1900 with added lines.*

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 heller, lilac.         | 4 hellers, blue green. |
| 2 hellers, dark gray.    | 6 hellers, orange.     |
| 3 hellers, bistre brown. |                        |



**Bulgaria.**—We are indebted to *The American Journal of Philately* for information concerning the new issue for this country. The portrait is of Prince Ferdinand.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*



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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1s violet and gray black.       | 25s blue and black.              |
| 2s bronze green and blue black. | 30s brown bistre and gray black. |
| 3s orange and black.            | 50s dark blue and brown.         |
| 5s emerald green and brown.     | 1l salmon and bronze green.      |
| 10s rose and black brown.       | 2l red and black.                |
| 15s lilac rose and gray black.  | 3l slate and red brown.          |

**Dominican Republic.**—A new set of postage due stamps has been issued.

*Adhesives—perforated.*

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 centavos, brown-olive. | 5 centavos, brown-olive.  |
| 4 centavos, brown-olive. | 10 centavos, brown-olive. |

**Ecuador.**—It is announced that the colors of the 5 sucre stamp have been changed

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

5s gray black and black.

**Hungary**—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* state that the 6 filler stamp of the present issue has appeared in a new color.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

6f olive yellow.

**Italy.**—We learn from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that the remainders of the new set were placed in circulation during October.



*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

40 centesimi, brown.	1 lire, gray and brown.
45 centesimi, olive.	5 lire rose and blue.
50 centesimi, violet.	

**Mauritius.**—Mr. J. J. Witney has shown us two varieties of the stamps of this colony, which we do not remember having seen chronicled. They are the 4c current type on yellow paper, and a distinct variety of surcharge of the 15c on 36c Jubilee, the overprint being in a thinner type and about  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. longer than that in the earlier type.—*The Australian Philatelist*.

**Newfoundland.**—*The A. J. of P.* has received a new 4c stamp bearing the portrait of the Duchess of Cornwall and York.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

4c purple.

**North Borneo.**—It is announced in the journals that the current set has been surcharged "BRITISH PROTECTORATE" in two lines. We are not aware of the reason for this new supply of labels. The values are given below :

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

Red surcharge.

1c yellow brown and black.  
2c green and black.  
6c olive brown and black.  
12c blue and black.  
18c green and black.

Black surcharge.

3c lilac and olive green.  
24c claret and blue.

Green surcharge.

4c carmine and black.  
Blue surcharge.  
8c brown lilac and black.

*Unpaid letter stamps.*

Perforated.

Black surcharge.

2c green and black.  
4c carmine and black.  
5c light blue and black.

**Netherlands.**—Our friend, P. den Outer, sends us a specimen of the current 3c in a new color.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

3c sage green.

**Orange River Colony.**—*The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* has been shown an entire sheet of the 1 penny value surcharged "E. R. E." instead of "E. R. I."

**Paraguay.**—*The A. J. of P.* lists a 1 peso stamp of the 1892 design.

*Adhesive—perforated.*

1 peso, slate.

**Queensland.**—To this state belongs the honor of having issued the first stamps bearing the head of Edward VII, although Victoria has had dies prepared for some time. The Queensland stamps are, however, only Duty stamps. According to *The Australian Philatelist* they are very coarsely engraved and printed, and are the most perfectly hideous productions we have ever seen.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

2d carmine, size 24x17mm.	3d yellow green, 30x20.
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**Victoria.**—We annex illustrations of two values of the current issue with the word "POSTAGE" added to the design. This change relates to the entire series.

## The Southern Philatelic Association.

President.— Vice President.— Secretary-Treasurer.—A. Dietz, Richmond, Va. International Secretary.—R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala. Sales Superintendent.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn. Librarian.—Chas. P. Davis, Richmond, Va. Counterfeit Detector.—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas. Trustees.—August Dietz, Chairman Ex-Officio, Richmond, Va., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas. Official Journal—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.,  
GENTLEMEN:—

The failure to hold our annual convention at Birmingham, Alabama, as intended, last month, makes it necessary for the officers to submit their respective reports to you in printing. They will be found attached:—

While this failure to hold the convention was quite a disappointment to us all, there is no grounds for assuming the S. P. A. a dead issue. The 88 members on our books may be relied on to support the Association in future and to induce others to join us. Let us try to build up again.

To-day we are without a President and Vice President. I would suggest and urge the selection of energetic officers for the vacancies at once.

Our Sales Department—the attractive feature of a stamp society—is in excellent running order, and is a great inducement to collectors—the main inducement we now have to offer. Patronize it, as a seller, as well as a purchaser.

Let members cease using this department for the dumping ground for their heavily canceled and mutilated duplicates—let them supply the books with first-class stamps at the same, or lower, prices than collectors can buy from dealers, and they will effect sales. The golden rule is applicable here, and members should not expect, because they are members, that this affords an opportunity for getting rid of poor duplicates at a good stiff price.

The Treasury is quite depleted, and I would urge the members to remit their dues for 1902 *at once*. There is still a balance of \$3.82 due THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST on its 1901 account.

We need more members—prompt payment of dues—and *we need it at once!*

In conclusion I would urge the members to rally once more; elect good officers and build up the Association. Conventions do not give life to a stamp society—better begin an exchange of correspondence for the sale and exchange of stamps, grow better acquainted with one another, and in this way feel that we are benefited by membership in the S. P. A.

I wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.  
Yours, AUGUST DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., November 2, 1901.

In hand October 25, 1900,.....31 books valued at.....\$775 08  
Received to date.....111 books valued at.....2519 06

Total..... 142 books valued at.....\$3294 09  
Retired, from which have been sold \$668.17..... 103 books valued at.....2319 11

In circulation November 2, 1901..... 39 books valued at. ....\$974 98  
Insurance fund, October 25th, 1900.....\$56 99  
Add 1% on \$2519 ..... 25 19

Insurance fund November 2, 1901.....\$82 18

Not a book or stamp has been lost during the year and the department has no claim against any member.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WARING.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY—TREASURER.

Number of members in good standing.....	68
To amount received for dues and initiation fees since September, 1900.....	\$15 09
By part payment R. B. Bradley, official organ account (\$14.82).....	\$11 00
By express charges on Assn's books from Hillsboro to Richmond.....	1 24
By postage during year.....	2 23
	14 47
Balance on hand.....	\$ 62

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Respectfully submitted,

AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

RICHMOND, VA., December, 1901.

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SECRETARY—TREASURER'S REPORT.

PORTLAND, OREGON, November 12, 1901.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 131 Henry Griesel, Woodstock P. O., Oregon.  
 132 A. Griesel, Woodstock P. O., Oregon. P. C. members admitted under consolidation agreement.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

- 133 H. A. Strickland, Secretary Vulcan Iron Works, Seattle, Wash. Refs., H. L. Geary, H. Moeller.

The President's Call for the Fifth Annual Convention will be found in this issue. Members are requested to send any nominations they may desire to make to me. The following have been received:—

- For President—E. C. Patton, of Salem.
- For Vice President—Dr. C. H. Gardner, Port Townsend.
- For Secretary-Treasurer—Henry Griesel, of Woodstock.
- For Sales and Auction Superintendent—H. Moeller, of Portland.
- For Librarian—Eli Fisher, of Pacific Grove.
- For Attorney—J. K. Stout, of Spokane.
- For Trustees—C. H. Precemeder, J. B. Finnigan, L. A. McArthur, of Portland.
- For Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.
- For Convention Seat, 1902—Portland.

Members who have not yet paid their dues for 1901 are asked to do so at once. All those who intend being present at the Convention will confer a favor by letting me hear from them.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS A. MCARTHUR, Sec'y-Treas.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

SALEM, OREGON, November 11th, 1901.

In accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution, I hereby issue the call for the regular Annual Convention of the Association, to be held in Portland, Oregon, on the evening of Monday, December 16th, 1901, at 8 o'clock.

Messrs. Moeller, Precemeder, and McArthur are appointed a Committee on Credentials. Trusting that I shall have the pleasure of seeing many of the members at the Convention and that the same will be the most successful in the history of the Society, I am,

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*Serbia '04-06, 1d blue green, (cat. 50c).....	08
*Newfoundland '90, 1c yellow green, re-eng.	08
• " " '87, 2c orange.....	04
• " " '97, 1c green, (Cabot).....	08
• " " '87, 2c carm. lake, (Cabot).....	05
*Central Am. Steamship Co., 1, 2, 5c on 1, 10,	
50, cat. 90c set.....	25
*Italy '81, 5c green, Scott No. 510.....	07
• " '84-87, 10c olive gray, postal packet.....	08
• " " " 20c blue, postal packet.....	04
*Persia '89, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 1, 2, 5k complete.....	25
*Salvador '67, 1/2, 1, 2, 4r complete.....	25
*Nicaragua '97, 2 pesos carmine.....	05
Guatemala '94, 10c on 200 orange.....	10
U. S. '95, dues, 1, 2, 9, 5, 10, 30, 50c, complete....	35
W. Australia '83-86, 4p orange brown, p. c.....	02
" " '90-03, 1s olive green, p. c.....	03
Transvaal '96, 1/2 on 1s green and red.....	04
Morocco (Mogador) '82, 10c carmine.....	05
" (Mazagan) '83-95, 10c blue and gray..	03
" " " '81, 10c blue.....	05
" " " '83-95, 20c lilac brn. & gy	04
*U. S., Gurm 2c red, scarce.....	15
*Ecuador '98, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 1s, complete....	30
*Bolivia '71-98, 5c blue.....	05
*Turks and Caicos Islands 1/2, 1, 2p.....	10
*Nyassa '01, 2 1/2 and 5r.....	08
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## Editorial Notice.

THE publisher has been too busy with other important business to give this issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST the attention it deserves. Our readers are kindly requested to overlook any deficiencies that may exist.

## A Great Confederate Rarity.

WE are again enabled, through the courtesy of our friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Al. to present an excellent illustration of a great rarity from his fine Confederate States collection. It is an entire sheet (with only two stamps missing) of the *perforated* 10 cents variety.

Considering the great quantity of spuriously perforated Confederate stamps on the market, this sheet is of the greatest value, as Mr. Nelson is confident of its being one of the few sheets officially perforated by the Confederate Postoffice Department, as the circumstances under which he secured it, leave no doubt as to these points.

The perforations tally precisely with those of used copies on cover, (whose identity is unquestioned) with which they have been carefully compared. The gum on these stamps is of the same kind as used by the Department when they first printed this type, and the type is the correct one, corresponding with the plate in use during the brief period in which the tens were perforated. We have seen this sheet of Mr. Nelson's before, but, learning that he intended placing it on the market, we requested the privilege of reproducing it in photogravure. Further details of this rarity may be learned of its owner Mr. Robert S. Nelson, 2210 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

AUG. DIETZ.

## Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The second report of Postmaster General Reagan to the President of the Confederate States was dated at "Richmond, Va., Nov. 27th, 1861."

It states that an act of the Confederate congress of May 19, 1861, authorized him to issue a proclamation fixing a day on which he would assume the control of the postal service in the Confederate States, and that in pursuance of that authority he issued on May 13, 1861, a proclamation fixing June 1, 1861, as the date.

The proclamation is given in full in the report. It prohibits from and after June 1, 1861, all conveyance of mails within the Confederate States except by authority of the Confederate Postmaster General. It directs all Postmasters, Route Agents and Special Agents, "within these states," then acting under United States authority to continue in the discharge of their duties from June 1, 1861, under Confederate States authority and requires them to forward to the Confederate States Postoffice Department, their names and names of postoffices in order that new commissions may be issued under authority of the Confederate government. All postmasters were also required to render to the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C., their final accounts and their vouchers for postal receipts and expenditures, up to the 31st day of May, taking care to forward with said accounts, all postage stamps and stamped envelopes, remaining on hand, belonging to the United States Postoffice Department. Postmasters were further instructed 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 money, under the provisions of the first section of an Act approved March 1st 1861."

June first was selected because it was supposed to be the earliest day that it would be practicable to reach with notice all postmasters, contractors and others engaged in the service, so as to secure uniformity in their official action.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Confederate proclamation the Postmaster General of the United States likewise issued his proclamation discontinuing United States postal service in the seceded states from June 1st.

Between the dates of the Confederate Postmaster General's first and second reports, four more states viz: Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas and Tennessee had been added to the Confederate States, Tennessee apparently not having been added until after the proclamation of May 13th, as there was another similar proclamation, dated on July 3rd, which related to that state only, in which the 8th of June instead of the 1st of June was the time fixed for the commencement of service by postmasters, etc., in Tennessee under Confederate authority, the same instructions with reference to accounts, vouchers, stamps, etc., being given as before, the only difference being that of eight days in date.

The following statistics, in the report of Nov. 27, 1861, may be of interest :

The whole number of post offices in the Confederate States on the 1st of June, 1861, was	8,411
Of this No. there had been discontinued since that date	183
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Leaving in operation	8,228
Number established since June 1,	72
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Whole number, Nov. 27, 1861, in operation,	8,300
Number of postmasters who have been appointed since June 1,	6,261
Number of postmasters commissioned by the Department since that date,	4,184
Number of resignations during same period	950

Of the resignations 450 were of appointments made by the Confederate States and 491 were of appointments made by the United States.

It thus appears that at least two thousand post offices were in operation the postmasters of which had not received new appointments from the Confederate government and of those who had been so appointed more than two thousand had not been commissioned up to Nov. 27, 1861. In this connection I quote as follows from the report:

"Notwithstanding the prompt and energetic efforts of this Bureau, by the issue of proclamations and urgent letters requiring information to be furnished to the Department, there has been great delay in the receipt of the responses from postmasters, which are necessary to enable the Department to reappoint them, or to appoint others in their stead; and the inaccuracy in the execution of the bonds of postmasters, has delayed the issue of commissions to many of those who have been appointed."

In Postmaster General Reagan's report of Nov. 27, 1861, at the end of a chapter headed Finance Bureau, the following paragraph occurs :

"The first delivery of postage stamps by the contractors was made on the 15th of October last, and since that date only 1,430,700 stamps have been received, all of which have been issued by this Bureau to post offices near which large bodies of troops have been situated, with a view to their special accommodation."

Immediately following this paragraph is an entire chapter entitled "Postage Stamps," which I have thought best not to abridge or condense, but give it in full as follows :

The difficulties which have been encountered by the Department in its endeavors to procure postage stamps and stamped envelopes, producing great delay in procuring them in such quantities as to meet the demands of the public, have much impatience to be manifested on that account, which induces me to state at some length, the various efforts made by the Department to procure them, as well for the information of Congress as for the vindication of the Department against charges of neglect of duty in that respect.

The manifest advantage of having stamps and stamped envelopes for the payment of postage has been from the first fully realized by the Department, and immediately after my appointment, and before the Department was organized, correspondence was commenced with such parties as was known to be able to manufacture them, for the purpose of procuring them at the earliest day possible. Propositions were submitted early in March last, from parties not residing in the Confederate States,

to supply them, and the Department was lead to believe they ought to be obtained by the time it could be organized and prepared to take control of the service. But the political changes then going on so rapidly, and the increasing probabilities of hostilities between the new and old governments, soon rendered the fulfillment of the first proposition to furnish stamps and stamped envelopes impossible. H. G. A.

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### Clippings from the London Press.

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#### NO PARCELS POST TO AMERICA.

The United States Postmaster-General has informed Lord Panncofte, the British Ambassador, that his Government is not prepared to enter into negotiations with a view to the establishment of a parcels post between America and the United Kingdom.

#### PETITION FOR A NEW 1d. STAMP.

Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton, M. P., last night forwarded to Lord Londonderry, Postmaster General, a memorial signed at short notice by about a hundred members of the House of Commons in favour of a royal scarlet or red stamp being used in place of the present mauve penny stamp.

Mr. Henniker-Heaton says he could have obtained four hundred signatures at the House of Commons if necessary.

#### HIGH PRICES FOR COLONIALS AND TRANSVAALS.

The interest in the great sale of British, Foreign, and Colonial postage stamps at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's continues unabated, and again a total of nearly £1,100 was realized. Special importance was attached to the "1877 V. R." stamps of the Transvaal, one of these 3d. mauve, unused, and very fine, sold for £8 10s.; another, a 6d. blue, also very fine, sold for £16 and several others of the same issue, but of various values, sold at from £1 6s to £4 each. The following prices were also realized:—

Canada, 1851, 12d., black, a great rarity.....	£57 0
United States, 1869, 30c., carmine and blue.....	54 0
Ditto, 24c green and purple .....	24 0
Ditto, 15c., brown and blue.....	19 0
Ditto, Brattleboro', 1846, 5c, black on buff, an extremely rare stamp, with a small hole in the centre, which has been skillfully repaired.....	40 0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1s., purple, unused.....	24 10
Reunion, 1852, 30c., black on bluish .....	22 10
Ditto, 15c., black on bluish, repaired.....	17 10
New Brunswick, 1851, 1s., mauve, large margins.....	17 0
Ditto, 1860-3, 5c, brown, with portrait of Postmaster Connell, extremely rare	14 10
Newfoundland, 1860, 1s., orange, good margins.....	14 10
St. Vincent, 1880 5s., rose-red, unused.....	11 0
Ditto, 1881, 4d., on 1s., vermilion.....	12 0



## In the Matter of Counterfeits.

From *The American Journal of Philately.*

Should counterfeits be described in the philatelic magazines? The question is not a new one. At various times it has been discussed by societies and in print and opinion is still divided. Are the interests of philately best served by the publication of careful description of counterfeits, that all who read may shun them, or should such knowledge be held in trust by the few who may be called experts, with the idea of withholding information which the unscrupulous might use to further their nefarious ends? It is not easy to decide wherein lies the greatest danger to the collector.

It will scarcely be necessary to say that it is to the interest of dealers and publishers to protect the collector against counterfeits. The question is, how is he best protected? Those who favor publicity argue that it is due to the collector that all dangerous counterfeits should be minutely described in the press, in order, that he, being warned, may be on the lookout for them. On the other hand, the advocates of silence argue that the publication of important details is of more value to the counterfeiter than to his victims, since it points out the defects in his work and gives him information which enables him to improve his products and the better to defy detection. It must not be forgotten that a counterfeit can seldom be described by itself; in order that the difference between it and the genuine stamps may be made clear, it is usually necessary to give a careful description of the latter. Information of this sort is of quite as much value to the counterfeiter as to the collector whom it is intended to protect.

If all philatelists were students, there would be some reason for bringing to their attention all dangerous counterfeits and printing descriptions sufficiently minute to enable them to know a good thing from a bad; but, unfortunately, very few philatelists are either students or sufficiently interested and painstaking to follow articles in the papers and decide for themselves as to the merits of their stamps. The majority of collectors find it easier to refer such matters to their favorite dealer and accept his decision without question. To a certain extent this is not a bad idea, if the dealer is really a philatelist and competent to pass judgment on stamps; but of how few can this truly be said? This is one reason why many collectors prefer to purchase stamps only from the larger dealers. They may not obtain as many ostensible bargains, but they are relieved from the necessity of thinking and studying for themselves and they have the satisfaction of knowing that the stamps they buy have been experted and, should later information show an error to have been made, the stamps will be redeemed.

Until recently, the great majority of counterfeits which we encountered were of very inferior workmanship and could be detected without difficulty by most collectors. There were, of course, some which were sufficiently well made to be dangerous, but collectors had known most of them for a long time, and it is probable that their makers had turned their energies into other channels, so that describing them would

do no special harm. The counterfeiter of a few years ago seems to have tried his hand at making one or two stamps and then to have given it up. Perhaps they were discouraged when their work was detected or, more probably, they did not find it sufficiently profitable. But today we are face to face with counterfeits of a very different grade. The new *chevaliers d'industrie* have brought to their aid the best arts of the printer and engraver. They have used photography, line engraving and process work. The products of their misdirected abilities have occasionally deceived the most advanced and expert and have necessitated many weary hours of puzzling to detect their weak points.

Even more dangerous than the counterfeits of stamps have been the counterfeit surcharges on genuine stamps. There exist large stocks of unused remainders of many old stamps, for instance, those of the Spanish colonies. Some of these varieties, at the time they were in use, were surcharged, and in that condition are more valuable than before they were overprinted. It goes without saying that the temptation to counterfeit these surcharges was too great to be resisted. The result has been a flood of extremely dangerous forged surcharges. Some of these which were not at first well enough done to be alarming, were elaborately described in certain illadvised publications. The promoters of the enterprise were prompt to profit by the information thus placed at their disposal and soon improved on their work and placed much more dangerous frauds on the market; consequently collectors have been warned of one lot of counterfeits, only to be victimized by a later and far more dangerous emission. It is not easy to see wherein publicity has benefitted them. Had the matter been allowed to rest in the hands of those who first discovered the frauds, gave warning of their existence and would willingly have examined any doubtful specimens, much trouble and loss might have been saved to collectors.

Within a few years there have been placed on the market three lots of counterfeits of the rarer stamps of Spain. The first was carefully described in the philatelic press. By a bit of good fortune, the leader of this enterprise committed some other irregularity, for which he was arrested and imprisoned and his goods seized. But printed descriptions of his handiwork were not forgotten, and, a few years later, there came on the market a new lot of Spanish countefeits that, for a time, deceived the leading experts in Europe and America. Again the kindly publishers went to extreme pains to point out the minute differences between the genuine and the spurious stamps. Apparently, the counterfeiters read and took heed. Recently a third lot has appeared, and some of the things included in it are truly startling. These frauds appear to have been made by some photographic process and they so carefully reproduce the originals as almost to defy detection; taken singly, many of them would be extremely dangerous. To a certain extent, this closeness of imitation may be a good thing for collectors, inasmuch as it would be very difficult to write a description of the points wherein the counterfeits differ from the genuine stamps. Consequently, doubtful specimens will have to be submitted to experts, who have access to large collectors and also are familiar with the details of color, paper, gum, etc, of the original issues.

Other examples might be quoted, but these should suffice to illustrate the points I wish to bring out.

It seems to me that, in view of the perfection to which counterfeits have now attained, the time has arrived when publishers should remember that "silence is golden." When dangerous counterfeits are discovered, let us give warning that they exist but forbear to publish any details. The majority of collectors are neither inclined to investigate for themselves nor to trust their own judgment after investigation; as a consequence, doubted specimens will be sent to experts. How much better, then, that this should be done without giving publicity and information that is of more value to the rogues than to their intended victims. This suggestion is, of course, intended to apply to the things which are evidently being manufactured at the present time, more than to the old counterfeits. So long as the counterfeiter does not find his own work described, there is a good chance that he will rest content and not try to improve it. Those who are wise will let sleeping dogs lie.

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### The New British Stamps.

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We are indebted to Mr. Jno. Courtice of London, for specimens of the new British stamps. Thus far the issue consists of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 6d denominations. The following clipping gives further details:—

#### THE NEW PENNY STAMP.

As already stated in our columns, the Postmaster-General has issued a notification that on and after New Year's Day the new stamps will be on sale at the post-offices in the United Kingdom.

We give to-day, through the courtesy of the Controller of Stamps on the Board of Inland Revenue, a reproduction of the new penny stamp, which is of a bright



THE NEW PENNY STAMP.

and handsome red. The other stamps which will be issued with this one are half-penny (green), the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d (blue), and the sixpenny (purple). The design of these stamps is identical, the only difference besides that of colour being that the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp bears its denomination in figures. The profile head of the King will be considered a good portrait. It is contained within an oval, and above the oval is the Imperial crown; a wreath of laurel and oak surrounds the design.

## Chronicle of New Issues.

**Bahamas.**—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* chronicles a stamp of new value.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*  
7s. 6d., black.

**Cape of Good Hope.**—*Vryburg*—A correspondent of *The L. P.* states that all four values of the issue of Nov. 1899 exist with an italic "Z" in the surcharge, and mentions other minor varieties.

**Trinidad.**—The postmaster-general of Trinidad has announced a new series of stamps in the near future.

**Columbian Republic.**—*Antioquia*—*S. G. M. J.* has received copies of a type-set provisional stamp, printed in sheets of four.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*  
1c deep blue.                      1c brown.



**Germany.**—*China*—In the December issue of the *Monthly Journal* it is announced that the 5, 10, 30 and 80 pfennig, used at Tientsin, May 7, 1901, exist with inverted surcharge.

**Crete.**—It is announced that the colors of the high value unpaid letter stamps have been changed.

1dr violet.                      2dr brown.

**Paraguay.**—*L. Echo de la T.* reports a new 1 peso stamp.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*  
1 peso, blue.

**Cuba.**—*The A. J. of P.* is authority for the statement that the two cent carmine, 1899 issue, exists with inverted surcharge.

**Transvaal.**—We illustrate the provisional stamp used in the city of Lydenburg.



**Abbyssinia.**—The *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* states that the current set has appeared with the word "Ethiope" overprinted thereon.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

Violet surcharge.	2g dark brown.
½g green.	4g lilac brown.
½g salmon.	8g lilac.
1g blue.	16g black.

**Chile.**—It is announced in the *A. J. of P.* that the 5c of the new series has appeared.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

**Ecuador.**—It is said that the current set has been surcharged "Official" in black.

**Soudan.**—The 1 millieme stamp is reported by the *Timbrophile Belge* as being perforated with the letters "s. G." (Service Gouvernemental), for use as an official stamp.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

1m rose and brown.

**Gold Coast.**—The illustration herewith shows one of the provisional stamps recently issued.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

Black surcharge.

1p on 2½p lilac and ultramarine.      1p on 6p lilac and purple.



**Rhodesia.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* states that they have seen a 7sh, 6p has been issued to the current set.

**Great Britain.**—The new set has appeared, or at least four values as follows :

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

½d green.	2½d blue.
1d red.	6d purple.



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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

There is nothing further to report this month, except that I would again urge the members of the S. P. A. to hold a mail election to fill the vacancies in the offices of our association. This state of affairs cannot endure, and I would request that nominations be sent me for publication in the next issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

Adolph Lohmeyer, Baltimore, Md.

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AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

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## Our Wedding.

In view of the facts presented in the following excerpts taken from the *Richmond Dispatch*, of January 31, the editor again begs the indulgence of our many readers for the many shortcomings of this and the preceding issue.

Mr. Royal Bennett Bradley and Miss Beulah Wilford Reams were united in marriage by the Rev. James E. Oyler, pastor of Denny-Street Episcopal Church, South, at the home of the bride, 703 Nicholson street yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with palms, and the decorations were very effective.

The bride wore a handsome dress of blue silk, and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses. There were no ushers and no maid of honor, only the families of the contracting parties being present.

After the ceremony an informal reception was held, and the bride and groom were showered with congratulations. Later the parties were tendered an elegant collation in the dining-room.

The bride is the handsome and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver Reams, and is noted for her many accomplishments.

Mr. Bradley hails from the Lone Star State, where he is well known, having been a resident of Richmond for the past three years, and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley will be at home to their friends at 2703 east Franklin street, after February 24th.

## Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

(This is the remainder of the chapter entitled "Postage Stamps," which was commenced in the last number. It is taken from Mr. Reagan's second report to President Davis.)

On the 16th of March, a proposition was submitted by a gentleman having the means and capacity for manufacturing them, to establish a house in the city of Montgomery for that purpose and for the purpose of doing any other engraving, lithographing and printing which might be required by the government. Assurances were given him that he should have the contract for furnishing stamps and stamped envelopes, and at his request, and to facilitate the early manufacture of them, he was furnished by the Department, with designs for the various denominations of stamps, in order that he might complete the necessary engravings by the time his presses and other materials could be prepared. He left that city, as he said, for the purpose of carrying into effect that enterprise, and nothing was heard from him afterwards.

On the 27th of March the Department advertised for proposals for furnishing stamps and stamped envelopes, in newspapers in the following cities, to wit: Montgomery, New Orleans, Charleston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Savannah, Columbus, Richmond Memphis and Louisville. No proposals in response to this advertisement were received from any establishment in the then Confederate states. The only proposals made in answer to this advertisement were one from Richmond and one from Baltimore, proposing to furnish lithographed stamps. The proposition from Baltimore was regarded as most favorable, both on account of the style of the work proposed to be done and the terms on which the supplies were proposed to be furnished. But the collision between the citizens of that city and the Federal troops, on the 20th of April, and consequent suspicion of communication with that city, prevented further negotiations on the subject.

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In July, a confidential agent was employed by the Department to procure the making of the required steel dies and plates for postage stamps, and to furnish them to the Department as soon as they could be

prepared, and also, if found practicable, to have the stamps made and furnished ready for use.

After receiving some encouragement, and after the work of making steel dies had been commenced, circumstances rendered the discontinuance of the work by the manufacturer necessary. And our agent then made an effort, at another point, to procure lithographed stamps of a superior style, and, after some delay it became necessary to abandon that effort to supply the Department. This brought us to September. And in the meantime an extensive correspondence was kept up by the Department, and has been steadily persevered in up to this time, with persons in various cities in the Confederate States, and indeed with every person who was represented to the Department as an engraver, who might execute the work desired. Urged by the wants of the public, the Department was induced, as a temporary expedient, to make arrangements with a lithographic establishment in this city for the manufacture of lithographed stamps. Unexpected delay, however, occurred in the preparation of them; and after the completion of the plates, the supplies furnished to the Department were so insufficient to meet the demand for them and the prices charged so exorbitant, as compared with the cost of the superior steel plate impressions in use in the United States and other governments that a special agent was dispatched on the 27th of October to Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of having stamps printed there on more favorable terms, and in quantities equal to the public demand. This agent returned to the Department, November 4th, and reported that the engravers of those cities would submit estimates to the Department so soon as they could ascertain the cost of machinery and paper. I have just received a letter from Charleston submitting a proposal for furnishing stamps, but stating that it would require at least ninety days for the preparation of the necessary machinery and plates.

This engraver proposes to furnish the stamps gummed, but not perforated, at a cost of one dollar per thousand, the paper to be furnished by the Department, whereas the United States government paid but eighteen cents per thousand stamps, gummed, perforated, and put up in tin and paper boxes and envelopes, without extra charge for paper, and boxes, and envelopes,

The engraver, in Savannah, under date of 21st of November, states that it will require sixty days to prepare the plates for printing each denomination, and the delivery of 400,000 stamps, and that with his present force he can only furnish 80,000 stamps daily. The estimated number required for daily use is about 260,000. In the meantime, on the first day of October, a confidential agent was provided with ample means and dispatched to Europe to procure the manufacture of steel dies and plates for printing stamps of the several denominations provided by law, and for procuring for use, as soon as practicable, fifteen millions of stamps, and to forward the dies, plates and stamps to this city. The small supplies now being received from the contractors in this city only serve to increase the public discontent, as they are insufficient to meet the demands of even the principal cities.

*(To be Continued.)*

## Chronicle of New Issues.

**Austria.**—A new value of the current set has been issued.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

35 hellers, green.

**British Central Africa.**—The *S. C. Fortnightly* lists a new 1c stamp.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

1d, mauve and carmine.

**British Honduras.**—From the same source we list a new 10c stamp.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

10c, lilac and green.

**Cook Islands.**—The *Phil. J. of G. B.* states that the stamps of this island are to be over printed with a crown in black, to denote their allegiance to the British Empire.

**Cyprus.**—A new set is in course of preparation.

**Columbia.**—*Le Timbrophile Belge* is our authority for the issuance of the registered letter stamp.

*Adhesive stamp—perforated.*

5c blue.

**Cayman Islands.**—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* illustrates the new King Edward stamps.



*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

2½d blue.

6d brown.

1s orange.

**Dutch Indies.**—The new set has been issued, says *The Metropolitan Philatelist*. They are of the oblong type.

1 cent, olive.                      3 cents, orange.

2 cents, brown.                    5 "    rose.

2½ "    green.

**Dominican Republic.**—We illustrate one of the new set.



*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

1c dark green and black.



2c scarlet and black.  
 5c blue and black.  
 10c orange and black.  
 12c purple and black.  
 20c carmine rose and black.  
 50c bistre brown and black.

## Official stamps.

2c scarlet and black.  
 5c dark blue and black.  
 10c yellow green and black.  
 20c yellow and black.

**Danish West Indies.**—According to the *A. J. of P.*, two new provisional issues have been made by surcharging the current 3 and 10c with figure of value, the word "CENTS" and "1902" in three lines.

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

Black surcharge.

2c on 3c blue and lake.

8c on 10c brown and gray.

**German Offices in Morocco.**—Mr. William Thorne has shown the *M. P.* a new set of stamps, surcharged diagonally.

3 pfennings, brown.	20 pfennings, ultramarine.
5 " green.	25 " orange.
10 " carmine.	50 " red-brown.

**Gambia.**—We illustrate the new type with face of King Edward.



**Great Britain.**—Great dissatisfaction is felt over the design on the new stamps, and it is possible they may be withdrawn.

We are indebted to the *S. C. Fortnightly* for illustrations of the designs for the stamped stationery.



**Greece.**—The *Fortnightly* illustrates the new parcel post stamps of Greece as follows:



5 lepta, orange.  
 25 " green.  
 50 " blue.

1 drachma, carmine.  
2 " brown.

**Leeward Islands.**—A new issue to consist of the values  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, 6p, 1sh, 2sh, 6p and 5sh are to appear shortly.

**Malta.**—It is stated in the press that the King Edward set has appeared.

**Natal.**—A new set with the King's head is in preparation.

**United States.**—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* states that we are to have a 13 cent stamp in the near future.

**Victoria.**—We present an illustration of the 1 pound stamp.



**Roumania.**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles two new values of the current set ; also change of lb. from " bani " to " ban."

*Adhesive stamps—perforated.*

1 ban, brown.

30 bani, brown.

75 bani, brown and violet.

**Trinidad.**—The current 1p has been issued in new colors, black on red.

### A Few Suggestions.

Below is an interesting letter from C. E. Severn, a popular S. P. A. member, which should be read by every member of our society.

CHICAGO, February 7th, 1902.

AUGUST DIETZ, ESQ.,

*Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Philatelic Association,*  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

DEAR SIR:—I shall act upon your request to express briefly how the low vitality of the S. P. A. could be stimulated into useful activity, in my opinion.

While it takes time coupled with intelligent effort to really establish a philatelic society, yet when once it is firmly grounded, it is strong enough to successfully withstand sieges of torpidity and indifference on the part of many of its members. A stamp society is hard to found and hard to founder. If it can live to boast of a history, the chronicle of its years will show periods of depression and of elevation ; of inertia and of philatelic accomplishment. A society with a membership so imbricative as that of the S. P. A., always may claim among the individual members some with latent possibilities for society work and promotion. These qualities are to be developed under the tutelage of an active set of officers who themselves should possess not alone the credentials of honor but the faculty for disinterested work in upbuilding their organization.

The success and progress of a philatelic society accord with the capacity of its officers for promoting it in a sagaciously aggressive way. It is necessary that they

set the example for members to emulate. Just along what lines the officers can make the society advance one cannot say for they must be born of the circumstances of the particular case; but the right men find the way to promote the welfare of their society. Tangled skeins may be adjusted and the many details when properly attended to have a cumulative effect that ultimately becomes an important factor in the advancement of the organization. The executive capacity that slights the small duties and attends only to matters important in themselves does not match in good results that which develops the small beginnings in every possible way. The task of regenerating the S. P. A. should not be difficult for the organization is fortunate in having its two most important working offices in capable hands; and it now becomes necessary to round out the offices, other than those of the Sales Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer with men of similar calibre. If the needful men cannot be supplied, or if the men are in the association but will not ally themselves with its workings, then there is small excuse for the existence of the S. P. A.

Very truly yours,  
C. E. SEVERN.

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**REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A. :—

Very little heed has been paid to repeated requests in these columns that members remit their dues for the current year, as well as send in nominations for the vacancies of President and Vice-President.

It is imperative that these matters be attended to at once. Your Secretary therefore once more calls upon you to send in a list of nominations, to be published in the next issue of your official organ. Members can then vote by postal card, addressing same to me, and the result will be announced in the following issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

While it may appear that I am trespassing beyond the limits of my official lines, I am compelled to resort to this procedure as a final attempt to place the Association on a working basis, before resigning the office you have entrusted to me.

Very truly,  
AUG. DIETZ, Sec'y-Treas.

Richmond, Va., March 15th, 1902.

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AUG. DIETZ.

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1 year's sub. to Stamp Exchange...		25
1 inch ad in " " .....		35
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## Editorial Notes.

OUR apologies are due the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., for failing to mention their 1902 catalogue, sent us for inspection and review some time since. The catalogue is along the lines of its well know predecessors, and is the leading catalogue published in the English language. The prices show some advances and reductions in price, the dependencies of Great Britain coming in for their share, notably the South African countries. New Confederate locals and envelopes are listed for the following cities: Aberdeen, Miss., Moutgomery, Ala., and Richmond, Tex. The work in question is well bound in a compact book of 700 pages, in brown cover. Price 58 cents, post free.

OUR esteemed contemporary, *The Australian Philatelist*, in an interesting article on the past, present and future of the New Hebrides, gives much interesting information concerning the islands and their history. The stamps issued by the Company, which are private locals, were issued on the 17th of March, 1897. They were lithographed by John Sands & Co., of Sydney, and were designed by the popular Australian collector, Mr. A. F. Basset Hull.

AN OLD question that has provoked some discussion is whether minute descriptions of forgeries should be published in the philatelic press. The editor of the *A. J. of P.*, for whose opinion we have a great amount of respect, opposes the publication, and supports his position with many excellent reasons, the principal one being to restrict the publication of details which would enable the counterfeiter to correct errors in his work. But on the other hand, does not the suppression of elaborate details enable the counterfeiter to easily foist upon the collector his

imitations? And again, if by the publication of detailed descriptions of points of difference the collector is thoroughly educated and instructed in the detection of forged stamps, does this not force the forger to abandon his labors?

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of our esteemed English contemporary *Stamps*, which will be incorporated with the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. Messrs. Heygate & Co. have published the journal successfully for several years, and it, to use an old phrase, filled a "long felt want." It was one of the few papers we enjoyed, and are loath to see it cease publication.

FROM some interesting editorials in a recent issue of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* we clip the following:

"The most successful dealers in the country limit their profits to ten per cent., and they sell a much larger proportion of their stock at from one-half to one-tenth of this sum. You cannot do business without advertising. You may have a few good customers, but the better they are the sooner you fill them up, but a regular succession of catchy advertisements brings a constant stream of new buyers and they can be attracted forever. Patent medicine men have accumulated the largest fortunes of any traders in the country, and their money is made solely by advertising. We have known several firms who have put their first few years profits in advertising. It would be a good and paying rule to put aside twenty-five per cent. of all profits for advertising, and it is safe to say that the more you spend this way the greater will be your profits."

#### THE PHILATELIC ALMANAC.

OUR thanks are due Messrs. Chas. J. Endle & Co. for a copy of the Philatelic Almanac for 1902. The work in question is well worth the insignificant price of four pence, as it contains much valuable information for English philatelists, arrival and departure of foreign mails, directory of philatelic societies, and much valuable postal information.

#### CONFEDERATE AUCTION PRICES.

WE quote a few prices realized on Confederate stamps at recent auction sales, as they will interest many of our readers.

##### SCOTT STAMP AND COIN CO., MARCH 19-20.

Baton Rouge, 5c green and carm., original cover, very fine, used..	\$42.00
Mobile. Ala., 2c black, on original cover, a little cut into at one corner.....	23.50
Tellico Plains, 5c red, nice copy, unused.....	71.00

##### PLUMRIDGE & CO., FEBRUARY 26.

Baton Rouge, 5c green and red, on entire, very fine, type II, S.G.	25.00
" 5c " " " " " " III.....	15.75

##### J. M. BARTEL'S CO., MARCH 22.

Jonesboro, Tenn., 5c blue on orange.....	51.00
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## Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

H. G. ASKEW.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The following chapter is transcribed entire and without alternation from the report of Postmaster General Reagan, dated November 27th, 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 portions 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 counterfeiting 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."

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 which the smallest denomination was at that time five dollars, and "small notes" (the writer remembers them well under the name of *shinplasters*.) 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 shinplasters 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 shinplasters 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 shinplaster. 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 \$4.90 in change be given to him in silver. This the postmaster is unable 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 \$4.90 in postage stamps, it 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 may be 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 origin of the Confederate local envelope. General Reagan distinctly says that it was necessary "to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying 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 post-office 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 locals do not exist now in large numbers is because of the great destruction resulting from a war which was maintained to the last ditch, and until almost the whole of the South had been devastated by troops, some of whose commanders boasted of not leaving undestroyed even a crow's rations.

As some stress has been put on the dates of the commissions issued

to the Confederate postmasters, I append the following extract from a tabular statement which appears in Postmaster General Reagan's report bearing the date of November 27, 1861 :

	Number of Postoffices	Number of appointments made by this department.	Number of commissions issued by this department.
Alabama.....	831.....	608.....	398
Arkansas.....	610.....	400.....	166
Florida.....	160.....	144.....	85
Georgia.....	851.....	762.....	577
Louisiana.....	341.....	287.....	165
Mississippi.....	616.....	555.....	356
North Carolina..	1054.....	741.....	552
South Carolina..	645.....	542.....	404
Tennessee.....	987.....	581.....	351
Texas.....	717.....	540.....	288
Virginia.....	1599.....	1100.....	842
	8411	6261	4184

This statement is signed by B. N. Clements, Chief of Appointment Bureau, and is dated November 25, 1861.

\*The editor believes this to be a correct view. He also believes that a large proportion of the "Paid 5" envelopes, commonly called "hand-stamps," were used in the way described in the above, and that they should be collected and catalogued as regular provisional envelopes.



## The Alabama State Revenue Stamps.

R. S. NELSON.

At the November session of the Legislature of Alabama, 1868, an Act was passed providing for the revenue of the state (see Acts of Alabama, 1868, page 297), and in Section 121 of this Act provided for the use of adhesive stamps as follows:—That it shall be the duty of the Auditor to furnish the Treasurer with a supply of adhesive stamps of the denomination of one dollar and two dollars each, to be printed in separate colors, similar to those used by the United States, and to bear an appropriate devise and the words "State of Alabama, Tax on Seals, one dollar" or two dollars, as the case may be. Provided, however, that any officer purchasing stamps as aforesaid in the aggregate amount of \$50 and upwards, at any one time, shall be allowed a deduction of five per cent.

Section 122 of this Act provides, That it shall be the duty of each Notary Public, Probate Judge, Commissioners for other States, Clerks of Circuit, Clerk of City Court, Registers in Chancery, or other public officer, that may be required to employ a seal by the laws of the state, officiating within the limits of the State, to affix one adhesive stamp of the value of one dollar upon each official impress of such seal of such Notary, etc., and shall proceed to cancel the same by writing or stamping his signature and date across the face of said stamp, provided that stamps shall not be required on claims of discharged soldiers or pension, or arrangements of pay or bounty from the United States.

Section 123 of this Act provides, That the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, Auditor and Secretary of State, shall affix one adhesive stamp of the value of two dollars upon each official imprint of the seal of such officers; and to cancel the same as above provided.

This Act also provided that any instrument requiring a stamp was void without a stamp affixed as required by law, and could not be introduced in a court of law as evidence.

This Act was amended Dec. 15, 1876, to allow affidavits of parties making a homestead entry under act of Congress approved May 20, 1868, without a stamp.

This Act of November 1868, and the amendment thereto, was incorporated in the Code of Alabama as Section 518, 519, 520; and was repealed in 1884. See Acts of 1884-5, page 13.

Under the law, all affidavits made before any officer using a seal such as Notaries Public, Commissioners of other States, Judges of Probate, Clerks of Courts of Record, and Registers in Chancery, and all acknowledgment of mortgages or deeds made before such officers using their seals, had to affix a one dollar tax on seal; and all papers issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Auditor, and Secretary of State of Alabama, where the seal was used, had to have a two dollar tax on seal affixed.

Now, as I understand from this law, such officers could take affidavits and acknowledgments without using their seal, and not have to use a stamp.

I have seen the one dollar tax on seal used on affidavits and acknowledgments, and the two dollar tax on seal used on official commissions of the officers of the State, such as Notaries Public, Justice of the Peace, Judge of Probate—in fact all offices where there was a commission issued to them; also the certificate of the Auditor that the insurance companies had complied with the provisions of law in filing a statement of their assets with the Auditor.

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### Pre-cancelled Oddities.

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A pre-cancelled postage stamp occasionally is found in such shape that it bears relatively the same status to the normal type as an imperforate current issue does to the general issue—a curiosity—an accidental mistake. To list all that may exist would probably be impossible for they are widely scattered and probably only a few are found in any single collection. The first and most of these varieties is caused by being twice printed and probably the most common hails from West Grove, Pa., both the one and the two cent values in this shape being fairly common. The Elgin 2c also exists in several collections in this shape, a block of ten having come into my possession some time since and been scattered. In Chicago I know of two double prints, 4c surcharged, 4—1 and the 1c overprinted 11—1.

The second class of oddity consists of a mis-spelt name and I know of three varieties, all on one cent values LJOWELL, DANBURY and BECORAH. In this class also could be included the "small figure variety" of the 2—2 Chicago set, where the first two is about half the size of the second.

In the Lexington, Ky., pre-cancelled, several varieties of "type setting" can be found in each full pane of stamps but can hardly be classed as oddities but rather type varieties as they are evidently caused by the printer being "shy" of type in a certain font.



## Chronicle of New Issues.

**British Guiana.**—The *Deutch Briefmarken Zeitung* has seen the six cents in new colors.

6c black and ultramarine.

**Crete.**—The surcharge on the 25 lepta is now printed in a larger type than before, measuring 2mm more in length.

**Cooks Islands.**—The 1d has appeared surcharged a crown.

It is said that the stamps of this colony will appear in Postal Union colors.

**Curacao.**—The *A. J. of P.* has seen a 12½c Netherlands surcharged Curacao at bottom and value in upper corners.

12½c blue.

