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J. E. ALLEMONG.

HE Virginia Philatelic Association may well pride itself upon a membership composed of genuine "dyed-in-the-wool" stamp collectors—collectors who are better versed in stamp lore than in philatelic politics—who almost to a man collect stamps for the pleasure they afford, and not for the value they may represent.

And it is just such an enthusiastic colleclector we have chosen for the subject of our sketch this month, Mr. J. E. Allemong, attorney and counsellor at law, of Salem, Va.

Mr. Allemong was born at Bridgewater, Va., in the year 1869.

He studied law at the Washington and Lee University, sessions 1888 and 1889-'90 under Professor C. A. Graves and the late Randolph Tucker.

In 1889 he located in Salem, Va., and has

since been successfully engaged in the practice of law.

Our esteemed friend is somewhat of a musical genius, and a number of his compositions were so favorbly received that second editions have been issued some time since.

Far back to boyhood's days dates his stamp-collecting career. At the age of twelve he possessed a collection of some merit—especially a good line of Confeds.

But, as was the case with many of us, "There came a time" when the fever abated, and the collection was given to a young friend; yet

"You may break you may shatter the vase if you will,

But the scent of the rose will linger there still " and so it was with Mr. Allemong. In 1897 he purchased from a friend a lot of some six hundred varieties. This revived the old love for stamps that had

> lain dormant for fourteen years, and now the interest in his collection, and the pleasure derived from the pursuit is such that he would not part with it again for any consideration. It numbers about 4,000, exclusive of minor varieties. It contains a good line of U. S. general issues. A few Departments will soon complete that branch. The New Orleans and Lynchburg locals show up nicely and the Confeds are com-

plete, with an exceptionally fine TEN. Among the better class foreigns in his collection are the triangular Capes, old Ceylon and almost all the Central and South American issues.

Though not a specialist, Mr. Allemong takes pride in his Revenues and is determined to complete this department. Among these may be mentioned the 3c and 4c playing card in exceptionally fine condition.





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"Number 12."

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, with this number, concludes its first volume, and, inasmuch as this occasion presents itself for the first time, we trust we may be pardoned for indulging in a brief retrospection.

The success which has crowned our work has surpassed even our most sanguine expectations, and, this success, we feel, is due to our friends—patron and subscriber—who have so generously overlooked the shortcomings of our early efforts, and by their advice, hearty co-operation and trust have stimulated us to strive onward and upward.

It is meet, at the close of our first volume, that we express our gratitude to all those who have so assisted us, and to trust in a continuance of their patronage and good will, assuring them that we shall exert our every effort to place The Virginia Philatelist among the first of American stamp publications.

Number 1, of Volume II., to which we would again call attention, will be an exceptionally fine issue. We have decided to prepare a new design for the cover which we trust will improve its appearance. Besides the standard features, we shall, in the coming year, make such additions and improvements as we deem warranted.

The attention of dealers is directed to this Anniversary number; and the importance of being represented therein with a display of their best bargains is again commended to their consideration.

THE editor of the *Era* calls attention to the fact that quite a number of American as well as foreign publications cull from its columns without giving due credit to the source of their information.

Our esteemed contemporary's remarks on the subject are timely, and we heartily endorse them *in toto*.

Whether it is due to ignorance of the primary principles of journalistic courtesy, or whether the omission of credit is intentional, it is an act deserving the severest censure.

We would suggest, as a remedy, the removal of such publications from the exchange list.

The Great Meet in New York.

FOUR of the leading American philatelic societies—the American Philatelic Association, Empire State Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America, and the Sons of Philatelia—will hold their annual conventions in the city of New York during the present month.

In all probability this will be the largest gathering of representative philatelists ever held in this country and the occasion, viewed in the proper light, is one of great significance.

Representing as they do, an intelligent class of citizens, whose number is legion, the delegates can, aside from their routine business, accomplish a vast amount of good—results that would accrue to the direct benefit of the followers of Philatelia, and to the country at large.

Several important problems confront American philately to-day, and we feel confident if these four leading fraternities unite their efforts they can attain the solutions:

British philatelists have succeeded in securing official permission to illustrate the stamps of Great Britain. Concerted action of our four great societies, we feel assured, could gain for us this same privilege.

A Money-Order Postal Card, as suggested by Mr. John Paalzow in the July number of The Virginia Philatelist, should be brought to the attention of the four Associations. Its endorsation by them would be of great importance—as its adoption by our government would be of incalculable benefit to the dealer and collector—as well as to the country at large.

Aside from the selection of intelligent and energetic gentlemen to fill the various offices of trust—which insures the welfare of an association of stamp collectors—too much cannot be said of the importance of electing for the official organ, a publication of acknowledged merit—one that will labor in the interest of the society, one that will gather to its ranks new recruits and prove untiring in its efforts to raise it to the pinacle of success—this, by all means, is of the greatest importance. A "live" official organ is the recruiting officer of the Army of Philatelia.

