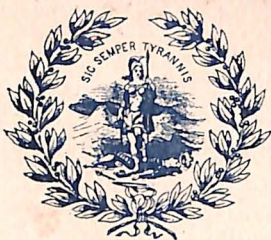


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## N. P. STRAUSE.

AS a sequel to the article and illustration of the Emory locals which appeared in the February number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, we present the affable features of their fortunate owner, Mr. Nathan P. Strause, of Henderson, North Carolina.

N. P. Strause is a son of the Old Dominion. Born in Richmond, March 15, 1866, he received a thorough education at the well-known classical schools of Professors Squire and Beach.

At the death of his father, in 1879, he entered the mercantile business, and from this he drifted into the tobacco line in Danville, Va., finally, in 1889, locating in Henderson, N. C., engaged in the same pursuit.

Back to school-days dates his stamp collecting career, but pressure of business in later years forced him to put aside his stamps, and for ten years the philatelic fever lay dormant. . . .

One day, on going to the tobacco sales in Henderson, Mr. Strause picked up from the street a batch of Confederate stamps—used and unused. This event, naturally, aroused the old loves, and enquiries brought out the fact that grandchildren of the war-time postmistress had quite a quantity of these treasures. From this singular occurrence dates the

*Renaissance* of his philatelic pursuits—a revival of the old fondness for stamps—which bids fair to endure.

Mr. Strause is a general collector, and one of those who treasure their stamps alone for the pleasure they afford; for he has *never sold a stamp*. But he is always ready to exchange his duplicates for anything yet wanting in his magnificent collection, containing over 10,000 varieties.

The duplicate Emory is the first stamp he offers for sale, and this merely from the fact that its value places it above any stamp that could be offered him in exchange.

I shall reserve for the future, the pleasure of describing some of the treasures in his possession, suffice it now to enumerate a few of his Confederate locals: 2 Athens, 3 Charleston, 5 Mobile, 8 New Orleans and 8 Petersburgs, besides 1 Knoxville and 1 Salem, just added.



N. P. STRAUSE.

Mr. Strause's congenial disposition has won for him deserved popularity. He is a member of the A. P. A. No. 1246, P. S. of A. 844, and V. P. A. 37. He is a prominent Mason connected with the following branches, Henderson Lodge, F. & A. M., 229; Henderson Chapter R. A. M. 54; De Molai Commandery, K. T. 11, Oxford, N. C.; Acca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Richmond Va.; and K. of P. 85, Henderson, as well as president of the Henderson Telephone Company.

DIETZ.



### That Boston Cancellation.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST has received several communications in regard to the letter-press cancellation on the stamps franking *The Youths' Companion* 1898 calendar.

Mr. H. E. Deats, the prominent philatelist of Flemington, N. J., writes: "The cancellation has been in use for three years. The stamps are printed (cancelled) in sheets of one hundred on an ordinary printing press at the Boston post-office."

Mr. Joseph H. Beattie, librarian of the E. S. P. S., writes from Warwick, N. Y.: "These stamps are cancelled in sheets under the supervision of a post-office official. This is done to save time in mailing. Besides the 2c., the 1c. has been cancelled in the same manner."

*The Era* prints a communication from Mr. W. Morton Webb, of Ontario, in which the new Canadian Private Post-Card is described as follows: "It resembles the new issue of cards but the words 'Canada Post Card' are replaced by the firm's name (of a dry goods house in Toronto), while the directions read: 'The space below is reserved for address only.' The stamp is the same as on the new card except that the color is rose red instead of green."

The inscriptions on German stamps are supposed to be in Latin.—*Phil. West.*

No, friends; there's no supposition about it. The inscriptions are German. *Reichspost* is Realmpost, or better, Empire-Post. The inscriptions on all German stamps, obsolete and present issues, are in German.

### "The Guard of Honor."

THE above title is borrowed from *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* for this occasion. In the following we shall review a portion of the rank and file (rank and vile) of this "Guard," awarding such distinctions as their conduct has merited.