**Danish West Indies.**—We illustrate the surcharge listed last month.



The postage due set has been issued. Design a crown and monogram "C. R." Value in large numerals in lower corners.

1c blue.

6c blue.

4c blue.

10c blue.

**Dominican Republic.**—The *A. J. of P.* reports the discovery of the 1 centavo of the Jubilee series with inverted portrait.

From the same source I learn that the plates and litho stones of this series have been destroyed.

**Federated Malay States.**—Four postal cards of the tiger type are announced by the *London Philatelist*.

1c green.

3c rose red.

1x1.

3x3.

**Fernando Po.**—An over-printing of the stamps of this colony for use (?) in the "Muni River Settlements" is reported by Cadiz Postal.

**Germany.**—The new stamps were placed on sale March 20th, but were not available for postage until April 1st. Values remain same as before.





The inscription has been changed from "Reich Post" to "Deutsches Reich" signaling the extension of the Imperial post to Wurtemberg. The same change has also been made in the post cards.

The new stamps have been surcharged for China, Levant and Morocco.

**Great Britain.**—The following are chronicled by the *London Philatelist*, with date of issue:

1½d green and lilac, end of March. 2s 6d, middle of April.

3d purple on yellow, end of March.

Designs same as old issue, but with head of King Edward.

The 2½d King Edward has been surcharged 40 paras for the Levant, but not yet issued.

The following King Edward stationary has been issued :

½d envelope. Post Cards. ½x½d green on white

1d envelope, 3 sizes. and buff.

½d wrapper. Post Cards: 1d carmine on white

Post Cards: ½d green on white and buff.

Letter Card: 1d carmine on bluish.

Registration envelope: 3d chocolate brown (includes 1d postage and 2d registry fee.)

New official stamps, Queens head type :

"O. W. Official (Office of Works) "I. R. Official" on 1s gr. and carm. ½d green. "Board of Education" on 5d and 1s.

The following official stamps, Kings head type, are announced as ready for issue :

"R. H. Official" on 1d. "Army Official" on ½d and 1d.

"I. R. Official" on ½d, 1d and 2½d. "Boarth of Education" on ½d, 1d,

"O. W. Official" on ½d and 1d. 2½d.

**Greece.**—The *Mitteldeutsch Phil. Zeitung* reports a new series of unpaid letter stamps :

11, 21, 51, 101, 201, 401, 601, 701, 801, 901, 1001, 2001.

**Guadeloupe.**—The 5c and 10c in the Postal Union colors were received and placed on sale February 24th.

**Hong Kong.**—*Mekeel's Weekly* lists a 12c light blue.

**India.**—Envelopes and post cards with Emperor's head have been sent to India, and should have been issued in February. Postage stamps of the new type will not reach India before the middle of April. Details are not known.

**Mauritius.**—Another provisional has appeared.

12c black on 18c green and blue.

**Netherlands.**—I have to record a new value in the current unpaid letter set :

½c ultramarine and black.

**Nicaragua.**—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles these stamps of the current type lithographed locally :

5 centavos blue.

10 centavos purple.

5 centavos carmine.

**Nieue, or Savage Island.**—It is reported that this island is to have an issue of postage stamps.

**Orange River Colony.**—The *London Philatelist* has seen a proof of a new stamp for this colony. It is described as 2½d with head of King Edward in small oval in upper half and springbok below.

**Penrhyn Islands.**—I record a reported surcharge on current New Zealand stamps: black surcharge,

½d green.	2½d blue.
1d carmine.	

**Persia.**—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a provisional five kran on fifty kran. Scott type No. A22.

**Peru.**—A correspondent sends me a new issue :  
22c green, with seated figure of Liberty.

**Saint Helena.**—*Der Philatelist* has seen the following stamps with Kings head :

½d green	1d carmine.
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**Tasmania.**—The one penny and two penny pictorial stamps have been seen on paper watermarked a "V" and "Crown." A six months supply having been printed in Melbourne.

**Transvaal.**—*Der Philatelist* chronicles a new set with head of King Edward :

1d carmine.	1 shilling olive green.
2d violet.	2 shillings brown.
2½d blue.	5 shillings dark red.
6d orange.	10 shillings dark violet.

**Tunis.**—Two new values are reported for this country :  
35 cent. brown.                      2 francs violet.

There is also a new value in the unpaid set.  
1 franc yellow green.

**Wurtemberg.**—From April 1st, this Kingdom ceases to be a stamp issuing country.



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### REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

RICHMOND, VA., April 13th, 1902.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:—

According to my request in the last issue of this paper, I have received a number of nominations for the offices now vacant. They will appear below. *I would request the members to forward to me at once a list of their choice by post card, addressed to 18 North Eleventh Street, Richmond, Va.*

Dues are coming in very slow, and I again urge the members to remit promptly.

Very Respectfully,

AUG. DIETZ, Sec.-Treas.

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Received since	5 " " .....	68 93
	50 " " .....	815 51
Retired	21 " " .....	264 53
Now in circulation	29 " " .....	550 98
Sales from 21 books.....		71 72

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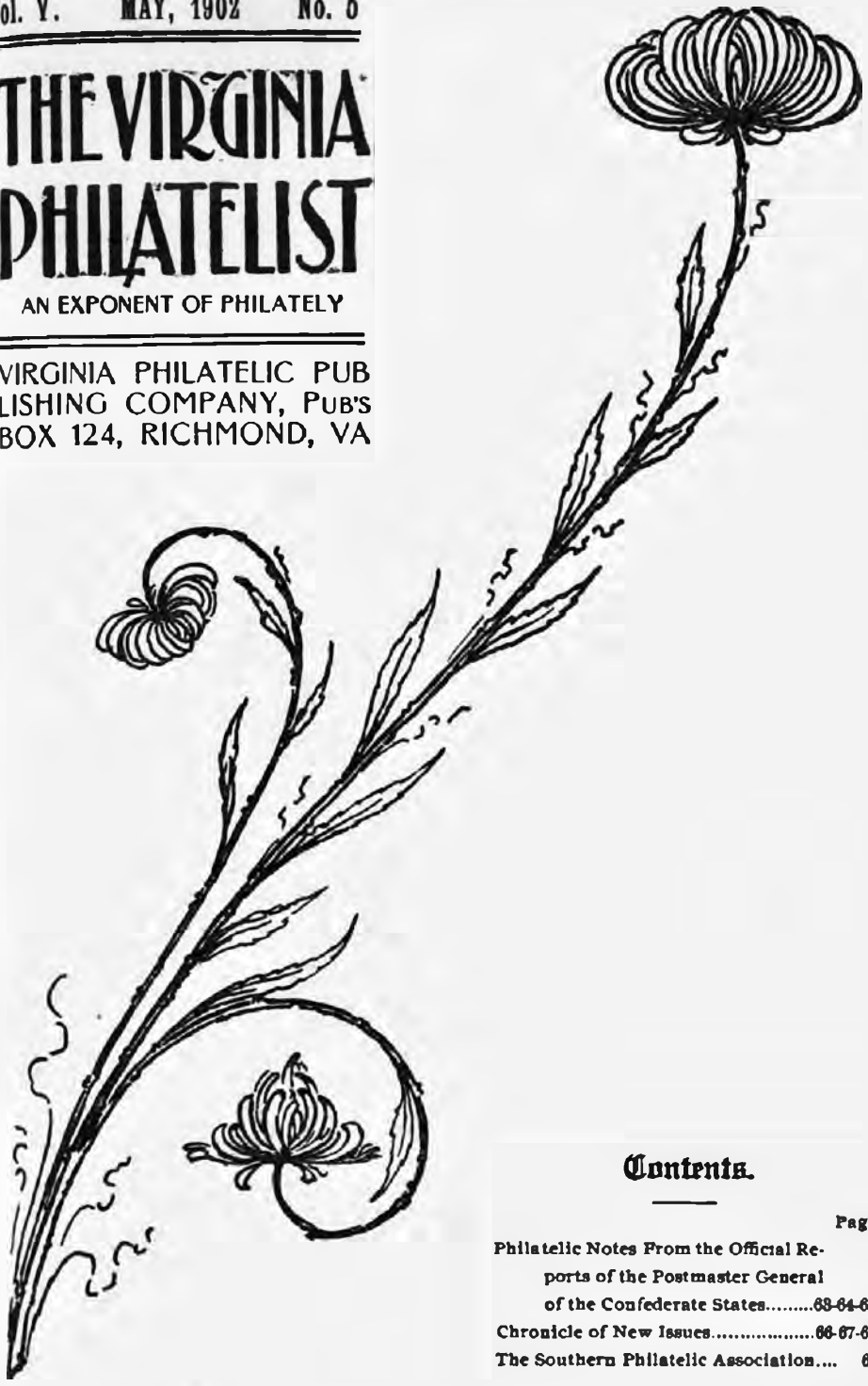
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## Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

H. G. ASKEW.

From *The Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The third report of Postmaster General Reagan to the president of the Confederate States was dated at Richmond, February 28, 1862. I quote from the tenth page of that report the following paragraphs which I think philatelists will find of interest:

"The first postage stamps were delivered to the Department, under the contract by which it is now supplied, on the 15th of October, 1861.

Since then 9,289,400 five cent stamps have been received, equal to.....\$464,470 00  
And 902,100 ten cent stamps..... 90,210 00

Making in all 10,191,500.....\$554,680 00

These stamps have been distributed to such postoffices as were in the vicinity of military encampments, to the large cities, and to such of the principal and smaller towns as the number furnished by the printer has enabled the Department to supply. The Department, however, has just received from Europe, under the order referred to in my last report, two million one hundred and fifty thousand (2,150,000) five cent stamps, equal to one hundred and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$107,500) which added to the number above stated makes the total number of stamps received twelve million three hundred and forty-one thousand five hundred (12,341,500) amounting to six hundred and sixty-two thousand one hundred and eighty dollars (\$662,180.00.) This number, together with those being furnished by the printer in this city, will enable the Department, in a very short time, to furnish every office with a full supply.

Two cent stamps have been very much needed, and it is believed that the Department will be able to supply them soon."

I find nothing else of special interest to philatelists in the third report unless it is the following statistics from the Chief of Appointment Bureau relative to the number of postmasters appointed and commissioned up to February 27, 1862 :

States	Number of Appointments	Number of Commissions Issued
Alabama.....	671	513
Arkansas.....	443	291
Florida.....	161	97
Georgia.....	837	653
Louisiana.....	311	203
Mississippi.....	641	424
North Carolina.....	808	657
South Carolina.....	549	457
Tennessee.....	689	556
Texas.....	682	423
Virginia.....	1217	992
	7009	5266

Postmaster General Reagan's fourth report is dated at Richmond, December 7, 1863. It does not contain much information about stamps but the following may be of interest :

"The revenues derived from postage (for the fiscal year, from the 1st of July, 1862, to the 30th of June, 1863,) were three millions three hundred and thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-three dollars and one cent, (\$3,337,853.01.) The expenditures of the Department were two millions six hundred and sixty-two thousand eight hundred and four dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$2,662,804.57.) The excess of receipts over expenditures was six hundred and seventy-five thousand and forty-eight dollars and forty-four cents, (\$675,048.44,) thus showing the gratifying fact that the Department has been brought within the requirements of the Constitution that its expenses shall be paid out of its own revenues after the 1st of March, 1863."

This result it was stated was in part brought about by "the increased rates of postage, which went into operation with the beginning of the fiscal year"—July 1, 1862.

The sources of the receipts as above stated were given in detail as follows :

"From letter postage paid in money.....	\$ 753,069.84
From newspapers and pamphlets.....	188,665.52
From sale of postage stamps.....	2,392,332.63
From surplus of emoluments and box rents.....	3,785.02
Total .....	\$3,337,853.01

The large amount of receipts "from letter postage paid in money" indicates that the private arrangements between postmasters and patrons still continued into 1862 and 1863, resulting in the issuance of local stamps and local stamped envelopes, for it is very improbable to any one acquainted with the financial and monetary situation in the Confederate States in those years that any "money" was paid for postage in amounts less than five dollars at a time.

It is stated that \$12,572.78 was paid for postage stamps during the year ending June 30, 1863, but it does not appear to whom this amount was paid,

Supplies of two-cent, and of twenty-cent stamps were secured between the dates of Post Master General Reagan's third and fourth reports as will appear from the following extract from the latter :

“ The stamps supplied to postmasters from July 1st, 1862, to June 30th, 1863, were as follows :

Number of 2 cent stamps.....	557,200	value \$	11,144.00
“ 5 “ “ .....	37,953,977	“	1,897,698.85
“ 10 “ “ .....	10,417,700	“	1,041,770.00
“ 20 “ “ .....	95,100	“	19,020.00

Total making..... 49,023,977 \$2,969,632.85”

After mentioning the facts that “ previous to the fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, communication across the Mississippi river and valley had been rendered irregular and uncertain by the military operations of the enemy ” and that “ since their fall and occupation by them, we have had no reliable postal service across the river,” it is stated that “ among the means recently adopted for securing mail service across the Mississippi, was the establishment of an express mail line, under the authority of an act authorizing the establishment of express mails, approved May 1, 1863, and the making of a contract with a party represented to have ample means of carrying it out, for the conveyance of letters and packages, twice a week, between Meridian, Mississippi, and Shreveport, Louisiana. On all letters or packages sent by this line, the postage to be prepaid, is at the rate of forty cents for each single letter of one-half ounce in weighs, and forty cents for every additional half-ounce, or fraction of a half-ounce.

Who has an entire cover from a letter or package that was transported by this express mail? Don't all speak at once! Such a specimen would have some additional historic interest.

Before closing the extracts from and notes on the fourth report, I will add that the item, \$12,572.78 paid for postage stamps, which has been mentioned in the foregoing, appears again in an appendix to the report as having been paid for “ postage stamps and stamped envelopes.” So that it is possible that a few Confederate States stamped envelopes may have been made.

(To be Continued.)



## Chronicle of New Issues.

**Amoy.**—It is said France will issue a set for this office of the same style as those for Canton and Hoi-Hao.

**Austria.**—A new value has been issued: 35 heller, green. Black numerals in corners. Perf. 13.

**Bahamas.**—A one penny envelope is announced, of the Queen's staircase type. *The London Philatelist* is informed that a 2½d envelope, 2d registration envelope, and ½d and 1d post cards are being prepared with head of king.

**Benadir.**—(Italian Somali Coast.) *Revista del Franco Bollo* announces that the following set will be issued for this office:

1 besa, brown,	2½ annas, blue,
2 besa, green,	5 annas, orange.
1 anna, red,	10 annas, violet.
2 annas, yellow.	

**Brazil.**—*The Journal of Commerce*, of Rio Janeiro, announces that new stamps ranging from 10 to 2000 reis are to be prepared by Bradbury Wilkinson Co., of London. A Brazilian artist, Visconti, has been charged with the execution of the designs. Journal stamps, newsbands, postal and letter cards are to be included in the set.

**Columbian Republic.**—Cartagena provisional. *The Montreal Philatelist* chronicles two issues, 5 centavos violet, and 10 centavos brown. The stamps are said to be coarsely lithographed and have a rough pin perforation. As a control mark a five pointed star is hand stamped on the stamps.

**Finland.**—*The London Philatelist* reports that the current ten pennia stamp now comes perforated 11½.

**Fernando Po.**—It appears that the date on the stamps of this country have been changed, and that the following values comprise the issue:

5c, green,	75c, lilac,
10c, blue,	1 peseta, rose,
25c, carmine,	2 pesetas, bronze-green,
50c, brown-black,	5 pesetas, vermilion.

**France.**—General Issue. *Mekeel's Weekly* says that the design of the 30 and 50 centime stamps of the present issue have been modified. The lines of the back ground have been re-drawn and are wider apart than before. Olive branches have been introduced into the frame of the tablet containing the value.

An envelope has appeared with 5c stamp of current type, also a wrapper with a 2c stamp of the same design.

Single and reply cards of 10c carmine on greenish with stamp of new design have been issued.

The cards and envelopes used by the Pneumatic Post of Paris have been surcharged with new values, owing to a reduction in the rate.

Many varieties of surcharge occur.

**France.**—Foreign Offices. New stamps are said to be in preparation for the various foreign offices. (China, Alexandria, Port Said, Morocco, Levant, Cavalle, Dedeagh, Zanzibar, Crete.) The stamps are to be of the current type with some modifications. The values from 1 to 5c will have "Bureau Francais" in place of "Repub. Francais," and the name of the office in place of "postes." The designs from 10 to 30c are not decided upon yet. From 40c to 5fr., "Postes Francais" will be substituted for "Repub. Francais" with the name of the office instead of "Postes." Surcharging will be done when the currency differs from the French.

**Germany.**—An error in the three pfennig stamp of the new Deutches Reich issue makes the inscription of the stamp in some of the sheets read Dfutsches instead of Deutsches.

**Great Britain.**—The following of the King's head type have appeared, or will be issued soon. Color same as previous issue.

2d., 9d., 1s., 5s., 10s.

The one pound stamp is expected about the middle of July. The 6d Kings head has been overprinted "Gov't, Parcels."

**Netherlands.**—This country now sells stamps in books. The 1c, 3c, 5c, 12½c come in this form.

**Guadeloupe.**—The negro postal officials of this colony are said be busy with a new crop of surcharges, and the usual variety of "errors" is promised.

**Hungary.**—Owing to an increase in the postal tariff for the interior, the current four filler interior post cards have been replaced by the following stamps of current type, cards of Postal Union size.

5 filler, brown on buff.	5x5 filler, brown on buff.
Inscription in Hungarian.	
5 filler, brown on buff.	5x5 filler, brown on buff.
Inscription in Croatian.	

**New Caledonia.**—*L'Echo* chronicles two new surcharges.

5c on 30c

15c on 40c.

**New Zealand.**—*The Australian Journal of Philately* says the 1d value has appeared on unwatermarked paper.

**Orange River Colony.**—The 6d V. R. I. has been surcharged 4d.

**Roumania.**—*The Monthly Circular* says the 15 bani is printed in lilac-gray and is now perforated 13½x11½.

**Salvador.**—*Mekeel's Weekly* is informed that a Bradbury Wilkinson Company set for this country is being prepared.

**Sarawak.**—*The London Philatelist* has seen the two cent green of the current set with watermark resembling a rose.

**Spanish Guinea.**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* announces on the authority of Madrid Filatelico, that there will be an issue of stamps for the Spanish settlements on the West Coast of Africa which have employed the stamps of Fernando Po heretofore. The series is to be of the same type as the F. Po stamps with inscription Guinea Espanold, and probably the year 1902. Values and colors same as listed under F. Po.

**Transvaal.**—In addition to the stamps chronicled last month should be mentioned the 2-6 grey-black, with head in lilac.

**Uganda.**—Two new values appear surcharged on current British East Africa stamps :

$\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$  annas, blue.



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## Editorial Notes.

THE editor and publisher of this journal has been unable to devote the proper time to THE VIRGINIA it deserved for the past three months. Mr. Bradley does not publish his paper as an opportunity for making money, but as a pastime to occupy his leisure hours, and it sometimes happens that it is seriously neglected. The editor had the good fortune (but *misfortune* for the V. P.) to become connected with an insurance company incorporated last year, and he has had but little leisure time at his disposal.

We hope soon to secure some one to assist us in our work on THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* in an interesting editorial on philatelic literature, pays a well-deserved compliment to an American collector, the late John K. Tiffany, styling him the greatest of all American philatelists. In years gone by, this untiring worker compiled a list of all known American stamp publications. It is now a common occurrence for a philatelist to possess a library. All philatelic journals of merit should be preserved and complete volumes bound with index. And it is well to remember that a journal worth preserving should publish an index for each volume.

The *Montreal Philatelist* has suspended publication, the publisher frankly stating the real reason, viz. : that the paper was not a financial success. We are loath to see our old contemporary depart from us, as we always found articles of merit in its column. The editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST began the publication of a stamp collectors' journal in 1894, the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, and published 112 numbers, when it was consolidated with this journal, and we can say that in this space of time we have seen papers come and go by the score, and solely because of the non-support of the collecting fraternity. Our old paper was a philatelic success, but never a financial one. The same can be said of THE VIRGINIA. We now publish the little paper of ours because we love the work ; because it has a fascination for us, and because we dislike to sever the ties that bind us to the past.

*The Australian Philatelist* contains the welcome news that from the first of July the issue and sale of postmarked sets of the postal issues of Victoria will cease. A vigorous appeal is made to Mr. Drake, the Federal Postmaster-General, to abolish the similar practice still being carried on in New South Wales.

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### Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States.

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H. G. ASKEW.

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#### From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

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The fifth report of Hon. John H. Reagan, Postmaster-General, to the president of the Confederate States, was dated at Richmond, May 2, 1864. In print it makes a small pamphlet of nineteen octavo pages. The first three pages form the report proper and summarizes in a general manner the contents of the remaining pages. The next six pages are filled with estimates for appropriations for maintenance of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1865, and to cover service performed in previous years but not paid for. The remaining ten pages are occupied by copies of letters of instructions to Dr. James H. Starr, agent of Post-Office Department, Marshall, Texas. A perusal of these instructions indicates that this agency at Marshall, was in reality almost a complete Post-Office Department for that portion of the Confederacy west of the Mississippi river, its establishment having been rendered necessary because of the occupation of that river from Cairo to the Gulf of Mexico by the United States forces. One of the letters to Dr. Starr, dated March 13, 1864, states that the following amounts of stamps were transmitted, viz:

10 cents	1,250,000.
20 cents	400,000.
5 cents	250,000.

This is the only reference to stamps found in the fifth report.

The sixth and last report was dated at Richmond, Va., November 7, 1864. It forms a printed pamphlet of 21 octavo pages. On the third page appears a table showing "the number, denominations and value of the postage stamps sent out from the 1st of July, 1863, to 30th June, 1864," by quarters, or periods of three months, which I condense for the year as follows:

Number of 2 cent stamps . . . . .	869,200	value	\$ 17,884.00.
“ 5 “ “ . . . . .	3,626,600	“	181,330.00.
“ 10 “ “ . . . . .	33,450,400	“	3,345,040.00.
“ 20 “ “ . . . . .	1,833,300	“	366,660.00.
Total . . . . .	39,779,500		\$3,910,414.00.

The number of each denomination of stamps and the aggregate of the same is here given as they appear in the original table, but a mathematical error in the amount of value has been corrected by me.

In a recapitulation of postal receipts for the nine months ending with March 31st, 1864, it appears that \$445,193.31 was received in money for letter postage, \$178,350.55 in money for postage on newspapers, pamphlets, and \$2,149,250.79 from sales of stamps, indicating that many localities in the Confederacy were up to that late period still inadequately supplied with stamps, thus necessitating the continuance of the private arrangements between the postmasters and the public, heretofore mentioned in these notes. In Texas, out of the total postal receipts of \$38,721 58, only \$17,883.33 were for stamps sold.

The supply of stamps mentioned in the fifth report as having been sent to Marshall, Texas, in March, 1864, is stated in the sixth report to have arrived safely at destination, hence there was probably a sufficient supply in the country west of the Mississippi river after that time, provided that the stamps were properly distributed.

(*The End.*)

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### The Southern Philatelic Association.

The annual conventions of our northern societies have come and gone, and are now matters of history, but we exceedingly regret to see the lethargy existing among the members of the Southern Philatelic Association. We hope officers elected by the mail election called by Secretary Dietz, and presumably held, although we have no knowledge to this effect, having received no notice of same, and no reports for publication. Our good friend, Mr. R. S. Nelson, writes that he has been elected President, and we feel sure that he will make a most capable officer. The society has been very unfortunate in the selection of officers for the last few years, some of whom were actually suspended for non-payment of dues! Mr. Dietz has served the society faithfully but has not had the time to devote to it that it requires.

We hope to see a revival of the old-time enthusiasm, and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST stands ready to assist in every way possible. Our Sales Department is in fine shape, and Mr. Waring has made a most excellent Superintendent.

Let the new officers, whoever they may be, rally around them the remaining faithful, and once again push the Southern Philatelic Association to the front.

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### Wedding Bells.

The editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is in receipt of the announcement of the marriage of our friend Mr. Pieter den Outer, of Vlaardingen, Holland, to Miss Liske Sietsche Roukema, on July 17, 1902. Our friend, talented and affable, has many acquaintances and correspondents on this side of the Atlantic who send their best wishes and congratulations.

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### Chronicle of New Issues.

*Antioqua.*—The *P. C. and A.* is our authority that a complete new set for this Columbian province has been issued, all lithographed at Medellin. The following are the values and colors:—1c rose, 2c blue, 3c green, 4c purple, 5c red, 10c lilac-rose, 20c green, 30c rose, 40c blue, 50c brown on yellow, 1 peso black and mauve, 2 pesos black and rose 5 pesos black and blue.

*Argentine.*—The one peso, current issue, exists with inverted center.

*Bermuda.*—Says the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*: "A stamp of a new type, but without the head of the King, of the value of 1d., is to be issued shortly. A small view showing what appears to be a dock and two or three ships on the sea, all enclosed in a circle, is the principal feature of the design. "Bermuda" appears in a label at the top, and the value below, while a lot of crude ornamentation completes a somewhat feeble-looking stamp."

*Bosnia.*—The 20 heller stamp has appeared in rose and black.

*British Somaliland.*—A complete series of stamps for this territory has been issued. The stamps are surcharged in two lines on the current Queen's head Indian stamps.

#### Adhesives.

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2½ " blue.	2 rupees yellow-brown and carmine.
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4 " slate green.	5 " violet and ultramarine.
6 " pale brown.	

#### Officials.

½ anna pale green.
1 " carmine.
2 annas violet.
8 " lilac.
1 rupee carmine and green.

*Cape of Good Hope.*—The 1d. Cape of Good Hope (figure standing) has been surcharged "Orange River Colony" in three lines.

*France.*—The 10 centimes of the modified type already described in these columns has appeared. It is presumed others will follow.

*Gambia.*—The complete set of King's head stamps up to and including 2 sh. is now in use.

*Hayti.*—Eleven values of the current set have been surcharged "Gt. Pre." and the date "May 1902." It is stated that this issue precedes an entirely new series.

*Hong Kong.*—The *Ph. J. of I.* states that the 12c. with "CA" watermark exists in pale blue, as well as in the deeper shade.



*Madagascar.*—Three new surcharges are issued, 5c on 50c, 10c on 5 francs, 15c on 1 franc.

*Northern Nigeria*—The new King Edward set has appeared.

*St. Vincent.*—The usual set of King's head stamps has appeared for this colony.

*Adhesives.*

½d. lilac and green.	3d. lilac and olive.
1d. " carmine.	6d. " brown.
2½d. " blue.	1sh. green and carmine.

*Seychelles.*—This island furnishes us with five new provisionals, as follows :

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45c. on 2r. 25c., mauve and green.

*Straits Settlements.*—The new King Edward set is being issued.

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### Fred. Hagen's Catalogue.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of Mr. Fred. Hagen's illustrated priced catalogue of the stamps of Australasia and adjacent islands. Although the work does not purport to be a complete standard catalogue, it is a remarkably large, well-illustrated book of 100 pages, listing many "hard to get" stamps lacking in many collections.

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### Philately in the Far East.

Wherever white men foregather they begin to collect stamps, and somebody starts a stamp paper, and somebody else organizes a stamp exchange club. Surgeon-Major Piens, an old friend of the *Fortnightly*, now quartered at the Military Hospital, Hong Kong, has just established the "Far East Stamp Exchange Club," and reports satisfactory progress. Should any reader of the *S. C. F.* be proceeding to take up his residence at Hong Kong it will in some sort console him to know that in that unsalubrious corner of the globe there are good philatelists waiting to swap stamps with him!—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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### The Earl of Crawford, Stamp Collector.

Mr. M. P. Castle having retired from the Vice-Presidentship of the Philatelic Society, London, the Earl of Crawford has been appointed to fill the vacancy. It was the Earl of Crawford who recently purchased the Tiffany library.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist.*

## New Russians.

The German press is responsible for the rumor that the Russian authorities will issue a special series of postage stamps during the present year to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Petersburg by Peter the Great. As Russia has been extremely temperate in the matter of stamp issuing, the issue in question will be beyond the blame attached to the ordinary uncalled-for "Jubilee" issues. The beauty and neatness of Russia's stamps have been, and are, conspicuous, and the projected issue will no doubt be a worthy follower of the present issue. Some beginners may not know why the thunderbolts were added to the posthorn below the imperial eagle in the oval frame. The posthorn signifies the use of the stamp for postal purpose; but when the stamps could be used to pay for telegrams, then this fact was indicated by engraving crossed thunderbolts behind the posthorn to signify the electric current.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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## Editorial Notes.

WE understand that two prominent stamp dealers of Chicago have formed a partnership under the firm name of the United Stamp Co. The two dealers are P. M. Wolsieffer and F. N. Massoth, both of whom are well and favorably known. The United Stamp Co., will give to Chicago a firm of substantial character.

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ADVICES from Washington state that the contract for the printing of our stamps for the next four years has been secured by the Bureau of Engraving, while the Hartford Manufacturing Company secured the envelope contract.

It is stated that the new thirteen cent stamps are being printed and will soon be on sale, while the drawing for the ten cent special delivery has been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

## The Private Stamps of Switzerland.

G. C. CUENOD.

From the *Lone Star State Philatelist*.

The so-called Swiss locals are in fact private stamps, since they were issued by the proprietors of hotels and summer resorts among the mountains of Switzerland. Their use was to prepay the mail sent and received by the guests between the hotel and the nearest regular post office. Briefly I will endeavor to give the many readers of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* some information concerning these interesting stamps.

In Switzerland the mail is delivered free almost everywhere, and the most remote villages get their letters and papers, but in the special cases of the important summer resorts of Rigi-Kulm, Rigi-Kaltbad, Rigi-Scheideck, Kurort Stoos, Maderanerthal and Bel Alp, where foreigners from all parts of the world come in crowds during the short season to enjoy the light air of the Alps and admire the splendid spectacle of sunrise and sunset on the glaciers and high peaks, the regular mail service proved inefficient. Then the landlords with considerable enterprise organized a carrier service, charging so much on each letter or paper, either coming or going. They also probably found this an excellent system of advertising their hotels—by the use of the aforesaid stamps. For the convenience of the guests the regular Swiss stamps were kept on hand and sold, consequently each letter mailed from these resorts had two or more stamps affixed, viz.: the regular Swiss postage and the private one.



SOME OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF THE SWISS PRIVATE STAMPS.

The Rigi-Kaltbad came first in 1864 with a lithographed stamp, printed in red on white paper; design representing some flowers; no value. The postage charged there was 15 centimes (3 cents). This stamp was perforated in after years, and the color changed to pink.

The Rigi-Scheideck, another hotel on the same celebrated mountain, issued in 1867 a set of three stamps, lithographed; design, a letter surrounded by a garter. The stamps were printed on white paper, 3 varieties, (green, pink and blue); no value, imperforate. The rate was 5 centimes (1 cent). The establishment having changed owners, new stamps were issued in 1880; same value; design, a dove carrying a letter; two varieties (blue and pink); perforated.

The Rigi-Coulm (or Kulm), the highest of all the resorts, issued a stamp in 1870. Design, Alpen rose; imperforate; no value. This stamp came printed in two colors on white paper; inscriptions in light blue, net-ground and flower printed in red. The first variety had the flower in both colors, but the later issues the flower only is red. Two shades of red are mentioned, another variety has the flowers reversed. About 1884 a new stamp was issued, printed in red and green, but it was soon obsolete.

The first landlord of the Rigi-Scheideck established in 1877 a new resort near Brunnen (Lake of Lucerne) at Kurort Stoos. Three stamps were issued; no value; design, a post horn; white paper; perforated. Colors, red, blue and green.

The Kurort Stoos stamps were first printed on thin paper and later on on heavy paper. They were found sometimes without perforations. The hotel owner used to cancel them with the official telegraphic stamp.

Maderanerthal has also its issues. Design, mountain scenery; ultramarine on white paper. Value 5 centimes; four large figures of value in the angles; imperforate; two varieties.

The same stamp was perforated about 1880. The first issue was made in 1872. About 1884 the design was changed and the figures disappeared. A first printing was made in blue, and the places formerly occupied by the 5's were left white. A second printing restored the old ultramarine shade and the white spaces were filled with emblems. Perforated. The paper used was ordinary letter paper lined in blue.

Now comes the Bel Alp, a fine resort in Valias, above the large Aletsch glacier. The altitude is nearly 6200 feet. The hotel issued in 1874 a stamp printed in purple on white, imperforate. Value, 5 centimes. Design, mountain scenery in oval; figures "5" in the corners. The color was changed to brick red in 1877. About 1880 a new design was issued in lilac. Imperforate.

In 1884 or 1885 the Federal Post Office established regular post offices at the three hotels on the Rigi, and the carrier's delivery for the others. The use of the private stamps was then prohibited.

### Chronicle of New Issues.

**Angola.**—The stamps for this colony, as well as those of Cape Verde, Guinea and Portuguese India have been surcharged as follows:

#### *Adhesives.*

Surcharged on issue of 1886,	65r on 25r green
Black surcharge.	115r on 80r light green
65r on 40r chocolate	115r on 100r brown on buff
65r on 300r orange	115r on 150r carmine on rose
115r on 200r gray-violet	130r on 15r chocolate
130r on 50 blue	130r on 75r rose
130r on 100r brown	130r on 300r dark blue on salmon
400r on 30r rose	400r on 50r light blue
400r on 25r violet	400r on 20r dark blue on blue
Red surcharge.	Surcharged on Newspaper
400r on 5r black	stamp of 1893.
Surcharged on issue of 1894.	400r on 2½r brown
Black surcharge.	Issue of 1898.
65r on 5r yellow	Surcharged in black "PROVISORIO."
65r on 10r red-violet	15r brown
65r on 20r lavender	25r blue-green

**Belgium.**—This country has furnished us with a new series of postal packet stamps.

#### *Adhesives.*

10c yellow-brown and slate.	60c violet and red.
15c slate and violet.	70c blue and red.
20c ultramarine and yellow-brown.	80c olive-bistre and violet-brown.
25c yellow-green and red.	90c red and yellow-green.
30c orange and blue-green.	1fr violet-brown and orange.
40c blue-green and violet.	2fr ochre and blue-green.
50c pale rose and violet.	3fr black and ultramarine.

**Cape of Good Hope.**—A correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly* states that an entirely new issue is contemplated.

**Chile.**—The 20, 30 and 50 centavos stamps of the new design has appeared with two colors.

*Adhesive stamps.*

Perforated.

1c green.

20c gray and black.

30c purple and black.

50c red-orange and black.

**Columbian Republic.**—A 20 centavos stamp has been issued at Barranquilla, and it is said the entire series will follow.

**Guatemala.**—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen the following:

*Adhesives.*

1c. emerald and mauve, arms in circle.

2c. lake and black, statue of J. R. Barrios.

5c. ultramarine and black, Reform Palace.

6c. olive and green, Palace of Minarva.

10c. orange and pale green, Amatitlan lagoon.

20c. pale mauve and black, the Cathedral.

50c. brown-violet and blue, Columbus Theatre.

75c. blue-violet and black, Artillery Barracks.

100c. brown and black, statue of Columbus.

200c. vermilion and black, Indian schools.

**France.**—The 25 centimes stamp of the modified type has appeared.

**French Offices in Hoi-Hao.**—The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown the 15c blue, surcharged in red for this office.

**Great Britain.**—The 6d violet on rose has been surcharged "Army Official," and the 1sh green and carmine surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

**Cayman Islands.**—The regulation King's head stamps have appeared.

**Hayti.**—The surcharge described in the the September issue of this journal has been applied the postage due stamps as well.

**India.**—Three new stamps have appeared as follows :

*Adhesives.*

3p gray

½a green

1a carmine

**Iceland.**—The 3 aur has appeared in a new shade, buff, and from a re-engraved plate.

**Japan.**—The ½ sen stamp has appeared surcharged for offices in China.

**Leeward Islands.**—Three surcharges were issued, pending the arrival of the King's head stamps.

*Adhesives.*

1p on 4p lilac and orange

1p on 6p " " brown

1p on 7p " " slate



**New Zealand.**—A new issue of unpaid letter stamps has been issued.

**Niue.**—The New Zealand stamps on paper watermarked N. Z. and Star, have been surcharged for this island.

*Adhesives.*

½p green  
1p carmine  
2½p blue

**Perhyn.**—The same stamps surcharged for Niue have appeared for this island also.

**Persia.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* reports a 3 shahi black, of the provisional issue; also some official surcharges as follows:

*Adhesives.*

5ch on 1kr carmine  
1och on 1kr carmine  
12ch on 1kr carmine

**St. Lucia.**—The new King's head issue has appeared.

**Servia.**—The color of the 5 paras stamp has been changed to yellow-green.

**Somali Coast.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the following:

*Adhesive stamps.*

Provisional issue.	10c on 50c lilac-rose and blue
Imperforate.	10c on 2fr orange and violet
Black surcharge.	<i>Regular issue.</i>
On stamps of Obock.	1c violet and orange.
5c on 30c bistre and yellow-green	2c yellow-brown and yellow-green
10c on 25c black and blue	5c blue-green and yellow-green

**South Australia.**—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that it has been informed of the issuance of a supply of postage dues for South Australia, Queensland, and Western Australia.

**Albania.**—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* says: The current stamps are being over printed for the use at Italian Post Offices in Albania. The following are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:

5c. green, surcharged	"Albania 10 para 10."
20c. orange	" "Albania 35 para 35."
25c. blue	" "Albania 40 para 40."

**Uruguay.**—A set of postage due stamps have appeared.

*Adhesives.*

Perforated.	4c violet
1c blue green	10c dark blue
2c carmine	20c ochre

### The Danish West Indies Again.

The daily press has ere this heralded the news of the rejection of the treaty ceding the Danish West Indies by the Danish Rigsdag. The Folksting or lower house, is overwhelmingly in favor of the sale, and here a couple of months ago it was announced that the faction favoring sale had won a majority in the upper house or Landsting. It was understood until a few days ago,

when for reasons not stated several members of the Landsting announced a change of heart. The vote stood at a tie, 32 for and 32 against ratification, which is equivalent to rejection. The State Department officials in Washington are very much chagrined and disappointed at the result but hope there may yet be a way to bring about the deal. It is expected the ministry will resign over over the division and that a new ministry will be chosen. It said the masses of the people are favorable to the sale, but the nobility, including the king, are bitterly opposed to bartering away the only colonial possessions, save Iceland, owned by Denmark.

It will be difficult to estimate the effect of this developement upon the stamps of the Danish West Indies, which have advanced considerably in price, but it is believed in some quarters that prices will hold up.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

### Prussian Franks.

The following is translated from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* by the A. J. of P.: "From a communication by Mr. Dinger to the *Berliner Lokal Anzeiger*, we learn that the authorities of the Kingdom of Prussia are to receive, for 1 year, stamps for franking official correspondence. The experiment will continue from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1903. The denominations employed will be: 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50pf. The stamps will have the same forms and the same colors as the stamps in regular use, bearing mention that they are franking stamps. They will be obliterated with the same marks as ordinary stamps."

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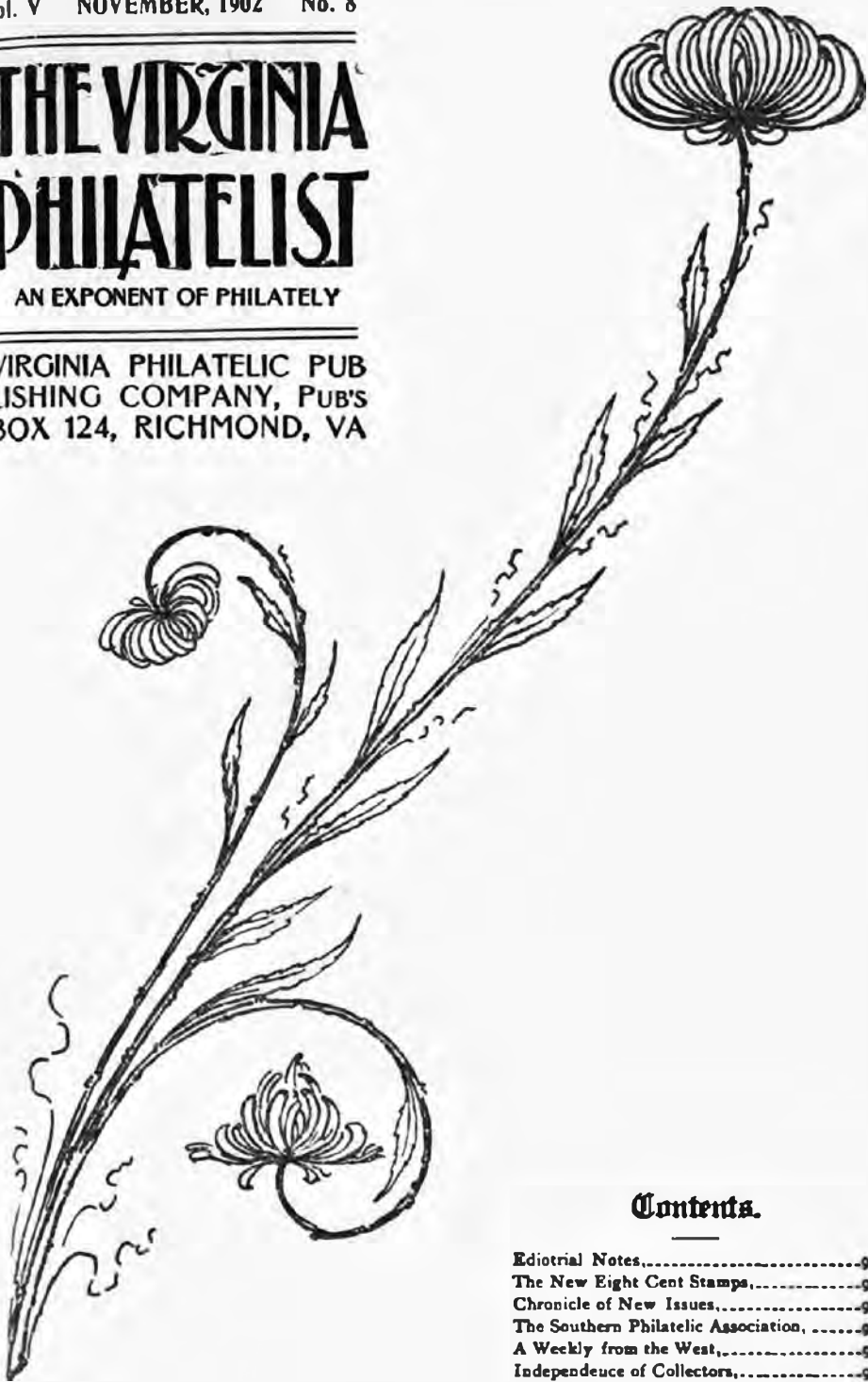
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## Editorial Notes.

WE desire to call the attention of all members of the Southern Philatelic Association to the importance of promptly paying your dues. Our old society has been somewhat depleted in membership, owing to various causes, and it should be the duty of each and every member to assist our new officers in regaining our oldtime strength.

Full reports appear elsewhere, together with an old one, which should have reached us sooner, but was never forwarded to us.

We believe our new corps of officers possess the vim, energy and devotion to the S. P. A. so necessary to its welfare, and heretofore conspicuous by its absence. It must be born in mind, however, that the officers expect the hearty co-operation of all members. Put your shoulder to the wheel, boys.

THE space devoted to personal quarrels in some of our contemporaries could be well devoted to matters of interest to the stamp collecting public, who care nothing about the matters under discussion.

OUR English collectors have been buying the current English colonial new issues at a very slight advance over face value, thanks to H. L'Estrange Ewen, who seems to have aroused great resentment among his competitors by his business methods. Now it appears that Whitfield King & Co., the large wholesalers, will meet him on his own ground by cutting prices with a vengeance.

OUR editor has been favored with the annual report of the Birmingham (England) Philatelic Society for the year ending September 30th, 1902. The report in question is very complete, giving a list of members, rules and a *resume* of the work during the past year.

## The New Eight Cent Stamps.

Both the Bureau and the Department officials agree that the design for the eight cents stamps, with portrait of Martha Washington, is the finest design thus far produced. The Post Office officials are delighted with the die proof which has been submitted and the Bureau folks are tickled because the Post Office officials are. As has been stated, the stamp is a work of art of the highest class.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist.*

## Chronicle of New Issues.

**Australian Commonwealth.**—The *Monthly Journal* states that the postage due stamps, which we chronicled last month for South Australia, are for the use of the entire Commonwealth. The set is as follows:

5d	emerald green
8d	“ “
10d	“ “
1sh	“ “

**Argentine Republic.**—The 20 pesos stamp exists with inverted center.

**Bulgaria.**—Three stamps have been issued to commemorate the defence of Shipka Pass.

5st.	carmine
10st.	green
15st.	blue

**British Honduras.**—The 5c has appeared with the King's head.

**Cuba.**—The 3 centavos stamp issue has been surcharged with a new value, 1 centavo, in carmine, with the following inscription “Habilitado 1 un centavo October, 1902.”

**Denmark.**—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles three new official stamps.

*Adhesives.*

1 öre,	orange
5 öre,	green
10 öre,	carmine

The *A. J. of P.* lists the 10 orange and 150 lilac of the current type.

**Ecuador.**—Owing to theft of large quantities of stamps the Governor of the province of Guayas signs all stamps “C. Benj. R.” The set is as follows:

*Adhesives.*

1 centavo,	red and black.
2 centavos,	green and black.
5 centavos,	violet and black.
10 centavos,	blue and black.
20 centavos,	gray and black.