With this we greet the members of the four associations, and trust their labors will result in a vast amount of good to our hobby, and that their great meet will be fraught with much pleasure and profit.

Frederick Noyes for Treasurer!

A PHILATELIC association officered by experienced, enthusiastic and respected stamp collectors must surely prosper. Another factor that goes a great way toward this desired end is a representation of every section of our country, as far as practicable, in its corps of officers.

Throughout the Southern States the members of the A. P. A. seem united in desiring the election of Frederick Noyes to the office of Treasurer of this leading American association of stamp collectors.

Voicing the sentiment of our section we cannot too strongly urge upon the members to endorse Mr. Noyes for this position of trust, feeling confident that it could not be placed in better hands.

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The E. S. P. S. Official Organship.

HE publishers of The Virginia Philatelist take pleasure in calling the attention of all members of the Empire State Philatelic Society to the fact that their magazine is a candidate for the official organship of their society and we hereby most respectfully solicit the votes of all members.

We have offered the society our magazine on most liberal terms and we intend, in the event of our election, to bend every energy to the advancement of the society's interests and membership.

We are publishing a magazine which in typographical appearance we feel confident far exceeds any philatelic magazine published in America and we shall take great pains to so lead, regardless of how great may be the improvement in that direction of other magazines.

The contents of our publication have always been far above the average. Our articles have been quoted and reproduced at home and abroad. Our regular monthly correspondents are all men whose names are household in the philatelic world and whose notes ever contain the latest and most interesting stamp news. Our editorials are always up to date, bright and free from pettiness. Dignity is our guidon. We strive solely to advance the interests of philately and insure to it the dignity of a Science, so richly deserved. We have adopted the liberal policy of purchasing for eash such creditable philatelic manuscripts as are presented to us-our columns throughout Volume I, completed with this number, testify to its success. We endeavor to secure the earliest possible information of new issues and if possible, illustrate them, that our readers may have definite and satisfactory information at an early hour.

To sum up, we are striving to make THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST the handsomest, brightest, most newsy and entertaining American paper devoted to stamps. We shall spare no pains or money to reach this end and we will do all in our power to further the interests of the E. S. P. S. if we are so fortunate as to have our magazine chosen the official organ of that society. We again most respectfully solicit the votes of its members.

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WITH no further interest in the case than a desire to see fair play, and to afford one of our esteemed advertisers the opportunity of vindication, we have tendered the use of our columns to the Trojan Stamp Co., who were published in No. 1 of *The Michigan Philatelist's* "Black List."

We are prompted to this action by the fact that the publishers of the M. P. refused the Trojan Stamp Co., the privilege of a statement in rebuttal.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is ever ready to defend its patrons, and its columns are ever open to them wherein they may present *their* side of the question.

The attention of our readers is directed to their statement printed elsewere.

WE TAKE pleasure in greeting philately of Canada with a full report of the Convention of the D. P. A., accompanied by a group of the delegates in attendance. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Chas. S. Applegath of Hamilton, Ontario, the Convention Seat, who furnished us this complete report of the proceedings.

Long live the D. P. A.

Why can't a magazine celebrate its anniversary with a ———? But wait 'till you see No. 1 of Vol. II.

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Two errors in the new surcharged 2c U. S. revenues have been discovered thus far. The one is a comma instead of a period after the I of I. R.; the other I. R. inverted.

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Mr. Paalzow-Review Editor.

BEGINNING with No. 1 of Vol. II, Mr. John Paalzow will conduct the Review Department of The Virginia Philatelist, and our esteemed contemporaries are requested to direct an additional copy of their publications to him, at 1018 Park Ave., besides two copies to our office.

Mr. Paalzow needs no further introduction to our readers—his past contributions to our columns prove him a philatelic student eminently fitted for the task.

The lines along which Mr. Paalzow will conduct our Review Department will prove most beneficial to the collector and student—ignoring such as contain naught of interest, he will review all articles of philatelic merit, discussing the subjects briefly; and presenting the substance in the most palatable manner.

We consider ourselves fortunate in securing his services.

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(Signed) A. C. DERLAM

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HEN the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association, decided upon Hamilton as their 1898 Convention Seat it was an assured fact that should the Convention prove a failure, it would not be through the lack of interest displayed by the Hamilton members. As soon as it was made public that the "Ambitious City" would claim the meet its local members set to work in earnest to plan for the greatest gathering of "stamp men" ever held on "Canadian Soil." A preliminary meeting of the local collectors was held on the evening of June 30th to hear the final reports from the various committees. But as everything was in readiness for the following two days, the meeting was adjourned early.