*Attention to Muster!*

Samuelus W. Carter, British Guiana. (No response) This worthy informs his creditors (by proxy) that he is dead—hence cannot "settle up." The Carter who placed an ad with us, we regret to say is not dead, and we intend to make the oxygen and hydrogen of Georgetown savor of brimstone before we permit him to *requiescat in pace*.

John Coumenos, Athens, Greece. Mr. Otto Franck, Pittsburg, Pa., and others, lodge complaints of having had "queer" experiences with this Hellene—a kinder philatelic "gold brick" case. Pity the Turks didn't perforate his anatomy or impress several Levant surcharges, per saber, on his cranium before we got his ad. Still it's time for a "quatre" thrust from these quarters, to warn others.

G. W. Robinette, Flag Pond, Va. "Is a fraud," says Mr. A. F. Berlin associate editor of *The Archaeologist*, who had defended this "crook" for several years—during all of which time he practiced his nefarious business. We're sorry we carried his ad, and hope none of our friends fell into Flag Pond.

G. E. Montgomery, Alliance, Neb. The well known philatelic writer Erwin L. Fischer writes us that "Guard" Montgomery is a "swindler," one of those who suffer from kleptomania in the presence of other people's stamps.

But enough for this month. We have quite a squad to prepare for inspection in the near future and are just now engaged in an investigation of the merits of several of the candidates for notoriety.



## Postal Issues of the Confederate States of America.

BY WM. D. REED.

*Second Paper.—The Typographed Stamps.*

**B**ENJAMIN FICKLIN stands foremost in the annals of the Confederate Post-Office as a blockade-runner. The adventures of this daring government agent would fill a volume upon the story of the Confederacy. It was Ficklin who sent the first typographed stamps to the Confederate government through the blockade. He arranged the contract for these stamps with Messrs. Thomas de la Rue & Co., of London.

This contract called for stamps of the one and five cent denominations.

About this time the Confederate government changed its postal rates. As a result the one cent orange stamp was never used.

The FIVE CENT, printed in blue, was used as early as May, 1862. I am unable to state definitely at what date these stamps ran the blockade. Some authorities place it as early as 1861. I do not think they could have reached Richmond before March 1, 1862.

The London printed five cents blue possess a wide range of shades. The paper is fine, thin, and highly glazed. Not so the local impressions, which are printed on a thick paper with a rough surface. Their impressions are not as fine as those from England.

One process of determining whether your five cent blue typographed stamps are of the London or local print, is to immerse the stamp in warm water, and then dry in the sun. If the gum remains on the back and if the stamp, after drying, presents a wrinkled appearance, you have a London typographed stamp. The same process leaves no residue of gum on

the backs of the local printed stamps.

Towards the middle of 1862, the risk and often the loss of stamp consignments from Messrs De la Rue & Co., through the blockade, became so great that the Confederate Post-Office Department bought outright the plates of the stamps and successfully transported them to their seat of government.

This change of base dates the difference between the London and the local prints.

From this time no interruption took place in the issue of the stamps from the General Post Office. The new emission appeared about October 25, 1862.

Late in the next year the rate of postage was raised, and therefore many of the local printed five cent blue will be found in pairs on the original envelopes.

This rise in postage was, in part, the occasion of the "surcharged" stamps. A lithographic transfer from the design of the five cent was made; the word FIVE was erased and "TEN" substituted. Each TEN on the different stamps of the plate is not strictly uniform with every other

Another adaptation was the ten cent carmine. The letters of the word TEN here differ with the letters of the word CENTS. They are shorter, more irregular, and heavier. The genuineness of this latter stamp is doubtful.

Other "surcharges" of this kind have appeared that are undoubtedly of fraudulent origin.

The financial *status* of the Confederacy was at a very low ebb at this time, and the backs of these stamps were often used for advertising purposes.

Some of these little advertising mediums are of great interest, rarity, and value.

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\*In the September number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST attention was called to this "surcharged" TEN CENTS, among the stamps enumerated as "Fakes." We have seen thousands of the FIVE CENTS, used and on cover, but never a TEN in that state —ED.





### New York Correspondence.

BY LENNOD.