**Fernando Poo.**—The new set is as follows:

*Adhesives.*

5c	dark green	75c	light mauve
10c	dark indigo	1p	bright rose
25c	lake	2p	bronze-green
50c	dark chocolate	5p	light orange-red

**Labuan.**—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* has received a beautiful new issue for this colony.

*Adhesives.*

2 cents,	green and black.	16 cents,	brown and pale green.
4 “	lake and black.	18 “	yellow-brown and black.
8 “	orange and black.	25 “	greenish-blue and slate.
10 “	slate and brown.	50 “	lilac and violet.
12 “	yellow and black.	1 dollar,	orange-red and lake.

**Lorenzo Marquess.**—The same set issued for Portugese India has appeared for this colony.

**Morocco.**—An issue issue is being surcharged at the National Stamp Factory, over current Spanish stamps.

**Mozambique.**—The regulation list of surcharges has appeared for this colony.

**Portuguse India.**—The following surcharges have appeared:

*Adhesives.*

1 real, in black, on 2t of 1885	2½ tangas, in red, on 1¼r of 1885
1 real, in black, on 6r of 1895	2½ tangas, in black, on 4t of 1885
2 reis, in black, on 4¼r of 1885	2½ tangas, in red, on 1¼t of 1895
2 reis, in black, on 8t of 1895	5 tangas, in black, on 8t of 1885
2½ reis, in black, on 6r of 1885	5 tangas, in black, on 2t of 1895
2½ reis, in black, on 9r of 1895	5 tangas, in black, on 4t of 1895
3 reis, in black, on 1t of 1885	6r of 1898, surcharged "PROVISORIO"
3 reis, in black, on 4¼r of 1895	1t of 1898, surcharged "PROVISORIO"
3 reis, in black, on 1t of 1895	

**Spanish Guinea.**—Two new stamps have appeared for this colony, similar in design, to that of Fernando Poo.

*Adhesives.*

5c dark green.  
5c blue black.

**St. Thomas and Prince Islands.**—The long list of surcharges heretofore mentioned for other Portugese colonies have appeared.

**United States.**—The new 13c cents is now on on sale, and presents a handsome appearance.

**Zambesia.**—This country has also been favored with the already familiar list of Portugese surcharges.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Huguenot, Ga., Nov. 7, 1902.

*Dear Fellow-Members:*

Brother Robt. Nelson having resigned, the office of President falls upon me until the vacancy can be filled in the proper order, which I trust will be an early date. A full corps of officers is a very important factor in the make-up and welfare of a philatelic society, and to fill vacancies now existing I suggest that nominations be called and a mail vote be polled at the earliest date practicable, say about the middle of February, 1903. I, however, beg to

hear from each one of the members on this point and if a better plan is suggested I will notice same in my next report. Otherwise we will have the mail election.

Brother Bradley promises his best assistance in resurrecting our beloved society, and I sincerely trust, that from this time on he will be able to have the official organ appear regularly, as without that we cannot hope for success.

In conclusion let us each remember the dues and send them in promptly, and altogether make one mighty effort and I feel confident we will not fail to set the grand old Southern on it feet again.

Yours sincerely,

JOEL H. DuBOSE,  
President S. P. A.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

NEW MEMBERS.

269. William S. Hunter, Elburn, Ill.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following members have not yet paid their dues for 1902.: 9, 14, 10, 30, 47, 46, 50, 51, 57, 59, 63, 66, 93, 98, 124, 133, 138, 147, 155, 162, 180, 183, 201, 203, 204, 216, 223, 227, 229, 233, 244, 247, 248, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 290, 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 267.

I regret to see so many of our old members on this list. I trust that you will send in your dues for 1902 promptly. We must re-establish the prestige of our society and endeavor to make it what it once was. I am open to receive nominations for offices now vacant.

Mr. J. H. DuBose has accepted the Presidency. We now want a Vice-President, International Secretary and two Trustees.

I nominate for Trustees: Messrs. H. G. Askew and H. A. Herzog, of Austin, Tex.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from Aug. Deitz, . . . . .	\$1.43
Dues received since, . . . . .	2.25

\$3.68

Express on books, stationery, etc., from Aug. Deitz, . . . . .	1.05
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Balance Nov. 15, 1902, . . . . .	\$2.63
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Respectfully submitted,

3324 Perry Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

W. P. KELLEY, Sec'y-Treas.

RESIGNATION.

To the members of The S. P. A.:

My fellow-members please accept my resignation as president of our association, as it will be imposible for your humble servant



to serve as such.

To each any every member that voted for me, I reach out my hand with warmest philatelic friendship from my heart for their kindness and now ask that you place "a man of force" in the office, and grant me a kindness by accepting my resignation.

I am your most humble servant,

ROBERT S. NELSON.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

		Knoxville, Tenn., May 31, 1902.
In circulation at last report March 27, 29	books, value . . . . .	\$550.98
Received since	9 " " . . . . .	102.35
	35 " " . . . . .	653.33
Retired (sales \$66.70)	15 " " . . . . .	207.22
	20 " " . . . . .	\$446 11

Above report was mailed to Sec'y Deitz on May 31st but has not been published, so I now send duplicate to Sec'y Kelly.

CHAS. WARING,  
Sales Supt. S. P. A.

Sept. 4, 1902.

In circulation at last report May 31st, 20	books, value . . . . .	\$446.11
Received since	10 " " . . . . .	99.81
	30 " " . . . . .	\$545.92
Retired (sales \$54.05)	8 " " . . . . .	196.18
	22 " " . . . . .	\$349.74

CHAS. WARING, Sales Sup't.

**A Weekly from the West.**

We have received the first number of *The Philatelic World*, a neat little weekly from Minneapolis, Minn. It is well gotten up and reflects credit upon the publishers, whoever they may be. Ernest R. Aldrich, the well-known writer of Benson, Minn., is the managing editor. We wish our new contemporary every success.

**Independence of Collectors.**

Possibly no other class of followers of a hobby are so independent in their findings and are so self-reliant in forming their opinions as philatelists. They are singularly unresponsive to the appeals and the advice of philatelic editors and the press. They are their own courts of settlement and are but slightly moved by the admonitory words of their publications. So many reforms have been advocated in the past by the press that failed of fruition that it is needless to attempt any particulars. This reflection is caused by the statements of several dealers who say that certain classes of stamps of unsubstantial character that were bitterly assailed in the philatelic press some years ago are now enjoying

a popularity with collectors that exceeds in volume any previous favor that was extended them.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

The collector who finds it difficult to distinguish between engraved and lithographed stamps may well rest content when he considers that the existence of the lithographed Chilean stamp should have remained unknown for so many years, especially as the first issue Chili has been subjected to close scrutiny by careful collectors looking for paper varieties. It is admitted that early examples from lithographed plates are not easily distinguished from engraved stamps.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

### English Provisionals.

Some of our English readers will no doubt be astonished to hear that the Postal authorities in London have resorted to the dubious method of cutting stamps in halves to serve as half-stamps. Mr. Beverage, of this city, has shown us an envelope that came through the post in the usual manner to Sidney, such letter having two King's Head 1d and a half of a King's Head cut vertically, bearing postmark date—London, W. C., 5:15 p. m. Aug. 6, '02—repeated twice, covering the three stamps. This no doubt was done to arrive at the exact rate of 2½d for the ½oz. Will some of our English readers kindly explain the cause of this provisional.—*The Australian Philatelist.*

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## Editorial Notes.

THE editor has been favored with a copy of 1903 edition of Stanley Gibbons's Priced Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World. The work is well printed, and consists of two portions one for the British Empire and another for foreign countries, corresponding with the Eurooan edition, but with the prices expressed in the more convenient American currency.

From a casual examination we do not find any radical changes in price. One commendable plan is the working of three price columns for Labuan and Borneo, to distinguish the London canceled-to-order stamps from those which have performed legitimate postal duty.

The catalogue can be obtained from Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 167 Broadway, New York City. Price 40 cents, postfree.

THE editor of the *American Journal of Philately* in some interesting remarks anent the so-called reprints (rank counterfeits) of Moldavia now being offered for sale in Europe, remarks that it behooves collectors to buy only from parties known to be reliable, and states that we may yet find it necessary to keep records of the owners of rare stamps, as is now done with books.

ONE by one the stamps of the new series for the United States are being issued, which give promise of being a very handsome set. It is now announced that the two cent stamp will be issued about January 20th.

## Warning.

R. L. Deitrick, of Lorraine, Va., is indebted to the publisher of this paper for advertising space to the value of \$3.50 which he refuses to pay, although repeatedly requested to do so.

We desire to notify the agents of the this paper that we will not accept any advertising fuom this party for our columns.

The above account is for sale and will be advertised each month until sold or settled. We have no patience with people who are in the above class.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

## "Condition" in British Stamps.

BY W. BUCKLAND EDWARDS, B.Sc.

The difficulty of obtaining really fine copies of our own stamps has been often alluded to, more especially in connection with large corner letters, which, poor in design and printed in pale colours, are spoilt by even a heavy postmark. Scarcely one copy in twenty of the 10d. brown or 8d. orange can be classed as "very fine," and the same is nearly true of the 4d. sage-green and the 1sh salmon.

The series just obsolete will be in time found somewhat difficult to get in superb used condition, both on account of the heavy obliteration ordinarily employed, and the fugitive nature of the green colour used. The 4½d. green and scarlet is fairly common, yet how many copies do we see before coming across a really fine one? The 1sh green, if fine, is certainly worth the catalogue value of 3d., for the most of them were used on parcels and received the usual daub of ink. Even the 2d. value is usually found badly treated, although it is of course a common stamp and will always be so.

The writer ventures to predict that in ten years time certain values will be really scarce, although million and millions of the stamps have been used. It is curious to find the 1sh green already in demand unseen at double face. How is it that collectors omitted to buy it when they had 15 years in which to do so? It is the usual case of something which can be done at any time, and is therefore never done at all!

Turning to the Official Stamps, which are naturally far less used, the same difficulty of condition is met with. Here we have the surcharge partly obliterating the stamp, as it were, and the cancelation usually completes the damage. The Government Parcels of '83-'86 are already scarce in fine state, and even the recent 9d. and 1sh values are by no means to be despised. The writer is in a position to see large numbers of used Army Official stamps. The ½d. and 1d. current are mostly used in blocks, and the ink smudged on so as to render them quite useless to collectors. One in twelve represents the probable proportion of fine to poor copies. The 6d. just obsolete had a short life, but is never so badly treated as the lower values, the proportion of fine to poor copies being about one in six. It was not required to anything like the same extent, however, and the cat. value of 9d. is low for perfect and lightly postmarked copies. The present 6d. takes its obliteration very badly by reason of its pale colour, and is mostly used on parcels.

The early I. R. Officials are as a rule found in good condition, but the later ones are treated like the majority; the 1sh green and scarlet will be a very desirable stamp in the course of a few years, even now it is next to impossible to get, comparatively few are used.

A few collectors have lately brought to notice the fact that these surcharged stamps exist with broken letters, but these are in nearly every case due to particles of dust or foreign matter preventing the ink from doing its duty, and not to genuinely defective type. If such be considered collectable varieties, the days of philately are numbered, for it would be possible to get together a thousand or so of all the combinations of these so-called broken letters, and nothing is so detrimental to our hobby as this hair-splitting specialism.

The stamps of Great Britain form an ideal field for the collector, and to get every genuine variety in a state of absolute perfection is the work of a life-time, without troubling about microscopic minutiae.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly*.

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### Greek Forgeries.

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It is another curious coincidence that very dangerous forgeries of some of the rarer varieties of the stamps of Greece have been brought out lately, and are also being offered as *reprints*, to those who are believed to know something about stamps, and as *originals*, to collectors who are supposed to be likely to accept them as such. The vendor, we understand does not ask long prices for his wares, except in the instances when he forgets to mention that they are reprints; but others into whose hands these curiosities pass may not be so moderate in their demands. It will be well for the bargain hunter, the natural prey for the ingenious, to be on his guard.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

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It is stated that only 500 of the rejected die postal cards were issued, of which the J. M. Bartels Co. have acquired 462 of same, used and unused. This ought to be a pretty good card to have.

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### Chronicle of New Issues.

**Austria.**—The 6 filler stamp is now issued with the numeral printed in black.

**Bahamas.**—The regulation king's head issue has appeared for this country.

*Adhesives.*

Watermarked Crown and C. A.	6p bristre brown
1p carmine	1sh black and carmine
2½p ultramarine	5sh violet and ultramarine
4p orange	£1 green and black

**Canada.**—This country has issued a new stamp, 7 cents, in the current design, color olive yellow.

**Cook Islands.**—According to the *A. J. of P.* six more values have appeared on paper watermarked Star and N. Z.

*Adhesives.*

Head of Queen.	Bird design.
1½p purple	2p chocolate
5p olive gray	6p purple
10p blue green	1sh carmine

**Fiji.**—The *Weekly Era* chronicles a new set of "specimen" King's head as follows:

*Adhesives.*

½p green	5p lilac and green
1p lilac on red	5p lilac and red
2p lilac and red	1sh lilac and carmine
2½p lilac and blue on bluish	5sh green and black
3p lilac and brown	£1 gray black and blue
4p lilac and blue	

**Iceland.**—The complete set has now appeared as follows:

*Adhesives.*

3a orange	20a deep blue
3a gray and rose	25a brown and green
5a yellow green	40a violet
6a gray brown	50a gray and slate blue
10a rose	1k slate and yellow brown
16a red brown	

**Dutch Indies.**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new and attractive issue for this colony.

*Adhesives.*

10 cents, gray black	25 cents, violet
12½ cents, dark blue	30 cents, red brown
15 cents, brown	50 cents, lake brown
20 cents, greenish black	

**Liberia.**—Says the *American Journal of Philately*:

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al issue for this country. The \$1 stamp has been overprinted with a new value,  
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*Adhesives.*

75c in red on \$1.00 ultramarine and blue.

**Macau.**—A long list of surcharges similar to those listed under Timor has appeared. The surcharges are in "avos" of same type.

**Natal.**—The 5 and 10s of the new issue have appeared, as follows :

*Adhesives.*

5s dull blue and carmine  
10s carmine and light brown

**Paraguay.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicle a 1 peso stamp of the 1892 issue with the word "Oficial" in black.

**Southern Nigeria.**—A new King's head set for this country is reported, as follows :

*Adhesives.*

½p green and black	1sh black and green
1p carmine and black	2sh brown and black
2p red brown and black	5sh yellow and black
4p olive green and black	10sh red brown and black on yellow
6p violet and black	£1 violet and green

**Transvaal.**—The *P. J. of I.* lists new 3 and 4d stamps of the King's head type, also changes in the color of the 1s and 2s.

*Adhesives.*

3d black and sage-green	1s black and red-brown
4d black and chocolate	2s black and yellow

**Tasmania.**—The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has received the 1d printed entirely in brick-red showing representation of Mount Willington.

**Timor.**—The following surcharges have appeared :

*Adhesives*

Surcharged in black. "5 AVOS"	6a on 20r lavender
On issue of 1887.	9a on 15r chocolate
5a on 25r purple	9a on 75r rose
5a on 200 gray-lilac	15a on 10r red violet
6a on 10r blue green	15a on 100r brown on buff
6a on 300r orange	15a on 300r blue on salmon
9a on 40r chocolate	22a on 80r light green
9a on 100r yellow brown	22a on 200r blue on blue
15a on 20r rose	On newspaper stamp of 1893.
15a on 50r blue	6a on 2½r brown
22a on 80r gray	Surcharged in black "PROVISORIO"
On issue of 1894.	On issue of 1898-1900.
5a on 5r yellow	3a gray violet
5a on 25r green	12a rose
5a on 50r light blue	

**United States.**—The new 8 and 13 cent stamps have appeared and are now on sale, also the new special delivery stamp, which is printed in ultramarine.

## Forged Russians.

During the first week of September there came to light in Lodz, the "Manchester of Poland," an extensive forgery of postage stamps. A woman presented a letter for registration franked by stamps which seemed to the post-office official to be suspicious. A close examination showed that they were forged, and on being asked how she had come to them, the woman said she had bought them in the shop of a certain Motel Ditmann in the Vidzevska Street. Of course, Ditmann's shop was searched at once, and the police found an immense stock of forged stamps of all values. About the same time two Hebrews of Odessa circulated forged post-office orders on Moscow, and succeeded in obtaining large sums of money. It is believed that all the culprits referred to are members of a band which put into circulation quite recently false bank-notes of various values. The unfortunate part of the business is that the Russian authorities discover these constant attempts to swindle the State and the public only when the swindlers have made no little profits out of their misdirected energies.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

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## Editorial Notes.

As many collectors were strenuously active in the opposition to the Omaha and Buffalo commemorative stamps it is interesting to note that a commemorative issue is being urged in celebration of the Jamestown Ter-Centenary Exhibition, to be held in 1907, to celebrate the anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, the first English settlement in America. A. C. Quisenberry, in an interesting letter in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, gives a proposed list of designs of the series, consisting of Virginians and those intimately connected with Virginia history. The list is presented herewith:

1c Queen Elizabeth	13c Lewis and Clark (two portraits on one stamp.)
2c Captain John Smith	14c James Madison
3c Pocahontas	15c James Monroe
4c Nathaniel Bacon	16c William Henry Harrison
5c George Washington	17c John Tyler
6c Thomas Jefferson	18c Zachary Taylor
7c Patrick Henry	19c Winfield Scott
8c Horatio Gates	20c Robert E. Lee
9c John Paul Jones	21c George H. Thomas
10c Daniel Boone	22c "Stonewall" Jackson
11c George Rogers Clark	25c King James I
12c John Marshall	

It is impossible to say whether the series will ever materialize, but as the exposition is being actively promoted by the Tidewater section of Virginia, with General Fitzhugh Lee as president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, it is among the possibilities.

The celebrated collection of Transvaal stamps framed by the well-known writer and authority on the same, Mr. E. J. Nankivell, has been purchased by Stanley Gibbons, Limited. It consists of four ordinary unused collections, plus four used collections, plus an unused collection in pairs and blocks, plus a used collection in pairs and blocks, and is offered for sale at £5,250 net.

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## Cuban Provisional, 1c on 3c—1902.

The attention of the Philatelic Society of Cuba and the Cuban Postal Administration was called to a publication in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* of an extract from the *Metropolitan Philatelist* of New York, in relation to the provisional postal stamp recently issued in Cuba, in which the three cents stamp was surcharged for use as one cent.

The comment above referred to, indicated that the stamp was of a speculative character and that although the Havana Post Office had none of them the postmaster's friends were well supplied and were very willing to sell at a profit.

The comment having been brought to the attention of the Postmaster General of the Cuban Republic by the Philatelic Society of Cuba great indignation was expressed by that official at what he regarded to be a very erroneous and offensive statement. He invited an interview with a commission which would represent the Cuban Philatelic Society and Doctors Llanso, Diez, Estorino Y Barreras were designated to wait on the Post Office Department in the matter.

On December 31st, the commission was received by Sr. Figueredo who explained the cause and postal necessity for the surcharge in question and satisfied these gentlemen, of the postal necessity of the provisional stamps. The Cuban Government wishing to have no unpaid account between the new Republic and the United States Government at the time postal affairs were given over they refrained from ordering stamps during the latter part of the American Administration, consequently one of the first acts of the new Cuban Republic was to solicit from the United States the printing of their stamps by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

It being necessary that this should proceed through diplomatic channels, the usual red tape associated with matters of this kind, delayed the receipt of the new stamps and the one cent denomination being exhausted the surcharge of the three cent stamps was resorted to as a postal necessity.

Two hundred thousand of the three cent stamps were surcharged and placed on sale to the public without any restrictions whatever. The stamps lasted three days. The citizens, whether they were stamp collectors or not, had the privilege of purchasing whatever they required and it is, of course, not to be denied that individuals availed themselves of the opportunity for speculation, just as it always occurs whenever provisional stamps are placed on sale, anywhere else in the world.

An advance in price is naturally anticipated and individuals buy for speculation. The intimation of irregularities conveyed by the papers mentioned above was shown to be without any foundation in fact, and the Cuban Postal Department contends that these statements were due either to ignorance or maliciousness.

The second issue of Cuban provisionals had already been prepared when a shipment of the 1c. stamps arrived from the United States, and the Department declared its intention to burn the surcharged stamps rather than issue them, then there was no necessity.

A new series of stamps is projected for Cuba which will include other denominations than those which now exist, up to and including a \$1.00 denomi-

nation. The new series will depict various Cuban views, and the drawings, colors, paper and other details will be considered. A committee from the Cuban Philatelic Society have been invited on account of their technical knowledge to assist the Post Office Department in determining these matters in connection with the new issue.

It appears to us that the provisional 1c. on 3c. stamp of October, 1902, has been fully vindicated.—*Mekeel's Stamp Collector.*

### Chronicle of New Issues.

**Angola.**—Another set of stamps has appeared, the design of the 1898 issue being used.

#### *Adhesives.*

15r gray green  
25r carmine  
50r brown  
65r dull blue

75r lilac  
115r orange brown on pink  
130r brown on straw  
400r dull blue on straw

**Australian Commonwealth.**—*The American Journal of Philately* says the 1p postage due stamp has appeared with the blank space at the bottom filled in to match the top of the design.

**British Honduras.**—The 2c brown and red, King's head has appeared.

**Cape of Good Hope.**—The *P. J. of G. B.* chronicles the 1p and 1sh of the King's head stamps.

#### *Adhesives.*

1p rose, wmk. anchor  
1sh ochre, " "

**Cape Verde.**—The same set as listed under Angola has been issued.

**Columbian Republic.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a new series.

#### *Adhesives.*

1c green on straw  
2c salmon on rose  
5c blue on greenish  
5c dark blue on greenish  
10c pale brown on straw

20c purple on rose  
50c dull rose on greenish  
1p black on yellow  
5p slate on bluish  
10p dark brown on rose

**Costa Rico.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* says that "specimen" copies of a new provisional are being circulated from headquarters of the Postal Union at Berne. The stamp is the 2c of 1900 issue, surcharged "PROVISORIO OFICIAL" in two lines, in green ink.

#### *Adhesive stamp.*

Provisional issue.  
Perforated.  
Green surcharge  
2c vermilion and black

**Canada.**—A "maple leaf" 7c stamp was issued on December 24th.

#### *Adhesive.*

7c olive yellow.

**Ecuador.**—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles the 5c stamp overprinted "RIOS."

*Adhesive stamp.*

Black surcharge.

5c lilac and black

**Guinea.**—A set, listed under Angola, has appeared for this colony also.

**Honduras.**—A new issue has been issued for 1903.

*Adhesives.*

1c emerald green

2c carmine rose

5c blue

6c purple

10c brown

20c ultramarine

50c vermilion

1p orange

**Iceland.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* lists two new sets one for postage and the other for official use.

*Adhesives.*

Postage stamps  
Inscribed "FRIMERKI."

3 aur, orange,

4 aur, rose and grey

5 aur, green

6 aur, deep brown and grey-brown

10 aur, carmine

16 aur, reddish brown

20 aur, blue

25 aur, green and brown

40 aur, mauve

50 aur, slate and grey

1 krona, brown and dull blue

Official stamps

Inscribed "PJONUSTA."

3 aur, black and yellow-buff

4 aur, black and dark green

5 aur, black and orange-brown

10 aur, black and blue

16 aur, black and carmine-red

20 aur, black and green

50 aur, black and mauve

20 aur, blue; *error*

**Inhambane.**—This is a new Portugese colony, and we have a lengthy issue, even for its first offense.

*Adhesives.*

2½r gray

5r orange yellow

10r light green

15r gray green

20r gray violet

25r carmine

50r brown

65r dull blue

75r lilac

100r dull blue on blue

115r orange brown on pink

130r brown on straw

200r violet on pink

400r dull blue on straw

500r black on blue

700r gray black on straw

**Lorenzo Marques.**—A set, as chronicled for Angola, has appeared.

**Liberia.**—Several new stamps have been issued. The *A. J. of P.* chronicles:

*Postage stamp.*  
Unwatermarked.  
Perforated 14.  
3c black  
*Official stamp.*

*Adhesives.*

*Registration stamps.*

Unwatermarked.

Perforated 14.

10c blue and black, Buchanan

10c vermilion and black, Grenville



Unwatermarked.	10c green and black, Harper
Perforated 14.	10c purple and black, Monrovia
Red surcharge.	10c magenta and black, Robertsport
3c green	

**Macau.**—The following new stamps have appeared, type of 1898.

*Adhesives.*

2a gray green	12a lilac
3a slate	13a gray violet
4a carmine	18a orange brown on pink
5a pale yellow brown	20a brown on straw
6a red brown	31a violet on pink
8a gray brown	47a dull blue on straw
10a dull blue	

**Nicaragua.**—The *A. J. of P.* has seen four varieties of a new issue.

*Adhesives*

1c emerald green and black	5c ultramarine and black
2c carmine and black	10c orange yellow and black

**Portuguese Congo.**—The same set listed under Angola has appeared here.

**Portuguese India.**—The following, type of 1898, have appeared:

*Adhesives.*

1½r slate	3t blue
2½r pale yellow brown	5t brown on straw
3r dull blue	8t violet on pink
9r gray violet	12t green on pink
1t carmine	1 rupia dull blue on staw
2t brown	2 rupia gray black on straw
2½t dull blue	

**St. Thomas and Prince Islands.**—See Angola chronicle for set of stamps for this colony.

**Salvador.**—A new issue is being prepared.

**Sierra Leone.**—The King's head set has appeared, watermarked Crown and C. A.

*Adhesives.*

½p violet and green	4p violet and carmine
1p violet and carmine	5p violet and black
1½p violet and olive	6p violet and violet
2p violet and brown	1sh green and black
2½p violet and ultramarine	5sh green and carmine
3p violet and gray	£1 green (?) on red

**Spanish Morocco.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* reports that the 5, 10 and 25c stamps of Spain have been surcharged "CORREO ESPANOL MERRUECOS," diagonally, and have been issued or about to be issued.

*Adhesive stamps.*

Red surcharge	Black surcharge
5c dark green	10c red
25c blue	

**United States.**—The new set is fast appearing, we have seen since our last chronicle the 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps. The designs are rather too ornamental to survive the test of time.

**Zambesi.**—The "Angola" set, 1898 type, has appeared.

**Persia.**—A new issue appeared on December 15th, and the *Monthly Journal* lists the following:

*Adhesives.*

1ch mauve	1kr mauve
2ch grey	2kr blue
3ch green	5kr light brown
5ch rose-red	10kr vermilion
10ch light brown	50kr green
12ch blue	

**Corea.**—*Mekeel's Stamp Collector* chronicles a commemorative stamp issued in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the accession of the present Emperor, Yi Huing. The central feature appears to be the Corean imperial crown, and the design is elaborate and artistic. Inscriptions are in French and Chinese, with two large figures of value ("3").

3 cheun, orange.

**Cheap, But Hard to Find, Stamps.**

BY ALFRED WOODS.

The majority of beginners are confined to low-priced stamps, but it does not follow that these are all easy to get. It is very doubtful if many of our dealers could supply the following numbers in Scott's catalogue, sixty second edition.

	Unused.	Used
British Guiana, 8c. lilac and black, No. 132 . . . . .	\$ .15	\$ .08
Martinique, 15c. on 75c. carmine, No. 20 . . . . .	1.25	—
Martinique, 5c. on 25c. rose, No. 29 . . . . .	.30	—
Martinique, 5c. on 25c. rose, No. 31 . . . . .	.60	—
Norway, 10. black brown, No. 44 . . . . .	.35	.08
Straits Settlements, 1c. on 12c. violet brown, No. 74 . . . . .	.25	—
Victoria, 4p. magenta, No. 150 . . . . .	—	.75
Wurtemberg, 50pf. red brown, No. 213 . . . . .	.25	—

Among the difficult ones to find might also be mentioned:

Norway, 3s. gray lilac, No. 7 . . . . .	\$4.50	\$1.75
Egypt, 10pa. lilac rose, No. 31 . . . . .	—	.25
Egypt, 3mil. maroon, No. 45 . . . . .	.06	.05
Hungary, 1k, vermilion red, No. 101 . . . . .	.25	.15
Luxemburg, 30 green No. 56 . . . . .	.25	.12
Chile, 5c. on 30c. carmine, No. 39 . . . . .	.08	—
Crete, 20pa. green, No. 3 . . . . .	.12	—
Grenda, 2p. lilac and brown, No. 47 . . . . .	.08	.08
Mauritius, 4c. lilac and green, No. 93 . . . . .	.06	.02
Mauritius, 12c. on 18c, No. 105 . . . . .	.12	—
Seychelles, 2c. on 4c., No. 33 . . . . .	.05	—
Victoria, 1/2p. blue green, No. 184 . . . . .	.05	.02

The writer will not forget his experience in search for some Ecuador stamps. Perhaps he deserved it for going to so much trouble with stamps of Seebeck infamy. I refer to the 1894 and 1895 issues of Ecuador (Scott's Nos. 39 to 54). For several years all I could find of the 1894 issue was from 1 to 50 centavos, and of the 1895 issue, from 1 to 10 centavos. For the higher values, especially the 1 and 5 sucres, I searched in vain. I tried Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and all advertising firms. Two years ago, when the agents of the New England Company and Liberty Stamp Company were going to London. I asked them to get them if possible. They were unable to do so. Stanley Gibbons and others could not furnish stamps that were catalogued at only a few cents. I could hardly believe my eyes a few months later to find an ad. in the *Weekly* by a San Francisco firm offering the 1 and 5 sucres, 1894, for half catalogue, which was 37c. for the pair. Of course, I lost no time in securing them. But a new surprise came about a year ago, when a Boston firm advertised the 1894 and 1895 sets complete, unused, for 40c a set. The question is, Where were those stamps all this time? Whether we know or not, I suppose their status, unused, is the same as Seebecks. Gibbons prices the 1894 set 66c. for unused and \$1.15 used; Scott's price is 40c per set unused and \$1.12 used. Now apparently the used copies are as scarce as ever. Many of them cannot be procured, and it is evident whatever may be the value of the unused sets, which may be had for 40c., the used copies, which are unobtainable, are catalogued at a ridiculously low figure. I have never seen but one complete set of 1894, used, and none higher than 10 centavos, used, of the 1895 set.

The Unpaid Letter stamps of Sweden have two perforations, 14 and 13. I have been unable to find the 10. black, perforated 14, No. 151, catalogued 8c. unused and 5c. used; also the 60. yellow, perforated 14, No. 154, listed 10c. unused and 5c. used. This list of cheap stamps could easily be extended. Many collectors doubtless have had difficulty with stamps not mentioned here. These stamps will inevitably be listed higher.

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### United States Stamps Values.

The probable increase in value of stamps of the United States seems to be a subject attracting the attention of many writers the past few weeks. The general concensus of opinion seems to be that United States stamps have seen their lowest point in the scale of prices and that a rise is imminent. Some seem to believe the advance is to be notable and immediate, while others consider the stamps of the United States destined to advance with moderate rapidity. No one seems to take the opposite end of the argument.

My views on this subject need not be again detailed. I have harped on this point until it would not be surprising if collectors would conclude that I have a great collection of United States stamps I am in eager to work off at advanced prices, which it is needless to say is not the case. The very logic of the situation, however, has seemed to make it clear that there can be no other result than that our stamps must increase in value. I am glad, of course, to find myself in such good company, now.—Washington Correspondent, *The Metropolitan Philatelist*.

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## Editorial Notes.

OUR globe-trotting friend, Mr. Clyde Allen Dickinson, of Chicago, now touring the world sends us a clipping taken from the *Times of Ceylon*, giving a short sketch of his travels, from which the following is taken:

Mr. Clyde Allen Dickinson, of Chicago, who arrived in the island yesterday by the B. I. steamer "India" from Mauritius, styles himself the "Globe-Trotter." He has had a varied experience to support his claim. At one time he edited "The Cuyler Sun," and later a magazine styled "Ambition," in Chicago, but both are now defunct. His tour round the world is with the object of gaining experience, &c., to start a new Magazine on his return to Chicago. He was in South Africa from the later end of 1900 until the end of the war, and is the proud possessor of a silver medal presented to him by the staff of the "Advertiser," Durban; he has also a great collection of South African scenery, the result of a thoughtful use of his kodak. \* \* \* Mr. Dickinson left Chicago on July 9th, 1900, and has already covered over 16,000 miles. While in Mauritius, Mr. Dickinson had a very successful time, and in August last he gave an entertainment on board H.M.S. "Highflyer" at Port Louis. Mr. Dickinson is prepared to give private entertainments at bungalows, hotels and clubs.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has been notified that it is no longer the official journal of the Southern Philatelic Association, part of the officers having made arrangements with the *Philatelic West and Camera News* to act in that capacity. It is with deep regret that we make this announcement, as the action of the officers seems like the most base ingratitude towards the publishers of the VIRGINIA, who have made many sacrifices for the old S. P. A.—indeed, many have said that were it not for the energies displayed by the editor of this paper the Southern Philatelic Association would have long since been defunct.

Of course the action of the above officials is unconstitutional; the VIRGINIA being elected the official journal by the last convention, and no mail election having ever held for the election of a successor—but in spite of the many protests we have received, filled with indignation that the S. P. A., planned to foster and encourage philately in the South should desert the only Southern journal, etc., we shall not raise the question, which would doubtless lead to a division in the society, and we prize it too highly to mediate any blow at it.

Under the existing circumstances the editor does not care to longer remain a member, and forwarded his resignation; and, in order to show his good feelings toward the Association, has donated to it about \$10.00 from the amount due THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for its services.

We trust that the Southern Philatelic Association will live long and prosper.

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### Wedding Bells.

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THE editor acknowledges receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Erwin Lester Shove and Miss Bessie Belknap, which occurred on January 21st, at Middletown, N. Y.

Mr. Shove is an old-time friend of ours, acquaintance dating from the foundation of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* in the earlier nineties, and is esteemed by all who know him as a gentleman of sterling worth and possessed of a most happy disposition.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST extends best wishes for a joyful and prosperous journey through life.

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### Chronicle of New Issues.

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**Afghanistan.**—A new issue is being prepared.

**Australian Commonwealth.**—The 3d postage due stamp has appeared in the second type.

**Barbados.**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a 2sh 6d of the 1896 type; color purple and green.

**Colombian Republic.**—Says the *A. J. of P.*: "The continuous performance for this country still goes on. The 4, 5 and 20c of the regular issue of 1902 have appeared in new colors. The recently issued 5 pesos has once more changed its coat, and we are presented with a new stamp of 5 centavos with a picture of the warship Cartagena. In addition to this we have seen the 2 centavos stamp of the 1902 issue of Antioquia printed in violet of a rather light shade, not nearly as dark as the shade of the 4 centavos stamp. This may be an error, intentional or otherwise."

#### *Adhesive stamps.*

Imperforate.	5c deep blue
Type of 1902.	5p gray green
4c blue on green	Antioquia.—
5c blue on blue	<i>Adhesive stamp.</i>
20c blue on salmon	Perforated.
Type of 1903.	2c violet

**Cyprus.**—The *S. C. F.* lists the following of the "King's head" type :

#### *Adhesives.*

30 paras, green and purple
$\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, green and carmine
1 " blue and carmine

4	piastres	purple and olive-green
6	"	pale green and brownish-green
12	"	black and brown

**France.**—The *A. J. of P.* has received the 15 cent of the new issue, design figure of the Sower.

*Adhesive.*  
15c gray green

**French Colonies.**—The following surcharges have appeared; design of the current French set, altered inscriptions.

**FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.**—CAVALLE.

*Adhesive stamps.*  
Perforated.  
10c rose red  
13c pale red  
30c brown lilac  
Black surcharge.  
1 pi on 25c blue

**DEDEAGH.**—  
*Adhesive stamps.*  
Perforated.  
10c rose red  
15c pale red  
20c brown lilac  
Black surcharge.  
1 pi on 25c blue

**FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA.**  
*Adhesive stamps.*  
Perforated.  
10c rose red  
15c pale red  
25c blue  
30c lilac

**Mauritius.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has received the 5c of the current type with the value in black instead of violet.

**Orange River Colony.**—The 1d stamp of the new King's head issue has appeared, of a pleasing variation from the conventional type.

**Paraguay.**—Whitfield King & Co., have shown the *Fortnightly* a new set as follows:

*Adhesives*

1 centavo, grey	5 centavos, blue
2 centavos, green	30 centavos, ultramarine

**Roumania.**—*The Timbrophile Belge* reports four postage due stamps printed on wove paper with rose gum.

**FRENCH OFFICES IN CRETE.**—

*Adhesive stamps:*  
Perforated.  
20c brown lilac  
25c blue  
30c lilac  
Black surcharge.  
1 pi on 25c blue

**FRENCH OFFICES IN EGYPT.**—  
ALEXANDRIA.—

*Adhesive stamps.*  
Perforated.  
20c brown lilac  
25c blue  
30c lilac

**FRENCH OFFICES IN ZANZIBAR.**—  
*Adhesive stamps.*  
Perforated.  
Black surcharge.  
1a on 10c rose red  
1½a on 15c pale red  
2a on 20c brown lilac  
2½a on 25c blue

<i>Postage Due stamps.</i>	5b green
Perforated 11½.	10b "
Rose gum.	30b "
2b green	

**Transvaal.**—Two values of the new issue have appeared.

*Adhesives.*

3d sage green and black	
4d chocolate " "	

The 1s and 2s have appeared as follows, with changed colors :

1s red-brown and black	
2s yellow " "	

*Adhesive.*

1d carmine

**United States.**—To the new set we add:

*Adhesives.*

10c reddish brown	\$1 black
15c olive	\$2 blue
50c orange	\$5 green

**Venezuela.**—The *American Journal of Philately* says: "We have seen what purports to be a provisional issue made in Curupano. These 'would be' stamps are primitive affairs consisting of an inscription in two lines 'Correos—Vale B 0.05', or whatever the value may be, with ornaments at the ends of the lines. The inscription appears to be set up with rubber type and is hand-stamped upon paper of various colors. We list these stamps 'for what they are worth.' We can only say that a set of them was used to frank a letter to us and the stamps were evidently accepted in payment of the postage as there was no mark of anything to collect."

*Adhesive stamps.*

5c carmine on yellow	1b violet on gray
10c green on yellow	2b carmine on green
25c black on orange	5b violet on blue
50c blue on rose	

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### Texas Philatelic Association Convention.

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The Seventh Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association was held on April 16, 1903 at Galveston, Texas with seven members in attendance.

The report of the Secretary Treasurer showed a membership of 37 and \$113.75 in the Treasury. The report of the Exchange Superintendent showed sales during the past year of \$449.71. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, S. V. Pfeuffer of New Braunfels. First Vice-President, Otto Staerker, of Schertz. Second Vice-President, Emil Gerlich, of Schertz. Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Heusinger, of San Antonio. Librarian, G. C.

Cuenod, of Galveston. Exchange Superintendent, Chas. Roemer, of San Antonio. Associate Trustees, H. G. Askew and H. A. Herzog, of Austin.

The *New York Philatelist* was retained as the official journal and San Antonio was selected for convention seat in 1904. The Texas Philatelic Association was organized in 1896 and is strictly a state organization. Our readers in the Lone Star State who are not members are invited to join. Application blanks and further information may be had by addressing the Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Heusinger, 133 and 135 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, Tex.

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### Sale of Rare Stamps.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson sold last week the collection of unused British and colonial postage stamps formed by Mr. G. L. Edwards, the total of the 590 lots amounting to £1,647. The following were the more important:—Gibraltar, 1889 (Nov.), 10c carmine, the rare error in figure of value omitted—£10; Great Britain, 1840, 2d. deep blue, a block of ten—£32; 1847-51, octagonals, 6d purple, a block of six—£17; ditto, 10d. brown, die 3, a block of four—£15; 1855-7, 4d. carmine, pair—£12; another, 4d. carmine on blue, very fine—£12; 1867-78, 10s. grey—£12 12s.; £1 brown-lilac—£17; 1882-83, 10s. grey on bluish—£48; and 1888, £1 brown-lilac—£10 10s.; British Central Africa, 1895, £10 vermilion—£10 5s.; Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, 1s. emerald, a block of four—£18; Lagos, 1884-6, 10s. lilac-brown—£11 11s.; Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2s. lilac, three types—£36; St. Christopher, 1885-8, 1d. on 2½d. blue, the very rare small surcharge—£19; St. Vincent, 1880-81 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green, a fine pair—£12; 4d on 1s. vermilion—£13; Tobago, 1879, £1 mauve—£10; Turks Island, 1881, 2½d. on 1s. dull blue—£10; and British Guiana, 1862, provisionals, 1c. black on rose extremely rare—£22 10s.—*London Times March 6, 1903.*

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Postmaster General Payne is now, more than ever, hopeful that before many months the Post Office Department will have treaties with all the European countries that will reduce the postage of parcels sent between those countries and the United States.

Notice has been given the German government of the termination of the last treaty and the desire to make a new one which will reduce the postage on parcels. The new treaty with France will likely become operative July 1. Negotiations are more or less advanced with other countries of Europe, among which are Great Britain, Italy and Sweden and Norway.

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## Editorial Notes.

THIS issue of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, as well as the preceding one, is much delayed by reason of the removal of the offices of Whittet & Shepperson, Richmond's leading book and art printers, to their newly erected premises at Nos. 11-13-15 North Eight Street. We hope for better things in the future.

VOLUME V of THE VIRGINIA ends with this issue, and we hope to make some announcements in the next number. The publisher has been unable to devote the necessary time the paper deserves, but we hope to announce a competent staff to assist in the future management.

A list of contents for this volume will accompany the next issue.

UNDER the caption of "Stamp Collecting as an Investment" in the May *Monthly Journal*, Mr. Charles J. Phillips furnishes a most interesting and instructive article on what to and what not to collect as likely to give best returns for the money.

In brief Mr. Phillips advises collectors to beware of the following pitfalls noted below:

1. Stamps quoted in advertisements at one-third to one-tenth of catalogue.
2. Avoid all stamps cancelled or postmarked to order, such as the rubbish of Labuan and North Borneo.
3. Avoid stamps made primarily for stamp collectors and accordingly not for postal use.
4. Above all, avoid poor condition.
5. Beware of speculation in new issues.
6. Beware of paying fancy prices for stamps of which we give no catalogue price.

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Mr. Phillips continues:

"For investment purposes, then, I advise the formation of special collections of one or more countries; but to make a success the collector must not only accumulate a large mass of material, but must study all that has been written on his particular country, and then study the stamps themselves, and endeavour to find out more than is known by any other collector about his particular subject.

To do this successfully his mass of material must be of good quality. In some cases entire panes are necessary to show the full watermarks, such as the 'Arms' in recent Roumanians; in other cases large blocks, or even rows of stamps are useful to show the methods of perforation, the number of machines used, etc. Dated copies, stamps on letters, bisected stamps used for a moiety of their value—all have their use and all tend to increase the commercial value of a special collection. Generally speaking, I find that unused stamps pay best, and a special collection should be chiefly of unused stamps, with a judicious admixture of used stamps, etc., as named above.

In considering the selection of a country or group to take up, the question of the amount to be invested is of first importance, and I think that, broadly speaking, we can divide collectors who wish to invest money in stamps, combined with study and relaxation from other affairs, into three classes:—

First. The collector who can spend from £50 to £200 per annum.

Second. The collector who can spend from £200 to £500 per annum.

Third. The collector who can spend from £600 to £x per annum.

The first named class is naturally by far the most numerous, I give below a list of countries, in the order of our Catalogues, in which I think good investments might, at the present time, be made on the lines I have suggested.

*Great Britain, used.* In fine condition are not common, are *always* in demand, and practically sure to show a steady advance in value.

*Bechuanaland.* Great demand for these from Africa. When business becomes good there, prices will rise materially. Many interesting varieties in the native-printed surcharges still to be listed and studied.

*British Central, East, and South Africa, and Zanzibar.* All popular groups. Many varieties still to be classed, but great care is to be exercised in buying surcharges, as quantities of forged surcharges come from India, and many such have been sold in London auctions and dispersed by small dealers.

*Canada,* especially the issues prior to 1880, in *unused* condition, I consider bound to increase in value.

*Falkland Islands.* A small lot, but old issues scarce and good, and sale easy.

*Hong Kong.* A nice little group; undervalued at present, both used and unused.

*Chamba, Gwalior, Patiala, etc.* A nice little group; many unlisted varieties, and worthy of more attention than they receive. The Queen's Head stamps should show a good increase in value in next few years.

*Jamaica.* Used and unused prior to 1872 certainly undervalued.

*Labuan.* To 1893 safe stock, and worthy of more study than they have received. The picture issues should be ignored by an investor.

*New South African Republic.* Much rarer stamps than most people think, and well worth getting, if you can find any. I have been trying for two years to get a set together, and have had but little success.

*Prince Edward Island.* Well worthy of attention; many minor varieties, several varieties of perfs., and not at all properly listed or valued at present.

*Seychelles.* A safe little country in which to put a small sum. The obsolete stamps *must* rise *considerably* in next few years.

*Tonga.* Popular stamps, and pretty safe to invest in; at present cheap prices. *Argentine Republic,* up to 1890 and omitting the officials, it is an interesting lot of stamps with a ready sale.

*Belgium and Luxemburg.* Unused especially well worth present prices and likely to give good returns.

*China.* In great demand, and safe for a good increase in value.

*Iceland.* Ditto, ditto.

*Holland and Colonies.* A very interesting group, worthy of more study than they get here, and unused especially getting quite scarce.

*Liberia,* prior to 1892, wants a lot of studying. There is much to be found out about the early issues and few of them to be had. (No purchases of stamps later than 1892 should be made for investment purposes; the supply fully equals the demand.)

*Siam.* Much to study here; a small investment should pay well.