The first indications of the Convention were the arrivals of R.G. Widdicombe of St.Catharines and W. A. Lydiatt of Toronto, on Thursday afternoon. Both gentlemen "wheeling" to the city. Another delegation arrived from St. Catharines on Friday about 8 a. m. It being composed of L. S. Graham of Merriton and W. A. Beatty and

Geo. Bradley of St. Catharines. About as soon as these gentlemen had begun to make the acquaintance of the local members, another party arrived, composed of G. W. Starnaman, F. I. Weaver and W. A. Starnaman, of Berlin, and John H. Lowe and C. B. Worden of Toronto. Shortly afterward the members were agreeably surprised at meeting once again their old friend Mr. Charles Bailey of Kaukauna, Wisc., counterfeit detector of the Association.

About eleven o'clock, when a goodly number of delegates had gathered together, Mr. F. M. Robinson ex-president of the Hamilton Stamp Club, opened the Convention by an appropriate address of welcome on behalf of the local members. In reply to this Mr. Chas. Bailey gave a short address on behalf of the visiting members. The members then unanimously elected Mr. Bailey, Chairman and Mr. N. Matches of Hamilton, Secy. pro tem, of the Cozvention.

The Chairman then read a congratulatory message from the President, A. M. Muirhead of Halifax, who was unable to be present, in reply to

which it was moved and seconded that the Secretary write Mr. Muirhead, thanking him for his interesting letter and suggestions.

The first real matter of business was that of reinstating Mr. I. E. Patterson of Detroit, who has not been considered a member since the Convention held at Toronto in 1896. After considerable discussion it was resolved, upon motion of Messrs. Widdicombe and Graham that Mr. Patterson be reinstated upon payment of dues in full to date. After this matter was dispensed with the meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order shortly after 2 o'clock and the members faced the camera and had a Convention Group taken.

The next item of business was that of an official emblem being decided upon. Mr. R. S. Mason brought a design before the meeting which he requested the society to adopt. It was moved by Dr. Kittson and seconded by A. H. Ward that the design be accepted. It was moved in amendment that a committee composed of C. S. Applegath, E. A. Marris and W. B. Grant, be appointed for the purpose of securing an appropriate emblem.—Carried.

About 3:40, W. A. Starnaman, Chairman of the Constitution Committee was called upon to present the report of the committee. The Constitution was then read for the first time, and upon motion of C. S. Applegath and W. A. Lydiatt, it was decided that all information asked for on the application be published with the name of each applicant for membership.

It was also moved by E. A. Marris that the Secretary-Treasurer be required to publish a financial statement each month—(carried unanimously).

After some discussion it was decided that hereafter each candidate for office at the annual elections, shall be a member for at least three months before the official nominations are declared. It was also decided to add an advertising and subscription department to the list of offices, and nominations were called for for same.

The candidates nominated were R. G. Widdicombe and W. A. Lydiatt. After some discussion the above by-laws were added to the Constitution and same declared law.

Upon motion of C. Bailey and F. M. Robinson a vote of thanks was tendered the Constitution Committee for their very efficient services.

The Credential Committee then adjourned to an ante-room to count the ballots, during which time a social gathering was held in the hall, and music entertained the delegates. In the course of about an hour and a half the Chairman of the Credential Committee F. A. Marris returned with the following report:—

Number of votes polled 92, of which three or

four were thrown out on account of the members not being paid up.

The election returns were as follows:

(The numbers refer to votes received; the first in each case being declared elected.)—

President.—A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, (by acclamation).

Vice-President { C. S. Applegath, Hamilton (60) { A. H. Adams. Whitby, (18) } Vice-President U. S.—Chas. Bailey, Kaukauna, Wisc., (by acclamation).

Sec'y-Treas { Geo. W. Starnaman, Berlin, (51) R.G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines(21) Counterfeit-Detector, F. J. Garraty, Richmond, (by acclamation).

Exch. Supt. { E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y. (53) F. B. Reynolds, Halifax, (21) Auction Mgr., N. Matches, Hamilton, (by accl.) Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass. (by acclamation).

Librarian { F. I. Weaver, Berlin, W. B. Grant, Hamilton, (20) Official Organ Ontario Philatelist. (55) (17 (Stamp Reporter, (3) R. S. Mason, Hamilton (56) Geo. W. Hicks, Mitchell, Trustees E. A. Marris, Hamilton, (55) (50) J. H. Slater, Hamilton, W. A. Beatty, St. Catharines, (23)Adv. and Sub. Agent { R. G. Widdicombe, W. A. Lydiatt, (11)

1899 Convention Seat { Toronto, Ontario, (65) Halifax, Nova Scotia, (11)

The official bulletin was then placed on the wall and the meeting was voted to adjourn.