**T**HE past month was made notable by many important occurrences and transactions. The fraternity was shocked by the unexpected death of Mr. G. B. Calman of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., which sad event occurred on January 25th. Although not enjoying the best of health at times, his ailment was not of a character to be considered serious. Mr. Calman was still young, being but 38 years of age. He managed the Scott Co's entire sales trade.

Messrs. Morgenthau & Co. have purchased from the estate of the late Henry Gremmel the latter's "entire" stock and fixtures and the monthly philatelic publication *Post Office*. Although the terms remain a secret, Dame Rumor has it that the stock was fully worth \$15,000.00. A prominent collector told your correspondent that the price was nearer fifteen hundred dollars. He further said that the larger part of Mr. Gremmel's unused British Colonials were placed in a safe deposit vault by himself, but as yet no one has located these vaults. The publication of *Post Office* is not such a paying venture as many would think, therefore I believe the latter figure (\$1,500.00) quoted is likely the correct one.

The writer has, during the past year, handled about 10,000 copies of cancelled orange Special Delivery stamps, and out of the entire lot has found but three copies on *ribbed* paper. This instance gives one an idea of the scarcity of this stamp in such a condition. I have also seen copies of the 6c. Inland Exchange United States Revenue, and a 2c. Columbian, both on *ribbed* paper.

The new stamp paper, promised some time since, has at last materialized. It is a four-page sheet, under the name of *Philatelic Courier*; but containing very little pertaining to stamps, and from what I glean, the sole purpose of the issuance of same is to act as official organ for an international exchange and for collectors who specialize in souvenir and illustrated post-cards.

The present year will probably witness more speculative or unnecessary issues than in former years. Outside of our own proposed Omaha emissions, this year's crop of centennial celebrations includes observations of the four hundredth anniversaries of Vasco de Gama's discovery of the way to India, by way of Cape of Good Hope, at Lisbon, Portugal, in May; of the burning of Savonarola at Florence, Italy, also in May; and the birth of Holbein, at Basel, Switzerland. Montpellier will celebrate the hundredth birthday of the philosopher Auguste Comte; and at Paris that of Michelet, the historian.

A very interesting variety is the 25c. blue Belgium, Scott's number 62-a, "no ball to 5 in upper left-hand corner." The variety is most pronounced and is easily noticed, that is, if you know what the variety looks like. This variety appears but once on each sheet of one hundred stamps. It is easy to describe, viz: the 5 on the rare variety is thus, 5; and on the common variety thus, 5; the ball at the lower end of the five being conspicuous by its absence in the rarity. This stamp is priced by Stanley Gibbons at 5 shillings (\$1.25). A pair — one of each variety — commands a higher price than separate specimens.

The Empire State Philatelic Society has made wonderful progress. A few prominent members have contemplated publishing an illustrated hand-book, containing constitution, laws, biographies, etc., but the scheme is not yet perfected.



**Boston Bits.**

BY BOSTONIAN.

MR. A. W. BATCHELDER, of the New England Stamp Co., started February 1 on his trip across the continent, carrying with him a line of the most choice and valuable stamps on the market. He is scheduled to stop at all the principal cities between here and San Francisco, and collectors should not fail to make inquiries as to whether their city lies in his path, as it will doubtless be to them a chance of a life time. And it costs you nothing to look, if you do not care to buy.

It is said that Gardner R. Kennedy, lately in the employment of Frank P. Brown, is about to start in the stamp business on his own hook, making Worcester, Mass., his headquarters.

Dealers are still on the quiet hunt for unused copies of our 10c. orange special-delivery stamp, but I have it from good authority that they are being exported in large quantities to numerous European cities, and it would seem that the corner on these stamps was being made in that direction instead of in this country, as previously stated; however, they have a good task before them, as nearly 500,000 copies are in existence.

The stock of F. H. Pinkham's Granite State Stamp Co. was sold in this city at auction recently, and now it is rumored that he is about to dispose of his large and valuable private collection in the same manner and through the same firm, B. L. Drew & Co.

Boston dealers and collectors, as a rule, unite in denouncing the Trans-Mississippi Exposition stamps, and state that there will be no uncertain sound in the direction of the Hub when these labels are "black-listed" by the society with the many S's.