In Class II., for collector prepared to invest, say, from £200 to £500 per annum, I can recommend a selection from the following groups:—

*Great Britain, unused, mint.* Our own stamps in perfect condition are bound to advance in value. The supply is gradually becoming smaller and smaller, and the demand increases year by year.

*Barbados, unused especially, becoming rare, and show an increasing demand.*

*Cape of Good Hope.* Debenture stock, always a safe seller, and always increasing in value. Triangular stamps, especially unused, getting scarce; the issues of 1864 to 1883 much undervalued, and stocks in dealers hands very poor.

*Ceylon.* First-class standard stock, safe for steady sale, and good, safe rises. The issues of 1867 to 1885, unused, much undervalued at present.

*Fiji Islands.* Much to learn here. A fine subject for study, and more worthy of advanced collectors' attention than it has received.

*Indian, unused, getting scarce, and used fine copies of early issues are desirable stock.*

*Natal.* Undervalued at present; not easy to get, either used or unused, and in good steady demand.

*St. Vincent, Trinidad, and Turks Islands* are all sound countries, both used and unused, if selected copies are taken.

*Straits Settlements and Native States* are rarer than people think; much still to be learnt about them, and a nice group for an advanced specialist.

*France and French Colonies, mint, unused.* French are much rarer than supposed in this country. See how few copies any dealer has got. The French Colonies are neglected here, but good collections sell readily in Paris and will in time here. A good handbook is wanted on these stamps. Great care must be exercised in purchasing surcharges. Many good forgeries of Obock, Nossi Be, etc., come from Marseilles and even to London from unexpected sources.

*Germany and States.* Seem under a cloud at present, and now should be a good time to buy. Be particular about condition. Don't buy Oldenburgs without margin such as are offered at one-third catalogue and dear at any price. Avoid the German colonial stamps. With few exceptions they are little used and 90 per cent. are sold in Berlin and never see the countries whose names they bear.

*Italy, with Tuscany, Modena, Sicily, Naples, etc.,* forms a fine group to specialise. There are few fine copies amongst English dealers, and I think a few years will find a marked appreciation in values.

*United States.* Seem rather under a cloud, but unused fine copies are *rare* and well worth present rates. Avoid Departmentals, Periodicals, and Dues. The old postal issues are sound stock.

In Class III., for collectors of considerable means, the question of sound investment is perhaps not so important as that of taking up a country or a group in which they are really interested, but all the same, it is this class that eventually makes the most money when they want to dispose of their collections. The reason, no doubt, is that wealthy collectors get the "pick of the market," and practically absorb the *really fine* and *rare* stamps, and it is this class of stamp that, if kept for a considerable time, shows a very large profit.

The last few years have seen a great rise in value of *all first-rate* goods in prints, furniture, china, silver, etc., and in a smaller degree the same thing is applying to really rare stamps. The demand increases, the supply diminishes, through absorption by museums, etc., the prices of the very best stuff are bound to advance.

Investors of considerable means will be able to select the cream of the market, and while putting large sums in rare stamps, will be practically certain of large increases in values of the rarer stamps of such countries as British Guiana, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Transvaal, Victoria, Western Australia, etc."

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### Chronicle of New Issues.

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**Ceylon.**—The *A. J. of P.* has received "specimen" copies of the following King Edward series:

#### *Adhesives.*

3c green	25c light brown
12c olive green, and red	30c violet and green
15c ultramarine	

**Eritrea.**—The new postage stamps and postage due stamps which we announced in March, have been placed in issue. They are the current stamps of Italy surcharged with the words "Colonia Eritrea" in a straight line.

<i>Adhesive stamps.</i>	<i>Postage Due stamps.</i>
Perforated.	Perforated.
Black surcharge.	Black surcharge.
1c brown	5c orange and maroon
2c orange brown	10c " " "
5c blue green	20c " " "
10c claret	30c " " "
20c orange	40c " " "
25c blue	50c " " "
40c brown	60c " " "
45c olive green	1L blue and cramine
50c violet	2L blue and brown
1L brown and green	5L " " "
5L blue and rose	10L blue and carmine

**Gilbratar.**—*Ewen's Weekly* lists a new King's head issue as follows:

*Adhesives.*

½d grey-green and green	1s black and carmine
1d lilac on red	2s green and blue
2d grey-green and carmine	4s violet and green
2½d lilac and black on blue	8s violet and olive on blue
6d lilac and violet	£1 violet and black on red

**Guatemala.**—Mr. Albert Perrin has shown the *A. J. of P.* several stamps of the 1886 issue, surcharged in three lines "1903-25-centavos." Black surcharge.

*Adhesives.*

25c on 1c dark green	25c on 75c rose
25c on 2c carmine	25c on 150c dark blue
25c on 6c light green	25c on 200c yellow
25c on 10c bristre brown	

**India.**—A 4a olive-green King's head type has appeared.

**Malta.**—The 1p has appeared in black and carmine with the regulation King's head.

**Niue.**—According to the English correspondent of the *A. J. of P.* a rather ludicrous error has appeared; the 1 shilling value being surcharged "Tahae," meaning *thief* instead of "Taha e," meaning *one*. As far as possible all have been recalled. London dealers are offering £1 apiece for copies.

**Orange River Colony.**—European journals report the following issue:

*Adhesive stamps.*

½p green	3p violet
2p light brown	6p violet and red
2½p ultramarine	1sh orange and red

**Paraguay.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the following:

*Official stamps.*

Perforated.	10c orange brown
Black surcharge.	20c carmine
1c gray	30c blue
2c dark green	60c purple
5c blue	

**Puttilla.**—*S. G. M. J.* reports the following values have been surcharged "PATIALA STATE."

*Adhesives.*

3p grey	2a purple
½a pea-green	3a orange-brown
1a carmine	

**Southern Nigeria.**—The new King's head series is appearing.

**Western Australia.**—The *A. J. of P.* has received three new stamps from this country—an 8 and 9 pence in the types of the 1 and 4 pence of the 1890-03 issue and a 10 pence in the type of the 2½ pence of 1901.

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THIS number of THE VIRGINIA is the sixty-first number to be issued, and as it is the first number of the sixth volume to appear, the writer believes that it will not be amiss to state a bit of the past history of our paper.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST made its first appearance in September, 1897, under the guidance of Messrs. Franklin Stearns, August Dietz and Frank L. Kerns, but owing to press of business Mr. Kerns soon retired, and THE VIRGINIA was conducted by Mr. Dietz as editor and Mr. Stearns as business manager. This division of the work was continued until the third volume, when the writer removed from Texas, the Lone Star State, to Richmond and consolidated his paper, the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, with this publication, and acting in the capacity of associate editor, editing each alternate issue. This arrangement existed for one year, or until the close of the third volume, when Messrs. Stearns and Dietz both retired from the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Company, Mr. Bradley then assuming entire ownership of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and acting as editor and publisher until the present issue.

With the first issue the publication at once took rank with the leading publications of the world. The articles appearing in its columns have always been of a high grade, and it has always been the aim to equal the high ideal first established. How well this has been done is for our friends to judge.

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THE VIRGINIA" became the ambition of our contemporaries. The appearance of the publication was much improved by the clever designs of Mr. Dietz.

As a financial success the paper has never been on a sound basis, probably owing to the peculiar habits of the mass of collectors who blindly stand in their own light by neglecting to properly support the philatelic press. On the other hand the writer has many pleasant recollections of happy events, and of many dear friends, loyal and true, who have been formed through the influences of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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THE *Era* well states the point that the selection of a paper as official organ of any society should be for a longer period than one year, as the changes in the mailing lists entails considerable work; then the publisher has the feeling that the benefit of any especial efforts made to build up the Association may be taken away and given to another. The above remarks are only too true, and have our hearty approval. It is quite true that many a publisher who has devoted time and money to the upbuilding of a society is given scant consideration by professed friends. Let the contract be made for at least three years — or more.

THE Post Office Department is again giving trouble to the philatelic press. Some years ago second-class rates were removed from several publications, while others were refused. Now we understand that the Department has denied the *New York Philatelist* and the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the second-class rating. The *Philatelic World* has never been able to secure the desired rates.

In order that our readers may understand the expense thus forced upon the publishers we will state that second-class matter is prepaid in bulk at the rate of one cent per pound. When denied rates the increased expense in mailing will be increased about ten-fold.

## Clipped and Original

The current 2 pence New South Wales exists imperforate.

It is reported that we are to have a series of Louisiana Purchase Exposition commemoratives.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints the Cuban stamps, and is paid therefor 9c per 1,000.

The Raynor Hubbell Stamp Company, of Buffalo, has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$10,000.

The publishers of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue announce its appearance for November 10th, 1903.

The *New York Philatelist* has been sold to Mr. Brodstone of the *West*. One by one the old papers are departing.

The New England Philatelic Association will hold its annual meeting at Bass Point, Nahant, Mass., August 1st, 1903.

The 5c sage green shade of large 5c Confederate stamps is quite scarce, and worth several times the price of other shades.

*The Weekly Philatelic Era* announces that it is not a candidate for the position of official journal of the American Philatelic Association.

There are fifteen philatelic journals published in the United States and Canada. Not many years ago their number was sixty-two.

Mr. William Thorne has shown the *A. J. of P.* a horizontal pair of the ten drachmae of the 1901 issue of Greece without perforation between.

It is announced that Sweden has a five krona stamp in preparation, which is to

show a picture of the new Central Post-office at Stockholm.

The stamps of the first issue of Peru were borrowed from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, and were in use about three months.

The Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia has in contemplation the issue of a Federal design for the Commonwealth.

Insufficiently paid mail matter in transit from one U. P. U. country to another is marked with a big T; the same symbol is found on the Porte-de-Mar stamps of Mexico.

The genuine cancellation on the Hamburg stamps consists of a series of parallel bars stretched wide apart. The reprints are frequently found with false cancellations.

There are three types of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Neugroschen stamp of the 1850 issue of Saxony. In type I the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the lower label is perfectly straight; in the type II it leans to the left, and in type III it leans to the right.

An excellent forgery of the 5 francs, 1885 issue of Congo has appeared in Europe. The design of the forgery is an excellent one, but the lines are slightly heavier than in the genuine. The perforation is not correct, which should be exactly 15.

The J. M. Bartels Co. have purchased the entire stock of envelopes and the good will of the Chas. H. Stone Co. who have been so long prominent in this line. Mr. J. M. Berthold, the well known envelope expert, is in charge of this department. A new list of envelopes will be published in the near future.

## The Rabid Collector

*Mekeel's Stamp Collector*

MAN, as a collecting animal, has no equal. Bees collect honey, dogs collect bones, squirrels collect nuts, but man collects everything collectible, from knowledge to souvenir spoons. The bibliomaniac collects books, the historian collects facts, the author collects rejection slips, not because he wants them, but because, like greatness, they are so often thrust upon him. Bottles, butterflies, tea-pots, coins, minerals, stuffed birds, bird's eggs, Indian relics, prints, book-plates, autographs, and biscuits from which famous persons have taken bites are among the things most sought for by the rabid collector. What is the millionaire but a collector of dollars?

Of all collectors, however, the stamp fiend is the most infatuated with his chosen pursuit. To him the world is a world of stamps. Everything in the universe suggests the coveted bits of paper. The green grass of the early Spring sets him to longing for high-priced stamps of verdant hue; the blue of the Summer skies makes him yearn for rare ultramarine specimens as far beyond his purse as are the skies beyond his reach; even the crimson radishes on the tea table remind him forcibly of blank spaces that only carmine stamps can fill.

The relative he loves best, regardless of disposition, is the one with the largest store of old letters; next in his estimation, comes the one with the most extensive foreign correspondence. Old documents are interesting only to the extent to which they are plastered with revenue stamps. When, in his reading, he comes across the name of a foreign country, does he think of its politics, its morals, its religion, or its attitude toward his own country? Not a bit of it.

He thinks of its postage stamps, and how to make them his own.

He may have forgotten the year of the Crusade, or of his own birth or marriage; but he can be trusted to give without hesitation the exact date of any issue of postage stamps authorized by any government, no matter how obscure. For him the history of the world began in England with the issue, 1840, of the first adhesive postage stamp.

He may forget to lock his front door, shake down the furnace or to mail feminine letters; may lose his glasses, absent-mindedly tie up the dog with his suspenders, or fail to keep an eye on the baby, but he is prepared to place his finger at any moment of the day or night upon any given specimen of his stamp collection. In case of fire or flood, his stamps are his first consideration.

When his nearest and dearest goes abroad for an indefinite period, does he think of their perils by land or sea? Not that any one can discover. He thinks only of the precious foreign stamps that will carry their letters to him, and he urges them to write often. Does he miss his absent friends? Not half as much as he misses the stamps when their letters go astray.

The only type of feminine beauty that finds favor in the stamp collector's eye is the type like that of Victoria on the early "Queen's-head" stamps. The only society he really enjoys is that of other stamp fiends. His castles in Spain all have garrets, and in these garrets are chests filled, not with gold, but with old letters fairly plastered with stamps—not all Spanish.

Yet, with all his eccentricities, the stamp collector is not without virtue. He is the happiest of morals, always

amiable, and always optimistic. He is never a domestic tyrant. What are domestic problems compared with stamps? His treasures before him, he is lost to the world and all its troubles. He cares not what he eats, nor when he eats, nor whether the roast is right or wrong side up on the platter. With his mind in Abyssinia or Zanzibar, and his best

friend in South Africa, mere physical discomforts have no power over him. The club has no charms for him, stamp collecting has crowded every other vice, and as a domestic animal, he is perfect. As a husband he may be safely recommended—but only maids with Victorian profiles need apply.

## "O. L." Monaco Stamps

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*

LATELY unused Monaco stamps with the overprint "O. L." in a circle formed by dots have been offered by dealers in full sets as rarities. They were said to be "Provisionals," but no indication of the meaning of the mystic letters could be obtained.

The history of this overprint is as follows: On the frontier of France and Monaco, called "Monte-Carlo Supérieur," there is a letter-box on French territory. Letters franked with either French or Monaco stamps can be posted there, and, although on French territory, letters franked with Monaco stamps are not surcharged as being unpaid. The nearest post-office is at "La Turbie," about 1½ hours from the letter-box, while it is only five minutes to the post-office at Monte Carlo. In consequence of an arrangement with the French authorities at La Turbie this letter-box is cleared from the post-office at Monte Carlo owing

to its being the nearest. Every letter found in this letter-box and franked with Monaco stamps receives the O. L. impress, which is said to mean "Orgine Locale." At first this impress was put on the stamps and they were afterward regularly obliterated; but now the overprint is not put on the stamp themselves, but is put on the envelopes.

It is therefore quite evident that unused stamps with this impress cannot legitimately exist; in fact no such stamps are to be bought at any post-office; consequently all those offered are the work of some obliging official and are more bogus than anything else. Even used stamps having this impress do not seem to be worthy of collection except by the believer in postmarks.

A letter-box has now been fixed on Monaco territory on the frontier so that letters, stamped in France, must bear French stamps.

## "On to Clayton"

*The Adhesive*

THE great philatelic event of 1903, the assemblage of the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association at Clayton, N. Y., is near at hand, and undoubtedly every member who possibly can will be there to enjoy the scenery of the Thousand Islands and to renew philatelic acquaintanceship. That this year's

trip will be especially pleasant seems assured for those who were at the former meet held there in 1895. If you are a member, pack up your grip and hie to St. Lawrence Valley, and if not, and you can go just the same, you'll be welcome, and you can sign an application blank there as well as at home.

## Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Australian Commonwealth.**—Two new Postage Due stamps are chronicled by the *Australian Philatelist*.

*Adhesives.*

4p emerald green  
5sh " "

**British Central Africa.**—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles the appearance of a new set of King's head stamps.

*Adhesives.*

1d carmine, head in drab  
2d mauve, head in lilac  
4d dark gray, head in green  
6d buff, head in gray  
2sh 6d green  
4sh purple, head in lilac  
10sh black, head in green  
£1 carmine, head in gray  
£10 blue, head in gray

**Canada.**—A new series was placed on sale Dominion Day, being a handsome portrait of King Edward. Other values are to appear.

*Adhesives.*

1c green  
2c carmine  
5c blue  
7c olive yellow  
10c brown violet

**Ceylon.**—*The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* chronicles the 4, 6 and 30 cents of the King Edward type.

**Colombian Republic.**—A host of new issues and provisionals, including registration, registration return receipt and too late stamps have appeared for Baranquilla, Bogota, Bolivar, Boyaca and Canada. The *A. J. of P.* humorously remarks: "The latest device for creating new issues seems to be to secure a variety of colors of paper and of a liberal supply of inks and make as many combinations as possible of the two."

**Danish West Indies.**—A 2c stamp has appeared, type of 1902.

*Adhesive.*

2c carmine

**Elobey, Annobon, and Corisco.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a set of the regular Spanish colonial type.

*Adhesives.*

¼c carmine  
½c dark violet  
1c black  
2c red orange  
3c dark green  
4c dark blue green  
5c violet  
10c rose lake  
15c buff  
25c dark blue  
50c red brown  
75c black brown  
1p orange  
2p chocolate  
3p olive gray  
4p claret  
5p blue green  
10p gray blue

**Gibraltar.**—(Morocco Agencies.) *Mekeel's Weekly* lists the series formerly described as overprinted "Morocco Agencies," the values in pence and shillings being replaced by centimos and pesetas.

*Adhesives.*

5c gray green and green  
10c lilac on red  
20c green and carmine  
25c lilac and black on blue  
50c lilac and violet  
1p black and carmine  
2p black and ultramarine

**Hong Kong.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has been shown the following:

*Adhesives.*

30c grey-green and black  
50c grey-green and magenta  
£1 lilac and sage-green  
£2 grey-black and vermilion

**India.**—An 8 anna King's head has appeared, and the 3 and 10 annas and 1½ rupees are expected shortly.

**Liberia.**—*Der Philatelist* states that the 16c, 1894 official has been surcharged "ORDINARY."

*Adhesive.*

16c lilac O. S., surch. "ORDINARY."



Roumania.—A set of commemoratives have appeared, of large oblong, rectangular stamps.

*Adhesives.*

- 1 ban olive brown
- 3 bani brown lilac
- 5 bani pale green
- 10 bani rose
- 25 bani black (two designs)
- 25 bani dark blue (two designs)
- 40 bani dull dark green (two designs)
- 50 bani orange yellow (two designs)
- 11 sepia
- 21 red
- 51 dark violet

St. Helena.—The *Era* has been shown a set of pictorial stamps for this island, consisting of two types, the ½, 2 and 1sh are in type I, showing a view of the Government House, and the 1d, 8d, and 2sh show the wharf at St. Helena. Both values have a head of King Edward in the oval above.

*Adhesives.*

- ½d green and brown
- 1d carmine and black
- 2d sage green and black
- 8d brown and black
- 1sh yellow buff and brown
- 2sh violet and black

St. Kitts-Nevis.—The complete series of King's head stamps for this colony has now appeared as follows:

*Adhesives.*

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|------------------------|---------|
| ½d green, mauve        | centre. |
| 1d carmine, black      | "       |
| 2d brown, mauve        | "       |
| 2½d blue, black        | "       |
| 3d brown, green        | "       |
| 6d purple, grey-black  | "       |
| 1sh brown, green       | "       |
| 2sh black, green       | "       |
| 2sh 6p violet, grey    | "       |
| 5sh sage-green, purple | "       |

Sudan.—According to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* the current set has been surcharged "O. G. O. S." for official use.

*Adhesives.*

- 2 millimes, green and brown
- 3 " mauve and green
- 6 " carmine and black
- 1 piastre, black and red
- 2 " black and blue
- 5 " brown and green
- 10 " brown and mauve

Seychelles.—*Mekeel's Weekly* states that the new set was placed on sale on June 5, and consisted of the following values.

*Adhesives.*

- 2c brown and green
- 3c green
- 6c rose
- 12c olive brown and green
- 15c ultramarine
- 18c green and carmine
- 30c violet and green
- 45c brown and carmine
- 75c yellow and violet
- 1.50r black and carmine
- 2.25r violet and green

Salvador.—The official set has appeared, containing the words "Franqueo Oficial" engraved diagonally across the plate.

*Adhesives.*

- 1c dark green
- 2c red
- 3c orange
- 5c dark blue
- 10c dull lilac
- 12c slate
- 13c red brown
- 24c red
- 26c yellow brown
- 50c yellow
- 100c light blue

Spanish Guinea.—A series of stamps, the values being the same but the colors different, as announced for Elobey has appeared.

Spanish Morocco.—The current issue of Spain has been surcharged for use in Morocco.

Straits Settlements.—Two provisionals have appeared, the 4c being surcharged "3 cents" and the 4c "8 cents;" both in black.

*Adhesives.*

- "3 cents" on 4c yellow and red
- "8 cents" on 4c green and rose

Suriname.—Mr. C. Witt has shown the *A. J. of P.* a 5 cent, of the ½ cent type of the 1902 issue.

*Adhesive.*

- 5c red

Victoria.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the issue of the 1sh orange, in re-engraved type. The main difference

between the original and the re-engraved types is that "they are much whiter looking owing to the engine turning at the sides being in broader white lines. The word 'Postage' at the sides is also larger."

West Australia.—The *A. J. of P.* has

received the new four pence stamp, of a design similar to the four pence of the 1890-93 issue, but with the inscription at the bottom in smaller letters and reading "POSTAGE FOUR PENCE."

*Adhesive.*

4p orange brown

## Buttons

*American Journal of Philately*

THERE have recently appeared in philatelic journals a number articles advocating the wearing of a button, by which philatelists might know one another. We usually regard a button as an article of use, though people have occasionally attempted to make it an ornament. More than half the buttons on a policeman's coat serve no useful purpose—though they may not point a moral, some of them adorn a tail. But the button in question, the philatelic button is to be of the ornamental class—something to be worn on the lapel of one's coat, where no button has any excuse for being.

The button of the Legion d'Honneur is a coveted decoration and the right to wear the button of the Grand Army of the Republic is a noble privilege, but a philatelic button would be child's play. It would make its wearer ridiculous and the self respecting philatelist would have none of it. The people who wear club and society pins would probably be pleased by a philatelic button, and those who enjoy adorning themselves with campaign badges and advertising buttons (usually a youthful and callow lot) would welcome it with unfeigned delight; but the men who are more thoroughly developed and whose taste has outgrown glass beads and imitation jewelry can scarcely be expected to display much enthusiasm for the project.

A button for philatelists should naturally suggest stamps. The question then arises, whose "image and superscription" shall it bear? A reproduction of

a King Edward stamp would not satisfy collectors in this country, nor would an American emblem please our British cousins; the German eagle would not be acceptable in France nor the Chinese dragon in Japan. It would be easy to give this button an international character. It would also be difficult to make it characteristic of philately and not absurd.

Attempts have occasionally been made to produce philatelic jewelry in the shape of scarf pins, watch charms, and cuff buttons, made by imprisoning a stamp under a bit of glass. These products have always been clumsy and ugly; they are startlingly conspicuous, but entirely devoid of charm or beauty. They are the sort of freaks that conservative people always shun.

The button idea is not by any means new. It does not appear to be generally known, but the thing was tried a number of years ago. The button then used was rectangular and made of bronze; it was not so "wide as a church door" but it suggested a miniature reproduction of one.

Men who are sound and well balanced dislike gewgaws and prefer not to attract attention to themselves. This class will not wear philatelic buttons and what they reject will meet only a passing favor from others. If philatelists of standing will not adorn themselves with buttons, it is of small moment whether others do or not.

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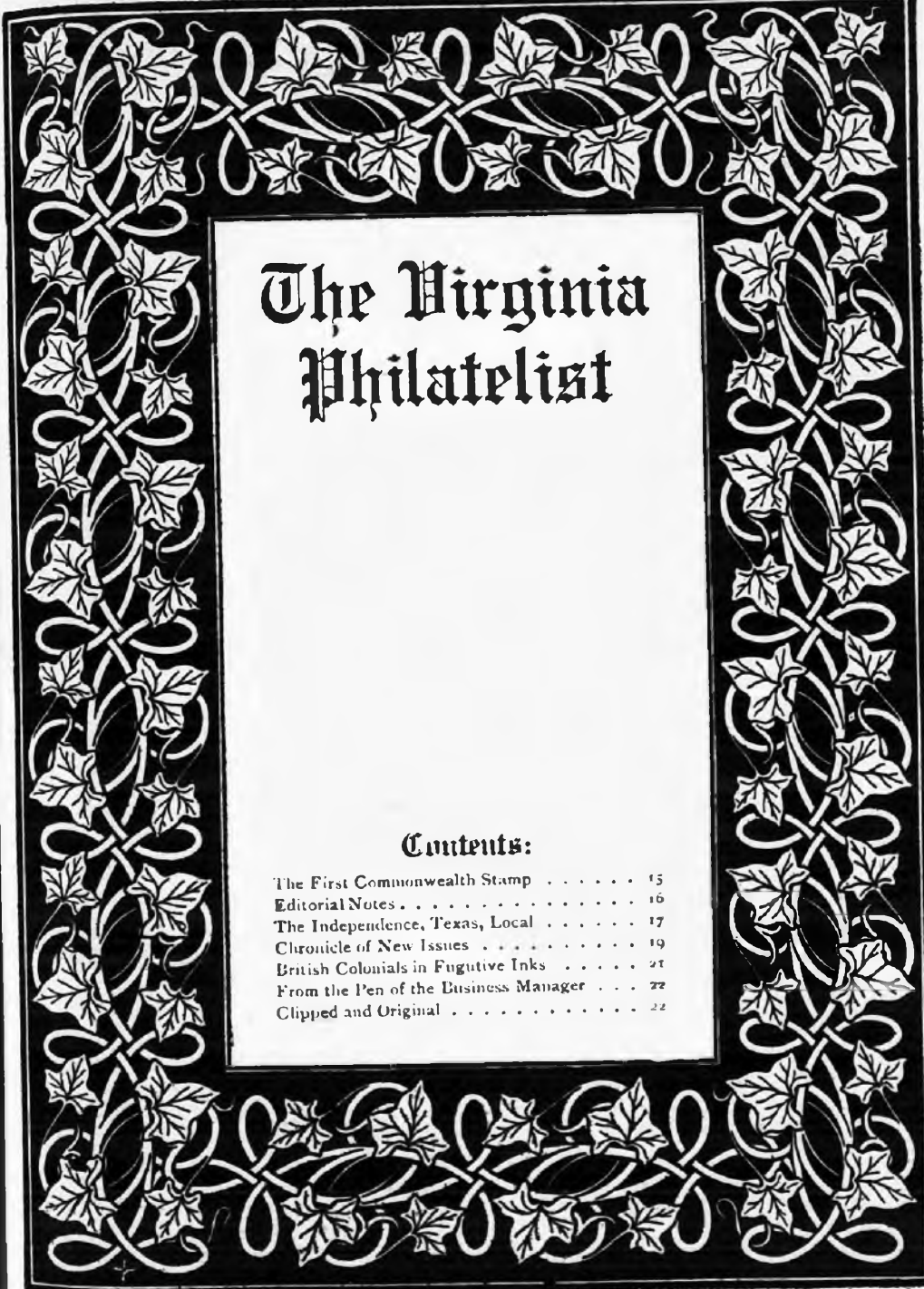
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## The First Commonwealth Stamp

*Australian Philatelist*

It came to pass that one of our members—by the name of Drake—of the first Federal Ministry of the Commonwealth of Australia, who hailed from Queensland, bethought himself to honor his country. As he held the portfolio of Postmaster-General, the idea came to him of doing so by some means of a postage stamp that would do duty in every State of the Commonwealth. But the "Five-Years Book-keeping" clause of the Federal Constitution Act presented a great difficulty, especially as he had set his face against the issue of a Federal stamp, when it was constantly pressed upon him, for the reason that the Book-keeping Clause was a bar to it. So he consulted his favourite officer, also hailing from Queensland, and, as two heads are better than one, a "back door" way was found to get out of the difficulty. An artist was found, whose name was to be kept a secret for a while, and he was instructed to draw a design, the artistic quality of which was not to be called into question, but which would honour Queensland above that of her sister States. The absence also in one or two of the States of a stamp of the denomination of 9d, presented the opportunity, or rather the excuse, for veiling the real intention of the said

Drake. The Book-keeping Clause difficulty was overcome by leaving the lower part of the design blank, and also the circle intended for the value. The stamp was then printed in a brown colour, but the value and the name of each of the Federal States was printed in blue. But the stamp had the word "Commonwealth" (Commonwealth of what?) surmounting the central design, and on each side of the centre three States were printed, one above the other. Now comes the cunningness of this would-be honourer of his country. The first State on the list is Queensland, the last New South Wales. And this is in the face of the Premier hailing from the latter State. The deed is done and Queensland has been honoured. The honour, in face of the universal abuse heaped upon the designer (not the real culprit) by all the leading newspapers in the States, is rather an unenviable one, and is certainly not deserved. We fancy that the outcry made against this stamp, and the unpardonable one of issuing it on paper used for Victorian stamps only, and printing the requirements of all the States in Melbourne, will prevent any further abuse of what is clearly the duty of a Minister who has to study the interests of all the States, and not that of one only.

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of the Philatelic papers really great enough to justify such an organization? All those who believe so should do all in their power to forward the movement, because we will receive much aid from it.



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RICHMOND, VA., AUGUST, 1903.

WE request our contemporaries to place the name of our Business Manager upon their mailing lists, and we will reciprocate when desired.

Now that the annual conventions are over, and the warm days are departing, renewed interest is being manifested in the stamp world. The conventions always open what we stamp folk call our "busy season."

The question of an album to contain spaces for Match and Medicine stamps is again being agitated. *The Perforator* quotes J. W. Scott as saying: "If the Match and Medicine stamps were properly advertised and exploited, there are Match stamps worth \$5,000 each, if we are to take postage stamps of an equal rarity as a criterion."

THE editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST desires to secure a few good articles, well written, about stamps, setting forth interesting facts in relation to the issue and history of stamps of various countries. We want something else than can be gained by a casual examination of a Scott catalogue. Let us hear from some of our writers. We especially desire articles on the stamps of the Confederate States.

ONE thing that our auction dealers should observe is more care in cataloging and describing the condition of stamps offered for sale by auction. To illustrate our remarks we were recently shown, by one of our friends, a copy of a stamp described as "fine." It was an imperforate stamp, and the margins on three sides were passable, but on the right it was trimmed *into* the frame of the printing. The stamp was retained, although we advised the rejection of the stamp.

FROM all indications the dealers are expecting an unusually heavy business this winter. It has been noted that business did not show the usual heavy decline during the summer just past, and although the state of trade was nothing like the "busy season," it far surpassed that of past years.

A renewed interest is manifest in the stamps of our own country, and the earlier issues are regarded as gilt-edge stock, and a renewed interest is displayed in U. S. revenues, due, no doubt, to several large lots being placed upon the market.

THE philatelic press of Great Britain is earnestly agitating the question of the establishment of a "white list," the same to include only such persons whose characters and reputations have been rigidly investigated. The need for such a list is unquestioned, as there have been



a series of swindling cases over there that leaves very little else for the English papers to comment upon. It is said that the French have in use a series of lists, ranging from the gilt edge to the black list. We wonder where some of the VIRGINIA's slow paying advertisers would be rated. And why not have such a rating in America? The need for such is clearly apparent.

MENTION was made in our last issue of how few philatelic papers are now published in the United States. Our views on the subject under discussion are agreed with

by *The Philatelic Inter-Ocean*, which states: " \* \* \* We make the assertion boldly and without fear of contradiction, that a great majority of journals published have not paid their way, and if they run for a time it is to satiate the owner's desire for a publication of his own, or for his love for the hobby. Some start a paper and after a time find that the time at their disposal is such that they have too little to make a success of it, and then consolidate with some other, or sell out. It takes time to run even a paper the size of the *Inter-Ocean*."

## The Independence, Texas, Local

*Austin Statesman*

Captain H. G. Askew has in his possession the cut of a war-time envelope, postmark and Confederate stamp, made at Independence, Washington county, which ranks among the most rare and valuable relics in the world, because it is the only one of its kind in existence.

The writer has some personal recollection of the time, place and circumstances under which it was made, and also the names of all the persons in any way connected with it.

During the Civil War the postal affairs of the Confederate government were not as good as they are now, the regulations not so rigidly enforced, and Confederate stamps hard to get and sometimes not to be obtained at all.

Under such circumstances some postmasters assumed all the functions, authority and power of the post-office department and improvised stamps, placed them on letters and allowed them to go on to their destination, keeping an account of all franks of this kind.

In 1862 Mr. John McKnight was postmaster in the town of Independence, Washington county. The office was kept on the public square in a good building fronting north. Every young

man in the town had enlisted in the Confederate service, to whom, of course, their aged fathers, mothers and sisters wrote frequently, making the demand for stamps very heavy. In addition to this the post-offices at William Penn, Samuels and Clay Station had not been established, all of which are situated just a few miles from that town, and Independence was not only the office where a large scope of country, very thickly settled, received their mail, but where they procured stamps also. All these things increased the demand for franks until it was immense, and made it very difficult for Postmaster McKnight to keep a supply. When the supply was exhausted and none could be had, in order that the postal facilities might not be disturbed nor forwarding letters delayed, the Confederate postal regulations authorized postmasters to receive 10 cents in money, the price of the stamp, write on the envelope "postage paid," and forward the letter to its destination.

Mr. McKnight was out of stamps so often that he concluded as a means of facilitating the work and obviating the necessity of writing the words to whittle out, or, rather, to carve, the die of a 10-

cent stamp. Being a mechanic, this he accomplished very successfully, using a penknife and a piece of oak wood.

The impression was made on common brown wrapping paper with home-made ink. These impressions were cut in shapes nearly square and pasted on envelopes with gum arabic dissolved in water. The post-office records at Independence having been destroyed by fire some years after the Civil War, just how many of these crude stamps were made and used will never positively be known; neither is it positively known how many stamp collectors have collected and preserved, but the claim is made by persons learned in such lore that there is only one on earth, and this is the property of M. Paul de Ferrary, of Paris, France, who, Mr. Askew says, paid no less than \$1,000 for it, and perhaps a still larger sum.

The entire envelope has been preserved, including, of course, postmark and stamp. The words "Southern Confederacy" are rudely carved in a circle, in the center of which is "Ten cents," also made with an ordinary pocketknife.

The postmark bears date of "Independence, July 31, 1862." The letter is addressed in a plain bold hand to Messrs. T. W. House & Co., Houston, Texas.

A gentleman who lived in Independence at the time and was perfectly familiar with the handwriting of many of the prominent people of the place recognizes the writing as that of Major A. G. Haynes, a wealthy planter of that place. In this he may be mistaken, but it is quite probable, as it is known that T. W. House & Co. were Major Haynes' merchants in Houston, that he and T. W. House were warm personal friends, and that they exchanged letters frequently

on both business and social subjects. This rare stamp and valuable souvenir of those troublesome days when families drank coffee made of parched sweet potatoes, clothed themselves in cotton cloth woven at home and dyed with copperas, was discovered by Mr. E. D. Dorchester, of Velasco. It is not known to whom Mr. Dorchester sold it, at what price nor how it found its way across the Atlantic, but it is presumed that an American agent of M. Paul de Ferrary made the purchase and shipped the valuable find to this enthusiastic collector.

The fact that this hand-made and home-made stamp was issued by Postmaster McKnight at Independence is as well authenticated as any fact in history can be, but the price paid for it and just how it came in possession of its present owner are matters of speculation.

Stamps of the same kind were issued during the war by the postmasters at Goliad, Gonzales, Beaumont, Helena and Victoria, and a number from each of these offices have been preserved and form a part of very valuable collections, but all issued from the office at Independence have been lost or destroyed save the one mentioned.

Mr. Askew's opinion that the envelope and stamp brought \$1,000 and perhaps more is based in part on the unquestioned fact that five of the stamps issued at Beaumont sold for \$5,000 to a New York collector, one of which was resold for \$1,400.

It is now quite probable in view of the fact that stamp collectors are growing daily more enthusiastic, that if the owner of the Independence stamp should offer it for sale that he would have no trouble in easily realizing from \$2,500 or \$3,000 for it.

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your services. Begin work among your friends to-day and send in the subscriptions.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Abyssinia.**—It is reported that the stamps of this country are now surcharged "ETHIOPIA" in Amharic characters.

**Aitutaki.**—This is a new country for us to collect. The islands are to the north-east of New Zealand about 18° S. latitude and 160° W. longitude. The stamps are surcharged on current New Zealand.

*Adhesives.*

- ½d "Ava Pene" in carmine
- 1d "Tai Pene" in dark blue
- 2½d "Rua Pene Ma Te Ave" in carmine
- 3d "Toru Pene" in dark blue
- 6d "Ono Pene" in dark blue
- 1s "Tai Tilingi" in dark blue

**Antigua.**—A commemorative set has appeared, measuring about 1½ by 1¾ and show a large central medallion containing the royal arms surrounded by the inscription: EDWARDUS VII, D. G. BRITT. OMN. REX. F. D. IND. IMP. SIGIL. INSS. ANTIQUAE ET BARBADAE. MESSIS. Whitfield King & Co. have sent us the following values. The second color is one of the central medallion:

*Adhesives.*

- ½d green and grey-black
- 1d carmine and grey-black
- 2d brown and purple
- 2½d blue and grey-black
- 3d light brown and green
- 6d grey-black and purple
- 1s mauve and blue
- 2s violet and green
- 2s 6d red-lilac and grey-black
- 5s violet and green (King's Head in centre)

**Austria.**—OFFICES IN TURKEY.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly* has been shown a new series for these offices.

*Adhesives.*

- 10 para dark green, value in black
- 20 para rose, value in black
- 1 piaster ultramarine value in black
- 2 piaster pale blue value in black
- 20 piaster on 2 gl. dull green

**Australian Commonwealth.**—The first regular adhesive is a 9p issued for use in Australia. The same design will be

used for other States, the only change being the name of the State. Color is not stated.

**Ceylon.**—The *Monthly Journal* has received the 30c King's head stamp.

*Adhesive.*

- 30c mauve, value in dark green

**Denmark.**—Two new stamps have appeared of Type 5.

*Adhesives.*

- 2c carmine
- 8c brown

**France.**—*Ewen's Weekly* has received a set of the stamps of Indo-China, surcharged for use at Packhoi.

*Adhesives.*

Stamps of Indo China surch. in black.

- 1c black on azure
- 2c brown on buff
- 4c purple brown on gray
- 5c yellow green
- 10c rose red
- 15c gray
- 20c red on green
- 25c blue
- 30c cinnamon on drab
- 40c red on yellow
- 50c carmine on rose
- 75c brown on orange
- 1fr olive green on toned

**Hong Kong.**—To the list of last month should be added:

*Adhesives.*

- 20c grey-black and chestnut
- 33c grey-black and blue
- 35c lilac and blue-green
- 310c grey-black and orange on blue

**Natal.**—The 4s stamp of the current set is out; color carmine and yellow.

**North Borneo.**—The *International Briefmarken Journal* chronicles the 2c and 5c surcharged "BRITISH NORTH BORNEO" with the added surcharge "POSTAGE DUE" vertically in black.

*Adhesives.*

- 2c surcharged
- 5c surcharged

**Orange River Colony.**—In addition to our list in the June issue we add:

*Adhesives.*

- 1d carmine
- 4d green, carmine center

**Persia.**—*Le Timbrophile Belge* lists five high values with the circular surcharge. The background of all is stated to be grey and the stamps are all imperforate, with blue surcharge.

*Adhesives.*

- 10 tomans yellow-green
- 20 tomans blue
- 25 tomans dark green
- 50 tomans violet
- 100 tomans gold

**Suriname.**—A 5c stamp of the oblong type was issued at Paramaribo on June 16th.

*Adhesive.*

- 5c rose

**Seychelles.**—The English papers chronicle a provisional, consisting of the 15c King's head surcharged "3 cents" in black.

*Adhesive.*

- 3c on 15c ultramarine

**Senegambia and Niger.**—A set has appeared in the French Colonial type as follows:

*Adhesives.*

- 1c black on lilac blue
- 2c brown on buff
- 4c claret on lavender
- 5c light green
- 10c red
- 15c gray
- 20c red on green
- 25c blue
- 30c brown on bistre
- 40c red on straw
- 50c brown on bluish
- 75c dark violet on orange
- 1fr bronze green on straw

**Servia.**—We clip the following from the *Monthly Journal*:

"It appears that a complete new set of stamps had been prepared, with a portrait of the late unfortunate King in military uniform, and these must have reached this country (they were made, we believe, in Paris) either shortly before or immediately after his assassination.

They have now been issued, with the portrait obliterated by means of a surcharge showing the Arms of Servia (Eagle, bearing a shield with a cross, etc., on its breast) on a mantle, as upon some of the Servian post cards. The portrait is in black, and the frame and Arms as given below.

*Adhesives.*

- 1 para, lilac, Arms in blue
- 5 para, yellow-green, Arms in blue
- 10 para, carmine, Arms in black
- 15 para, stone, Arms in black
- 20 para, orange, Arms in black
- 25 para, blue, Arms in black
- 50 para, grey, Arms in red
- 1 dinar, dark green, Arms in brown
- 3 dinar, mauve, Arms in lake
- 5 dinar, brown, Arms in blue

The Arms on the 1, 3, and 5 dinars are much smaller than those on the other values in the set before us."

**Venezuela.**—Several sets of varieties have been produced by the Revolutionary Government. The following descriptions are taken from the *Monthly Journal*:

*Guayana.*—i. Large stamps, design 42 mm. square; Arms in the centre, "CORREOS DE VENEZUELA" at top, "ESTADO" at left, "GUAYANA" at right, "CENTIMOS" or "BOLIVAR" at foot, numerals in the lower corners; enclosed in a frame of small ornaments.

*Adhesives.*

- 5c black on pink
- 10c black on orange
- 25c black on pale blue
- 50c black on pale yellow
- 1b black on pale grey granite

These appear to have been printed singly, but in sheets of twelve, three horizontal rows of four.

We have a whole set of the above and a set of all the values of the second series for Guayana (including the only copy we have seen of the 10c on orange) plastered upon an entire envelope addressed to Port of Spain, Trinidad, and post-marked at Ciudad Bolivar on April 29th, 1903.

ii. Oblong stamps, 28x21 mm., with

a ship in the centre and the same inscriptions as above, but "Correos de Venezuela." is not in capitals and is punctuated. Frame composed of some of the same ornaments.

*Adhesives.*

5c black on pale grey granite  
10c black on orange  
10c black on deep red  
25c black on pink  
50c black on pale blue  
1b black on pale yellow

These were set up and printed in vertical strips of three, forming so many varieties of type; the varieties may be easily recognised by the dots in the top and bottom of the frame, the uppermost stamp having three dots in each place, the second stamp two dots at top and three below, and the third three dots at top and only one below. The sheets contain twenty-four stamps, in six horizontal rows of four.

*Marino.*—The same type as ii. above but lettered "Distritto" at left and "Marino" at right.

*Adhesives.*

5c black on deep red  
10c black on pale yellow  
25c black on pale grey granite  
50c black on pink  
1b black on pale blue

The same varieties of type as before, but the second stamp has the third dot below too high. Sheets of the same size.

*Maturin.*—As Guayana, Type ii., but inscribed "MATURIN" at right.

*Adhesives.*

5c black on pink  
10c black on pale blue  
25c black on pale yellow  
50c black on deep red  
1b black on pale grey granite

The varieties are like those of Marino, and the sheets the same size. There is said to be some doubt whether the Maturin stamps were really issued, but there is no doubt that they are for sale.

It is interesting to note that some little trouble must have been taken to give the same values different colors in each of the three sets of the same design.

## British Colonials in Fugitive Inks

*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*

It has been the subject of remark that not all the British Colonies adhere to the Postal Union recommendations as to the colours of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps. With a view to eliciting the real reason for such abstentions from a now universal rule, the Editor of the *Fortnightly* addressed an enquiry on the subject to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, taking as an instance the recently-issued 1d. stamp of Sierra Leone, printed in mauve and red.

In reply, Mr. H Bertram Cox, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Chamberlin, writes us as follows, under date, August 4th:—

"I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlin to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of July, relating to the colour of the new Sierra Leone penny stamp.

"2. I am to inform you that the new stamp is of the same colour as the late issue, and also of the same colour as the corresponding stamp in several other colonies. Red was not adopted as the colour of these stamps because doubly fugitive papers cannot be prepared in red, and it has been thought desirable to use doubly fugitive colours for the stamps of Crown Colonies as a measure of protection. Stamps up to and including the value of sixpence are therefore printed in mauve, which is doubly a fugitive colour, and the duty is given the labels of the colours recommended by the International Postal Congress for stamps of the respective values, the name of the Colony being given in letters of the same colour."

We club our paper with The Adhesive. See advertisement.

## From the Pen of the Business Manager

THE writer takes great pleasure in accepting the office of business manager of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and will do all in his power to promote and further the interests of our old Southern paper. We hope the readers and advertisers will give us their support and that the coming fall and winter months will be the most prosperous, both in the history of THE VIRGINIA and of our advertisers.

We hope to start an EXCHANGE COLUMN very soon and any exchange sent will be inserted at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per word including the name and address.

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We notice a good many frauds in the Fraud Reporter of the August *Perforator*, some of which give very pathetic and unique excuses. We congratulate Mr. Abbott upon the good work he is doing and hope he will keep up the fire until every fraud has vanished from our land.

We think this is a good field for some one who will compile a book containing a list of all the frauds and crooks up-to-date and we have no doubt there would be a ready sale for it. We would give him our support and possibly after seeing their name in a nice Fraud Directory it would make them repent.

No success in the stamp business will be permanent unless the articles advertised are so good that they advertise themselves. The writer recently noticed two advertisements of the same set advertised side by side in the same publication. One set was quoted at \$1.50 less than the other. *One* dealer will believe that his advertisement did not pay.