The forming of a collectors' club, modeled after the one in New York city,

is now among the possibilities, and it is evident that such a proceeding could not fail to be a success in the Hub, as in a radius of ten miles dwell many prominent and well-to-do collectors.

The current 1c. green U. S. stamp has not as yet been placed on sale at the local post-office, but it is said that they are expected at any time.

The new Peru stamps have been received here, and consist of three denominations, 1, 2, and 5c. The 1 and 2c. are of the shape of our Columbian stamps, and they are all printed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York city. These stamps, although first intended for a commemorative set, are to be used for an indefinite period. "Good thing."

**Texas Notes.**

BY ABASSI.

THE second annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Association will meet at New Braunfels on April 20. On the next day (Sunday) a picnic will be given in honor of the visitors by the resident members.

*The Lone Star State Philatelist* has removed from Abilene to 120 Franklin St., Waco. Mr. Bradley will continue the publication, and improve it greatly. Especial attention will be given to the stamps of the Confederate States. Mr. Bradley is of the opinion that they deserve more attention from the philatelic press.

The coming election of the T. P. A. promises to be one of interest. Numerous tickets are being stated, and some one will be disappointed next April.

Mr. A. C. Townsend, formerly of Washington, D. C., but now located at Colorado, Tex., reports a growing trade. Mr. Townsend still has an office in Washington.



The Alamo Stamp Co. are so pleased with the results of their business of the past year that they are trying to organize and incorporate a large firm, with numerous prominent collectors as shareholders. As Mr. Hausinger generally makes a success of his enterprises, we may look upon success as certain.

I trust that the many readers of this *elite* publication, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, will watch my notes each month from the Lone Star State.

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### Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

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Canadian trade is very satisfactory, and dealers seem to be doing a good business.

The agitation for one-cent postage in Toronto still continues. We think that two cents is perfectly reasonable, and that a far better reduction would be that of first-class matter to two cents. If newspapers were charged as they are in the U. S., the reduction could be made very easily.

The new law, allowing advertisements on the face of postal cards, is stirring advertisers up, and some unique and pretty ads are being turned out.

*The Philatelic Messenger* has been notified by the post-office department that they cannot be permitted to illustrate their catalogue of Canadian stamps with cuts. We have been expecting this, as it is contrary to Canadian law to make cuts of Canadian stamps.

The Dominion Philatelic Association seems to be continually in hot water. At present the result of the struggle for the '98 Convention has left many dissatisfied ones in the ranks, and from present indications we are led to believe that the D. P. A. will not live to a green old age. As a national society the D. P. A. has not been a success, owing to the

fact that the society is run chiefly by Ontario collectors.

We think that the best way would be to reorganize the D. P. A. as an Ontario Philatelic Association, thus rendering it more compact, and doing away with all internal dissensions.

Robie's new Canadian Revenue Catalogue bids fair to be the best yet placed on the market. It may be interesting to readers to know that the prices on Match and Medicine stamps in Scott's 58th were compiled by Mr. Robie.

The paper used for printing the Jubilee post-cards weighed twenty-four tons, and, stretched in an unbroken line would extend eight miles by twenty-eight and a half inches wide. It produced seventy million post-cards.

The last quarterly supplement to the Canadian Postal Guide contains the following paragraph: (4.) Seditious matter. It is generally understood that printed matter of an indecent or immoral character is not allowed transmission through the mails, but it is considered proper to mention that the law also prohibits the circulation of "seditious" matter, or matter tending to excite resistance to lawful authority and established government. In any case of doubt as to the treatment of matter which may appear to be of this character, postmasters must consult the department.

It will thus be seen that the paragraph being circulated in the American press to the effect that new instructions have been issued by the Canadian government to the postmasters on the matter are utterly unfounded.

No new instructions have been issued, only attention has been called to the existing law. It was deemed wiser to authorize the sending of doubtful matters to the department, at it was thought the average postmaster was a better judge of immoral matter than he would be of seditious.

## The Hand-Stamps of Guadalajara.

BY ERWIN L. FISCHER.

**I**N the years 1867-'68 a war of \*rebellion was in progress in Mexico, which resulted in the final victory of the Republicans over the Monarchists and the establishment of the Republic of Mexico. During this time the Republican party held the reins and were in possession of the city of Guadalajara.

This led them to issue an independent series of stamps, which were printed by means of a circular hand-stamp, in black ink, and inscribed, "*Franco en Guadalajara*," with value and year of issuance in center. They were printed on white, green, various shades of blue, amber, rose and lilac paper. The different kinds of paper used were: wove, quadrille, oblong quadrille, laid *batonne* and laid.

The perforation on some of these stamps is similar to saw-tooth perforation.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

ISSUE OF 1867.— $\frac{1}{2}$  REAL, on white wove paper, is the rarest of the set, and is sometimes found with the above-mentioned saw-tooth perforation.

1 REAL is printed on white, dark blue, grayish blue, rose, blue and green paper; they all appear on wove paper, with the exception of the blue, which is oblong quadrille, and the white is found on both wove and oblong quadrille paper; those on the bluish, dark blue and white wove paper, and the one on blue oblong quadrille paper are found perforated.

2 REALS were printed on dark blue, green, rose and white wove paper; on green and rose quadrille; on green and rose laid *batonne*, and on green and rose laid paper.

\*In this Rebellion the Republicans of Mexico and those who favored the forming of a Republic were opposed by France, who had gained possession of Mexico and desired to establish a monarchy. This led to war, resulting in Republican victory.

4 REALS were printed on bluish, rose and white wove paper; on blue and white quadrille; on bluish and white laid *batonne*, and on rose laid paper.

1 PESO.—There are seven varieties of this stamp, namely: on lilac, lilac-rose and purple wove paper; on lilac and rose quadrille, and on lilac and rose laid *batonne* paper. All may be found perforated except the rose wove and the rose quadrille paper varieties.

ISSUE OF 1868.—The designs of this issue are the same as the 1867, with the exception of the year, which is changed to 1868.

1 REAL on green and lilac laid *batonne* paper.

2 REALS on lilac and rose wove paper, and on lilac quadrille paper.

All except the 1 Real lilac are found in the perforated state.

As a general rule all of these stamps bring good prices when offered for sale, and many minor varieties exist.

And this from Canada's leading philatelic magazine:

An excellent paper in every way is THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Its contents have been above the average from the start, five months ago, and in typographical appearance it beats them all.

—The Philatelic Messenger.

The new Canadian stamps are neat, and the colors are well chosen. But postmasters complain that some of the colors are too dark, so that it is difficult at night to tell whether the stamps have been cancelled. They complain, too, of the absence of figures of value. This necessitates a close look at some of the stamps to discover the denomination. The gum is abominable—it will not stick.

—The Philatelic Messenger.

READ our Combination Offer—two philatelic papers at the price of one. See ad.





In the Reviews of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* for January, appears a *resumé* of Mr. John Paalzow's article in our December VIRGINIA PHILATELIST on the stamps of Bergedorf, stating: "The article contains some statements which, if correct, must settle once for all the *status* of the two rarities—the  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch. on lilac and the 3 sch. on red—by proving them to be only essays or proofs, in colors that were not adopted. \* \* \* In Mons. Moens' history of the stamps of Bergedorf there appears however, a letter, stated to have been written by the Postmaster himself, in which he says: 'For the issue of the old stamps.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch. lilac, and 3 sch. black on rose, *which had been issued as an experiment*, no official notice was published, because it was intended that these stamps should be changed, their colors being difficult to distinguish by candle light.' We must leave father and son to decide which story is correct."

This matter bids fair to become interesting, especially to those who possess these rarities (we do not), and it is quite probable that the "Bergedorf-question" will be finally settled in the near future.