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Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., announce that their new catalogue for 1904, Part I. and II., will appear December and January respectively.

Mr. Ussher, the publisher of the *Canada Stamp Sheet* has had the misfortune

to suffer the loss of his home, by fire, including all of his stamps and papers.

The advance sheets for the new Scott catalogue are now appearing. But few notable changes in the prices appear.

It is stated from Washington that all the dollar values of the 1894 issue have been destroyed, and no more requisitions will be filled by the Department.

We regret to learn of the death of one of our subscribers, Mr. J. V. Painter, of Cleveland, Ohio, who died August 13, after a brief illness of five weeks.

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## Albums and Catalogues

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\* \* \* \* The people who print albums and catalogues are business men. They are not working for their health nor to gratify their whims. They are in business to make money. One way to do this is to make articles which their patrons wish and which, therefore will sell. Two things determine what should be included in albums and catalogues, these are common sense and a knowledge of popular demand. The latter term does not mean that which is called for by the man who has worked himself into a specialist's frenzy and backs up his ideas with the dire threats of what will be done if his wishes are not heeded, but the quiet insistence of the many which makes itself felt.

In an open letter recently published by one of our contemporaries complaint is made because the International Album, published by the proprietors of this journal, contains only some blank pages for the stamps of Afghanistan and the Native Indian States. The average collector who gets a few stamps from these countries is not much interested in them and is perfectly content to place them on blank pages. The man who seriously collects the stamps of these countries would never be satisfied with a printed album, only a blank one would afford scope for his desires. The reason for reducing the space allotted to these particular countries was that hundreds of collectors had complained because so many pages in their albums were devoted to stamps which were so uninteresting and unintelligible that we had decided

not to collect them. Can it be supposed for a moment that the publishers (who also have stamps for sale) would be so blind to their own interest as to cut down any countries in which collectors generally are interested? As business men their object is to help the collector, to provide the things he wants and to eliminate the things which annoy him.

The letter also calls for the publication of an album for Match and Medicine stamps. Did the demand for such a work warrant its publication there can be little doubt that it would soon be in the market. To produce an album devoted exclusively to these stamps would involve an expenditure of thousands of dollars and might result in the sale of a few dozen copies to the very limited number of collectors of these stamps. Few publishers are sufficiently enthusiastic or philanthropic to risk such a loss. If the pages for match and medicine stamps were to be included in the regular albums for United States and foreign postage stamps we should soon have a "howl" from the great body of collectors that their books are cumbered by pages for which they have no use.

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In these matters the wishes of the majority must rule. The publishers are seeking to give the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number. Did they attempt to carry out the ideas of each individual collector their publications would probably be freaks and suit no one.



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THE criticisms of the daily press in regard to the over-elaborated design of the current two-cent stamp have had their effect, and now we learn from the Washington correspondent of *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* that the die proof has now been O. K'd. by the proper officials, and that the preparation of the plates will begin at once. It is stated that the design is unique and different from anything that stampdom has ever seen. The design is quite different from the present one, being a large shield of rather peculiar shape, Washington in the center, and about two-fifths of the upper portion constituting a field, with six or seven stars being visible. The words "United States" and "of America" appear in two curved lines in the upper portion of the field.

"Series of 1902" is in very small type just under the two lines. The figures "2" are in about the same position, but are surrounded by a wreath. The name "Washington" appears in a curve below and the dates of birth and death at either side, and "Postage Two Cents" in two straight lines across the bottom completes the design.

## Postage Stamps as Money

By FRANK C. YOUNG

WHILE the subject is not one appertaining to the study of true philately, an interesting thing in relation to postage stamps and one which I think has not been much discussed in stamp periodicals is the use of postal labels as a circulating medium. At the present time this is prevalent to the extent that small sums are mostly sent by mail in stamps, but they are seldom passed from hand to hand as money in the every day transactions of business.

As will be remembered by older collectors in the strenuous days of the Civil War, in the days when a leading English stamp magazine referred to this nation as the *dis*-United States postage stamps, glutinous and greasy, dirty and delapidated, crumpled and creased, formed the only small change of the community the cause of many vituperative and profane adjectives and remarks as unclean as the stamps themselves.

At the North, during the earlier years of the war, the scarcity of small change was so great that many firms found it desirable and even necessary to issue a fractional currency of their own, cents made from copper and higher values of paper. Many of these war tokens are to found in numismatic collections of the present. This custom, more especially in the matter of half dollars and quarter dollars of paper, prevailed to an even greater extent at the South, where not only firms and individuals but States and municipalities, I believe, found it incumbent upon them to issue fractional notes.

But such was the constantly growing demand that these means were insufficient to supply it and the mainstay for change-making purposes was the use of postage stamps. These, naturally, after having passed through a dozen or so of

hands became torn and soiled, so much so that the loss from this cause was very great in the aggregate.

To obviate this difficulty some inventive genius brought out small cases for holding postage stamps. These had metal backs utilized for advertising purposes and a transparent front of mica. A postage stamp of the value of three, five or ten cents being inserted in the case, it was plainly visible and was thereafter passed from hand to hand with increased facility and with greater safety insured to the inclosed stamp.

The difficulties accompanying the use of stamps as a circulating medium was the prime cause for the issuance by the Northern government of the "shinplasters" or paper fractional currency, originally designated postal currency, the first issue of which bore representations of one or more postage stamps on each note.

While the use of stamps for money was very common in the North it was still more prevalent in the Southland, when, in most sections there was practically no other small change.

Indeed it is generally conceded that the principal reason for issuing one value of Confederate stamps, the twenty cent green, was for use as fractional currency as there was little demand for this value as a postage stamp.

This stamp, the finest printed of the Confederacy, first came out about June 1, 1863, and a very large number were issued from time to time. That this date is approximately correct is shown by the following extract from the *Richmond, (Va.) Examiner* of June 4, 1863, and that the main use to which the stamps would be put is shown by the fact that the article was headed "More Money."

"A new postage stamp of the denomination of twenty cents has been forth by the Treasury Department. The stamp is of a rich dark green color, with the medallion of Washington on the face, encircled by the words 'Confederate States of America' and the designation of twenty at the top and bottom, the former in figures and the latter in letters. The engraving is the best that has been executed in the postal currency.

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## The Stamps of Livonia

*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*

In the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* we find a few notes on the creation of the stamps of Livonia, which may be of interest.

The district of Wenden, or "Wendenschen Kreis," is one of the largest of the nine districts of the Russian province of Livonia, and is about as large as the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. Its shape is long and narrow. Proportionally few Russian post offices existed, and the great length of the district from north to south not only made the service difficult but also caused delays in delivery, wherefore it became absolutely necessary to make better postal arrangements. The representatives of the district suggested a scheme for a district postal service, to be quite separate from the Government postal service. This scheme was submitted to the Diet of Livonia, who decided to lay it before the Government for confirmation, which was accordingly done and obtained. In the district of Wenden special district post offices were instituted, whose duty consisted in the forwarding of all postal

matter within the district, with the result that the few Government post offices were quite neglected, except for correspondence addressed to places outside the district, which had to be forwarded, as before, to the Government offices in the principal towns as heretofore. All letters handed over to the Government postal service had to be franked with Russian stamps in addition to those of the district of Wenden, letters posted and intended for addresses within the district, only bore Wenden stamps. These were always obliterated with pen and ink, the Russian stamps, however, with dies, which are sometimes also seen on those of the district when they happen to adjoin the Russian stamps on the envelope. The early stamps had no inscription of value but all, with the exception of the green oblong stamp, were of the value of 2 kopecs. Lately a few more Governmental post offices have been opened, yet the district postal is in full working order still, and enjoying practically a monopoly of the custom.

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**Australian Commonwealth.**—It is announced that a 10sh and 20sh Postage Due stamp has appeared, presumably of type II.

*Adhesives.*

- 10sh emerald green
- 20sh emerald green

**Bosnia.**—The 40 heller stamp has appeared printed in orange with numerals in black.

**British East Africa.**—The 1 ama stamp is now issued in bright rose.

**Columbian Republic.**—**BOLIVAR.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has seen another of the the abominations for this State. It is a 50c stamp of the design mentioned in our July number, but is printed in a new color. We have also seen imperforate copies of most of the Registration, Registration Return Receipt and Two Late stamps, which have been previously chronicled with sewing machine perforation, but we spare our readers a list of them.

*Adhesive.*

- 50c slate on pink

**French Offices in China.** **MONGTSE.**—According to several of our European contemporaries, the Indo China stamps have been surcharged with the word "MONGTSE" and Chinese characters, as Packhoi.

*Adhesives.*

- 1c black on lilac blue
- 2c brown on buff
- 4c claret on lavender
- 5c light green
- 10c red
- 15c gray
- 20c red on green
- 25c blue
- 30c brown on bistre
- 40c red on straw
- 50c carmine on rose
- 75c deep violet on orange
- 1fr bronze green on straw

**Italy.**—*La Timbrophile Belge* illustrates an Express stamp (presumably the same thing as our Special Delivery stamp). The stamp is of large size, with portrait of the king in an oval at the left and inscriptions "POSTES ITALIANE—ESPRESSO—CENT 25" in three lines.

**India.**—In our July number we gave a partial list of the new issue. The complete set is as follows:

*Adhesives. (Regular)*

- 3p gray
- 1/2a light green
- 1a carmine
- 3a violet
- 2 1/2a blue
- 3a orange brown
- 4a olive green
- 8a violet

*Adhesives. (Official)*

- 1/2a light green and black
- 1a carmine and black
- 2a violet and black
- 2 1/2a blue and black
- 3a orange brown and black
- 4a orange green and black
- 8a violet and black

**Leeward Islands.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* published an order in Council, dated July 2d, quoting from the General Stamp Act of 1800, that in addition to uniform stamps for the Colony, the Governor may direct that special stamps may be used for each Presidency concurrently with the uniform ones. Therefore, the Governor orders such special stamps as follows:

"On and after the third day of July the several values of special stamps in the Presidencies shall be 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh., 2sh 6d., and 5sh. The Post-cards shall be 1/2d., 1d., and Reply 2d. The Wrappers shall be 1/2d., 1d. The Envelopes, 1d., 2 1/2d., Registration Envelopes, large and small.

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The district of Wenden, or "Wendenschen Kreis," is one of the largest of the nine districts of the Russian province of Livonia, and is about as large as the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. Its shape is long and narrow. Proportionally few Russian post offices existed, and the great length of the district from north to south not only made the service difficult but also caused delays in delivery, wherefore it became absolutely necessary to make better postal arrangements. The representatives of the district suggested a scheme for a district postal service, to be quite separate from the Government postal service. This scheme was submitted to the Diet of Livonia, who decided to lay it before the Government for confirmation, which was accordingly done and obtained. In the district of Wenden special district post offices were instituted, whose duty consisted in the forwarding of all postal

matter within the district, with the result that the few Government post offices were quite neglected, except for correspondence addressed to places outside the district, which had to be forwarded, as before, to the Government offices in the principal towns as heretofore. All letters handed over to the Government postal service had to be franked with Russian stamps in addition to those of the district of Wenden, letters posted and intended for addresses within the district, only bore Wenden stamps. These were always obliterated with pen and ink, the Russian stamps, however, with dies, which are sometimes also seen on those of the district when they happen to adjoin the Russian stamps on the envelope. The early stamps had no inscription of value but all, with the exception of the green oblong stamp, were of the value of 2 kopecks. Lately a few more Governmental post offices have been opened, yet the district postal is in full working order still, and enjoying practically a monopoly of the custom.

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## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Australian Commonwealth.**—It is announced that a 10sh and 20sh Postage Due stamp has appeared, presumably of type II.

*Adhesives.*

- 10sh emerald green
- 20sh emerald green

**Bosnia.**—The 40 heller stamp has appeared printed in orange with numerals in black.

**British East Africa.**—The 1 ama stamp is now issued in bright rose.

**Columbian Republic.**—**BOLIVAR.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has seen another of the the abominations for this State. It is a 50c stamp of the design mentioned in our July number, but is printed in a new color. We have also seen imperforate copies of most of the Registration, Registration Return Receipt and Two Late stamps, which have been previously chronicled with sewing machine perforation, but we spare our readers a list of them.

*Adhesive.*

- 50c slate on pink

**French Offices in China.** **MONGTSE.**—According to several of our European contemporaries, the Indo China stamps have been surcharged with the word "MONGTSE" and Chinese characters, as Packhoi.

*Adhesives.*

- 1c black on lilac blue
- 2c brown on buff
- 4c claret on lavender
- 5c light green
- 10c red
- 15c gray
- 20c red on green
- 25c blue
- 30c brown on bistre
- 40c red on straw
- 50c carmine on rose
- 75c deep violet on orange
- 1fr bronze green on straw

**Italy.**—*La Timbrophile Belge* illustrates an Express stamp (presumably the same thing as our Special Delivery stamp). The stamp is of large size, with portrait of the king in an oval at the left and inscriptions "POSTES ITALIANE—ESPRESSO—CENT 25" in three lines.

**India.**—In our July number we gave a partial list of the new issue. The complete set is as follows:

*Adhesives. (Regular)*

- 3p gray
- ½a light green
- 1a carmine
- 3a violet
- 2½a blue
- 3a orange brown
- 4a olive green
- 8a violet

*Adhesives. (Official)*

- ½a light green and black
- 1a carmine and black
- 2a violet and black
- 2½a blue and black
- 3a orange brown and black
- 4a orange green and black
- 8a violet and black

**Leeward Islands.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* published an order in Council, dated July 2d, quoting from the General Stamp Act of 1800, that in addition to uniform stamps for the Colony, the Governor may direct that special stamps may be used for each Presidency concurrently with the uniform ones. Therefore, the Governor orders such special stamps as follows:

"On and after the third day of July the several values of special stamps in the Presidencies shall be ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh., 2sh 6d., and 5sh. The Post-cards shall be ½d., 1d., and Reply 2d. The Wrappers shall be ½d., 1d. The Envelopes, 1d., 2½d., Registration Envelopes, large and small.

The design of the special stamps for the Presidency of Antigua shall be the

same as that on the Public Seal of the Presidency for all values, with the exception of the 5sh., which stamp will bear the design of the head of His Majesty, the King.

For the Presidency of St. Christopher Nevis,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d., 1sh., and 2d. 6sh., values, the design to be Columbus sighting land, taken from the Public Seal. For the 1d., 3d., 2sh., and 5sh. values, the design to be the group emblematic of the Sulphur Bath of Nevis, also taken from the Public Seal of the Presidency.

For the Presidency of Dominica, a design showing a view of Dominica from the sea, for all values with the exception of the 5sh., which will bear the design of the head of the King.

For Montserrat the central figure in the Public Seal of the Presidency for all except the 5sh., which will bear the King's head.

The Post-cards, Wrappers and Envelopes shall bear designs similar to those of the minor values of the postage stamps of the several Presidencies."

We have condensed the above from the official *Gazette*, so that collectors may know what to expect, a series of seventy-six stamps and entires for a group of islands of less than 700 square miles, with a population of about 200,000.

The Crown Agents here are offering all the stock of the Victorian issue of the Leeward Islands Government, so there is another chance for Mr. Thompson or some other speculator, but those entires will not be bought. The dies are said to "have been destroyed, so no further supplies can be printed." Apparently, the total value of adhesives is just over £7,000 for about 280,000 stamps.

**Liberia.**—*Der Philatelist* reports still other Official stamps surcharged "ORDINARY," for use as regular postage stamps. These are the 24c., \$1 and \$2 of the 1892 issue surcharged "OFFICIAL," the triangular 5c and the 24c. and 32c. of the 1894

issue with the surcharge "o. s." and the 5c. of the 1898 issue, likewise surcharged "o. s."

*Adhesives.*

- 24c olive green on yellow
- \$1 blue and black
- \$2 brown on yellow
- 5c violet and green
- 24c olive green on yellow
- 32c greenish blue
- 5c dark carmine and black

**Montserrat.**—According to the *American Journal of Philately* a new series of stamps has been prepared and issued for this colony. The design of all but the highest value of the series, a female figure clinging to a cross and resting the left hand upon a harp, is about as inappropriate for a postage stamp as anything that it has been our misfortune to see in a long time. The highest value, 5 shillings, is, with the exception of the name of the colony, of the same design as the 5 shillings of the new Antigua set.

*Adhesives.*

- $\frac{1}{2}$ p gray green
- 1p carmine and black
- 2p brown and black
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p ultramarine and black
- 3p dark violet and brown orange
- 6p olive green and violet
- 1sh violet and gray green
- 2sh brown orange and gray green
- 2sh 6p black and gray green
- 5sh scarlet and black

**Persia.**—*Le Timbrophile Belge* has seen the 50 krans green with the surcharge "2 TOMANS" or "3 TOMANS," and an additional surcharge in Persian characters.

*Adhesives.*

- Perforated. Blue surcharge.
- 2t on 50k green
- Black surcharge.
- 3t on 50k green

**Seychelles.**—In addition to the provisional 3 cent on 15 cent chronicled last month the 45 cent brown and carmine has been surcharged "3 CENTS" in black.

**Victoria.**—The *Australian Journal of Philately* reports the 3 and 6 pence of the current issue. To this it also adds the  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny with the compound perforation.

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The inscription on the stamps of Western Australia now reads "West Australia."

THE so-called reprints of the first issue of Wurtemberg are official imitations, and were made in 1864.

The "White List of Philatelists" mentioned in our last has been established by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

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*Evening Telegram, October 10*

A valuable specimen in the estimation of stamp collectors is the Brattleboro stamp on the original letter which has lately been added to the wealth of philatelic treasures which goes to make up the remarkable postage stamp collection of John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Syracuse is honored in holding a collection such as Mr. Seybold possesses, famed over the whole world, particularly as being the richest in existence in the matter of rare stamps on the original letters. This fact has made the city of Syracuse known in foreign lands and out-of-way places where it otherwise would not have been heard of, for the stamp collecting fad is widespread, covering the entire habitated area of the globe.

The letter is most interesting as illustrating a provisional stamp issue during the probationary period before the issuance of stamps by the general government of the United States. The forerunner of the postage stamp in this country was the hand stamp marks showing the amount of postage, together with the word "paid" or "collect," to indicate whether the postage had been prepaid or was to be collected on delivery. The hand stamp was in much earlier use than the postage stamp, and we find the hand stamp preceded by the use of pen and ink for the same purpose.

The first use within the United States of stamps of even a semi-official character to indicate the prepayment of postage was in 1842, when the United States

City Despatch Post was established in New York by authority of the First Assistant Postmaster General, "for the conveyance of letters from one part of the city to another, subject to a charge on each letter of three cents, under section 20 of the laws of 1836."

These stamps, costing three cents each, did not prepay postage from one city to another, but simply paid for delivery within the city limits of New York. One carrier was appointed, and authority was given to the New York postmaster to appoint others from time to time as might be needed, also to procure "the necessary fixtures, pouches, boxes, labels, stamps, etc., at not exceeding \$1,200 for the whole." Such was the humble birth of the great free delivery system, of whose present day magnitude this city has just had a fitting illustration.

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At some time after the inauguration of President Polk on March 4, 1845, the little village of Brattleboro, Vt., was treated to a new postmaster in the person of Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, a worthy physician of that place, who was also the village music teacher, and had the distinction of issuing what many authorities consider to be second of the postmaster stamps issued in the United States.

The exact date when these stamps were issued is lost, and the utmost research of stamp collectors has never been able to determine it.



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Our old favorite, *The Weekly Philatelic Era* has been sold by Mr. Jewett to the Era Publishing Co. of Boston, and will be removed to that city. It is stated that the *Mekeel's Weekly* people are backing the new venture.

Quite a number of changes have occurred among the weeklies recently. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* has raised its subscription price to \$1.00 per year, and began several new departments. The paper is well worth the money, and

it has often been wondered how it could be furnished at the former low price.

It is definitely announced that we will have the Louisiana commemoratives. Replying to a letter from Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of the *Philatelic World*, Assistant P. M. G. Madden states definitely that commemorative stamps will be issued in connection with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. "The matter of designs," Mr. Madden adds, "is now under consideration."

Our readers have doubtless noticed the issuance of new issues for the different groups comprising the Leeward Islands. It appears that they do not even supersede the regular issue, but are to run "concurrently." It is a matter of much regret that Great Britain allows her colonies to descend to the level of the South and Central American republics. In our opinion they are not on a level even with the Seebach issues. Of course we had our Columbians, and Canada her Jubilees, but it seems a pity for such collectible countries as the Leeward Islands to be injured in the standing of collectors.

Just as we go to press we hear that Panama, one of the states of the Columbian Republic, has seceded from the federation and established an independent government. It seems that the chief reason for the action lies in the rejection of the Panama Canal Treaty by the Columbian Congress, and which was enthusiastically advocated by Panama. It seems a general opinion among the press of the country that the administration at Washington is secretly giving encouragement to the revolutionists, and this country may be placed in the rather interesting position of encouraging that which was so forcibly denied the Confederate States some forty years ago. Of course we are on the outlook for surcharges and provisionals!

## A Virginia Secret Worth Millions

*Richmond, (Va.) Times-Dispatch, October 17*

On a four-acre point of land jutting out into the Yeocomico River, a tributary to the Potomac, is located a manufacturing plant which is worth millions of dollars to the owner, who has declined all offers to form a "trust" and without the product of said factory the receiving and sending of United States mails would come to a sudden halt.

This isolated place is where all the steel postal marks used by Uncle Sam in the transacting of his postal business are manufactured, and the secret, a process of their manufacture, is as carefully guarded as though the building were filled to the rafters with the most precious gems ever found in the richest diamond fields.

It was a fear that the secret process would be discovered that caused the owner, Mr Benjamin Chambers, to seek the seclusion of one of the most desolate and out-of-the-way points of Northumberland county, Va., and remove the plant from the national capital, where his father had carried on the business of furnishing the Postoffice Department with stamp-markers since 1835, barring four years of the war, when he was too old to look after the manufacture, and his son, the present owner, was fighting for his country as captain of the Second Pennsylvania regiment. During those four years the contract was awarded William Fairbanks Company, of Connecticut, who were glad enough to give up the contract, as it was realized that they could not "deliver the goods," and the Department was paying fully five times more for an inferior steel stamp. Mr. Benjamin Chambers was awarded the contract by the Department in 1867, and has held it continuously since, though at times other parties have attempted to break in on his contract.

No successful effort has been made, and Mr. Chambers expresses the belief that he will be able to leave the plant and the contract to his sons as it was left to him by his father.

"I feel entirely safe with my secret here," said Mr. Chambers as he stood in front of the factory surrounded by a number of his workmen. "There is not a man in my employ who would be tempted for any sum of money to divulge what he knows of the secret. I have men working for me now who have been with me from the very first day I landed here with my machinery. I take them and train them up in the business—there are a number of branches of the work—and they stay with me. I guess we are just about as contented a manufacturing community on a small scale, as will be found in the United States."

At the close of the Civil War the Post-Office Department was paying \$24 each for the larger stamp, and \$5.25 for the smaller. The price of the former is now \$3 25 and the latter \$1.70, which is a slight increase over the prices of previous years, owing to the increased price of steel and other materials. The steel for the stamps is made by the ton by a Pittsburg company, and is of superior quality, being made under the personal directions of Mr. Chambers. The increased cost of the stamps is also due to a large number of letters and figures used, the Postoffice Department now requiring not only the hour, but the minutes recorded by the stamp. Each stamp furnished must be guaranteed for two years, and it is seldom that one fails to serve its allotted time, but occasionally some country postmaster, who uses a piece of grave stone for an inking and stamping slab, will hammer the hard steel type to ribbons in six months. First-class offices,

where there are the right kind of stamping tables, wear out less stamps than the cross-roads offices. Last year Congress appropriated \$37,500 for postmarking and rating stamps, and the present appropriation is \$45,000, but not all of this is expended for the Chambers stamps, his bills running to something like \$22,000 annually. There are rubber and other stamps made of type metal, which Mr. Chambers has no hand in.

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While all the work of manufacturing is done here, Mr. Chambers' contract with the Postoffice Department stipulates that orders for duplicate stamps must be filled immediately, and in order to comply with this he has his son-in-law, Mr. Worthington, in charge of an office and supply house in Washington, and that gentleman having served a number of years in the factory, is prepared to put the stamps together and meet any demand made by the Department. When a postoffice, for instance, is destroyed by fire, one of the very first things the Department does is to order a new outfit of postmarking stamps forwarded to the office, for business cannot be resumed until these stamps reach the office. For this and similar "hurry up" calls for postmarking stamps the Washington office is always prepared, and the factory is constantly shipping new parts for the stamps.

One can scarcely believe that the making of these simple looking stamps would require machinery sufficient to build a locomotive, but it does, and the large building is crowded with machinery of the finest and most expensive make. Much of this machinery is of the invention of Mr. Chambers' father, and a great deal of his own. Mr. Chambers has spent months and years studying and trying to solve certain points about his inventions which have simply not reached a stage of perfection, and he feels that everything connected with the machinery and the manufacture of the stamps is secure from all prying interference by men who would give a fortune to learn the secret, which has caused the government to pay the Chambers' fully a million and a quarter during their contracts of sixty-eight years. There are now almost ninety thousand postoffices in the United States and these are being added to at a rapid rate, and the offices in our new possessions is swelling the list at a tremendous rate. Each and every office, down to the smallest hamlet, must have a postmarking stamp, and the consequence is that the stamp factory on this lonely spot of land almost surrounded by water is kept running on full time, and the native Virginians who do the work are ready to severely handle any prying individual who comes nosing around.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**British Central Africa.**—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles a new issue, about the regulation size, with the values in the upper corners and the inscription: "BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—PROTECTORATE" in two lines, at foot.

*Adhesives.*

1d gray and carmine

2d lilac and mauve  
4d grey-green and black  
6d grey and buff  
25 6d grey-green and green  
45 lilac and mauve  
105 grey-green and black  
£1 grey and carmine  
£10 grey and blue

**British Somoliland.**—The ½a Indian

stamps, head of King Edward, has received the surcharge "SOMALILAND."

*Adhesive.*

1/2a green, black surcharge

**Ceylon.**—In addition to the 30c King's head which we listed in our August issue we have to list the following:

*Adhesives.*

2c orange-brown  
5c lilac  
12c sage-green, value in carmine  
15c ultramarine  
25c light brown

**Dominica.**—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has been shown the new stamps of this country. The stamps are of an oblong shape and show a view of the island; the 5sh showing the head of King Edward.

*Adhesives.*

1/2d green  
1d carmine and black  
2d brown and green  
2 1/2d blue and black  
3d black and mauve  
6d brown and black  
1sh violet and green  
2sh purple and black  
2sh 6p orange and green  
5sh brown and black

**East Africa and Uganda Protectorates.**—According to *Ewen's Weekly* a set of stamps has been issued for these provinces, superseding those of British East Africa and Uganda. It is said a 2 anna violet and lilac, King's head type, was placed on sale July 24th, 1903.

**France.**—Separate sets of stamps are now being issued for Canton, Hoi-hoa, Mongtze, Pack-hoi, Tchongking, and Yunnan-sen, all formed by overprints on the stamps of Indo-Chine, consisting of the name and value in Chinese, in black. The sets run from 1c to 1fr.

**French Somali Coast.**—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* lists a new set of stamps for this colony, of the same design as issued earlier in the year.

*Adhesives.*

1c claret and black  
2c ochre and black

4c red and black  
5c green and black  
10c rose and black  
15c brown and black  
20c purple and black  
25c indigo and blue  
25c blue and black  
40c orange and black  
50c green and black  
75c orange-brown and black  
1fr orange and black  
2fr green and black  
5fr orange and black

**German Empire.**—The *Philatelic Record* states that official stamps have been in twenty-six varieties to date, and possibly thirty. The list is as follows:

- No. 1 The Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen
- No. 2 The Administration of the large military orphanage at Potsdam
- No. 3 The Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Scherwin
- No. 4 The Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
- No. 5 The Grand Duchy of Hesse
- No. 6 The Principality of Lippe-Deimold
- No. 7 The Principality of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt
- No. 8 The Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe
- No. 9 The Duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
- No. 10 The Principality of Waldeck and Pyrmont
- No. 11 The Principality of Reuss, younger line
- No. 12 The Duchy of Anhalt-Dessau
- No. 13 The General Administration of the Thuringian Association of Customs and Taxes at Erfurt
- No. 14 The Principality of Reuss, elder line.
- No. 15 The Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar
- No. 16 The Grand Duchy of Baden
- No. 17 The Thuringian Provincial Court at Jena.
- No. 18 The Solicitor-General's office at this Court (No. 17)
- No. 19 The Officers of the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine
- No. 20 The Committee of the Grand Ducal and Ducal Saxon University at Jena
- No. 21 The Kingdom of Prussia
- No. 22 The Principality of Schwarzburg-Vorderhausen
- No. 23 The Grand Duchy of Oldenburg
- No. 24 The State of Bremen
- No. 25 The Duchy of Saxe-Altenburg
- No. 26 The Duchy of Brunswick

**Guadeloupe.**—We find we have neglected to chronicle the latest list of surcharges, which were issued under decree of the Governor, who assigned the usual reason, namely, the *exhaustion of supplies* of stamps for the colony. At the same time letters were sent from the colonial postmaster inviting offers from the large dealers.

Of course we have the usual number of errors, consisting of wrong fonts of type, letters inverted, etc. We list only the regular issue.

*Adhesives.*

5c on 30c brown on bistre  
10c on 40c red on straw  
15c on 50c carmine on rose  
40c on 1fr bronze-green on straw  
1fr on 75c deep violet on orange

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*

30c on 60c brown on cream  
30c on 1fr rose on cream

**Mauretius.**—The *A. J. of P.* has received the Labourdonnais stamp with the surcharge in three lines "EXPRESS DELIVERY, 15c." Red surcharge.

*Adhesive.*

15c on 15c ultramarine

**Orange River Colony.**—The complete list of the new stamps are as follows:

*Adhesives.*

½d bright green  
2d brown  
2½d ultramarine  
3d lilac

4d carmine and sage-green  
6d carmine and lilac  
15c carmine and ochre

**St. Lucia.**—The *Monthly Journal* has seen the new 1sh stamp.

*Adhesive.*

1sh dull green, name and value in black.

**Servia.**—Says the *Monthly Journal*: "Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. show us a used copy of a provisional 1 para stamp, formed from the 5 dinars of the new issue. The new value is overprinted at the foot of the stamp 'IIAPA' in the centre, with a figure '1' at each side; both the Arms and the new value are in carmine.

*Adhesive.*

1p in carmine on 5 dinars, brown, etc.

This is said to have been on sale for two days, and only singly for local circulars, after which period the stock on hand was withdrawn, and unused copies are apparently unobtainable at present. However, as Mr. O. Bickel is in Belgrade, it is unlikely that the remainders have been destroyed."

## Signs of the Times

*American Journal of Philately*

So much has been written lately about "philately as an investment" and "philatelic speculation" that one might almost be pardoned for believing that the philately of to-day was fast becoming, if indeed it had not already become, merely another channel upon whose waters the collector might cast his bread with the certainty of reaping a rich reward, not after the proverbial "many days," but in the immediate future. This, while it is undoubtedly true in some instances, is to a very limited extent only, and it is our firm conviction, based upon personal experience, that a great majority of collectors look upon their collections as a source of pleasure and recreation rather than a financial investment. We are all human and, therefore, it is but natural for us to

feel better pleased if our treasures, whether they be philatelic or otherwise, show an increased valuation from year to year than we should be were the reverse the case.

In our opinion, however, it is neither good taste or good policy to keep the calcium light of publicity so constantly trained upon the sordid, commercial aspect of our hobby. It cannot but act as a deterrent upon the younger class which must furnish the advanced collectors of the future and if it does not disgust him completely, it has a tendency to induce him to study his stamps less and the quotations of the catalogue more; a result certainly, which is hardly conducive to the evolution of the true philatelist.



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## Scott's Catalogue for 1904

THE editor has received a copy of the 1904 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for review, which reached him on Nov. 1st. The publishers are to be commended upon the early publication of the work at the beginning of the season. The book follows the lines laid down by its predecessors as to arrangement, illustration and contents, and it is fully up-to-date. Of course we are more interested in the prices than anything else. The stamps of the United States show no material changes, with the exception of envelopes, which are reduced somewhat. The older issues of British colonials are on the upward move, and this

is also noticeable among the popular foreign countries. No startling changes occur in South Americans, although all the non-Seebeck countries—especially the Argentine Republic—show decided advances. Some countries, such as Portugal, for instance, are much underpriced. We refer of course to the earlier issues, which are extremely difficult to secure in satisfactory condition. However, the book cannot please every one, and is well edited and arranged. The binding is in crash cloth and the mechanical work very fair. Scott Stamp & Coin Co., L't'd., Publishers, 18 E. 23rd St., N. Y. Price 58 cents, postfree.

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## Gibbons' New Catalogue

PART I, of Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue, comprising the stamps of the British Empire, is at hand. The work is in two editions—an innovation begun last year and likely to continue—an American and English edition with the prices in their respective currencies. The work is carefully compiled and well illustrated, and much information is given in the way of notes that is obtainable in no other catalogue. A new feature is the insertion of the name of the printer and the method of printing the various issues, and illustrations of watermarks from accurate tracings. As regards prices, the publishers state. "The question of prices quoted in this Catalogue has received our most careful attention. These have been most care-

fully revised and lowered where justified, but we cannot close our eyes to the fact that our stock of old English Colonial stamps is becoming exhausted, and the difficulty of replenishing it now has been enormously increased compared with our experience of a few years ago."

It is stated that the catalogue is a price-list of what is for sale at the time of going to press, and the prices are not copied from other lists, or "averaged" from other catalogues, but are based upon their own stock (now estimated at worth nearly \$500,000.00). Stanley Gibbons do *not* sell reprints. The foreign part will be ready in January. Both can be obtained from Stanley Gibbons, Inc., 167 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Price for both volumes, 72 cents, postpaid.



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At Glendening & Co's auction sale, London, on October 15th, the 10c Providence, unused, realized £3 15sh.

THE "White List" of philatelists, which was undertaken in Great Britain recently, has been abandoned for lack of interest.

DON'T forget that we will furnish you with the 1904 catalogue, and one years subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for sixty-five cents.

THE real good stamp advertisement is the one that convinces the reader that it is as much to his interest to buy the article advertised as it is to the advertisers' interest to sell.

PHILATELY suffers a severe loss in the recent death of Frank F. Olney, of Providence, R. I., the ex-president of the

American Philatelic Association. His sterling qualities and generous liberalities endeared him to a large circle of friends who mourn his untimely end.

As we have remarked before, the appearance of the new catalogues mark the beginning of the heavy winter stamp business, and the early appearance is highly satisfactory. Many collectors never order stamps in any quantity until they have seen the new quotations, as there are always some radical changes.

WE wish to announce that we have acquired the new publication, *Saymon's Magazine*, recently published in New York City, and all subscriptions will be filled by this paper. Over 200 names are thus added to our already large list. *Saymon's Magazine* was the successor of *The Literary Philatelist*, also of New York.

QUITE a merry war has been recently waged among the principal dealers in United States envelope stamps and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. publishers of the standard catalogue. The envelopes come in for a stiff reduction in price, and it is intimated by the aforesaid dealers that the prices are reduced for purely selfish business reasons; and the other side is offering to supply certain issues under discussion at lower rates than the 1904 prices.

RICHMOND has (or had) a stamp association which held monthly meetings up to the past two years, when they were abandoned because of lack of interest and suitable quarters for meeting purposes.

WE take pleasure in stating that a movement is on foot among a few of the leading philatelists of Richmond looking to the revival of the Association. To this end the editor invites the views of our local stamp men, and will also be thankful for the addresses of any Richmond philatelists who are not on our mailing list.



## The Hardships of Philately

By EVERY PAGET

TRULY stamp collecting is fraught with many hardships. We perhaps do not think so at first, but such is nevertheless a fact, and it slowly impresses itself upon us more and more as we go along.

At first, the way may be comparatively easy. It does not require a large amount of funds to get the cheaper and commoner stamps, and yet we must first have them in our collection. By the time we have placed all the common stamps in our album, and commenced to reach after the higher priced ones, from that moment our pathway is strewn with hardships.

With the rich collector it is different. With his pockets strewn with money he can acquire as many stamps as he wishes, almost. Such stamps would be impossible for us to obtain. So few of us are rich that it would not do to alter my statement that our philatelic path is strewn with hardships.

In the first place, absolute completion in philately is an impossibility. In fact if we get an ordinary complete collection we should be content. But our race after stamps is the same as is our race after riches. We daily struggle on over almost impassable barriers, with the hope that we may some day achieve our goal. To want a stamp real badly and be unable to get it is one of our daily hardships. We may have funds enough but we are unable to find anyone with that particular stamp to sell. We may hunt many months; aye, we may hunt many years and spend a great deal of money thereby, and yet acquire it not. This is a hardship. There is nothing very pleasant about it. It shows a tenacity hard to defeat. Indefatigable energy is surely a great thing.

After long years of collecting our work may be undone by a single stroke. Fire

may take our collection and consume it to ashes. It may be stolen, and strewn about on the four winds, as it were. It may be lost in some unforeseen manner. We may have our collection insured. That does not recompense us for our loss. We have labored long and earnestly perhaps in amassing it, and it is to begin all over again to see it carried away in that manner. After long and patient struggling we may be able to amass a fair collection. Sickness may overtake us and we may have to sell it. Once again, it is broken into almost innumerable pieces and sold to many collectors.

We may conclude that it is impossible to get a complete collection, and thus finally conclude to specialize on one or more countries. We then proceed to sell our other stamps or trade them for stamps to complete the issue of the country or countries we are specializing, and then we may see it will be an impossibility to get a complete collection of that or those countries upon which we are now specializing. We may finally give up entirely in disgust.

But to offset this philately has many stimulants, many pleasures and enjoyments to buoy up our hopes and carry us on. We try to make our collection as complete as it is possible for mortal man to make it. Our friends in the collecting fraternity may help us. We may spend many pleasant and happy hours together. Talking with our philatelic friends who are better informed than we are, tends to bring us out. Tends to imbue us with their learning. It is a great benefit to us.

The counterfeit collector may go over our collection and point out many a counterfeit stamp. We should not be dismayed. Fill up those places again with other stamps. Philately is bound

to have its sharks, just like any other business. We have been taken in. We should be thankful that we were not taken in more than we have been. Every collector, no matter how wise he may think he is, should have some competent stamp counterfeit detector go over his collection at least once every year. It will weed out what counterfeits we have unconsciously acquired, and allow us to replace them with the genuine specimens before the genuine ones get beyond our reach in price.

The tendency of stamp prices seems to be higher. New members are continually joining us, which reduces the visible supply and puts up prices. They are high to-day. Next week they may be higher. Next week they may be lower. However, it is more likely that they will go higher than lower. Something awful must happen to the stamp collecting public, in order to drive enough away, to make any marked fall in prices.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Albania.**—The following values have appeared, surcharged on current Italians:

### *Adhesives.*

10 para on 5c  
35 para on 20c  
40 para on 25c

**Corea.**—The *A. J. of P.* has seen the new series issued recently. The stamps are of an elaborate design with a "VIOLET FALCON" in the central oval. The values are as follows:

### *Adhesives.*

271 slate  
1c violet brown  
2c green  
3c orange  
4c rose  
5c yellow brown  
6c lilac  
10c blue  
15c red on straw  
20c violet brown on straw  
50c red on green  
1 wcn violet on lavender  
2 wcn violet on orange

**Costa Rico.**—The *S. C. F.* chronicles three new portrait stamps of Costa Rica and also a set of eight "Multas," or unpaid letter stamps.

### *Adhesives.*

#### Portrait Series:

4c purple and black (J. Canas)  
6c sage and black (J. Volio)  
25c pale blue and brown (E. Figueroa)

5c green and black, unpaids  
10c brown and black  
15c green and black  
20c red and black  
25c blue and black  
30c brown and black  
40c olive and black  
50c lake and black

**Dutch Indies.**—The new Queen Wilhelmina is appearing, and there have been received the following:

### *Adhesives.*

10c grey black  
30c red

**East Africa and Uganda Protectorates.**—The values of the set mentioned last month are as follows:

### *Adhesives.*

#### Watermarked Crown and C. A.

1a carmine and gray black  
2 1/2a ultramarine  
3a gray green and brown  
4a black and gray green  
5a yellow brown and gray black  
8a pale milky blue and gray black

#### Watermarked Crown and C. C.

1r green and gray green  
2r violet and lilac  
3r black and gray green  
4r pale emerald green and gray black  
5r carmine and gray black  
5r carmine and gray black  
20r ultramarine and gray black  
20r stone gray and gray black  
50r red brown and gray black

**German Empire.**—Messrs. Senf, writing to *Ewen's Weekly*, state positively that Prussia is the only State or Department that has issued an official stamp, and that this bears the number 21.

**Great Britain.**—The 1 shilling green and carmine, Queen's head, "Govt. Parcels" exists with inverted surcharges.

**Hayti.**—*The Weekly Philatelic Era* chronicles Scott's 69, 70, 72, 74, 75, 76 and 77 with inverted surcharges.

**Hungary.**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* chronicles a set of postage due stamps as follows:

*Postage Due Stamps*

Perforated

- 1f green and black
- 2f green and black
- 5f green and black
- 6f green and black
- 10f green and black
- 11f green and black
- 20f green and black
- 50f green and black
- 1k green and black

**Malta.**—Mr. Wm. Thorne has shown the *A. J. of P.* the 2½d of the King's head type.

**Nyassa.**—The new set of provisionals, the surcharges of which were printed at London, has replaced the similiar set issued earlier in the year. It is said the surcharges are larger and clearer than on the previous ones.

**New Zealand.**—The *Era* states that this state is to have a new design for the Insurance set of adhesives.

**Orange River Colony.**—The *Fortnightly* chronicles the 1d carmine Cape of Good Hope with the surcharge "ORANGE RIVER COLONY" inverted.

**Portuguese India.**—We learn from the *P. J. of I.* that a copy of the 1½ reis on 2 tangas, issued in 1900, has been found with the surcharge inverted.

**Panama.**—As was to be expected, this new republic has issued a provisional set of stamps, consisting of the 1892-94

series being overprinted with a rubber hand stamp "REPUBLIC DE PANAMA" in two lines. The *A. J. of P.* has seen the following:

*Adhesive Stamps.*

Perforated

- Rose surcharge
- 1c green
- 5c blue
- 10c orange
- 20c violet
- Blue surcharge
- 2c rose

*Too Late Stamp*

- On Too Late Stamp of 1902
- Imperforate
- Rose surcharge
- 5c purple on rose

**Phillipines.**—The following values of the current series of U. S. have been surcharged in black:

*Adhesives.*

- 1c green
- 2c carmine
- 50c orange

**Russian Levant.**—A new list of surcharges have been created by surcharging diagonally in black:

*Adhesives.*

- 2 piastres on 20 kop
- 5 piastres on 50 kop
- 7 piastres on 70 kop
- 10 piastres on 1 rouble

**Somali Coast.**—The new series has been changed in color, the centers now appearing in black. *Mekeel's Weekly* lists the following:

*Adhesives.*

- 1c purple and black
- 2c rose brown and black
- 4c rose and black
- 4c salmon and black
- 5c blue green and black
- 10c rose and black
- 15c bristle and black
- 20c violet and black
- 25c blue and black
- 30c carmine and black
- 40c orange and black
- 50c green and black
- 75c buff and black
- 75c orange and black
- 1fr orange and black
- 2fr green and black
- 5fr vermilion and black
- 5fr orange and black

**Sweden.**—The *London Philatelist* chronicles a new commemorative stamp, of large design, showing the new post-office building at Stockholm.

**Tahiti.**—The 25 centimes French Colonial stamp of the "ESTABLISSEMENTS DE L'OCEANIE" series has been overprinted "TAHITI 10 CENTIMES" in three lines of red type. On the specimens chronicled the overprint is in a curiously "shiny"

ink, and the execution is very spotty and uncertain.

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**United States.**—The *American Journal of Philately*, with commendable enterprise, illustrates the new two-cent stamp, a description of which has already been published, by inserting the stamp itself. It is one of the most handsome stamps ever issued by this country.

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## The Royal Stamp Album

We have received a prospectus of the new album designed for the unsurcharged stamps of Great Britain and her many colonies, which contains so many meritorious ideas and advantages that we quote liberally from the prospectus:

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As the obtaining of every stamp ever issued in the world is a practical impossibility, the question soon arises: 'What shall I collect?' In nearly every issue of every stamp journal, wherever published, the question is asked. The great majority of collections are confined exclusively to the adhesive postage stamps of regular government issues. With our field thus narrowed into practicable boundaries we still find an unattainable and ever receding horizon in the surcharges, revenues used for postage, errors, varieties and shades of the modern stamp dealer. Some limits must be placed to the factors of our problem of collecting, and these we have judged to be a strict adherence to regular government postal issues, distinct types of design, water-

marks, intentional and authorized varieties of paper and separations, and have omitted surcharges, locals, revenues used for postage, errors in color and watermarks, and accidental or unauthorized variations in paper and separation. These omissions, while including by far the greatest number of the absolutely unattainable stamps, still leave a large field for careful study and furnish enough material to keep up interest in new acquisitions for a lifetime.

But the number of stamps is so great that a still further limit has been placed by philatelists on their collection, so that to-day, throughout the world, a majority of philatelists confine their collecting to British Colonial Stamps.

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is to occupy it. The white paper also forms a better background for the stamps than the black picture, which often projects outside of the stamp and detracts from its beauty."

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Notes from Here and There

Crawford Copen has resigned as president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and established an office at 116 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

The *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* states that six dealers in Germany have been arrested charged with illicitly dealing in the new German official stamps.