Our friend Mr. Paalzow, the author of the article, is at this writing absent from our city on a professional trip to Florida, and is expected to return in a fortnight. We shall then print his further statements. It may be mentioned here, that our author forwarded a copy of this article to his father, the former Postmaster of Bergedorf, Mr. Franz Paalzow, with the request to revise same carefully and to correct any possible misstatements. In the reply received last month, *Mr. Franz Paalzow endorsed the article in toto, confirming every statement therein contained.*

In the February *Perforator*, which, by the way, is *par excellence*, the esteemed Review Editor requests us "to make matters a little plainer" as to whom is due the honor of "originating" the postal card, Heinrich von Stephan or Dr. Emmanuel Hermann, as claimed by *The American Collector*. We offer the following facts in support of our claim:

In 1865 von Stephan suggested to the postal delegates, then assembled at Carlsruhe, (Baden), his idea of a postal card, but is was rejected as being "too bold."

In 1869 Dr. Hermann proposed the same to his (the Austrian) government, and it was adopted. It is claimed that Dr. Hermann had no knowledge of von Stephan's plan when he proposed the postal card, but that the idea was likewise "original" with him. Admitting this *possibility*, we still claim the laurels for the primogenial (where's Veritas?) idea, and therefore von Stephan was the "originator," of the postal card.

In the *Evergreen State Philatelist* for February two pages are devoted to a criticism of ourselves and our publication by Herr Mö-—beg pardon!—by "Veritas." Withal it is fairer and less prejudiced than we had reason to expect from this critic's cynical pen. We have little to say to it all, save that it is refreshing, at times, to breathe the pure, crisp air (though a bit chilling of criticism after being surrounded by the stifling, perfumed atmosphere of flattery.

We'll cross sabers with "Veritas" on another occasion; here we see no *casus belli*.

One of the neatest of newcomers is *The Revenue Philatelist*, from Johnstown, Pa. In contents and general appearance it is among the best. Besides the fine reproductions of stamps, its illustrations will comprise a series of views from the dark days of the Johnstown calamity.

*The Lone Star State Philatelist's* January number merits special mention. Enlarged to 16 pages and cover, brimful of instructive, purely philatelic matter and neat printing, combine to place it in line with the leading philatelic publications.

Mr. E. E. Weaver is the subject of the illustration and biography on the first page, followed by press reviews and another of A. D. Schoch's well-written articles entitled, "Dealing in Stamps." We are told "stamp dealers buy at about one-half their selling price; sometimes more, sometimes less \* \* \* in reality, however, the expenses of selling are so great that the net profit is only reasonable." Veno's "Facts for Philatelic Learners" make a page of stamp-lore worth a year's subscription alone. G. A. Hunt's "Philatelic Philosophy" contains some good things, and — in short, friend Bradley is to be congratulated.

*The American Collector* for January has an excellent article by Chas. E. Jenney, entitled "A Common-Sense Catalogue." The author states that the "power given to the present Standard Catalogue by collectors, it at present is abusing, and is assuming a dictatorial manner becoming a tyrant." A Common-Sense Catalogue, pricing stamps at their actual worth, as advocated by this writer, is by no means a *Fata Morgana*. It would require capital — a good bit of it — and much labor, but it is not an impossibility. That it would produce a "*presto*" change from the Standard to the Common-Sense, we seriously doubt, even were the first editions distributed *gratis*. And then again it might turn out to be merely a case of one "tyrant" usurping the throne of another.

*The Philatelic West*, Vol. V., No. 1, has made its reappearance from Superior, Neb., under the able management of friend Brodstone with Fred. B. Woolston

as editor. Its cover presents a bird's-eye view of the Omaha Exposition, and in his brief "bow" to philately, Mr. Woolston promises no more than we are confident he is able to do: "tell something about stamps and make the paper a success." Our best wishes to that end.

The following publications have been received during the past month:

*The Philatelic West, Lone Star State Philatelist, Perforator, Home Worker, Revenue Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Philatelic Bulletin, Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, The Stampman, Era, International Stamp, Eastern Philatelist, Junior Collector, Metropolitan Philatelist, The American Collector, Herald Exchange, Philatelic Monthly and World, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Boston Stamp Book, Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society of America, National Stamp Collector, Pennsylvania Philatelist, The Texan Philatelist, and Eastern Philatelist.*

#### From Canada:

*Boys' Own Philatelist, Stamp Reporter, Philatelic Messenger, Edwards' Philatelic Press-List, and The Philatelic Advocate.*

#### From Abroad:

*Jornal Philatelico, Brazil; Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Malta; Le Moniteur Philatélique, Belgium; "Stamps," England; Schweizer Briefmarkenzeitung, Switzerland; Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, England; Le Bulletin des Annonces Timbrologiques, Egypt.*

#### Sundries:


*Morsels, Youth's Realm, Catholic Friend,*

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Report of the Collectors' Club of New York, for 1897; also of the Annual Report of the American Stamp Exchange.