Lewis Robie, who is remembered as a dealer whose advertising did much to bring match and medicine stamps into high favor about six years ago, is now in Austin, Tex., battling bravely against odds with consumption. Mr Robie is the author of the book, "Stamp Hunting," and many of Mr. Robie's personal experiences are interwoven with the story that he relates.

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## The 1d Black of Great Britain

BERTRAM W. H. POOLE recently unearthed a small book on "Banking," and as information of interest is contained therein we reprint extracts from the *Monthly Journal*.

"In the early part the of last century, the government, while not allowing a banker to mint his own gold, apparently gave him a free hand as far as issuing paper money in the shape of bank-notes was concerned. The methods of producing these were such as to make forgery fairly easy, and in consequence the country was flooded with spurious notes, resulting in heavy loss on the part of the public. Bankers, but especially the Bank of England, were anxious to hear of some process that would render forgery of their notes impossible or, at any rate, make the cost of the production of fakes so great to the forger as to make the game not worth the candle.

The Mr. Joplin who wrote the essay was evidently an authority on banking matters in general, and it is in the chapter in which he deals with the question of forged notes that the information I think of value to stamp collectors appears. It seems that a firm named Perkins and Heath, engravers of repute, had submitted to the authorities of the Bank of England a design for a £5 note, which they held was impossible to forge or, at the least, to forge with profit. Two fine plates illustrating the design for the front and back of the note are given. The interesting point is that on that on the face of the note the King's portrait in an oval is shown duplicated sixteen times, as the author ex-

plains, by a process which Mr. Perkins had only just invented and patented, and by which it was possible to produce any number of exact copies of the same engraving. The writer shows that this means of indefinitely duplicating one design is "effected by engraving, first, on softened steel plates, which are then hardened, and, by means of a powerful pressure, are transferred to softened steel rollers, these again are hardened, and the engraving retransferred on to any number of either copper or steel plates," the identical process by means of which, thirteen years later, the first plate for the 1d black was produced, and this, I take it, is absolutely the first time the new invention was described in print. The author goes on to say that "it is stated by experienced engravers, that no artist can execute two faces that have much character and expression in them so much alike as that the most ignorant person could not discover a difference." Thus, had this process not been discovered and had stamps to be produced by the only system of engraving previously, each separate stamp would differ from its fellows on a plate in some small particular or other, each plate would differ slightly from its predecessor, and to crown all it would, at most, only be possible to print a few thousand sheets from each plate. It is appalling to imagine the terror scientific stamp collecting would have possessed under such "might have been." We can only be thankful that the process was discovered before postage stamps and their manufacture was thought of."



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RICHMOND, VA., DECEMBER, 1903.

THE editor of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, with the usual Englishman's lack of humor, fails to understand a little joke.

WE believe we have neglected to mention the fact that Mr. George L. Toppan is now associated with the *American Journal of Philately* as one of its editors. His "Notes Upon Stamps and their Varieties" is full of valuable information and is written in a pleasing style.

THIS is the season of the year for the heaviest advertising upon the part of stamp dealers, and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, the only Southern paper, should not be overlooked. The dealer who advertises and then honestly backs up his statements is sure of attention and business. It is well said that "Nothing succeeds like success," and success never comes to those who sit idly down and live on hope and expectations.

THE question of a suitable album for match and medicine stamps is again being agitated, and our energetic New York contemporary, *The Perforator*, is publishing letters from leading collectors who are interested in the subject. Some years ago Mr. Oscar Jannasch, of Waco, Texas, had such an album in preparation, but it was finally abandoned for lack of support. It seems to be the general opinion that a special album for these stamps would greatly increase their popularity.

ONE of the strange freaks of fate has materialized in England. Just prior to the recent war in South Africa a new issue of stamps was being prepared for the late South African Republic, which was to bear the likeness of President Kreuger. Watermarked paper was prepared but was never used, owing to the outbreak of war, and it has been purchased by the well-known London dealer, Mr. W. Hadlow, who is utilizing it for printing—not stamps, but—his auction catalogues.

QUITE a remarkable discovery is heralded in the November issue of *The Australian Philatelist*. The publisher, Mr. Fred. Hagen, has discovered a *tebeche* pair of the two pence "Sydney View" on the original cover. It has long been an established fact that these stamps were printed from a hand engraved copper plated containing 24 types arranged in two horizontal rows of 12 but at first Mr. Hagen thought that there was another arrangement, but a letter from Dr. Houson's "History of the Post Office in New South Wales" shows that the plate contained two sections of 24 stamps each, which were probably separated before being placed on sale. This is probably a correct conclusion, as the stamps are about one-third of an inch apart.

## The Manufacture of Paper

By EVERY PAGET

A necessary and indispensable adjunct to philately is paper. Without it we would perhaps have no postage stamps able to hold a candle to the ones now being made. As a matter of fact the die, ink, perforating machine, gummer, and the like are also indispensable. While they are a part of the stamp, the paper, is so to speak, the whole thing. The die, after being inked, leaves its impression on the paper, thereby forming the stamp; the perforating machine makes it easily detachable from the other stamps; the gummer adds the adhesive power, etc., but still the paper is an indispensable element.

Paper, as we all know, is manufactured in many different ways and from many different sources. It should be the aim and duty of every philatelist to be thoroughly informed on the different kinds of paper used in the manufacture of the different stamps. Such information will be inestimable in the detecting of counterfeits.

In the first place, the material from which the paper is to be made is reduced to a state of pulp. This pulp is then placed between wire frames, it is hardened, compressed, dried and comes out unburnished paper. The wire frames used are of two kinds. In one the wires are woven together, while in the other they are laid parallel, usually fifteen to twenty-five to the inch, and heavier supporting wires are placed back of them at intervals of an inch or so. The latter paper is called laid, and, as a general rule, the lines formed by the wire frame are more or less imprinted in the paper. The former, where the wires are woven, makes "wove" paper, and in it the line impressions are very indistinct.

This paper is intended and used for commercial use, while the wove paper

is generally used in books and the like. To make the laid paper more smooth it is starched and run between heated rollers. This is called calendering. If the paper is run through more than once it gets more smooth each succeeding time. Wove paper is also very often treated in the same manner.

The manufacture of paper has grown to enormous extents, and the secrets of the manufacture of much of it, from the coarsest common paper to the finest linen paper turned out, are guarded zealously. Paper is, as has been said, made from many sources. As quite common we find paper made from former paper reduced to pulp again, from colored cotton rags, white cotton rags, colored linen rags, white linen rags, and the purest of textiles.

Any paper manufacturer can take this list and add to it materially. Everyone knows that manila paper is made from the fibres of the manila hemp, as also rice paper was formerly made from the pith of the rice plant. So called "rice" paper is now made from many other sources. We also know of paper in which is woven silk threads. Take our paper currency for example.

The reduction of the rags, scrap paper, etc., after it has been assorted, into pulp is quite an interesting study, and if any of my readers have an opportunity to go through a paper factory, you should not fail to do so, and carefully study the different things shown you see and it will be of great philatelic aid.

Paper, as we all know, is watermarked while in the pulp state. The watermark is a wire frame which is placed against the pulp as it is hardening. The watermark frame is then withdrawn, and the compression, drying, etc., allowed to continue. When the paper is finished

it will be seen by holding a sheet to the light, an outline of the watermark causing the paper to be thinner where it was imbedded.

The manufacture of paper has made rapid strides. As we have oft been told, the original inventor got his idea from the wasp, but little did the inventor know paper manufacturing would reach such a degree of perfection as it has in the present age.

The youth no longer has to kill his sheep, skin it and prepare a parchment

from the skin on which to write his billet doux to his sweetheart. Oh, no, he simply takes a pen and ink and hurriedly, perhaps, scribbles off his epistle, and, within a few hours, the postman brings the answer. They didn't do things that way in ye olden times, but truly we are making a wonderful progress. The paper, the printing press and the ink, the three things in such common use, have made unprecedented strides forward, and we are none the worse off thereby.

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## Foreign Exchange Experiences

By C. W. RANKIN, in *Mekeel's Stamp Collector*

ONCE upon a time I devoted a great deal of energy and much valuable time to collecting the names of foreign philatelists who had publicly expressed a wish to exchange their own stamps for those of America, for at that time I was consumed with a desire to "swap" with other countries—America was far too limited a field for me. I have no doubt that other trustful and over-enthusiastic collectors have been seized with similar aspirations and have wished, subsequently, that they had remained unseized. But I was young and inexperienced. I had never "swapped" and oh! how I wanted to.

But here at last was my opportunity, the chance of a lifetime to obtain an enormous quantity of good foreign stamps for nothing—or next to nothing. I would exchange, and in a few short weeks I should have all sorts of foreign stamps to burn.

Certainly no prospective trader ever prepared his trading stock with greater care. I went through orange-peely waste-paper baskets every day for weeks to find certain values of Pan-American stamps and stamped envelopes. I invaded dusty attics and mouldy cellars and

incurred the wrath of all my relatives by unpacking carefully packed trunks. I stood on my head in barrels and crawled in spider-webby closets. Surely no other lot of foreign stamp collectors ever got a greater variety or a bigger one hundred than I put into each of these twenty-two precious packets; yes, I was nothing if not ambitious, there twenty-two of them. Then, not content with making the interior of those packets just the best that ever was I bought scarce, hard-to-get four and five stamped envelopes and adorned them besides with extra, and in a few cases, entirely superfluous stamps.

Then I addressed and mailed my twenty-two letters, with my own name inside and out, and with my wants modestly stated, to twenty-two persons with unpronounceable names, in Portugal, Turkey, China, Russia, Persia, New Zealand, Ecuador and fifteen other equally remote places. When the letter box had swallowed those twenty-two fat letters I sat down to await the deluge of foreign mail that was shortly to flood Michigan.

But the expected deluge never arrived. So far as most of the foxy foreigners are concerned, I am still waiting. To be

sure, long after I had given up hope, one honest Australian proved honest as well as appreciative and rewarded me with a very clean lot of Australian stamps that had travelled steadily for six weeks before they finally reached me. One intelligent Russian, with a name like a section of a barbed wire fence, followed his noble example with a well-selected lot. One Englishman did likewise. Canada and Newfoundland, too, finally covered themselves in glory. The Chinaman, alas! helped himself to what he wanted from my stamps—apparently he wanted most of them—and returned what few there were left. All I got out of him

was the solitary Hong Kong stamp that it took to pay postage on my own rified packet.

The remaining collectors either dropped dead at the sight of those good envelopes of mine or else calmly appropriated my packets, softly murmuring the while, in Persian, Turkish, or Portuguese: "*What an easy mark.*"

At any rate, they have my stamps and I have my opinion of foreign exchange. They probably felt safe, knowing that no plain American would ever be able to remember their jaw-breaking names and weird addresses.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**British Somaliland.**—*Ewen's Weekly* states that a second printing of several values of the Queen's heads, with a surcharge across the bottom of the stamps instead of top.

### Adhesives.

Queen's heads, India, surch. at bottom

2½a ultramarine

6a pale olive brown

12a brown on red

1r carmine and green

2r yellow brown and carmine

3r green and brown

5r violet and ultramarine

**Bulgaria.**—*The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has received a provisional formed by printing a tall "10" in black on the 15 stotinki value. An error is reported of the 1s as printed in the lake color of 15s instead of purple, but as a pale purple can scarcely be distinguished from a dull lake, it may be only a slight change in tint or very likely a faded copy.

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**Colombian Republic.**—Almost every one of our contemporaries contains a

different list of provisionals and surcharges, and it is an impossibility to reconcile the various chronicles. This country is making strenuous effort to keep pace with the Leeward Islands and the Central American republics of un-savoring fame.

**China.**—A correspondent sends to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* a description of a curious provisional as follows: The Post Office ran short of 1c stamps on October 22d, and instead of using two ½c to make up the rate, the 2c scarlet of 1898 was cut in half diagonally and employed for half its value. If this were all, the question would be a simple one; we do not catalogue or pay much attention to the multitude of half stamps that have been allowed to pass on letters. In this case, however the overprint was used, but it was applied after the half stamp was affixed to the envelope. It consists of the inscription "Postage—1 Cent—Paid," in three lines, within a rectangular frame, and is struck (on the

copy before us) so that only a portion of it falls on the stamp, and the rest is on the envelope. The curiosity therefore cannot come into the adhesive part of of the catalogue, as the only adhesive employed is the half stamp which we can all make for ourselves; it seems to be of a somewhat similar class to overprinted German envelopes but not of the same historical interest.

**France.—OFFICES IN CHINA.—**Long-Tcheou.—*La Cote Reele* lists a series of stamps for this town. They are current stamps of Indo-China surcharged with name and Chinese characters.

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**Liberia.—***Mekeel's Weekly* states that a new set is being prepared for this country.

**Mexico.—**The new 10c stamp has been surcharged "OFICIAL."

**Paraguay.—***S. G. M. J.* report a new issue similar in design to that chronicled earlier in the year, but all the details redrawn. The date "1903" is replaced in the lower label by an ornament, and is given as "ANO—1903" in the upper spandrels. The stamp appears to be lithographed. They have also received a 5c stamp of the same type, and understand that there is a whole series, as follows:

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**Sudan.—**The 5 piastres stamp of the 1898 issue, has been surcharged "5 MIL-LIEMES" horizontally in black.

**Sweden.—**We learn from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the Swedish 5-kronor stamp that we chronicled in our last issue is in no sense a commemorative stamp but is intended for permanent use.

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## Sale of a Rare Mauritius

The following interesting account of a sale of a 2p blue Mauretius, unused, is clipped from the *London Times*. Our valued contemporary, *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, says the stamp was knocked down to "Mr. Crawford," but in reality it was bought by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

"Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's sale of British, foreign, and colonial postage stamps on Wednesday at 47, Leicester-square, included one of the rarest stamps known to philatelists—an unused specimen of the 2d. blue Mauritius 'Post Office' issue of 1847. This stamp and the 1d. orange of the same issue were both engraved by Mr. J. Barnard, a watchmaker and jeweller of Port Louis, and were actually printed off one at a time. With the exception of about eight sets, the entire issue has disappeared, and ever since stamp-collecting became a serious pastime they have been regarded as the rarest of all issues. In 1865, 13 of these stamps were discovered at Bordeaux in a merchant's office; one of each passed into the collection of M. E. Lallanne, a French collector, whose collection passed into the possession of M. Piet-Latudiere, for 60,000f. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons and Co. bought the two Mauritius stamps from him for £680, and soon afterwards sold them to Mr. Avery. A few years ago another pair was acquired from a French collection for 40,000f., and yet another pair has changed hands at 48,000f., or about £1,920. So far as the 2d. unused stamp sold on Wednesday is concerned—only four or five unused examples are known—it was recently

discovered in a little collection made by the vendor, Mr. James Bonar, of Hampstead, when a boy at school in 1864, and is said to be one of the finest in existence. It was the first of the two stamps to appear in the open market; bidding was started at £500 and stopped at £1,450. Rumour states that it was purchased for the Prince of Wales's fine collection and that the underbidder was acting on behalf of the authorities of the German Postal Museum in Berlin. It may be mentioned that the late Mr. Tapling's collection in the British Museum contains unused examples of both the 1d. and the 2d., and that not many years ago these were valued at £300 each.

The sale also included the following Mauritius stamps:—1848, 'Post Paid' 1d. orange, early medium impression, a pair—£13; another pair, no margins at right, but very fine, and on piece of original envelope—£16; another pair, very large margins, lightly cancelled—£30; 2d. blue, medium impression, unused—£11; 2d. deep blue, the error 'Penoe'—£11 11s.; 2d. deep blue on small piece of original envelope, fine colour and very lightly cancelled—£16; and 1859 (October) 2d. dark blue, very slightly cut into at right lower corner—£9 10s. There were also the following:—New Brunswick, 1851, 1s. mauve, lightly cancelled—£10; Newfoundland, 1857, 1s. scarlet—£10 10s.; Nova Scotia, 1851, 1s. violet, very lightly cancelled—£11 11s.; and Grenada, 1888, 4d. on 2s. orange, a strip of three, including one of very rare variety with upright 'd'—£7 15s."



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OUR esteemed Western contemporary, *The Philatelic World*, celebrated their birthday with a souvenir Christmas issue of twenty-four pages and a cover printed in silver ink on royal purple stock, which makes a very handsome appearance. May the *World* live long and prosper!

WE have been so much delayed by our printers that in order to catch up with our publication date we shall combine two months in one issue, and have accordingly dated this issue January-February. As the volume numbers are never changed, this will make no difference to our readers who bind their magazine, as twelve numbers always constitute a volume.

It would be a good thing if English dealers would cease to advise collectors to purchase unused British colonials in large quantities for speculative purposes.

Many issues are bought in large quantities and afterwards sacrificed to the detriment of the market. We remember one case in particular, few years ago, when a change of design was contemplated, the pretty embossed set of Gambia was bought heavily on speculation. Every one had Gambias for sale, and an English dealer purchased some hundreds of dollars worth below face value from a disgruntled speculator.

THE J. M. Bartels Company announce two valuable works to be issued shortly first "The Postage Stamps of the Philippines," edited by J. Murray Bartels, Capt. F. L. Palmer, U. S. A., and F. Athorp Foster. The numerous surcharged issues will be properly described and an absolute chronological arrangement of all stamps authorized for postal use attempted. All counterfeits will be carefully described, and the work is illustrated with over 150 half-tone reproductions,

The above company also announce the new edition of the "Catalogue of the Envelopes of the United States and its Colonies," which is edited by Mr. V. M. Berthold. In its new form it is really a treatise instead of merely a price-list. The plan adopted for the classification and description is as follows: The catalogue number of the envelopes is given first, next, color of the envelope, its dimensions in millimetres, number of Post Office size, number of knife, and price of the unused and used copy. The next column is headed "Remarks," and contains such information as may be of additional interest and value. The last column states the corresponding number of the envelope in the work National Philatelic Society (N. P. S.)

In addition, much valuable information is given regarding new dies differentiation of similar knives, and the addition of cuts and original drawings that frequently mislead beginners.



## Counterfeits of United States Stamps

*American Journal of Philately*

WE wish to warn collectors against certain fraudulent varieties of the United States stamps and envelopes which are now in the market. Within a few days several dealers have sent us a number of these things, calling our attention to their true character and their source. The latter is one of the surprising features of the case. The man who is endeavoring to sell these stamps gives the names of R. P. H. Wolle and Herman Fisher (3991), Box 47, Jefferson City, Mo. There seems to be little room for doubt that the former is the correct name, which philatelists will remember as one of several names used by a man, who was, some years ago, convicted for using the U. S. mails for fraudulent purposes and sentenced to the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. It certainly is surprising that a prisoner should have the opportunity and the nerve to attempt, from his cell, to repeat the crime for which he is now undergoing punishment.

Among the counterfeits which have been shown us are U. S. envelopes of the 1880-82 issue, 2c vermilion on amber, die C, altered to represent die D, and 3c green on blue, die B, altered to represent die C. In both cases the alterations were made by painting out parts of the design, and the former variety is a very

clever imitation.

There are stamps of the issues of 1861-66 and 1869, cut in halves and affixed to original covers, and decorated with fraudulent cancellations. There are proofs of the 24c and 30c of 1851-57, also on covers, and with fraudulent cancellations, designed to pass as the rare imperforate varieties. Included in the lot are the 1c and 2c, 1861-66, with imitations of laid lines impressed in the paper; this last work is not well done.

But the *chef d'oeuvre* of this misdirected artist is the imitation of type I of the 1c, 1851. This is made by adding to stamps of type II the turned under ends of the scroll and other ornaments at the bottom, which are characteristic of type I. These ornaments are either drawn or painted in and the work is done with wonderful accuracy. We must confess that, taken one at a time and amid respectable surroundings, we should never suspect their true character. Beyond question, these are among the most dangerous counterfeits which have ever been made.

We have brought the matter to the attention of the Post Office Department, in the hope that they may, temporarily at least, put a stop to the forger's operations.

## Forgeries from Barcelona

*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*

I THINK it right to issue a note of warning to my readers to be very careful in buying any stamps from Barcelona, which is becoming a notorious centre from which forgeries emanate. Several of our clients have sent us selections with the letters which they have received from that city; some of these were sent by "D. Gallart," by "Manuela Tello,"

and by "Bernadina Garcia." But, from a comparison of the letters, these men are beyond doubt one and the same person. We think also that the names of "Zanini" and "E. Collin" have also been used as *noms de plume*. The man Zanini was employed as a house-porter in the respectable firm of Korting, or Kosting, Bros., of Barcelona. All these

people send out dangerous sheets on approval, and they have been attentive especially to collectors in Australia, Brazil, Uruguay, etc. The sheets are made attractive by the inclusion of some fairly good stamps, perfectly genuine and priced cheaply; but there is a number of dangerous forgeries mixed with them and offered at bargain prices. On a sheet before us we have the following forgeries:—

Nevis, 6d., lithographed, used.  
New Brunswick, 6d. and 1s.

U. S. A., 1869, 24c and 30c., proofs skinned, false perforations and postmark.

Another sheet contains forgeries of the first issue of Philippines; Nova Scotia, 6d., green; cut copies of Ceylon, perforated, with the perforations clipped, and postmarked apparently on parts of originals. I shall be glad to hear from any clients who have been defrauded by buying forgeries in Barcelona, so that I may be able to place the details before the British Consul with a view to seeing if any action can be taken.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Afghanistan.**—The *Monthly Journal* has seen the 2 abasi, on deep red paper and also on orange paper, and the registration stamp of 1898 on pale rose. The paper is the usual thin one in each case.

*Adhesives.*

2 abasi, black on deep red  
2 abasi, black on orange  
2 abasi, black on pale rose

**Argentine Republic.**—The *A. J. of P.* has seen the new 4c stamp issued in December.

*Adhesive.*

4c yellow

**Great Britain.**—The *P. J. of G. B.* announces the new 2sh 6d stamp, surcharged in black, for offices in the Turkish Empire.

*Adhesive.*

12pi on 2sh 6d violet

**Hayti.**—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a set of stamps, for local use only, to commemorate the Haytian centennial. They are all surcharged with a "control stamp," consisting of a rectangular frame inscribed "POSTE-PAYNE" in two lines, separated by a bar, and the dates "1804-1904" vertically at the sides.

*Adhesives.*

Blue surcharge.

1c green

2c rose and black (Touissaint Louverture)

5c blue and black (Touissaint Louverture)

7c maroon and black (J. J. Dessalines)

10c yellow and black (J. J. Dessalines)

20c slate and black (A. Petion)

50c olive and black (A. Petion)

**Hungary.**—Mr. C. Witt has shown the *A. J. of P.* the 12f with figures of value in black.

*Adhesive.*

12f violet and black

**Italy.**—A new series of stamps is promised soon. Two of the lower values will honor Marconi and Valta, and the higher values will show the head of the King.

**Liberia.**—Three provisionals have been issued, made by surcharging the 16, 24 and 32 cent stamps of the catalogue type 87a, with their respective values "TEN CENTS," "FIFTEEN CENTS" and "TWENTY CENTS," in two lines, all in blue.

*Adhesives.*

10c on 16c lilac

16c on 24c olive green on yellow

2c on 32c greenish blue.

**Portugal.**—A postal due series has appeared.

*Adhesives.*

5r bistre  
10r orange  
30r dark green  
40r lilac  
50r red  
100r light blue

**Panama.**—It seems as though we are to have an endless number of these surcharges. Already we have had seven distinct issues, four printings at Panama, two at Colon and one at David. By closely tracing the chronicles of our contemporaries we believe the following is a full list issued to date.

*Adhesives.*

FIRST PANAMA ISSUE.

Hand stamped surcharge: "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA"

Rose surcharge.  
1c green, horizontal surcharge  
1c green, horizontal surcharge inverted  
1c green, horizontal surcharge, pair, one without surcharge  
1c green, vertical surcharge  
2c rose, horizontal surcharge  
5c blue, horizontal surcharge  
5c blue, vertical surcharge  
10c yellow, horizontal surcharge  
10c yellow, vertical surcharge  
20c violet, horizontal surcharge  
20c violet, horizontal surcharge inverted  
50c bistre brown, horizontal surcharge  
50c bistre brown, diagonal surcharge  
50c bistre brown, diagonal surcharge inverted  
1p brown carmine, horizontal surcharge

SECOND PANAMA ISSUE.

Hand stamped blue black surcharge  
1c green, horizontal surcharge  
1c green, horizontal surcharge inverted  
1c green, vertical surcharge  
2c rose, horizontal surcharge  
2c rose, horizontal surcharge inverted  
2c rose, horizontal surcharge, double and inverted  
2c rose, vertical surcharge  
2c rose, vertical surcharge, double and inverted  
5c blue, vertical surcharge  
10c yellow, horizontal surcharge  
10c yellow, vertical surcharge  
20c violet, horizontal surcharge  
20c violet, horizontal surcharge, inverted  
20c violet, vertical surcharge  
50c bistre brown horizontal surcharge  
50c bistre brown horizontal surcharge inverted  
50c bistre brown horizontal surcharge, pair, one

without surcharge  
50c bistre brown vertical surcharge  
1p brown carmine, horizontal surcharge  
1p brown carmine, vertical surcharge

*Too Late Stamps.*

Rose surcharge,  
5c purple on rose  
Blue black surcharge  
5c purple on rose

*Registration Stamps.*

Rose surcharge.  
10c red brown on blue  
10c on 20c red brown on blue  
Blue black surcharge  
10c on 20c red brown on blue  
*Registration Return Receipt Stamps.*  
Rose surcharge.  
10c blue on blue  
5c on 10c blue on blue

THIRD PANAMA ISSUE.

Printed with bar at top and "PANAMA" vertically on each end.

Black surcharge.  
2c rose  
2c rose, surcharged at one side only  
10c yellow  
Blue black surcharge.  
2c rose  
Carmine surcharge.  
5c blue  
20c violet  
Double surcharge in carmine and black.  
20c violet

FOURTH PANAMA ISSUE.

Carmine surcharge.  
1c green  
1c green, double surcharge  
1c green, pair, one without surcharge  
1c green, surcharged at one side only  
1c green, both words at one side of stamp  
2c rose  
5c blue  
10c yellow  
50c bistre brown  
1p brown carmine

FIRST COLON ISSUE.

Hand stamped Magenta surcharge:

"REPUBLICA DE PANAMA"

1c green  
2c rose  
5c blue  
10c yellow  
Violet surcharge.  
1c green  
2c rose  
5c blue  
20c violet  
50c bistre brown

1p brown carmine  
Black surcharge.  
2c rose

*Registration stamps.*

10c yellow, violet and violet surcharges  
10c yellow, violet and magenta surcharges  
10c yellow, violet and red surcharges  
10c yellow, black and magenta surcharges  
20c yellow, red and violet surcharges  
10c yellow, red and magenta surcharges  
10c yellow, red and red surcharges  
Stamp of the Columbian Republic (type RS9)  
surcharged "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA" in violet  
20c red brown on blue

*Registration Return Receipt stamps.*

5c blue, violet and violet surcharges  
5c blue, violet and magenta surcharges  
5c blue, violet and red surcharges  
5c blue, black and magenta surcharges  
Stamp of the Columbian Republic (type  
RRS2) surcharged "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA"  
in violet  
10c blue on blue

SECOND COLON ISSUE.

Hand stamped Magenta surcharge.—larger  
surcharge, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.  
2c rose  
Violet surcharge.  
2c rose  
1p brown carmine

*Registration stamp.*

10c yellow, red and violet surcharges

DAVID ISSUE.

Violet surcharge: "CORREOS  
DAVID"

20c violet

These are only the straight varieties issued, and it appears that hundreds of errors exist. The *A. J. of P.* states that they leave their readers to imagine the rest, and their wildest dreams cannot exceed the reality.

**San Marino.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* quotes *The Daily Mail* of December 26, that this Republic has recently been robbed of a valuable collection of stamps, but £9,000 seems rather a long price for any collection that San Marino was likely to possess—9,000 lire (expressed as L. 9000) was probably the sum named, if, indeed, the whole story given below is not apocryphal:—

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**Senegal.**—The *P. J. of G. B.* chronicles some new surcharges, made by printing the new figures in the center and a for over the old figures.

*Adhesives.*

5c on 40c red on yellow  
10c on 50c carmine on rose  
10c on 75c violet on orange  
10c on 1fr bronze green on straw

**Spain.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has been shown a block of the current 5c stamps, imperforate, and they are told that a sheet or two in this condition has reached the post office at Cadiz and were sold there.

**Spanish Colonies.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* quotes from *La Cote Reelle* that even the liberal supply of stamps that was furnished last year has proven insufficient for the demands of the inhabitants of Western Africa, and that six values of a set of fiscal stamps, inscribed "POSESIONES ESPANOLAS DE AFRICA OCCIDENTAL," have been overprinted "HABILITADO—PARA—CORREOS—10 cen. de peseta," in four lines and in various colours.

*Adhesives.*

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10c in blue, on 50c orange  
10c in black, on 1p 25c rose  
10c in black, on 2p red-brown  
10c in blue, on 2p 50c (colour not stated)  
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## "Mint" Condition

*The Australian Philatelist*

What is meant by "mint" condition in a stamp? Literally it means that the stamp is in the same condition as a new coin just issued from a mint. But whatever may be said of newly stamped coins, we have seen unused stamps, obtained direct from over the counter at a post office, and in no way damaged, that we would be sorry to place amongst the best of unused specimens. The design was complete, the perforation was not damaged, the stamp was well centered, and the gum was there, but the printing was slovenly done. Yet according to the description given in some of leading English philatelic journals these stamps would be classed "mint." Would it not be better to give the title of "perfect" to a stamp that cannot be excelled in any of its features?

Mr. Charles J. Phillips, in advertising a collection for sale in the December number of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, speaks of some of the stamp as being in an "extra mint" condition; and further on descants on "condition" as the factor in the collection of all kinds of bric-a-brac, "amongst which we must include postage stamps." In the same issue appears the following paragraph in one of the editorials:—Without, however, in any degree abandoning our belief in

the superiority of the fine unused stamp, we are glad to see signs of a revolt against the worship of the fetish (for a fetish it is) entitled Original Gum! . . .

To gravely discuss the difficulty of distinguishing genuine gum from false really seems to us a *reductio ad absurdum*; if the stamp is a beautiful mint copy, it matters nothing what sort of gum it has on the back; if it is a poor copy the gum can make it no better." It is naturally supposed that the journal voices the opinion of its proprietors, who are also stamp dealers. Such being the case, is there not some inconsistency apparent in Mr. Phillips' notes and the editorial? Supposing a collector were to offer Stanley Gibbons Ltd. a dozen stamps, unused, with backs gummed, and a similar number unused, without gum, both being alike in every respect, would the firm discriminate between the two lots? As noted in our last issue we are at one with *S. G. M. Journal* in their opinion of the "original gum" question, and will do our best to make collectors share that opinion. Bearing this in mind it may lead to stamp dealers in Australia ceasing to discriminate between gummed and ungummed specimens. This would settle the question as far as collecting in this side of the globe is concerned.

According to *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, the Servian Government has authorized the issuing of a new set of postage stamps, comprising 5c, 10c,

15c, 20c, 25c and 50c values, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the liberation revolt against Turkey. The set is to be on sale for a short time only.



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IF the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlin were a philatelist he would probably specialize in British Colonials.

WE regret to hear that Miss Amy L. Swift has suffered a severe loss in the death of her father, which occurred on February 26. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

A NOTICEABLE tendency is being manifested among the better class of philatelic publications to increase their subscription rates. *The Perforator* recently increased their rate to 50 cents a year; *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* to \$1.00 a year, and now we notice that on June 1st the rate of the *American Journal of Philately* will be advanced to \$1.00 a

year. Added to the fact that the number of the stamp papers is decreasing yearly in the United States, it would seem that the public desires fewer and better journals.

ONE fact which has served to increase the number of journalistic aspirants has been the very reasonable postal rate charged for second-class mailing privileges in the United States. Papers entered as second-class matter are prepaid in bulk at the rate of one cent per pound in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Papers to be delivered in the U. P. U. are required to bear a one-cent stamp.

APROPOS to the above, the January issue of *The Philatelic Chronicle* states that "There never was an English philatelic paper which brought any appreciable profit. \* \* \* It is bit aggravating to think that a Montreal or Quebec paper could be posted to 1,000 philatelists in London for the same money that 124 copies could be posted to some of the same people at a post office in the city itself." It appears that in Great Britain the mailing rate compels an outlay of one-half penny on each and every copy, and where their publishers would be compelled to pay \$10.00 to mail 1000 copies, this paper can mail 1000 copies at an expense of not exceeding \$1.00, if even that.

AMONG the recent changes in the journalistic line was the acquirement of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* by the parties owning *Mekeel's Weekly*, and its removal to Boston, where several excellent numbers were issued. We are now informed that it is to be consolidated with the *Weekly*, and the latter is to remove to Boston. C. E. Severn, who has so long been editor, and who has done such faithful work, is to retire. We regret to see the *Era* go, but wish the new venture the best of success.

## Panama and its Bar Sinister

*American Journal of Philately*

PANAMA has occupied the center of the philatelic stage for several months now and the multitude of surcharges which have emanated therefrom has been enough to drive both the collector and the cataloguer to distraction.

In the columns of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* for Feb. 27th is an article from which we quote the following: "The reliable firm of Stanley Gibbons Co. announces that a representative of this firm who applied at a Panama post office for a large quantity of the provisionals was given unsurcharged stamps by the sheet, furnished with a rubber stamp, and allowed, at a neighboring hotel, to apply the surcharge in any form and with any ink that he pleased."

We have known of this transaction for several weeks, but, as is was told to us in confidence and we were given to understand that none of these stamps which were in any way irregular, either as to abnormal varieties of surcharge or colors of ink, would be placed on the market, we have not felt at liberty to publish the fact until now. It is, of course, needless for us to say that Stanley Gibbons' upright methods and reputation for business probity are too well known for any one to even suspect them of taking advantage of such an occurrence and foisting rubbish of this character upon the collecting public. On the other hand collectors should consider themselves fortunate that this firm, and not some less conscientious dealer, came into possession of this lot.

We cannot find words strong enough to adequately express our condemnation of the laxity of postal officials of this, or any other, country for allowing such conditions to exist.

To go still further back, when we placed our order for the first lot of these

stamps, which we did through a prominent resident of Panama who was then in this country, informed us that he could get us anything that we wanted in that line, even to the rubber stamp (or one of them) with which the surcharging was done. We replied to the effect that all we cared for was the stamps regularly issued and on sale at the postoffice. This lot we duly received and, as there were practically no varieties in it aside from the color of the surcharge being rose upon some values and blue upon others, we believe them to have been all right. However, later developments having made us suspicious, we have since refrained from purchasing any further supply of these "hand-stamped Panamas."

We can, of course, readily understand that some confusion must have necessarily resulted from the sudden and urgent calls for stamps while the postal department was practically without organization or supplies of any kind other than the unsurcharged stamps of the Republic of Columbia, we are even forced to admit that we have not the slightest doubt that anything in the nature of one of the old stamps would have passed the post office and franked a letter so long as it bore the magic word "Panama" surcharged upon it.

The fact remains, however, that the conduct of the officials in this matter is utterly indefensible, and no excuse that is at all adequate can be offered for the culpability and carelessness, not to mention any harsher names, which has been exhibited in this matter.

Truly, the fair escutcheon of the new Republic has earned a bar sinister, in philatelic circles at least, which will take a great deal of polishing before it will disappear.

In conclusion we will state that we are informed that the first hand-stamped surcharge has already been extensively

counterfeited in New York and that, as the genuine are poorly executed, it is next to impossible to detect the fraud.

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## St. Louis Commemorative Stamps

THE series of stamps issued to commemorate the purchase of the great Louisiana territory by President Thomas Jefferson from France will be placed on sale April 30th. An authentic description of the new series was recently given in an order of Postmaster General Madden, dated March 22d, as follows:

"Postmasters are notified that a special series of stamps in five denominations, to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, and known as the commemorative series of 1904, will be issued beginning April 21 for sale to the public during the term of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, from April 30 to December 1, 1904. They must not be sold to the public before or after this period.

"The denominations and subjects of these stamps are as follows:

One cent, green; subject, Robert R. Livingston, United States Minister to France, who conducted the negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase.

Two cent, red; Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States at the

time of the Louisiana Purchase.

Three cent, purple; James Munroe, special ambassador to France in the matter of the Purchase, who with Livingston closed the negotiations.

Five cent, blue; William McKinley, who as President of the United States approved the Acts of Congress officially connecting the United States Government with the commemorative exposition.

Ten cent, brown: United States map showing the territory of the Purchase.

This series of some stamps will not be issued in book form.

There will be no commemorative issue of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers postal cards, special delivery or due stamps.

The stamps of the commemorative series of 1904 are not to be sold exclusively in place of stamps of the regular issue. A supply of the latter must be carried in stock by all postmasters. Stamps of the commemorative or regular issue will be supplied according to the preference of the purchaser.

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## Las Bela

*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*

THE following interesting account of an almost unknown Indian Native State is from the *Philatelic Journal of India*. It may be mentioned that the total face value of the stamps issued by this State since it started in 1897 is 3½d.

The following account given first hand by the Wazir, Las Bela State, of the quaintly primitive postal arrangements of this little State in the Mekran Coast,

part of Baluchistan, should be of interest:

"There are no separate post offices in Las Bela State doing purely postal business like those in British territory, but every principal *Thana* (police station) in this State is treated as a post office, too, and the work of dispatching, receiving delivering of postal articles is done by the *Thana Munshis*. There are ten principal *Thanas* (excluding the *Wakalat*

office at Karachi) in the State and three in the Levy tracts, which also perform the postal work connected with their respective jurisdictions, both in towns and villages.

"The general arrangement for despatching and receiving the mails from and to British India, as well as the local *Thanas*, is this, that the mail leaves Bela for Karachi every day at noon, and reaches there in 42 to 45 hours, taking and delivering postal articles at the intermediate *Thanas*, where the mail from the neighboring villages and posts is collected and distributed. The article, viz., letters, parcels, money-orders, etc., meant for British India and Baluchistan, are made over to the Karachi Post Office by our Karachi Agency, otherwise called *Wakalat* office. Similarly, postal articles received from British India for the persons residing in the Las Bela State are taken delivery of by the Karachi agency and despatched to Las Bela by our local dak, which leaves Karachi daily at noon and reaches the headquarters of the State in the same time as mentioned above, delivering and collecting the dak at the

immediate *Thanas*. This arrangement has been working satisfactorily so far as the official and private requirements of this State are concerned.

"As regards the performance of the various kinds of postal business, the work of receipt, despatch and delivery of letters, parcels, registered articles and money-orders is done, as closely as possible, on the same lines as in the British Post-Offices in India, and the local rates of postage are also in conformity with the British Indian postal rates.

"There is no local value-payable system, nor has any necessity hitherto arisen to introduce the same, but with the British Indian post offices this business is transacted through the Karachi Agency.

"No Postal Savings Banks are maintained in Las Bela, nor do the people of this country seem to have any inclination to take advantage of this system. The British subjects, however, serving in this State, who wish to deposit their money in British post offices, send the same to Karachi and get it deposited with the Karachi Post Office through the State Agency there."

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Azores.**—The postage due set which recently appeared for Portugal has been surcharged for use in these islands.

### *Postage Due Stamps.*

Blue surcharge.

5r bistre

10r orange

30r dark green

40r lilac

50r red

100r light blue

**Brazil.**—An entire new series is being prepared for this country, says *Mekeel's Weekly*. The values will cover a wide range in reis and will endeavor to portray the history and progress of Brazil.

**Ceylon.**—The new 2c King's head has been surcharged "ON SERVICE."

**Chile.**—The *Era* quotes from a French paper considerable information relative to the new set. There are fourteen values of postage stamps, four envelopes, six post cards and two letter cards. The stamps from 1 to 50 centimes will be 25x28 mm., and the 1 and 2 pesos 25x32 mm. The stamps from 10 centimes to 2 pesos have central portrait.

### *Adhesives.*

1c green, portrait of Don Diego Postales

2c rose, Arthur Prat

3c sepia, Lord Cochrane

4c dark brown, Camilo Henriquez  
 5c blue, statue of Don Bernardo O'Higgins  
 10c pearl gray, Don Ramon Freire  
 18c pale rose and black, Don Manuel-Blanco  
 Eucalada  
 15c scarlet and black, Don Francisco-Antonio  
 Pinto  
 20c purple and black, Don Joaquin Prieto  
 25c red brown, Don Manuel Bulnes  
 30c dark green and black, Don Manuel Mouté  
 50c sky blue and black, Jose Joaquin Perez  
 1p yellow orange and black, Condor  
 2p bronze and black, statue of Don Jose de  
 San-Martin

**Hayti.** — The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the following errors in the control stamps upon the recently issued series.

*Adhesives.*

Blue surcharge.  
 Commemorative Series.  
 1c green, double surcharge  
 2c rose and black, double surcharge  
 7c maroon and black, inverted surcharge  
 Regular Series.  
 1c green, double surcharge  
 2c red, double surcharge  
 10c orange brown, double surcharge  
 50c violet brown, double surcharge  
 50c violet brown, inverted surcharge

**Jamaica.**—The 1d carmine and black of the new type has appeared.

**Lagos.** — The *Fortnightly* chronicles the following series of King's head stamps:

*Adhesives.*

1/4d green  
 1d purple on red  
 2d mauve and blue  
 1/4d purple and blue on blue  
 3d mauve and carmine  
 6d mauve  
 1s green and black  
 2s 6d green and carmine  
 5s green and blue  
 10s green and brown

**Madagascar.**—An extraordinary series of stamps has appeared here. Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co. has sent the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* the under-mentioned values:

*Adhesives.*

1c violet-brown  
 2c brown  
 4c brown  
 5c yellow-green

10c red  
 15c carmine  
 20c orange  
 25c blue  
 30c orange red  
 40c violet  
 50c bistre  
 75c yellow  
 1f green  
 2f grey-green  
 5f black

**New Zealand.**—*Ewen's News* states that there are new printings of the 6p and 1sh. The 6d is in a dull rose-red and the 1sh in a bright orange red.

**Philippines.**—The 13c Harrison has been over-printed "PHILIPPINES."

**Seychelles.**—The 2c King's head is appearing in an orange brown. A specimen has been shown in *Ewen's Weekly*.

**Siam.**—The *S. C. F.* chronicles three new Siamese stamps.

*Adhesives.*

4 atts, mauve and carmine  
 14 atts, blue  
 28 atts, mauve and green

**Spanish Guinea.**—A series of revenue stamps have been surcharged for postal use. The stamps are of large size, and have received a double surcharge described by the *A. J. of P.* as follows: First, a female figure emblematic of the Goddess of Art and Commerce surrounded with the inscription, "POSESIONES ESPAÑOLAS DE AFRICA OCCIDENTAL" and the Spanish arms and, secondly, "HABILITADO—PARA—CORREOS 10 CEN DE PESETA" in four lines of large type.

*Adhesives.*

10c on 25c black, red surcharge  
 10c on 50c orange, blue surcharge  
 10c on 1p 25c rose, black surcharge  
 10c on 2p claret, black surcharge  
 10c on 2p 50c brown, blue surcharge  
 10c on 5p olive, red surcharge

**Straits Settlements.**—*The Philatelic Record* states a new provisional has appeared.

*Adhesives.*

Black surcharge.  
 1s on 1s lilac and carmine



It was indeed a notable event in the history of the London Philatelic Society that the Prince of Wales should preside over its March meeting and read "one of the most valuable and interesting papers which that society has ever been privileged to hear." We quote these words from the *Monthly Journal* which devotes its leading editorial space to the service of exploiting the event, the first time the Prince of Wales has actively identified himself with the work of the society. The London society may feel proud of the distinction it has achieved and we are certain that this meeting will give philately a standing in quarters where stamp collecting has been a reproach. It is in no fawning spirit that these words

are written. We are compelled to face facts as they really exist. While there are scores of persons who are thoroughly independent in speech, deportment, manner of dress and the hundred and one things that enter into daily life there are thousands of others who are influenced by the current of activities in the lives of others. They accept the standards raised by intellectual, social or financial leaders and philately is compelled to recognize this fact in promoting its interests. Anyone in our philatelic societies can plead its work with greater zeal in proportion as its membership list shows power among men who can influence thought and mould public opinion. —*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

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## The Richmond Stamp Club

AFTER a preliminary meeting, an organization was effected on Thursday evening, May 26th, held at the residence of Mr. C. F. W. Moser, No. 16 S. 1st St.

The following members responded to their names:

Messrs. Ahern, Bradley, Christian, Davis, Jackson, Lecky, Morrisette, Moser, Rice and Weckert. Mr. Bradley was appointed chairman *pro. tem.*, and explained for the Organization Committee the intents and purposes of the proposed association.

After some discussion it was decided that the club should not be affiliated with any national society, but should be a straight local organization, to be known as "The Richmond Stamp Club."

Upon suggestion, a motion was made that the election of officers be deferred until the next meeting in order to give any absent collectors a chance to be present and vote, which was carried.

Several enthusiastic speeches were made by members present, and from the interest taken it appears that Philatelic Richmond is again to the front.

After viewing the valuable and interesting entire envelope collection of our host, Mr. Moser, the meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, June 9th.

ROY B. BRADLEY,  
Sec'y *pro. tem.*

### SECOND MEETING.

The second meeting of the Richmond Stamp Club was held at the residence of Mr. C. F. W. Moser, No. 16 S. 1st St., on June 9. Mr. Bradley in the chair.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Ahern, Bradley, Brown, Christian, Lecky, Morrisette, Moser, Myers and Rice. Several letters and messages were received expressing regret at their inability to be present and promising their most hearty co-operation.

A motion was made and carried that the officers be now elected, and nominations were asked for President. Mr. Roy B. Bradley was placed in nomination by Mr. Moser, and seconded by Mr. Ahern, and was unanimously elected. Mr. Moser was placed in nomination for the office of Vice-President by Mr. Ahern and seconded by Mr. Rice, and was unanimously elected. For the office of Secretary, Messrs. Ahern and Lecky were nominated, and upon the withdrawal by Mr. Ahern of his name, Mr. Lecky was unanimously elected.

Motion was made and carried that the office of Treasurer be united with that of Secretary, to be known as Secretary-Treasurer.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Ahern, Bradley, Moser and Weckert was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, and to report at a future meeting.

Mr. Myers having brought his collection along, the members present were given a rare treat, and it is seldom an evening was spent to more pleasure or profit.

The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Wm. S. Ahern, 415 N. 32d Street, on June 23d, and all Richmond philatelists are cordially invited to be present.

WM. R. LECKY,  
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RICHMOND, VA., MAY, 1904.

WE are sorry that we are late again.

It is stated that Vol. I., No. 1 of *The Stamp Age* is the only number that will appear, owing to lack of time.

SOME wise dealers always plan their heaviest advertising campaign for the summer season, and claim that the results amply repay them.

OWING to the dissatisfaction felt over the service of their official organ, *The Philatelic West*, the members of the Twin City Philatelic Society have elected *The Adhesive* in its stead.

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BADGER'S Philatelic Directory lists thirty-eight papers, omitting all publications containing only stamp departments.

THE St. Louis Exposition stamps are now generally on sale, and are a very pretty set, with the exception of the ten cent, which is somewhat of a disappointment. But then the subject was a rather hard one to handle.

FEW pages in our albums arouse more interest than those containing the adhesives of the Confederate States. Of crude workmanship, printed on inferior paper, they tell the story of a nation that rose and fell, and is now merely a reminiscence.

The stamps of the Confederacy offer an interesting field for study and philatelic research. Upwards of two hundred varieties of the postmasters or local stamps were issued, not counting the different types of the same stamp. To this must be added about thirty-five Government issues, and the philatelist has quite a delightful task before him to classify the different types from the various firms of Richmond and Columbia, as well as the London printings.

What is the rarest Confederate stamp of the general issues? We have no hesitancy in exploding the old belief that it is the "TEN" cent blue. This is an error, however. The 10c blue with outer line is by far the most valuable, and is a *very rare stamp*. We leave it to you. Have not you seen a dozen "TENS" to one outer line? We have often noticed that this stamp is nearly always lacking in the better collections, and our belief is that the slight difference between the catalogue valuation of \$7.00 for the "TEN" cent and \$6.00 for the outer line is far from the correct valuation. Judging from our experiences and those of our friends we believe a quotation of \$5.00 for the "TEN" and \$15.00 for the outer line is much nearer their real value.



## A Good Word from Panama

*Nekeel's Weekly Stamp News*

THE following communication from M. D. Senior will prove of interest:

"In my last, I advised you that I succeeded with the President of Panama, in having him dispose satisfactorily of the remainder question and now I have the further pleasure to announce that I have helped to win the battle, as to the new issue being ordered by the government itself and not through any bidder. Four weeks ago I wrote a petition, to be presented to the President, and therein I quoted the prices at which the stamps could be made here, both engraved and lithographed.

"I placed the matter in this light, that there was no reason why the post office should not sell as many of the new issues for the philatelic market as they sold of present issue, in the last two months; and taking as a basis the sales in the last one or two months, an equal amount of the new issue sold would show a profit after deducting their cost, equal to or more than the initial cost of the whole issue. You will see that I placed the matter in a plain and business way which, very fortunately, appealed to his good sense and as I further affirmed that any other steps would bring Panama to the disgraceful level of the Seebeck countries, I helped to get his favorable

decision and the following decree was issued:

"Republic of Panama, National Executive Power, Government Secretary's Office, Section No. 2 of Post Office and Telegraphs.

"PANAMA, March 10, 1904.

"Whereas:

"From convincing data recently secured by this Office, it is apparent that the best interests of the Nation would be served, to procure the postage stamps for the republic from direct foreign source, as heretofore:

"It is resolved

To suspend the solicitation of public bids for April 5th to supply said postage stamps, as advertised by the Government Minister, under date of Feb. 18, in the official Gazette and other local paper.

Register and publish, the Secretary of the Government.

"(Signed) TOMAS ARIAS."

"Not because I am interested in Panamas, but as a collector, I am jubilant of having modestly helped to hit the nail on the head and to see my humble efforts in benefit of my fellow collectors rewarded.

"I can inform you that the mail by yesterday's steamer has brought the order for the new issue from the Panama Govt. to the American Bank Note Co."

## Some Faked British Colonials

*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*

The withdrawal of many of the British overprinted official stamps, which, though never formally announced, is now an accomplished fact, has naturally brought about an added demand for these varieties. Readers of the *Fortnightly* who wish to complete their sets of "Army Official," "R.H. Official," and "Admiralty Official" stamps will do

well to seize the opportunity of doing so, as prices are undoubtedly on the up grade, both for unused and fine used specimens.

Another and a very regrettable result of the Government decision to abandon these issues is the sudden appearance on the scene of a number of forged surcharges. Not only are the normal sur-

charges being imitated, but all kinds of fancy varieties have been created. Mr. Nissen has shown us three rather ludicrous examples. All these are specimens of the red carmine bearing what purports to be the "R.H. Official" overprint. In one case the word "OFFICIAL" is spelt with only one "F"; on another stamp the same word is rendered "OFFICIAL"! while the third specimen lacks the letters "R.H."! These things

are utterly bad, and while there is some satisfaction in the knowledge that they would not deceive a collector of any experience, it is quite certain that these are fakes that may be used by unscrupulous persons to swindle those who have only a smattering of philately. The fact that the bogus surcharges are placed on used stamps is calculated to give them an appearance of genuineness in the eyes of the uninitiated.

## The Case of R. P. H. Wolle

*American Journal of Philately*

PHILATELISTS have good reason to congratulate themselves that, in all reasonable probability, the notorious R. P. H. Wolle is to be entertained for some time at the expense of the State, during which period we may hope to be spared from the dangerous results of his misdirected abilities.

Wolle's persistent returning to the same line of swindling, despite the discouragements of several terms in prison, suggest that he is a believer in the old saying that "there is a sucker born every minute." Let us hope that before he is again at liberty the present generation of "good things," at least, will have been educated to an understanding of his way and works.

After several weeks of preparation of the case by Assistant District Attorney, Charles W. Appleton, it was brought before Judge Cowing and a jury on the 12th and 13th of this month, the presentation of the case being made by Assistant District Attorney J. H. Iselin. It was fortunate for us that the case fell into the hands of gentlemen who were able to take broad views of things, who were willing to believe that philately might be more than mere child's play, and who could understand how serious a menace Wolle's deeds were to established businesses and an entertaining

pursuit. It is interesting to note that this is practically the first case of its kind which has been presented in the courts of this State, the only other case being a brief presentation before a magistrate. The District Attorneys were, therefore, without precedents to guide them and were under the necessity of establishing the case on its merits and through their own abilities. It is, of course, an honor to be able to successfully do this, but the result could only be attained by hard work. That a large amount of care and thought had been devoted to the preparation of the case was clearly apparent to those who were present at the trial.

The action (grand larceny in the second degree) was brought in the name of Joseph F. Negreen. The only witnesses called were Mr. Negreen, his father, detective B. A. Flood (who made the arrest) and John N. Luff, an expert witness for the State. Messrs. Bruner, Herzog, Robinson, Doane and Kerbs were present for the purpose of giving testimony, but the case was deemed sufficiently strong without calling them to stand. The jury were out of the room about five minutes, apparently only long enough to take one ballot, and on their return rendered a verdict of guilty. Following the verdict, Judge Cowing congratulated the jury on the soundness

of their finding and then detailed to them (as could not legally be done before) the past history and convictions of the prisoner the dangerous nature of his offences and the desirability of restraining him from doing injury to stamp collectors and dealers. His Honor very justly held that though collecting and dealing in stamps were pursuits with which most people were not familiar, they were, none the less, amusements and industries in which large sums were invested and were as much entitled to the protection of the law as any other legitimate pursuit. While the case was remanded until the 18th, there does not appear to be any reason to anticipate the granting a new trial, and the announcement was made from the bench that the full penalty (imprisonment for five years) would probably be inflicted. Making allowance for good conduct, this will mean an imprisonment of about three and one-half years.

The stamps which Wolle had sold to Mr. Negreen and others as well as those which were seized at the time of his arrests in Boston and New York, were presented in evidence. They were a most interesting and dangerous lot of clever manipulations. His forte appears to be turning the proofs and common stamps into rare varieties. Among the numerous items were many altered United States stamps, for instance:

Issue of 1851. 1c, type II, painted to resemble type III; 24c, perforated, cut

to shape and mounted on a large piece of paper to represent the imperf. variety, being also affixed to an original cover.

1857. 3c, type II, with the outer lines of type I added.

1861, September issue. 5c and 30c, altered to resemble the August issue; 1, 2 and 3c stamps with fraudulent laid lines.

Bisected stamps of 1851, 1861 and 1869 issues on covers with bogus cancellations.

1869. 15, 24 and 30c with inverted centers.

Pan-American. 1, 2 and 4c with inverted centers.

Many varieties of proofs thinned, gummed and perforated. Among the envelopes were the 1874-82, 2c, die C, painted to resemble die D, and the 3c, die B, painted to resemble die C.

There are many other manipulated stamps, both U. S. and foreign. The work was unusually cleverly done and often required the most minute and careful examination to detect its fraudulent character. A man of Wolle's abilities should be able to earn a large salary at a legitimate occupation. When the time comes that he is again at liberty, it will behoove philatelists to be on their guard against purchasing ostensible bargains from sources that are not well authenticated. For the present, we have a wrong man in the right place.

Just as we go to press we learn that a sentence of imprisonment for four years has been imposed upon Wolle.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Azores.** — The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles a new value of the postage due set, 20r pale lilac.

**Crete.** — According to the *Philatelic Record* the 1 lepton yellow fiscal stamp has again been employed for postal pur-

poses, during the temporary shortage of the 1l brown. This was in February of this year. The same thing happened in January of last year.

**France.** — OFFICES IN CHINA. — We learn from the *Philatelic Journal of Great*

*Britain* that the Tchongking office has lately been favored with a supply of the 25c and 50c stamps in new colors.

*Adhesives.*

25c black on rose  
50c brown on azure

**Guadeloupe.**—The *A. J. of P.* says: Several of our contemporaries announce that some of the stamps surcharged last year have received an additional surcharge consisting of a rectangular frame with the date "1903." *La Timbrophile Belge* says that the date is sometimes at the top of the stamp, sometimes at the bottom and is found both vertically and horizontally. The new surcharge is in red or blue. Presumably this will add numerous varieties to the already long list which are found in the stamps with the original surcharge.

*Adhesives.*

Black and red surcharge.  
40c on 1fr bronze green  
1fr on 75c deep violet on orange  
Black and blue surcharge.  
40c on 1fr bronze green  
1fr on 75c deep violet on orange

**Hayti.**—Mr. J. H. Lyons has shown *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* sheets of the 1c green and 2c carmine of the recently issued permanent set without the control overprint.

The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles quite an array of "errors" in recently issued stamps.

*Commemorative*

1c green	control mark	double
2c rose and black	"	"
7c black and lilac	"	inverted

*General Set*

1c green	control mark	double
2c carmine and black	"	"
10c chocolate and black	"	"
50c pale lilac	"	"
50c pale lilac	"	inverted

**India.** — CHAMBA. — *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* announces the following new stamps for this State; all but one are the King's head type.

*Adhesives.*

Black surcharge.  
4a olive

8a violet  
1r green and carmine  
*Official stamps.*  
3p gray (Queen's head)  
3p gray  
3/4a green  
1a carmine

**Madagascar.**—According to *La Cote Reele* some of the values of these stamps ran short and they supplied the deficiency by bisecting other values.

*Adhesives.*

Blue surcharge.  
5c red (3/4 of 10c)  
15c brown on bistre (3/4 of 30c)

**New South Wales.**—Surcharges here, as in the other Australian states, are apparently to be abolished in favor of perforating the current stamps for official use. According to *Ewen's Weekly* the 1d has been perforated "OS" and several other values "OS" over "NSW" as official adhesives.

*Official.*

"OS"

1d rose pink  
"OS" over "NSW"  
d blue green  
1d rose pink  
2d ultramarine  
2d green  
4d orange brown  
5d dark green  
6d orange  
1s purple brown  
5s mauve

**South Algeria.**—We quote from *La Cote Reele*: "From an office lost in the desert of Sahara comes the first surcharge upon the stamps of the sower type.

The post office at Beni-Ounif, being out of postage due stamps, has taken the 30c lilac, of the sower type, and surcharged it."

The illustration shows the following surcharge in two lines at the top: "REGION SAHARIENNE—SUD—ALGERIEN," and, reading upwards at the right side: "A PERCEVOIR."

*Postage Due Stamp.*

Black surcharge.  
30c lilac

**Tasmania.**—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says: "It seems to be quite the thing in Australia just now to perforate the current stamps for use in official correspondence instead of surcharging them. A number of the current stamps been so treated for this colony, the list to date being as follows:

<i>Official.</i>	
3d orange and lilac (Queen's Head)	
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3d dark brown	" "
4d orange brown	" "
6d lake	" "
1d rose red	" wmk V and Crown
2d violet	" " "

**United States.**—The new series, issued in commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, at St. Louis, Mo., was placed on sale April 30th.

<i>Adhesives.</i>	
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<i>Official.</i>	
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" 6d violet	
" 1s olive green	
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" 2d bright yellow	

1901	2½d blue
1902	1d carmine rose
"	4d brown
"	8d yellow green
"	2s red on yellow
"	2s 6d deep blue on rose
"	5s green

**Southern Nigeria.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* reports a new value for this Colony.

<i>Adhesive.</i>	
Watermarked Crown and C. A.	
2½p ultramarine and black.	

**Venezuela.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* tells us that the provisional series (Scott's type A32) has been surcharged "CORREOS" and the names of various towns, as follows:

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10c black on blue	
25c black on yellow	
50c black on red	
1b black on gray	
Inscribed "DISTRITO MARIANO" at sides.	
Surcharged "GUIRIA" in magenta.	
5c black on red	
10c black on yellow	
25c black on gray	
50c black on pink	
1b black on blue	
Surcharged "VRAPA" in magenta.	
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1b black on blue	

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*The Australian Journal of Philately*

In the process of collecting it is only natural to assume that duplicates would be acquired, and the question would naturally arise, "What is to be done with them?" Clubs were formed and sheets were sent from member with the idea that one might, if he choose, remove any he required for his collection. So far, so good; members by this means

were enabled to get rid of stamps they did not need and secure others which were wanting. Presuming that a catalogue basis is adopted one would think the system would be equitable. It might be if the condition of all the stamps was the same, or if any catalogue represented the real local value of the stamps, but, unfortunately, none do, and these factors

have proven the weak points in the exchange system. A member will not take stamps off the sheets if he knows or thinks he can buy them cheaper for cash from a dealer. On the same principle, however, he cannot expect others to take his stamps if he prices them up to local market rates. Some members get carried away with the idea that because a stamp is catalogued at a certain figure they should be able to find buyers at a trifle less. They seem to lose sight of the fact that a dealer has to pay working expenses, and expects a profit for his time and trouble, besides which many

collectors haven't to pay market rates for their stamps, and could very well afford to price them at considerably less without being out of pocket. In some cases they may not cost anything at all, but there are members who are positively greedy in regard to the prices at which they mark their stamps, and they wonder why they are not removed from the sheets. If members were more moderate in regard to their ideas of value, they would be enabled to get rid more easily of stamps they did not require, and those not possessed of any particular variety would be more disposed to do business.

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## 187,000,000 of Exposition Stamps.

*Washington Star.*

There have been issued to date 187,275,100 of the stamps commemorative of the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis. These are proportioned as follows: One cent, 53,379,200; 2-cent, 122,812,700; 3-cent, 3,388,600; 5-cent, 4,716,800; 10-cent, 2,977,800. During the time of their sale since April 30, these stamps have commanded great attention from both public and collectors of stamps in this and other countries, and the total sales at the close of the exposition are expected to exceed the sales of the commemorative series issued for either the Columbian exposition or the Pan-American. The initial demand was so great that the department had much difficulty in filling the orders, but the bureau of engraving and printing has now caught up with the demand, and all requisitions are being filled as fast as they come in.

The history of the selection of the designs for this series is interesting. The date of the decision to issue a new series of postage stamps for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is not on record at the department, but the date on which the bureau of engraving and printing was requested to prepare designs was Oct. 26, 1903. So many suggestions of subjects and designs for this series were received by the postoffice department that a list of them would not be practicable, but there were hundreds from all parts of the country and from persons of all conditions. In preparing a new series of postage stamps the postoffice depart-

ment advises the bureau of engraving and printing of the denominations, subjects and wording selected, and the border designs are left to the artists of the bureau. Models are then submitted to the department for any suggestions or changes and many alterations are usually made before a model receives a final approval and the order is given to go ahead on the work.

This course having been followed in the case of stamps for the commemoration of the Louisiana purchase exposition, the designs for the 2, 3 and 5-cent denominations were finally amended and approved Jan. 23, 1904; for the 10-cent Feb. 15, and for the 1-cent March 14. The suggestions for the subject finally chosen for the series were all made in the department. On Feb. 3 the department received from John H. Livingston, of Tivoli-on-Hudson, N. Y., a photograph of a painting by Gilbert Stuart of his grandfather, Robert H. Livingston. Another portrait of Livingston had been selected for the 1-cent stamp and the engraving had progressed to a considerable extent, but the portrait sent by Mr. Livingston was so much better than the one originally selected that it was substituted.

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OUR enterprising English contemporary, *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, has been conducting an open forum for the benefit of its subscribers, and the subject, "Valuing a Stamp Collection," is being discussed in an interesting manner.

One reader, for instance, has laid it down that a collector should get at the value of a stamp collection by disregarding all varieties valued at six-pence or less, and then taking a fourth of the catalogue value of all that remain.

While we do not agree with many of the statements, we reprint some extracts from a recent communication in the above journal.

"If this indeed be the correct way to estimate the value of a collection, I for one shall be very chary of buying any stamps. One does not expect to make money out of a hobby, but when time and thought as well as money are expended in pur-

suing it, it is only reasonable to expect that the value of one's specimens will be fairly maintained. So far as I can gather from your Correspondents, it is quite impossible to make an ordinary stamp collection by purchase without spending about 75 per cent. more than it will ever fetch, and that is a state of affairs which I am sure few collectors realize. Those who can afford to purchase rarities are doubtless all right, and many even make a profit on their purchases when they wish to part with them, but the poor man has not only to pay up to 6d for stamps that have no value, but those that are above that sum, excluding the greatest rarities, are only worth 25 per cent. of what he pays for them.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that there is something extremely rotten in a system which produces these anomalies. It may be convenient to have the standard of price fixed, but one does not quite see why the standard should be fixed by a firm of dealers and at a price so much in excess of actual values. One does not see what harm could result if the standard of price was fixed by the prices obtained at auction which is the standard that governs the sale, or, at least, forms the basis for deciding the value of all other objects of vertu and art.

It may be said that stamp collectors are all perfectly aware that the catalogue price is only a fictitious one, and that it does not represent a stamp's real value; but many beginners do not appreciate this, and those who in ignorance pay more than a fair price for any specimen, have some grounds for feeling that their money has been obtained by false pretences.

It is now stated in the papers that the Postoffice authorities at Washington are about to consider whether a special series of stamps shall be granted to celebrate the Lewis and Clarke Exposition to be held during the coming year. If issued, we hope the set will consist of low values

## Our Young Philatelists and their Prospects.

By J. E. HEGINBOTTOM, B. A.

A paper read before the Herts, Manchester, Junior London, Leeds, Sheffield and other Societies.

THE following remarks are written mostly with reference to the rising generation of Philatelists, because this is the class who will have to continue the good work which our leading men of to-day have launched forth, and the question arises:—"How must the Young Stamp Collector be helped and encouraged to become a thorough Philatelist?" I will divide my paper into six divisions, all of which, I hold, are necessary in their various spheres of influence, to help on and animate the ardent beginner towards accomplishing the object in question.

They are: (1) Exhibitions, etc.; (2) Experts competent to judge and advise our Juniors; (3) Papers, Articles, etc.; (4) The better status of the "postally used" stamps; (5) School teaching; and (6) Societies.

### (I.) EXHIBITIONS, ETC.

Under this heading I would include also Displays at Bazaars, Sales of Work, Drawing Rooms, etc. By exhibiting stamps at any of the above, the interest in Philately would not only be greatly increased, but it would doubtless cause many new adherents to take up the pursuit; the stamps need not necessarily be for sale, but such a selection could be made as would tend to attract attention, not only for the time being, but in many cases permanently.

I name Drawing Rooms; these of course are generally attended by the fair sex, but all the more need therefore to have stamps represented at them; for I hold that Philately ought to take a better hold of the fair sex than it does at present in this country—where women, more or less, hold aloof from our various Societies, and rarely attend their meetings. One seldom sees any articles in

our journals penned by our woman-folk nor have we any recognized experts among them. This is somewhat different state of affairs to that existing on the Continent, in the United States, etc., where the Female Collector is more prominent, and even articles sometimes appear in the papers from their pens.

Encourage Philately therefore more amongst our sisters, etc., for is it not a fact that in a pursuit where women enter, there is a strong tendency to raise its moral tone? Exceptions there are, but the fact remains that women, as a rule, rarely enter into any hobbies, or societies, etc., where men are recognized leaders, unless some strong social status of respectability is attached to them, and inasmuch as this status is in every way applicable to our organizations, why should our fair sex not join them in greater numbers than they do at present?

As regards Exhibitions proper, I will allude to this more fully in part (4) dealing with status of the "used stamp" but I may add here that I consider none of our Exhibitions has helped our young collectors much. True, they may have been present and admired various exhibits, especially the "plums" in them, and who blames them if they have done so with somewhat of a jealous feeling? But what encouragement, may I ask, have they received towards gaining a word of recognition for any of their stamps had they shown them? I reply, "None whatever." Therefore more help should be given to our young Philatelists by offering medals or prizes for collections that are not necessarily complete, but which show Philatelic knowledge, careful mounting, etc. It cannot be expected that these young people could possibly possess a complete collection of a

country or set of countries otherwise than under very exceptional circumstances, and even, when some years ago, a young collector was fortunate to secure a medal for a fine collection (although not of course a complete one), his success was somewhat discounted, and one of our journals questioned the real ownership of his collection of stamps. Unless there was ample proof that it did not actually belong to the exhibitor it was a pity to have disagreeably alluded to the matter in a public criticism. Encourage our young collectors as much as possible to show their stamps at exhibitions, and let this encouragement be considerably increased in the future if Philately is to continue prosperous.

#### (II.) EXPERTS COMPETENT TO JUDGE AND ADVISE OUR JUNIORS.

I have alluded to this in recent articles somewhat at length, and only here repeat the main points I wish to impress upon you. I hold that we should have more "experts" in many of our leading towns, not only men but also women, who would be willing to help and advise the young collector gratis, or for a small fee, according to circumstances, for you must remember that not many lads and lasses are able to pay much for an opinion about a stamp. I quote herewith an extract from my previous remarks *re* this question.

"It would be well to appoint an agent, etc., in the leading provincial towns, the question of price for his or her work to be determined upon later; let such an agent be well up in Philately, and one who could advise our young collectors as to the status of any of their stamps they are in doubt about. This would probably relieve the leading experts of much work, as naturally they don't wish to expertize stamps other than the very rare ones, which are not often found in the possession of young philatelists."

Many of our adherents fight shy of pur-

chasing stamps for various reasons; for instance, there are so many faked and doubtful ones being offered at the present time and "stamps for collectors only," etc.; further, the charges for giving an opinion as to the genuineness of stamps are often so high to make it almost impossible to consult our experts. The tyros don't care to trouble the "leading philatelic lights" about their stamps, even if willing to pay the prices asked; for what they are generally in doubt about are seldom rarities.

Another point. Why should London only (with a very few exceptions) have experts meet there? Granted that our Metropolis is the centre of Philately, I hold that experts should be found in other towns, who would be willing to give this matter their best attention; if they were unable to express a satisfactory opinion then some London or other AE expert could be resorted to.

As I have previously written, the worthy "London Expert Committee" does not specially care to have stamps sent to them for their opinion which are not classed as fairly rare ones, or unique, etc., or which are not really worthy attention, entirely apart from their charges, which have recently been raised to 5s. per stamp if catalogued under £20; 10s. per stamp if over £20 and under £50; and 20s. per stamp if £50 or more. If the stamp submitted is declared a forgery, the fee will be 2s. 6d. in all cases. For juniors, these charges are prohibitive, even the smallest of them, and consequently there is a real want of known experts with moderate fees, in many of our leading towns, which include amongst their population a considerable number of keen young philatelists. The two main reasons that discourage so many of our youthful adherents are: first, the want of such an adviser, and secondly, the existence of so many doubtful stamps, which makes the first condition absolutely essential; having no one to apply to and

fearing to lose what little money they have to spare on stamps, they abandon the hobby entirely.

### (III.) PAPERS, ARTICLES, ETC.

These should be so written as to be applicable to our philatelic youth than most papers at the present time, although I am pleased to say we are improving on this point every year. Many of the learned articles in our stamp journals are utterly beyond young beginners who therefore subscribe to no leading publication, and, as a natural result, very many of the latter prove to be non-remunerative, while most of them are actually worked at a loss. Make your articles more interesting and less learned editors, and your circulation will improve accordingly.

The scientific (?) articles are all very well for the affluent, the specialist, and the general collector of means, and all praise is due to their authors for the trouble they take in order to instruct us, but they are scarcely of any assistance to our youthful fraternity, who naturally start their Philatelic career without going into such questions as minor varieties and errors, especially one error only may be found on a whole sheet of stamps. What care they for a whole sheet, when in many cases they may not possess even a single stamp, or only wish ultimately to have one in their collection? The great majority of our young collectors do not belong to the "upper ten," but include many who are only able to put aside small sums from time to time with a view to purchasing stamps, hence all encouragement should be shown them regarding what to collect and what to leave alone; which are spurious and which are genuine, etc.; and this can be done both

by local experts as well as by articles which could easily be written for study with the more learned ones.

I should be the last person to wish to say anything against anyone buying what he or she wishes, but the point here is that many of our young (and experienced collectors too for that matter) invest their money in stamps with an idea that if a "rainy day crops up" they can dispose of their property at a financial advantage to themselves, but they are often disappointed. If the *wealthy* collector sells at a loss, one need not sympathise with him.

But the collectors who suffer and whom one cannot but pity, are those who can ill afford to lose money, and who often throw up the whole thing in disgust, whereas a little advice given to them from time to time would avert disaster and probably help to add many true philatelists to our fold. Philately in itself is not to blame for this state of affairs, but it should be more thoroughly explained to our youth, and although I don't entirely advocate the collecting of stamp for investment purposes, the latter question is bound to crop up from time to time, and why not? Collecting for pleasure and instruction, together with a "remunerative eye," is to my mind the ideal method, for very few of us can afford to spend a large sum of money upon our stamps, utterly regardless as to whether we lose or gain, should we wish to dispose of them later on either for want or the "needful" or through lack of interest in our pursuit, and these arguments hold good not only as regards Philately, but as to coin collecting, money spent in pictures, old and modern furniture, bric-a-brac generally, &c.

(Continued next month.)

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* quotes a German paper as stating that forgeries exist of the Finland 5m values of

1885 and 1889. The color of the forgeries is excellent, but the paper is too glossy, and the corner figures too large.

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Argentine Republic.**—*Ewen's Weekly* notes the existence of a vertical pair of the current 5c imperforate between the two stamps.

**Chile**—*The American Journal of Philately*, chronicles a series of obsolete telegraph stamps which have been surcharged "CORREOS" for postal use. Varieties are as follows:

*Adhesives.*

5c carmine  
10c olive  
2c on 20c dark blue  
3c on 1p brown

**French Congo.**—Mr. William Thorne has shown *The American Journal of Philately* marked shades of the 1c and 2c stamps of 1900, our type A12.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

Watermarked Thtstle  
Perforated 14x13½  
1c brown and gray-lilac  
2c red-brown and yellow

**Holland.**—CURACAO.— The following new stamps are chronicled by the *D. B. Z.*

*Adhesives*

1 c., olive-green.  
2 c., red-brown.  
3¼c., dark green.  
3c., orange  
5c., carmine  
10c., blue-grey  
15c., dark brown  
25c., violet  
30c.; red-brown.  
50c., brown-carmine.

**Indo China.**—Mr. William Thorne has shown *The American Journal of Philately*, some new values for this colony.

They are of the type described by us in May.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

Perforated 14x13½  
1c lilac on blue  
2c brown on buff  
4c claret on lavender  
5c yellow green  
20c red on green  
1½t bronze-green on straw

**Nicaragua.**—*The American Journal of Philately* received two new surcharges for the official stamps of this country, surcharged upon the regular stamp. The type of the surcharge is the same as that described by us in our chronicle of November 1903, excepting that the numeral of value in the upper, right corner is omitted. It is printed vertically upon the stamps, and there are four of the ornaments to each block of twenty-stamps. The value upon the 1c reads: "1 CENTAVOS" and the of spelling "CENTAVOS" have been corrected. We understand, also, that a new series, our type A15 has already been received in Nicaragua. It is a commemorative series and the values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 50, and 1p.

*Official stamps.*

Perforated 12.  
Red surcharge.  
1c on 10c purple  
1c " 10c " (double sur.)  
2c on 1p ultramarine  
2c " 1p " (double sur.)  
2c " 1p " (extra sur. on back)

**Panama.**—CANAL ZONE.—*The American Journal of Philately* says; "As our readers most probably know, "Uncle Sam" decided about a month ago to purchase \$1000,00 worth of the surcharged stamps of Panama and, by an additional surcharge of the words: "CANAL ZONE" make them available for postal purposes in that portion of Panama immediately contiguous to the of the proposed canal and which is under the jurisdiction of this government. Of course these were in use only while awaiting the arrival of the regular United States stamps which are already in use on the Isthmus.

We understand that eight post offices have been established in the "Zone," *i.e.* at Ancon, Bohio, Cristobal, Empire, Gatun, Gorgona, Labora and Tavermillia.



The surcharge on the only copy which we have seen is handstamped in bluish black and the words "CANAL ZONE" measure 18x2½ mm. The stamps used for this purpose were the second printed series issued in the city of Panama.

We have, also, just received three values of the current series of the United States stamps surcharged "CANAL ZONE" vertically, reading upwards, at left and "PANAMA" at right in Roman capitals measuring 16x1½ mm. and 11x1½ mm. respectively.

*Adhesives.*

- Perforated 12
- Bluish-black surcharge
- 2c rose and carmine
- 5c blue and carmine
- 10c yellow and carmine
- On U. S. Postage Ssamps
- Watermarked U. S. P. S.
- Perforated 12.
- Black surcharge.
- 1c green
- 2c carmine
- 5c blue

**Panama.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has seen a copy of the registration stamp, 10c on 20c with a new hand-stamped surcharge consisting the word "PANAMA" with an heavy bar below it.

We hope to illustrate it next month.

*Registration stamp*

- Imperforate.
- Rose surcharge
- 10c on 20c blue on blue

**Paraguay.**—*Even's Weekly* quotes from a French contemporary the announcement of another new set of stamps, dated "1904." The values up to 60 c. are said to be somewhat similar design to the issues of last year, while the peso values are of oblong shape with a picture of a building, we gather in *black*, in the centre.

- 5c, blue.
- 10c., yellow-brown
- 20c., violet
- 30c., pale blue
- 60c., brown
- 1p., black and carmine.
- 2p. " blue.
- 5p. " "

**United States.**—It is reported an entire sheet of the 2c. Louisiana stamp *imperfurate horizontally*, was purchased at the Cleveland post office.

**Uruguay.**—A new 5c stamp having a bullock as the chief feature of the design has been issued here recently.

**Virgin Islands.**—*The Philatelic Journal Of Great Britain* has been shown a set up to 5s. of a special issue for his Presidency in the stock De la Rue King's Head "Postage and Revenue" type. All are printed on the new paper, watermarked multiple Crown & CA, and, so far as we have been able to ascertain, none have been printed on the old paper with single watermark. The value is in white on a *solid* ground of color in the case of the ¼d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., and 5s. denominations, and in color on a white ground on the other values of the set.

*Adhesives*

- ¼d. purple and green.
- 1d " carmine
- 2d " ochre.
- 2½d " ultramarine
- 3d " black
- 6d " brown
- 1s, 6d. green and carmine.
- 2s. 6d " black
- 5s. 6d. " blue

**Zanzibar.**—*The Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles a new series for this country. As before, the anna values are of small size and the rupees values are large. The central design is the arms of the country.

*Adhesives stamps*

- Perforated 14.
- ½a green
- 1a red
- 2a brown
- ½a ultramarine
- 3a gray
- 4a dark green
- 4½a black
- 5a yellow-brown
- 7½a red-violet
- 8a olive-green
- 1r ultramarine and red
- 2r green and red
- 3r violet and red
- 4a brown lilac and red
- 5r olive brown and red

## Samoa "Palm Trees" Stamps.

*The Australian Philatelist.*

A LARGE parcel of the "Palm Tree" series of Samoan stamps has recently come on Sydney market. They are said to have been brought by a gentleman engaged in mercantile pursuits as an investment, his intention being to keep them under lock and key until they get scarce. Readers of "The Australian Philatelist" may perhaps recollect our publishing a communication we received from Mr. Davis (who had obtained permission from the King of Samoa to start a local

post between the island and Australia originally) to the effect that the plates of Samoan stamps had been destroyed. Mr. Davis used to transmit the money to Sydney to prepay the postage, as the stamps were only considered locals. They were afterwards admitted as an authorized issue. That gentleman is since dead, and amongst his effects were found the parcel of stamps referred to. In a future issue we may be able to throw a good deal of additional light on these stamps.

## President Roosevelt and Stamp Collecting

Mr. Charles J. Phillips of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, limited, enjoyed the privilege of a chat with President Roosevelt during his recent visit to Washington. He was armed with a letter of introduction to the President from his friend, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and had the honor of meeting him at the White House on June 4th. "The President," writes Mr. Phillips, "was very

genial, and seemed to quite enjoy a chat about stamp collecting. He told me that he used to collect when a youth, but that he did not do so now. He said that he heard that stamp collecting was almost universal, but that now his own interest in stamps consisted in seeing that the officials did not make any more errors, and send out automobiles up-side down!"

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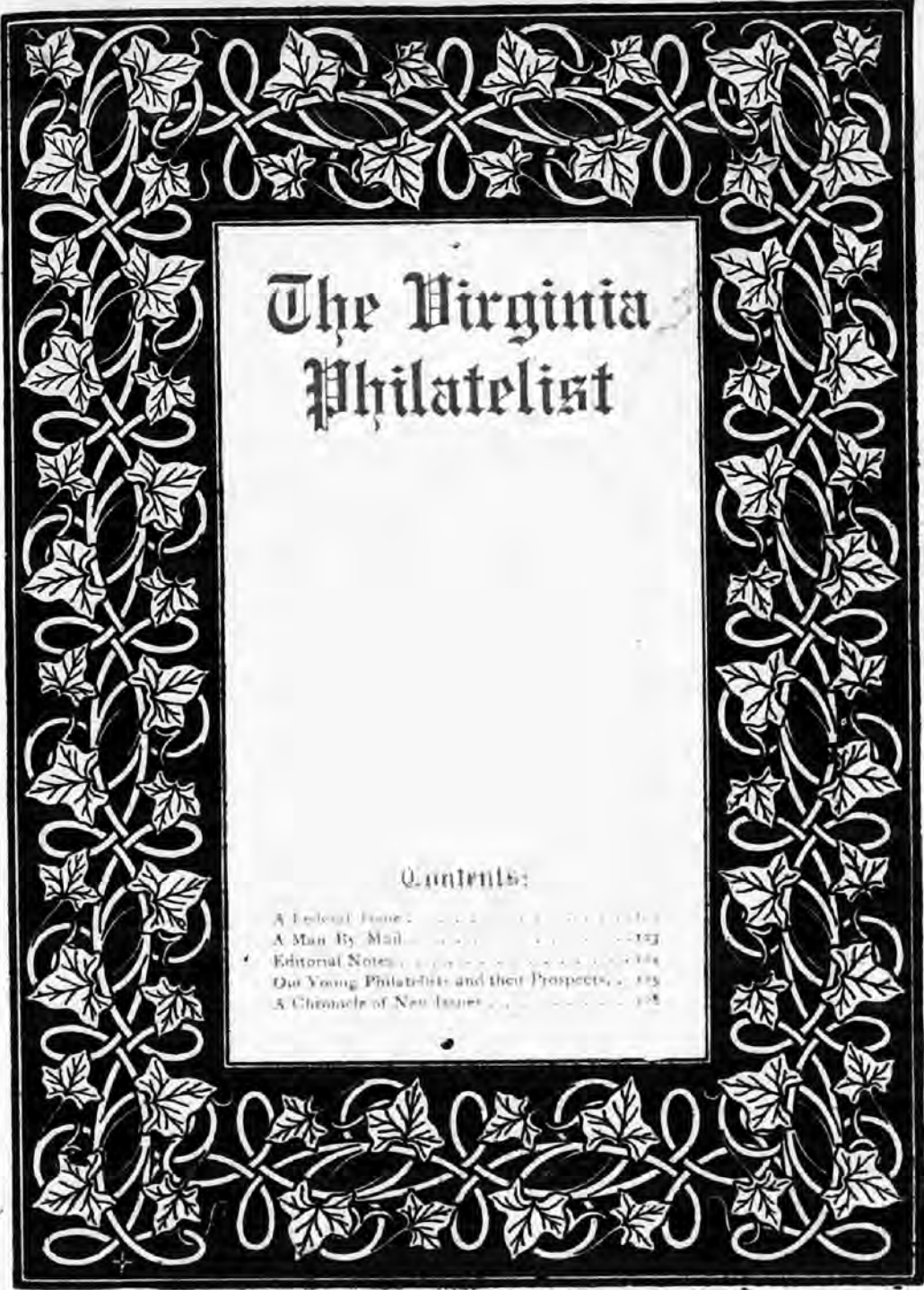
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## "A Federal Issue."

*The Australian Philatelist.*

PHILATELISTS will look forward to with interest for the report of the sub-committee appointed by at the June meeting of the Sydney Philatelic Club to deal with Mr. Mahon's (Postmaster-General) proposal to call for designs for a Commonwealth issue of stamps. From the date Federation was established the Club has taken an active and unselfish interest in the question of Federal stamps; and we are of opinion that to the stand it has taken, the hands, to a large extent, have been stayed of the interested individuals in Melbourne, who were over anxious to see the issue of, what we may term, provisional stamps. Had the Club been able to see the design of the 9d. "Commonwealth" issue, its protest may have saved the Federal Post Office authorities the ridicule heaped upon it from all parts of the world. The issue of that stamp, and the tampering with the design of the New South Wales postage-due stamp should show the authorities that in matters they lack knowledge of, it is safer to seek the advice—and disinterested at that—of those who do know. The authorities must ere this have also found out that it is a very simple matter to make a mis-

take, and a very costly one to repair it.

We see no objections in allegorical designs; on the contrary, we think they are a great desideratum in colonial possessions of an empire. We are not a whit less loyal than the most loyal of the residents of the British Isles; but we claim that the King's head would not be the most suitable design for either Australia or any other branch of the empire, for the following reasons:—The time taken from the calling of designs for stamps to the day stamps are ready for issue is close on a twelvemonth. It may happen that the King's Head has been the chosen design; that His Majesty may demise shortly after the stamps are issued, and that the new King may also wish to see his head portrayed on the stamps. This latter contingency would entail an extra cost that would not be warranted. Thus appropriate allegorical or representative designs would be far preferable, and, from an economical point of view, more desirable than the head of the reigning sovereign. If the Federal Postmaster-General can be made to see the question in this light he may probably insist that designs should represent local scenery.

## A Man by Mail.

*The Philatelic Chronicle*

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JOHN N. LUFF, in the *American Journal of Philately*, has a ringing comment on the introduction of a new watermark on the British Colonial stamps entitled "The Beginning of the End." It appears that the current English colonial stamps are appearing with a new watermark, consisting of a crown and C. A. closely interwoven throughout the sheet, and we are threatened with a deluge of new series from the numerous possessions of the Island Empire. It is indeed time to call a halt if we do not desire to drive many of our younger enthusiasts from our ranks. Why not cease the collection of varieties of watermarks? Surely we have enough stamps of varied designs to satisfy even the most omnivorous collector.

WHILE speaking of watermarks we call attention to the fact mentioned in these columns before that an enterprising Chicago firm has brought out an album recently designed especially for British Colonial Stamps omitting all varieties of stamps and all surcharges, and from all accounts the album is meeting with a ready sale. Our English contemporaries speak in very favorable terms of the work, and it appears to be filling a "long felt want."

WE have received the first number of *The Stamp Lover's Weekly*, a weekly magazine-newspaper devoted to our hobby. It is an eight page sheet, about the size of the old *Era*. A well known philatelist, Mr. E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., is the managing editor, and is ably assisted by a large editorial staff. The paper appears to have substantial backing, and we extend to the new weekly our best wishes for a long and prosperous life.



## Our Young Philatelists and their Prospects.

By J. E. HARGINBOTTOM, B. A.

A paper read before the Herts, Manchester, Junior London, Leeds, Sheffield and other Societies.

### (IV.) THE BETTER STATUS OF THE POSTALLY USED STAMP.

Whilst putting aside entirely my own views *re* the *used*, as opposed to the *unused* stamp, I have before now repeatedly asserted, and do so again here, that the *used* stamp is neglected as regards exhibitions, etc., greatly out of all proportion to adherents, and that, the *unused* has far too much attention paid to it.

Collectors of used stamps are not encouraged as they should be, and although I do not wish to lay stress upon the preference of one system over the other, I am bound to allude to the used stamp, simply because the great majority of our young collectors go in for this class of specimens with some few exceptions such as Virgin Islands, Prince Edward Island, Revenues postally used, etc., because they cost less than unused and the young collector has generally only a little money to spend on stamps.

If your inclinations are towards unused stamps by all means collect them, but I think much more attention should be given to used stamps at exhibitions etc., than is generally the case.

Why not keep the two classes in separate divisions? If we wish Philately to advance, we must encourage the collectors of *used* stamps—the youth of Philately—but they generally get precious little encouragement at exhibitions, for should they ever send in an exhibit they do not, as a rule, even secure a passing remark of admiration. I allude, of course, to small used collections belonging to our youth and not to large ones owned by more advanced collectors; although even the latter are more or less ignored when unused exhibits come into competition with them.

The young collectors of used stamps collect at a considerable disadvantage; they never gain medals or awards and hence they are outclassed. Medals should be offered for *used* stamps quite apart from unused, a method which would do no harm to the latter class but would do great good to the. What chance has a collection of used stamps of securing a recommendation, to say nothing of a bronze medal? Silver and gold medals are seldom given unless there be a good sprinkling of unused with the exhibit (assuming the class in which is shown to be open to both branches), or the country to an advanced specialist who is practically complete in his exhibits. I fail to see why a good collection of, say, used British, is not worthy of as much attention on the part of the judges as one of unused, but I have never yet heard of a gold medal being awarded for such an exhibit. Surely to get together the used specimens entails as much labor than to accumulate unused! It may not be so much a matter of "£ s. d.," but it is a matter of Philatelic research, and observation as regards obliterations, condition of specimens, etc., and it is this money question at exhibitions which, in my opinion, tends to thwart us with our pursuit. Medals should be given for collections apart from their monetary value so long as they are fairly representative; by adopting such a course, the youth of Philately would have a chance of securing a prize, and would be given increased encouragement in his philatelic labors.

The young collectors of unused stamps have far more assistance offered to them than the collectors of used stamps, but in what proportion are the latter to the former? Roughly speaking in the same proportion as the rich to the poor,

—a proportion which has nothing like the attention shown to it by our leading Philatelists which it deserves and ought to have.

(V) SCHOOL TEACHING.

Here again much might be done to increase the interesting study of Philately amongst the youth of both sexes. At the present time, it is true, there is decided improvement in this direction, for I know many schoolmasters who are collectors, and among them are some who persuade their pupils to take an interest in stamps but whether masters collect or not, I consider that certain studies should be taught with examples of stamps as illustrations, for instance, geography, political history, the various coinage systems, etc.

As regards geography, the Atlas is all very well in its way, but it might at least be substituted at times by the study of various postage stamps,—making use of enlarged plates, lanterns, etc. Geography can be made exceedingly interesting by stamp illustrations, political history especially so.

Take our latest Colony, the Transvaal; what a history its stamps impart to one!

We have, to commence with, the first Republic, with her Arms depicted upon the stamps, then the first British Occupation with "V. R." added as an overprint; this latter series giving way to our late Queen's Head issue of 1878 to 1879; then comes the second Republic issue in two distinct types, of which the first was a temporary one only, being the Queen's Head issue over-printed in Dutch; followed, later, by the permanent issue, depicting the Transvaal Arms again; this latter type remaining in force (with certain varieties of design) until the close of the last Boer War, when the second British Occupation became a fact. Then appeared the "V.R.I." and in turn the "E.R.I." overprints, finally followed by the issue of King's Head stamps. Truly the political history of the Transvaal is

splendidly represented by its various stamps.