We have received The Starr Stamp Co.'s Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps, well worth its price, 10c.; also Bunce's Dealers' Address Book, 10c.; and Mekeel's Price-List for 1897-98.





 UR Boston correspondent furnishes us with the following prices, realized at the auction sales held in that city during the past month.

At B. L. Drew's sale, held January 19, a St. Louis 5c. brought \$111.00, a 10c. \$77.50; 1847 10c., fine, used, \$3.00; 1851 1c., type II., unused, block of six, sold for \$33.00; 1851 5c., used, very fine, \$8.25; 1869 90c., three copies, used, fine, \$12.13 each; 24c. Justice, unused, o. g., \$12.13, 30c., \$14.00, 90c., \$27.75; 90c. State, fine, \$7.50. Revenues: 200 Dollars, first issue, sold for \$12.00; 20 Dollars, second issue, brought \$9.00; 25 Dollars, went for \$11.60; and a 50c. Proprietary fetched \$15.00.

At B. L. Drew's sale on January 31, a complete set Columbians, unused, sold for \$16.48, and a single copy of the \$1 stamp brought \$2.40. A complete set of Post Office, unused, went for \$4.00, while a used set, fine, brought \$2.10. A 24c. Treasury, used, sold for \$1.90; 15c. State, fine, \$2.10. Canadian Jubilee, ½c. to \$1, brought \$3.00; Newfoundland surcharges sold for 75c., and a barrel of 1,000,000 mixed stamps brought \$20.00.

MR. Rudolph C. Bach, 451 Sanguinet street, Montreal, Canada, announces his first mail auction sale in our columns this month, listing quite a number of desirable stamps. There is no reserve, and stamps will go to the highest bidder.

WE have just received catalogues from R. F. Albrecht & Co., announcing a sale for March 29-30, and from Bogert & Durbin Co. for a sale to be held March 19th.

MURPHY'S Hotel is the one to stop at in Richmond. Most centrally located.

## The Von Stephan Memorial Fund.

### RECAPITULATION.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, in its first number, proposed the project of erecting a monument to the late HEINRICH VON STEPHAN, founder of the Universal Postal Union, and originator of the postal card. To this end philatelists everywhere are invited to donate to the VON STEPHAN MEMORIAL FUND *One Unused Stamp of their respective country's issue, accompanied by the autograph signature of the donor.* Such donations will be credited in these columns; the stamps sold at auction, and the proceeds, along with the autographs mounted in an album forwarded to the proper authorities for the purpose above stated. ED.

### DONATIONS.

J. O. Prescott, Ohio . . . strip of three 2c. current  
Williams & Co., Peru, . . . four 1c. "Franqueo"  
Melville Rodermond N. Y. . . . 2c. Periodical  
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Mutual Stamp Exchange, N. J. three 15c. or., used  
R. J. Farrer, Va. . . . . 2c. current  
Alfred Macfarlan, England, var. current, total 7½d

### A Generous Offer.

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The above generous offer is exceedingly gratifying, and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST feels that if it accomplished no other good than the perpetuation in bronze or granite of the memory of the founder of the Universal Postal Union, it shall not have lived in vain. It sincerely trusts its readers will also further this cause by donations and by purchasing liberally of Mr. Beck, whose ad appears in this issue.



PERU.—We are indebted to Messrs. Williams & Co., Casilla 348, Lima, Peru, for the following information. The adhesives are here illustrated.