One more illustration of a Colony, namely the Fiji Islands. We have its first issue with "C.R." (Caecumbau Rex), and values in English coinage, then the stamps surcharged with "cents," depicting American influence; later on these were additionally overprinted with "V.R." over the former "C.R." showing renewed English supremacy, which was finally made secure by the simple "V.R." in the design, and our late Queen's Head the two higher values.

The stamps of foreign countries are particularly instructive for the young, although I will only point out specially those of France and Spain, and the latter's former colonies of Cuba, etc. In France we have stamps showing changes from Monarchy to Republic, or Emperor to Figure of Liberty, and in Spain, from King to Queen, with insurrections shown by "Carlos" stamps, coming between. The stamps of her former colonies following the political history of the Mother Country, are now overprinted with "American Coinage," finally to be replaced by separate American issues.

What could depict clearer political history than these stamps? From another point of view, what art gallery of able and world renowned men could be better referred to than the various United States stamps, with their portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, etc.?

Such illustrations amply suffice to advance my contention that an improved system of teaching at both public and private schools by means of stamp illustrations would go far towards making Philately more interesting to our youth of both sexes, not only at holiday times, but during school hours, or what boys and girls often consider as being periods of drudgery; thus a double advantage would accrue.

(VI) SOCIETIES.

Our present stamp Societies, with few

exceptions,—such as “The Junior London,”—do not in any way touch the class of collectors on whose behalf I write.

They do much good I fully admit, but not as much as they ought to do, and the reasons are clear enough; for one thing the members are either too advanced in years or in philatelic experience for young collectors to join them; they naturally fight shy of associating with the “pig wigs,” and in many cases the subscriptions, rules, etc., bar them from entering. What we want are more *junior* societies,—formed especially with the object of encouraging our very young adherents to become members,—where expenses are normal, and where young Philatelists may get advice and gain experience without feeling that he or she is an interloper, because they happen perhaps, at the time, to possess no great amount of spare cash or no great “rarities.”

Many young collectors naturally belong to this latter category, and it often makes them discouraged and disheartened when they cannot join a Society consisting mostly of those in similar positions, with, of course, men of standing to back them up. Why should this be so? Is there no remedy? A young collector who has only small means at his disposal to spend upon his stamps, may be just as keen a philatelist as a wealthy one, and in time, with careful consideration and instruction, may turn out as true a collector as his wealthy confrere; as he grows up he may become possessed of such means as will enable him to spend more upon his stamps, thus bringing him further into touch with the affluent collector. Why then should such a one be allowed to drop out of Philately's ranks?

If we don't encourage this class, then Philately will lose for ever many of its strongest devotees, for it is collectors like these who, with help and encouragement, will eventually (if life be spared to them) blossom out into leading philatelists, put-

ting the “monetary” value of what they may hereafter possess as regards their collection entirely aside as not being essential to my arguments. Philately has ample scope for both the instructed and non-wealthy, as well as as the wealthy. Both are essential to its very existence, for the wealthy cannot rule it alone any more than our aristocracy can rule our country. They are of great service doubtless, but they are only the small proportion where any pursuit is concerned.

I repeat, that if we wish Philately to continue to prosper, to increase in popularity and to hold its own with other sciences (call it a *minor* science if you will, but still a science, as there are certain facts and principles about it definitely agreed upon), we must study our young collectors more than we are doing.

The present generation of advanced and medium philatelists must, in nature's ordinary course, give way to others younger, and if the latter are allowed to diminish for want of proper education the result must be clear to everyone.

We train our youth in business habits, in diplomacy, in science, in art, etc., so that they may keep up our country's prosperity and position in the world, and I say that even in Philately, the “boy makes the man and the girl the woman,” just as much as in other things.

Let us then do all we can to help the youth of both sexes as I have suggested. There can be but little doubt that Philately will then more than hold its own with other pursuits, and the present generation of advanced adherents will be enabled to hand over their labors to those who come after them, in the full conviction that these efforts have not been in vain, but will make the basis upon which Philately has been founded as firm as a rock! “A posse ad esse.” “Delectando pariterque monenda.”

In conclusion, I would add that some of the examples under Division V. are

taken from articles written by a personal friend, and certain of the stamps illustrating those examples were kindly lent to me for the purpose by a well-known firm of dealers, to whom I again take the opportunity of expressing my thanks for their courtesy. The other illustrations were from my own collection.

The following lines are taken from the late Gilbert E. Lockyer's little book on "Colonial Stamps." They are very applicable—especially where patience is

concerned—not as regards any trouble I may have had to make up details for my paper, but touching the patience of my indulgent readers.

"When courage flagged, and patience weary grew,  
It was thy voice which turned my strings anew,  
Soothing encouragement, when needed most,  
You gave, and sent me fresher to the post,  
So, cheered when wavering, I stuck to letters,  
Adhesive to the last, and felt no fetters,  
Perfect or imperf., now at length 'tis done,  
Accept then the results, thou friendly one."

[THE END.]

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Australian Commonwealth.**—We clip the following from the *Monthly Journal*:

"The new Postmaster-General is considering the question of calling for competitive designs for a uniform postage stamp for the Commonwealth. It is not likely that action will be taken for a few weeks, as several more pressing matters require attention, but Mr. Mahon, when spoken to on the subject, said he was in favor of a uniform stamp being adopted in the near future. Whilst not particularly concerned about the purely artistic aspect, he remarked, 'where we can conjoin the picturesque with the utilitarian, I will do so. We don't want to be looking at a blank wall all through life.'

One difficulty, it is said, in the way of a uniform design, is that during the book-keeping period of the Federation, there would require to be some distinctive mark to distinguish the stamps used in each State. It is suggested that this can easily be overcome by the name of the State being worked in the design in a way that would not interfere with its general appearance." It is to be feared that if this suggestion is followed it will only mean another crop of new issues. At any rate we hope that the design adopted will be a little superior to the current

type employed for New South Wales and Queensland.

**Colombia.**—**BOLIVAR.**—says *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* "A gold standard has now been established throughout the Republic of Columbia, and one direct result of this currency reform is a complete new issue of stamps for the province of Bolivar. The stamps so far received by Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. are as follows:—

Postal Adhesives . . . . .	4c., 1c., 2c.
Acknowledgement of Delivery 2c.	
Registration . . . . .	6c.

The stamps are of the crudest possible kind, both as to design and execution and if this is the best that Bolivar can do under a gold standard, the sooner it goes back to a silver the better.

A new issue from *Candinamarca* is reported, and for the same reason, but this we have yet seen.

**Dominican Republic.**—*The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* says that some good forgeries of the 2c., 10c., and 50c. of the 1900 issue are in existence. Their principal characteristics are that the paper is white instead of yellowish; the first letter of "DOMINICANA" slopes slightly instead of being upright; the appear-

ance is rather coarse, and the copies are a little smaller than the originals.

*The American Journal of Philately* has seen three new provisional stamps from this country, made by surcharging new values upon stamps of the series of 1901.

*Adhesives Stamps.*

Perforated 14.  
Black surcharge.  
2c on 50c gray-black and violet.  
5c on 50c gray-black and violet.  
10c on 1p brown and violet.

**Ecuador.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* announces, upon the authority of a European journal, a new series of stamps, commemorative of the battle of Pichincho, on May 24, 1824, which was won by Captain Abdon Calderon, whose head they are supposed to bear. The central portion of the stamps is in black.

*Adhesives*

Perforated.  
1c red and black.  
2c blue "  
5c yellow "  
10c red "  
20c blue "  
50c yellow "

**France.**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* announces a new Military stamp, consisting of the customary "M." overprint upon the 15c stamp.

*Military Stamp.*

Perforated 14x14½  
Black surcharge  
15c slate green

**Iceland.**—We learn that two more values have been brought out bearing the portrait of King Christian.

*Adhesives*

2 kron brown and blue  
5 " red-brown and slate

**Indian Native states.**—**HOLKAR.**—*The Monthly Journal* announces two more values of the new issue in the same design as the ¼a. stamp listed in April.

3 annas, violet; perf. 13½ to 14  
4 " bright blue " "

**KISHENGARH.**—A correspondent has pointed out to the *Monthly Journal* that "we omitted to note that in the 8 annas

stamp the 'v' in the word 'REVENUE' is an inverted 'A' with a very distinct bar to it. This may compensate for some of the numerous inverted letters 'v' that are found in place of 'A' in so many quarters. *Las Bela.* The *Monthly Journal* says: "We have obtained the ½a. stamp upon a new variety of paper, a light blue of quite different tint from that of No. 2 in the catalogue, which might almost be called greyish-blue in comparison. The new stamp is also printed from a new stone, containing eighteen impressions, in six horizontal rows of three, and the stamps are further apart on the sheet than before, 8 to 9mm. instead of 4 to 5mm. Perforation usual.

½a. black on light blue.

**Nicaragua.**—*The American Journal Philately* says the commemorative series has reached us and we understand that the lower values were printed in practically the same colors as those of the 1903 series through an error. They can however, be distinguished both by paper and the shade. In the old series the paper was rather yellowish; in the new it is white and somewhat thinner than the old. The shade of the old 1c is yellow green; the 2c is carmine-rose; the 5c is ultramarine and the 10c is orange-yellow.

We have not seen the new 5c stamp so cannot give the exact shade; the others are as below.

*Adhesives Stamps*

Perforated 14.  
1c emerald green and black.  
2c dull red and black.  
5c ultramarine and black.  
10c orange and black.  
15c lake and black.  
20c purple and black.  
50c olive and black.  
1p orange-brown and black.

**New Zealand.**—The publisher of *The Australian Philatelist* has been shown two varieties of the prepaid cancellation impressed by the Automatic Stamping Machine, which was received through the post; one of the Wellington being a

circle 21 mm. in diameter with an inner circle 13 mm. in diameter, between the two circles are the words N. Z., POSTAL STAMP NO. , in the centre in two lines ID. PAID, the number is undecipherable owing to the impression being blurred and stamped three or four times over; the envelope is postmarked N. Z.—Wellington—14 JL 04—paid; the other design emanates from Dunedin and has been forwarded by the New Zealand Stamp Co.; the design is an upright elongated oval measuring 12½ mm. wide by 22 mm. high, with an inner oval measuring 4 mm. wide and 14 mm. high, between the two ovals the letters "N.Z." appear at the top with the value in figures at each side, and underneath the value in words "one penny"; the envelope is postmarked Dunedin 7 July 04—Paid, The New Zealand Stamp Co. informs us that the postmark date was the first day of issue of the new prepaying postmark.

**St. Lucia.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* notes the appearance of one value of the current series upon paper with the new watermark.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.  
Perforated 14.  
1p lilac and carmine.

**Sierra Leone.**—The one penny King's Head has appeared with the new watermark.

*Adhesives.*

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.

**South Australia.**—*The Australian Philatelist* has been shown some specimens of the modified design of the 5s. stamp, with the word "postage" altered to the new type of lettering. We cannot congratulate the authorities upon the appearance of the design, when compared to its predecessor; it is wretchedly printed and the design appearing blurred and all the smaller lines much thicker; the color has also been changed from pale rose to carmine. We are also in receipt from the same source of the new current 1d.

postcard, with the additional inscription in two lines underneath the ornamental design reading as follows:—"Available only for the Commonwealth, British New Guinea, New Zealand, and Fiji; if used for any other place, a Half-penny Stamp must be affixed.

*Adhesives.*

5s. carmine, word "postage" in thick letters

*Postcard*

1d. with additional inscription.

**Venezuela.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has received two new series from this country. The first is very similar to those which we chronicled in July excepting that the upper label is inscribed "INSTRUCCION" instead of "CORREOS DE" and the lower label is curved instead of straight. The other is composed of official stamps of the same design as our O3 but in new colors.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

Perforated 12  
5c blue green  
10c gray  
25c red  
20c yellow  
1b claret

*Official stamps.*

50c claret  
1b "

**Zanzibar.**—Just before the new series was issued that we chronicled last month, *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* states that some enterprising worthy persuaded the postal officials to surcharge some of the values of the Sultan's head set, and he obligingly purchased the greater portion of them. According to *Ewen's Weekly*, some of the 4½ annas (in both colors) were surcharged "One," some 4a. "Two" and a few 7½ and 8a. "Two—&—Half" in three lines, all in large lower-case type. Particulars are as follows:—

"One" in black, on 4½a. orange

"One" in lake, on 4½a. blue-black

"Two" in lake, on 4a. dark green

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## How to Value a Collection.

*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

MOST of us value our little accumulations very highly, even though the actual cash they would fetch if thrown upon an unappreciative market may not amount to a very large sum, and no doubt most of us believe that at some future date our collections will be worth far more than they are now. This is a wholesome and encouraging belief, so long as we do not reckon too surely upon it, after the fashion of those who are said to "count their chickens before they are hatched." but a problem which troubles too many of us nowadays is, how to calculate the present worth of a collection that is bound to fetch a fabulous price in the far distant future.

We have no wish to treat this question in a frivolous manner; occasion arises from time to time for a collector to dispose of his collection, and it is then important for him to ascertain what price it is likely to fetch, and how much he may ask for it with a reasonable prospect of obtaining his price. We would, however, deprecate the present-day tendency to be always valuing one's collection and reckoning whether one is likely to make a good profit on the money that is being spent upon it. We believe that there is no rule that can be laid down by which the inexperienced collector can value his collection. After all, what is a value of a collection? The value of a thing is said to be the price that it will bring; and if that is the case, the only way to ascertain the value is to put it up for sale, but if there is no one present who wants it, the price is likely to be a very small

one. Calculate the value upon any principle that you please, and until you can find someone who will buy the article at that price your valuation is a fictitious one. We do not for one moment deny that, if a collector must sell his collection, it is a most desirable thing that he should make up his mind what to ask for it; but we maintain that no general rule will enable him to do this. Either he knows enough to value it fairly for himself, or he does not; and in the latter case he will have to get someone else to do it for him. Rough and ready rules as to certain proportions of Catalogue Prices, etc., will be apt to produce rough and ready results of a very unreliable nature. All sorts of points require to be taken into consideration, and considerable experience in selling stamps, as well as in buying them, will alone enable the valuer to arrive at the result upon which he can act.

The fact that, although no stamp is priced in most catalogues at less than a penny, a packet of a hundred varieties can be purchased for sixpence, or less, proves that those who tell us that stamps of very small catalogue price should be ignored altogether in our calculations are quite right. On the other hand, when we note that current, unused stamps of the face value of a shilling and upwards are catalogued at 25 per cent. over that value, or even less, it becomes evident that the rule which tells us to reckon all our stamps, the catalogue price of which is more than sixpence, at one fourth of that catalogue price, is not of universal application.



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RICHMOND VA., OCT.-NOV. 1904.

THE V. P. editor had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Eben S. Martin, of Minneapolis, recently, and regret that his short stay in Richmond prevented him from meeting many of our collectors. Mr. Martin is the publisher of *The Philatelic World*, and is an active and enthusiastic A. P. A. member.

A discovery of no little interest is the discovery of a stamp of Great Britain.

Collectors of British stamps know that there is a gap in the list of plate numbers of one penny red where No. 126 should occur. The number was unknown, and the plate was said never to have been used, until Mr. Harper's recent discovery. The number on the stamps has been submitted both to philatelic experts and to practical engravers and there seems to be no doubt whatever about its genuine nature.

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The Postmaster-General has again called their attention of the public to the use of the "Philippine" stamp in the U. S. Mails, and has issued instructions that all letters bearing these stamps shall be forwarded direct to the dead letter office as unmailable.

The Philatelic Society of India has decided to complete the India section of the Tapling collection. This collection was made by the late T. K. Tapling, a member of parliament. After his death in 1891 the collection was placed in the British museum. It is now value at half a million dollars.

The following postoffices have been established in the Panama Canal zone. Ancon, Bas Ubispo, Boheo, Chrystbal, Culbera, Empiro, Gorgono, and La Boca.

Ancon and Chrystobal are to be money order offices. The governor has the power of establishing any other post offices that may be needed.

There are no sets of stamps more interesting than the various issues of Uruguay. One may discern in the series of the different years the progress of engraving from the early years of the manufacture of stamps down to the present time.

## Westervelt's Post.

DR. WILLIAM EVANS.

At request of W. H. MacKinnie the writer has consented to rewrite and condense into one, two articles written several years ago and published in two different stamp magazines, believing that those who have begun collecting since that time, and the number is thousands, might have some interest in the subject, and also that the data will be of more value if all published together than scattered as it has been up to this time.

There are also a few minor corrections to be made in view of some additional information which has been obtained since the two articles above mentioned were written.

Westervelt's Post stamps belong to a class of stamps, neglected by most collectors probably on account of their rarity and the price they bring. Few local stamps are cheap, and therefore few collectors possess many varieties of them.

Little is said about them in stamp publications, and therefore, most collectors know practically nothing about them.

The stamps of Westervelt's Post were used at a small village in Orange County, N. Y., called Chester, from 1863 to 1867. The exact dates upon which the different designs were issued has not yet come to light and it is doubtful if it ever will. The man who issued the stamps is dead, the printer's records are destroyed, and there is no other source can be obtained. Westervelt's son has been communicated with but is not able to throw any light upon the subject.

Charles H. Westervelt's, who used these stamps lived, in 1863, in what is known as "the upper village" of Chester.

This town was at that time peculiar, for there were really two villages separated from each other about a half mile.

The "lower village" sprung up after the Erie Railroad was built and was on the line of that road while the upper vil-

lage was back from the road. The post office was located in the lower village and as this rendered it necessary for the people in the upper village to go a half mile for their mail they were considerably inconvenienced thereby. Mr. Westervelt, to obviate this difficulty devised his "Post" and these stamps were used by him in carrying on this business.

He conducted a general store at which his neighbors could call and leave their mail to be carried by him to the post office.

One of his private stamps was attached to each piece to indicate that his fee had been paid and at the post office the regular postage stamps were affixed.

All incoming mail for his patrons was taken by him from the post office to his store and thence delivered to the proper persons without charge. The Westervelt stamps were used simply for the purpose of indicating that the fee for the delivery of the mail to the post office in the lower village had been paid, and it also insured the people that their mail would be taken to the proper place at the proper time. Westervelt was a peculiar man in many respects. One of his peculiarities was a mania for colors and this he permitted to exhibit itself in many ways, one of which is shown in the many colors of the stamps he used. The catalogue does not record all of these colors. There are other things omitted from it, which should not be. The stamps of Westervelt's Post are printed in four designs. The first which was probably the earliest in use, is simply an oblong made up of alternate circles and diamonds, with a four pointed star in each corner, containing the inscription, "Westervelt's Post, Chester, N. Y." in four lines. This stamp is 23 mm. long by 18 mm. wide. It was type set and there are doubtless several minor varieties of it. The design is printed in black

upon two colors of paper, flesh and lavender. The second design has in the center the head of an Indian, somewhat similar to that on the U. S. cent. Above is the word "Westervelt's" below it "Post" at the left "Chester" and at the right "N. Y." Surrounding this is a fanciful oblong border of minute scrolls and circles. The size of this type is 21 mm. by 25 mm. It was printed on several colors of paper in ink of two colors; viz; black and pink. The black is on lavender, blue and green paper, and the pink on white, yellow, fawn and green.

These stamps, like the first issue, were type set. They were printed in strips of six arranged in two rows of three each.

Each stamp differs in some of its minor details from all of the others of the

In No. 4, the upper ones point diagonally toward the center and the lower ones horizontally outward. In No. 5 the ornament at the lower right corner points horizontally outward and all of the others diagonally toward the center.

In Nos 1, 5 and 6 the word Post is followed by a comma and Nos. 2, 3, and 4 by a period. In No. 4 the line dividing the bottom ornament into groups is a letter i and in No. 5 it is the same letter inverted (¡). In No. 1 it is nothing more than two small dots one above the other.

Some other more minute differences exist but those mentioned are sufficient to enable one to tell almost at a glance the place in the block of any given stamp.

The third type of Westervelt's Post



strip so that there are six minor varieties in each color of ink and paper. It is therefore possible to tell the place any stamp occupied. No. 1 has perfect figure 8 in place of S in the word post, and this occurs in none of the others. The ornaments at the top and bottom are divided by a fine line into two groups in Numbers 1, 2, 4, and 5 while in numbers 3 and 6 there is no division. In No. 2 there are at the top of the stamp three ornaments in the right group and five in the left one, while at the bottom of this stamp and at both top and bottom of the other three the groups consist of four ornaments each. In Numbers 1, 2, and 6 the corner ornaments all point diagonally toward the center of the stamp. In No. 3 all point vertically, the upper ones upward and the lower ones downward.

has for its center a picture intended to represent General U. S. Grant, in an oval, surrounded by an oval band 2 mm. wide which contains the words "Westervelt's Post, Chester, N. Y." in capitals.

In the upper corners are the figure 2 and scrolls. In each lower corner the figure 2 and over this another figure 2, and scrolls, with the word "cents" in capitals between the lower figures. This whole design is framed by a heavy rectangular border line. The size of this type is 28 mm. by 22 mm. The inks used in printing this stamp were black and pink and the colors of paper were numerous. We have black on lavender, blue and green; and pink on pellow, buff, fawn straw, green and white. The stamps of this type were printed in blocks of six from a copper plate.

The fourth design is an American eagle similar in design to that used on a number of other local stamps. This is surrounded by an oval band in the upper part of which the words "Westervelt's Post," are printed, and in the lower part the words "Chester, N. Y." These words are separated at the sides by a five pointed star with a dash above and below it. The size of the stamp was 24mm. by 28mm. This type was printed from wood blocks, probably in pairs. Nothing is known at this writing concerning the colors of either paper or ink in which it was printed.

In 1867 a letter bearing one of the stamps of Westervelt's Post went to the dead letter office at Washington and the attention of the department was evidently called to the stamp, because an inspector was sent to Chester to investigate the matter. This investigation resulted in the department forbidding the further use of these stamps and they, like so many thousands of other stamps became obsolete. Westervelt's Post was not stopped. The mail was still carried from the post office to the upper village and this custom still exists but without the use of private stamps. The paper upon which all these stamps were printed was thin wove. They were all printed at the office of the Goshen Democrat in Goshen, N. Y. They were furnished to Mr. Westervelt un gummed. Some years ago the writer was presented with one

of the wood blocks of the oval type and half the copper plate of the 2 cents type and they have been sent to the *Perforator* for the purpose of illustrating this article. The 2 cent stamp was used on packages and the other three on letters.

To classify the varieties of these stamps we have

Type I.

Black on flesh.                      Black on Lavender.

Type II.

Black on lavender.      Pink on yellow  
Black on green.          Pink on white.  
Black on blue.            Pink on fawn.

Pink on green.

Type III.

Black on lavender.      Pink on buff.  
Black on green.          Pink on fawn.  
Black on blue.            Pink on straw.  
Pink on yellow.          Pink on green.

Pink on white.

Type IV.

Colors of ink and paper not known to writer.

(The cuts used in illustrating this article are from original plates from which these stamps were printed. These plates have been in MacKinnies' possession for many years, and although he has received many offers from parties who wished to secure the plates in order to "reprint" the stamps he has refused to permit the plates to be used for this purpose. The original plates have been sold to parties in England.—Ed.)

## A Chronicle of New Issues

Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor of this paper information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Bechuanaland.**—PROTECTORATE.—We learn from *The L. P.* that the current rd. stamp of Great Britain has been overprinted with the words "BECHUANALAND—PROTECTORATE," vertically, in *black*, the first reading upwards and the second downwards. We are not sure whether

this stamp is actually in circulation at present or not.

*Adhesives*

rd., carmine; *King's Head.*

**Chili.**—A correspondent at Santiago informs the "*Monthly Journal*" that the agent, of the American Bank Note Co.,

of New York, has protested against the issue of the surcharged Telegraph stamps described last month, on the grounds that his company holds a contract for the supply of Chilean postage stamps for the next five years, and that the Government is bound not to obtain such stamps from any other source. He added that these stamps were contrary to the laws of the country, according to which the stamps of Chile must bear the portrait of Columbus. It seems that this latter statement is correct, for our correspondent says that the Decree ordering the new stamps, with portraits of various celebrities, already been withdrawn, and a new Decree published, under which the new stamps are to be adorned with various representations of the discoverer of the New World.

Chili.—Owing to some of the values getting scarce and new values being required, various telegraph stamps have been overprinted "CORREOS" and in some cases with a fresh value.

*Adhesives*

- 1c. on 20c. blue
- 2c. light brown
- 3c. on 1 peso. deep brown
- 5c. red
- 10c. olive-green
- 12c. on 5c. red

Dominican Republic.—"*Mekel's Weekly*" lists some provisional 2c., 5c., and 10c., stamps, gives the quantities of each value, 10,000, 30,000, and 10,000 respectively.

*Adhesives*

- 2c. on 50c., grey-blk. and violet; black surcharge
- 2c. on 1 peso, brown and violet; black surcharge
- 5c. on 50c., grey-blk. and violet; black surcharge
- 10c. on 50c., grey-blk. and violet black surcharge

Dutch Indies.—We take the following from the "*Philatelic Record*."

Whether remainders or "a find" we are unable to say, but a considerable quantity of the 1870-4 issue of Dutch Indies are on the market. We judge they are remainders but have no information yet as to the quantities. The 12½, 30, 50,

and 2g. 50., were offered in Berlin in blocks in mint condition at a tenth of catalogue price, and we see from the last auction sale catalogue to hand that they have found their way into that channel.

They are offered in the auctions in single blocks of four and not in any large quantity, although we suspect that the number to be placed is considerable.

Gambia.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the current 1d. stamp with the multiple Crown and C. A. watermark.

*Adhesives.*

- 1d., carmine; new wmk.

Germany.—*Wurtemberg*.—Mr. Gielwelb has shown the *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* a copy of the 1 kr., green, Type 2, with a clear impression on the back, reading the right way.

Probably a sheet that was defective in some part of the impression was passed through the press again, for the sake of economy, but it is not silk thread paper.

The specimen is postmarked "STUTTGART 1 JUN. 1867."

Gibraltar.—MOROCCO AGENCIES.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has received the 20c. of the new issue. It has the old Crown and C. A. watermark and, we presume, exists with the same varieties of the overprint as the other values.

- 20c., dull green and carmine.

Mauritius.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a curious variety of the 18 c. Express Letter label, on which the word "FOREIGN" has an exclamation mark in place of the "I" thus reading "FOREIGN!" It is said to be the fifth stamp on the sheet.

The same authority reports that the current 6 c. stamp exists with the multiple watermark.

- 6c., blue and carmine on red; new wmk.

Mexico.—*The American Journal of Philately* has seen the current type of



the two cent stamp (Scott's type A26) in a new color.

*Adhesives*

Watermarked.  
Perforated 14, 15.  
2c. bright blue.

**Servia.**—The New England Stamp Co. has shown *The American Journal of Philately* the new coronation series.

They are large stamps and are in two types.

*Adhesives*

Perforated 12½.  
5p. yellow-green.  
10p. rose-red.  
15p. red-violet.  
25p. blue.  
50p. gray-brown.  
1d. bistre.  
3d. blue green.  
5d. purple.

**Strait Settlements.**—We have seen the current 3c. stamp with the multiple watermark.

3 c., lilac; *new wmk.*

**Trinidad.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp Notes* announces the appearance of two stamps upon the new paper.

*Adhesives*

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.  
Perforated 14.  
½p. green.  
1p. black on red, type II.

**Venezuela.**—We have received several stamps of a new design from this coun-

try. The design consists of a central oval, containing the portrait of a military gentleman in uniform within an arch.

Above, in a straight line, "CORREOS DE"; "VENERUELA" in curved line forming the top of the arch, and, below in a straight line, "CENTIMOS" with a large colorless numeral of value at either end of the word, and within the corner blocks forming the supports of the arch.

*Adhesives*

Perforated 12.  
5c. blue-green  
10c. carmine  
25c. blue  
50c. maroon  
1b. maroon

**Venezuela.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has just received a novelty from this country. It is the 5c orange (our No. 144, type A25) without surcharge and makes a companion to the 50c (our No. 162, type A28) issued last year. Is it possible that all of the series, numbers 144 to 153, are to appear uncharged? Several of our contemporaries list some high values of the "Instrucción" series chronicled by us in June.

*Adhesives*

Perforated 12.  
5c. orange.

*Instrucción Type*

3b. blue.  
10b. violet  
20b. rose.

## Postage for the Phillipines.

Mr. C. M. Cotterman, Director of Posts in the Phillipines has issued an order regarding postage due stamps as follows:

GENERAL ORDER No. 18.

Manilla, P. I., Aug. 16, 1904.

N. C. Comfort,

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to inform you that the use of postage due stamps as evidence of payments of postage due has been discontinued.

So far as now known the use of this kind of stamps will not again be resumed in the Phillipine Islands. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the order in question on the subject.

The unused postage due stamps will very naturally be destroyed when the proper time comes.

C. M. COTTERMAN,

Director of Posts.

General Order No. 18.

Immediately upon receipt of this order postmasters will return by registered

mail to the Directors of Posts all unused post-due stamps on hand in their respective offices and the use of postage-due stamps for the payment of short postage on mail matter will be discontinued.

All the rules relative to the collection of unpaid and short paid postage will be in force as heretofore except that ordinary postage stamps will be used as evidence of the payment of such postage instead of the postage due stamps heretofore used for that purpose.

ONE great need in the U. S. today is an association for collecting accounts against approval sheet frauds with agents in nearly every city in the U. S. and all large cities in foreign countries. The agent, of course, would be paid a commission for each claim placed in his hands. He would then call on these frauds, and let them know his mission, and collect the account if possible, and then make his report to the headoffice. This is really the quickest way of getting rid of these frauds. In this way a personal visit from the Company's local representative would have more effect than writing letters.

Canada is following Uncle Sam's plan of using precancelled stamps. The 1 and 5 cent King's head stamps have been precancelled.

Ordinary Philippine postage stamps of the proper amount will be attached to the article when payment is made but cancelled with the impression of the postmarking stamp to show date of cancellation, and not by cancelling stamp or dauber as is done in case of stamps attached to matter when first mailed.

Hereafter postmasters will accept unused Philippine postage stamps as well as money from the public for the payment of postage due. C. M. COTTERMAN.

A bright, clean and newsy little monthly which finds its way to our desk monthly is "*Home Sunshine*." It is published in Flushing, N. Y., by Harry J. Cornell, and is edited by Mrs. Susan A. Hudson, of New York City. Its name truly signifies its mission, as it carries sunshine into the homes of many thousands of poor and invalid persons. May "*Home Sunshine*" live long, and continue in the great work that they are doing.

The stamp question before the Department now is—will we have a new issue in commemoration of Clark and Lewis Exposition.

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"An Exponent of Philately"

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## Forgeries of a Scarce Bavarian.

*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

AN interesting paragraph in the latest issue of the French Philatelic Society's official organ, the "*Revue Philatelique Francaise*," concerns the only surcharged stamp ever issued in Bavaria—namely, the 2 pfennig Unpaid Letter stamp of 1895. This variety, as every philatelist will remember, was suppressed almost as soon as it was issued, and it is generally accepted fact that only six specimens were generally used, the remainder of the issue being destroyed. In such a case, and with such a stamp, an attempt at forgery was inevitable: and Mr. Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz, in a letter to our contemporary, states he possesses several specimens of a somewhat dangerous forgery, all of which bear a forged postmark of "Aichach," which was the town where the few specimens placed in circulation were used. There are clear variations by which the forged stamps may be detected, but Mr. Paul Kohl, holding that it would be unwise to particularise these for the information of the counterfeiter, offers instead to examine and report upon all specimens sent to him, free of charge.

By the way, quantity for quantity, this 2pf. on 3pf. Bavarian must surely be the rarest of all the stamps of that Kingdom? The French Society's catalogue makes no attempt at fixing its present market value.

## Honduras Counterfeits.

SAYS the *American Journal of Philately*: We wish to warn collectors against

counterfeits of the 1877 surcharges, which are now in the market. Sometime ago a lot of these things were sent us from Paris, mostly in pairs, showing inverted, double and *tête bêche* varieties.

We found the surcharges were very clearly impressed and did not agree in colors or measurements with the accepted varieties. At a later date more of the same things were offered us by a man in this city, who claimed to be acting agent for some one in Honduras.

On our expressing an unfavorable opinion of the stamps, he volunteered to procure used copies for us and did so, but they were not to our satisfaction.

At the last meeting of the Philatelic Society the subject was very thoroughly gone into the evidence was produced which left no doubt in the minds of those present that the surcharges were counterfeit. Many of them are offered on letters which appear to have contained official correspondence, (which was forwarded without stamps), and the story which accompanies them is that they represent a batch of letters found in the Dead Letter Office. There is some reason to believe that the envelopes are genuine, but it is evident that the stamps have been applied at a later date and cancelled probably with the old cancelling marks. There is evidence, however, that the dates had been tampered with, and in one or two instances they were cancelled with a later date than that of the receiving mark on the back of the envelope.

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#### In 1905.

WE begin the seventh volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST with this issue, which is dated January in order to commence our numbers even with the new year.

The past volume has been an uneventful one for THE VIRGINIA, and the journal has been neglected somewhat through the inability of the present management to find the necessary time to devote to it.

We trust that our new arrangements which we are now perfecting will enable us to greatly improve THE VIRGINIA in many ways, and we hope that our friends will find the paper more interesting than ever.

We ask the co-operation of our patrons and call especial attention to our advertising columns, where many bargains are offered.

#### A Weekly For England.

THE well known firm of STANLEY GIBBONS, Ltd., have begun the publication of a newspaper for the younger philatelists, named *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, the first number of which appeared January 7th. We trust that the new youngster will flourish side by side with its elder brother, *The Monthly*, each performing its mission in its own way.

#### Manuscript Wanted.

WE desire to secure several articles of merit for our columns, and although it is becoming quite difficult to secure acceptable copy, we trust that some of our literary friends will assist us in the matter.

#### 15,000 Forged Stamps.

SENF BROS. of Leipzig, gave the subscribers to their paper a Christmas present, and ordered 15,000 Columbia stamps from a Paris firm and the stamps were inserted and mailed. It now turns out the entire lot were forged, and the Paris firm will make compensation only if the stamps are returned to them—which of course is impossible. A law-suit will probably be the sequel to the story.

#### Exit Szekulal

THE genial Bela Szekulal has departed from Geneva, owing many tradesman, stamp clerks, etc., who lament his sudden departure. It is said he left for Budapest.

#### Exhibit of British Stamps.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an invitation to attend the exhibit of British stamps, given by The Junior Philatelic Society of London, in Exeter Hall, Strand, Friday and Saturday, February 3rd and 4th, 1905.



## The "Tai Han" Surcharges of Corea.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLK  
 IN *S. C. Fortnightly*.

OWING to the war in the Far East the postage stamps of Corea have received more than ordinary attention of late, and like most of the stamps of Eastern nations, they are vastly interesting and well worthy of study. It is not a large country, philatelically speaking, and contains no great rarities. It thus forms an ideal country for the collector specialist tastes who has not at the same time the control of an unlimited purse.

But though its issues are not many and its first stamps were issued so recently as 1885, there are many points in connection with its postal emissions on which authorized information is sadly lacking. These make Corean stamps of particular interest to specialists, and there is no doubt that the application of a little careful study will do much to satisfactorily explain several matters that at present are extremely uncertain.

One, or rather several, of the most points relate to the "Tai-Han" surcharges, which are catalogued under the date of "1900." (As a matter of fact it is highly probable that the stamps were surcharged soon after October 14th, 1897, on which date Corea was declared an Empire.) There seems to be considerable doubt to whether these surcharges, or at least a great many of them that are about, were ever issued with official sanction. Indeed, some students of the stamps of this country have gone so far as to assert that the surcharges are merely a private speculation on the part of some individual or other.

The stamps I refer to are the four values of the 1895 issue surcharged with three or two native characters at the right hand ends of the upper and lower labels respectively, designated as "type 7" in Stanley Gibbons' current catalogue.

These characters mean "Tai Han,"

which may be freely translated as "Empire of Corea." The authorities seem to be agreed that this surcharge in red, as originally issued at Seoul, is quite official, but opinions are divided as to the status of the red overprint emanating from other towns, and of the similar surcharge in black. One thing is pretty certain: the surcharges, by whoever applied, and whether in red or black, did not affect the franking power of the stamps in any way. As to the legitimacy or otherwise of the several varieties, I am not in a position to venture an opinion, but I have lately seen many varieties of the red surcharge that have not hitherto been chronicled and which apparently are as deserving of catalogue rank as those already listed. I will endeavor to describe them as lucidly as possible.

To start with, how was the surcharge applied? I have examined a large number of specimens, and have arrived at the conclusion that the top and bottom portions of the overprint were applied by hand, quite independently of one another, and to one stamp at a time. A tedious process certainly, but one that has been adopted in other countries, notably in the case of the early surcharges of Siam. I am led to this belief by the fact that the two parts of the surcharge vary very considerably in alignment and distance from each other on stamps in the same row of blocks or sheets. Therefore if my contention that the surcharge was made by the application of two distinct hand stamps to each specimen is correct it is fairly easy to account for the following varieties:—

(1) 5 poon, block of 20 unused arranged in five rows of four.

The third stamp in each row is without the surcharge on the lower label.

(2) 5 poon; mint block of four, all without surcharge at foot.

I also have a used pair in similar condition.

(3) 5 poon; with surcharge on top label, as usual, and a similar one to the right below the central symbol. The characters on the lower label era

inverted, and are also stamped just below the right hand end of the inscription "KOREA," again upside down. I have this variety used and unused.

- (5) 5 poon; used, with ordinary overprint at top, a similar one across the centre standing upwards, and the surcharge at the foot inverted.
- (5) 10 poon; mint pair, without any surcharge on the upper label, but with the three characters impressed on the left of the lower one instead. The usual overprint at the foot is by the side of this and inverted. I also have this variety used.
- (6) 10 poon; used, with usual surcharge at top, but with one on lower label inverted.
- (7) 10 poon, used, without the overprint at the top, and with the lower one inverted.

In addition to the above, which I consider equally legitimate varieties of this surcharge on the one catalogued as No. 23, I have several varieties of the later stamps similarly overprinted. I list them as follows:—

- (8) 1 cheun, blue, 1900 issue; used pair. The left stamp has the usual surcharge at the top and the one at the foot inverted, while the other specimen is similar but has in addition an extra impression of the top portion of the overprint over the "2" at the bottom.
- (9) 2 cheun, blue, 1900-01 issue, perf. 21; used, with top part of surcharge at the foot of the stamp to the left, and with the other portion of the overprint inverted at the right, also at the bottom.
- (10) 2 cheun, blue, 1900-01 issue, perf. 21; used pair, right hand stamp is like No. 9, and the other has usual surcharge at the top of the lower one, in its usual position but inverted.
- (11) 2 re grey, 1900-01 issue, perf. 11; used with lower portion of surcharge only, inverted at the bottom of the stamp.
- (12) 1 cheun, green, 1600-01 issue, perf. 10; used pair surcharged in an exactly similar manner to No. 9.

All the stamps mentioned as *used* in the above list undoubtedly did postal duty and franked letters posted at Chelulpo in April, 1901, addressed to either Petersfield or Gosport in Hampshire.

### \$1,100 for 1804 Dollar.

ELVEN hundred dollars was the price paid for a silver dollar yesterday.

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later, when W. F. Dunham, a private coin collector of Chicago bought it its value has appreciated \$100. Only thirteen of the 1804 silver dollars are known to collectors. The Dexter dollar was sold yesterday with 560 other rare coins at an auction of the H. B. Brown collection, of Portland, Ore., at the Collectors' Club No. 351 Fourth avenue.

Nearly \$7,000 was realised from the sale. Dollars of 1836, 1838, 1839, 1851, 1852 and 1858 brought from \$35 to \$150. An 1804 dime sold for \$8, and a half dime of 1792 for \$8. A copper cent of 1856 sold for \$15. Four half cents were taken at \$42 each.

About twenty-five persons attended the sale. Collectors from all parts of the United States were represented.—*New York Herald*.

### Italian Military Stamps.

PHILATELISTS will be interested in a novelty introduced by the Italian government, who are issuing what may be described as military picture stamps. Each regiment of the Italian army is provided with a special stamp for the use of the soldiers belong to it. The designs are, of course, all different and of the most varied nature. Thus, on one appears the portrait of a colonel of the regiment, on another a design of rifles supporting the national arms. The military district of Ivrea has a stamp on which is a view of the town of Ivrea; on that of Milan is a representation of a military council; on that of the twenty-second regiment of calvary are arms of Cantenea with the regimental motto. On the regimental stamp of the sixth Besaglieri are the notes of the regimental bugle call and the motto: "Bersaglieri ta tua dotrina? Patria, onore, carabina." And so on.

It is believed that these stamps will not only increase the esprit de corps of the soldiers, but will heighten civilian interest in what appertains to the army.



Correspondents of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST are requested to forward to the editor information they may possess regarding new or projected issues. The same will be properly acknowledged.

**Barbados.**—*The American Journal of Philately* has been shown an imperforate pair of the 5sh. stamp of 1873 issue.

**Ceylon.**—The multiple watermark has made its appearance here, two values of the current set having been printed on the new paper.

4c. yellow and blue, wmk. multiple Cr. CA.  
6c. rose " "

We hear that the stamps surcharged "On Service" for official use are to be withdrawn and that in future departmental correspondence will merely be marked "On H.M.S." and franked with the signatures of the heads of the departments.

**Columbia.**—A new set of six stamps is shown *the Fortnightly* Whitefield King & Co., as well as "A.R." Registration labels.

As we have already explained, new issues have been necessitated in Columbia and its provinces by the alarming depreciation of paper money in the Republic.

It appears that one Columbian gold dollar is at present held to be the equivalent of no fewer than a hundred paper dollars. To restore something like equilibrium so far as the postal service is concerned it is enacted that the new Columbian stamp shall only be sold for gold coin. The novelties now to be chronicled are;—

*Postal Adhesives:* ½c., Yellow  
1c., Green  
2c., Rose  
5c., Blue  
10c., Mauve  
20c., Grey Black  
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**Ecuador.**—Messrs Sellschopp & Co,

have shown *The American Journal of Philately* the commemorative issue of 1896 surcharged like our No. 126. We therefore chronicle the balance of the series.

Perforated 11  
Surcharged in black  
1c rose  
2c blue  
5c green  
20c red-orange  
51c violet  
1s yellow

**Great Britain.**—The half-penny stamp in the new shade was issued to the public at certain offices on Saturday last, Nov. 26th. The colour now adopted is a green, so pale that there should be no risk of further confusion between this value and the 2½d stamp.

**Haiti.**—*Le Journal des Philatelistes* (the new title of M. Lemaire's paper, *La Cote Reelle*) announces the discovery of a variety of Type 48 of the Commemorative issue, in which Toussaint-Louverture has moustache! This variety occurs both on the 2c. and the 5c. in the last stamp of the top row of all the sheets M. Lemaire has examined. It appears to be uncertain at present whether this appendage is a *secret mark* or an altogether accidental and unauthorized addition, but we gather from an enlarged illustration in *Le J. des P.* that it is distinctly visible, if not a distinct improvement to the portrait.

**Honduras.**—*Mekeel's Weekly* chronicles a companion to the 5c. of 1898 in the colour of the 6c., in the shape of a 6c. of the same type in the colour of the 50c.

*Adhesives*

6c., orange-red; error?

*The J. of Ph.* reports that forgeries of the surcharged stamps of 1877 are once more put on the market. They are to be had upon original covers, some of which appear to be more genuine than the stamps they bear.

**Hong Kong.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* says that the following stamps of

the current series have appeared upon the new paper.

Watermarked Multiple and C. A.

Perforated 14

2c gray green.

4c violet on red

5c orange and gray-green

20c orange-brown and black

30c black and gray green

50c red-violet and gray green

\$1.00 olive-green and lilac

\$2.00 scarlet and black

**Mauritius.**—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* announces a new 15c value. Also one value with the new watermark.

Watermarked Crown and C. A.

Perforated 14.

15c black on blue, value in ultramarine

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.

6c lilac and carmine on red

**Montserrat.**—Several of our contemporaries announce several of the series with the new watermark.

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.

Perforated 14.

½p green

2p brown and gray

3p orange and purple

6p lilac and olive brown

**Servia.**—A set of eight stamps of abnormal size has been issued to commemorate the Coronation of King Peter and the hundredth anniversary of the revolt against Turkey. The stamps are large and oblong in shape. The dates, 1804 and 1904, appear on the left and right of the centrepiece respectively and various inscriptions, foliage, and fancy ornamentation completes the designs.

The values and colours are :—

5 para green

10 " rose

15 " purple

20 " blue

30 " brown

1 dinar buff

3 " emerald

5 " mauve

**Straits Settlements.**—The *Philatelic Record* announces another value of the current series with the new watermark.

Watermarked Multiple Crown and C. A.

Perforated 14.

1c green



F. FOURNIER, of Geneva, has the barefaced audacity to forward advertisements to American magazines, the V. P. among the number offering his counterfeits for sale.

The Russian war office is adopting a Military stamp similar to the one adopted in Italy, and of which the king of Italy is said to be the originator of the new departure, in which he takes a lively interest.

THE forgeries of British "I. R. Official" stamps that have been appearing for some time, originated in London, says *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

It is stated that General Nogi, who commanded the besiegers of Port Arthur, is an ardent philatelist.

A *tête-bêche* pair of the Finland 8 pen. stamp, issue of 1866, on vertically laid paper has been found in St. Petersburg.

A new issue is being prepared for Reunion, the designs of which are to include the arms of the colony.

Mr. William Thorne has shown *The American Journal of Philately* blocks of four of the Iceland 6a gray and 20a dull blue, perforated 12½ and surcharged in red "1 GILDI", etc. In each of these blocks two of the surcharges are printed *tête beche* to the other two.

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