"In addition to the three new stamps, 1c. blue, 2c. brown, and 5c. pink, of which 1,000,000 of each were issued, there were issued on December 31, 1897, nine new postal cards as follows: 1c. green, 1c. red, 2c. orange, 2c. blue, 2c.x2c. blue, 3c. red-brown, 3c.x3c. red-brown, 4c. black, and 4c.x4c. black.

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### "There Are Others—"

*The Editor of "The Eastern Philatelist" on the Omaha Exposition Stamps.*

WE do not see any need of making such a great fuss over the proposed Omaha Exposition stamps as many philatelists (mostly dealers) are doing. It is somewhat different in the case of a great government like the United States issuing such a set of stamps than for some insignificant little country to issue commemorative stamps with the sole object in view of increasing the postal receipts. In the former instance the stamps are gotten out with the principal object of advertising the exposition, and as they will always be good for postage they cannot strictly be called a speculative issue. Those philatelists who do not want to recognize them can let them alone, and foreign collectors can boycott them without any injury to the feelings of American collectors. For our part, we think this set of stamps will be a good thing for stamp collecting in the United States, as it will interest a great many people in the pursuit, and boom philately. There is no doubt that stamp collecting (we do not say philately) is on the wane in this country, and we ought to be glad of anything that will tend to create new collectors, and this is what we sincerely believe the Omaha issue will do. We are glad to see that Mr. J. W. Scott, the "Father of Philately" in America, takes the same view of this subject, and no doubt there are thousands of others who entertain similar ideas. We believe the speculative fever has done more harm to philately than all the commemoratives ever issued, and a crusade against fictitious values would do more good than all this howl against Omaha stamps.—*The Eastern Philatelist*, February, 1898.

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## The Mutual Stamp Exchange, Virginia Philatelic Association

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REPORT ENDING FEBRUARY 10TH, 1898.

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| 5. D. Pick,            | 13. Mrs. L. C. Aldrich, |
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| 7. H. A. Mills,        | 15. Oren Root,          |
| 8. F. D. Randall, M.D. | 16. C. A. Merrill.      |

### FIGURES.

Value of stamps received, . . .	\$968.51
Value retired, . . . . .	406.26
Total in circulation, . . . . .	\$562.25

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Mr. Franklin Stearns, Jr., while in Washington last week, was shown by Mr. Bartels of that city, two Hawaiian surcharges not catalogued by Scott. They are the 10c. brown (Scott's No. 68), surcharged in *red*, and the 12c. black (Scott's No. 62), with double surcharge, in *red*.

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The grilling on U. S. stamps was generally impressed upon the face of the stamp. A few at first, however, were grilled from the back.—*Lone Star St. Phil.*

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., *February 10, 1898.*

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

I herewith submit to you my report of the sixth monthly meeting of our Association, held on above date.

Members present: Messrs. William S. Ahern, J. C. Knotts, E. P. Lyons, Jr., C. F. W. Moser, Thomas Christian, Maj. Jno. F. Mayer, W. P. Shelton, John C. Weckert, Henry C. Scott, Jr., and Franklin Stearns, Jr., also Mr. George Sutton, as guest.

Major John F. Mayer presided.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association: Messrs. W. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York city, and Jos. O. Prescott, 86 Kentucky St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The following applications are now on file: Messrs. J. E. Allemong, attorney-at-law, Salem, Va., endorsed by Franklin Stearns, Jr., August Dietz and Chas. E. Tompkins; R. J. Farrer, farmer, Orange C H., Va., endorsed by the postmaster, Mr. Thos. Carter. Franklin Stearns, Jr. and August Dietz; Otto Frank, machinist, Station D, Pittsburg, Pa., endorsed by August Dietz, Franklin Stearns, Jr. and A. D. Platz, Pittsburg, Pa.

The Constitution Committee reported that it had prepared the Constitution, laws, by-laws, rules and regulations. The same were read, by section, and, with

several amendments made, were ordered to be sent to printer and a proof of same submitted for revision at the next meeting of the Association, March 10, 1898.

On motion the meeting adjourned, and

stamp "swapping" was indulged in until quite late.

Respectfully submitted,

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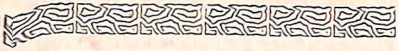
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