The evening sessions called to order about 8:30 shortly after which light refreshments were served by the Hamilton Stamp Club.

About 9 o'clock the meeting was again called to order and an auction sale conducted by Mr. Widdicombe was proceeded with. Fifty two lots were offered for sale, and some of the prices realized were as follows:—Canada, 1868, 3c laid paper on original cover, catalogued at \$5.00, was sold at 50c. United States, 1875, 3c blue, used, reissue, no grill, catalogued \$15.00, very good copy with exception of small corner missing. Highest bid 25c. A fine library of about 800 different philatelic publications was sold at \$3.05. A sheet of 100 8c Canada Jubilee unused was offered at \$8.00, or two ½ sheets at \$4.00 each.

At the conclusion of the sale refreshments were again served. Evening session adjourned about 10.30.

SECOND DAY.

The morning session was opened about 9 o'clock, but owing to the oppressive heat no business of importance was transacted. The morning was spent principally in examining the magnificent collection of W. H. Thurston, of Flesherton, Ontario.

The afternoon session was taken up in hearing

the reports of the various officers, which were as follows:—The Secretary reported 91 new members admitted during the year.

Two resignations were received.

Two deaths.

The Auction Manager reported a percentage from the three sales of \$1.36.

Postage etc., 44c.

Balance on hand 92c.

The Counterfeit Detector reported having examined 7 stamps only, during the year.

A charge of fraud was laid by one member against another. But as neither were paid up, the matter was dropped.

Upon motion a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers.

As a number of the members went home Saturday afternoon, the evening session was made informal by music, speeches and a jolly time.

"Snap Shots."

The following members remained over Sunday and took in the City:—C. Bailey, W. A. Starnaman, R. G. Widdicombe, C. B. Morden, W. A. Lydiatt, and G. W. Starnaman.

With the thermometer hugging the century mark, the close proximity of an "Ice cream parlor," was a blessing indeed.

A number of the members could not be found when the photo was about to be taken, so they were left out. One of the members took a number of snop shots of the meet.

The Convention was held in the Maccabees'

The Government commemorated the Convention by putting the new special delivery stamps on sale on July 1st.

Several of the delegates were so favorably impressed with the city that they are seriously contemplating making a permanent location here.

So Toronto will claim the crowd for 1899. We'll all be there.

What's the matter with St. Catharines for 1900?

The Philatelic Advocate ticket had a walk-over, everyone of its candidates elected, but one, J. H. Slater, of Hamilton.

Eailey came the farthest to the meet.

The H. S. C. knows how to run a convention!!!

W. H. Thurston, of Flesherton, wheeled to the meet.

Geo. Starnaman read a good paper on Advertising on Saturday afternoon.

The following members attended the Convention:—

C. Bailey. W. H. Davenport. E. A. Marris. R. G. Widdicombe.

G. W. Starnaman. Geo. Bradley,
L. S. Graham. W. A. Beatty. John H. Lowe.

F. I. Weaver. W. A. Lydiatt.
W. B. Grant. W. H. Thurston.
A. Grigg. Jas. H. Slater.
J. Waters. Dr. E. G. Kittson.

L. Robinson. H. Terryberry.
N. Matches. E. A. Mitchell.
C. B. Morden. R. S. Knox.
F. M. Robinson. A. H. Ward.

C. A. Needham. R. S. Mason.
Walter McMahon. C. S. Applegath.

ANOTHER FRAUD AT LARGE.

G. Kohn, of Detroit, Has Left for Parts Unknown.—U. S. Postal Authorities Are After Him.

Another fraud has been unearthed and G. Kohn of 333 Michigan Ave., Detroit, has disappeared with a few hundred dollars worth of stamps belonging to various dealers.

From April 20th to 25th Kohn wrote numerous letters to dealers soliciting stamps on approval. The letter given below being a copy of one sent out by him:

"It is my intention to buy some stamps from you if the report is true that you are satisfied with small profits.

"If this be so, I would select your firm to complete some of my sets. At the same time, you might have bought some stamps very cheap, while you paid full price for others. In other words you are supposingly in the position to sell some stamps below 50% off catalogue, while you must charge more for others.

"Therefore, not being at present in the position to complete all my sets, I am going to complete only that part of them that I shall feel induced to according to your prices.

"For this reason I want you to affix your lowest net cash price to each stamp. I have over 4000 varities and don't pay out money for anything that belongs into the class of so-called trash, nor that is not in strictly fine condition.

"This might not be the only deal between you and me and I want to impress upon your mind to take care and treat me right especially as I am more than an average consumer, selling frequently to young collectors whenever they get their salaries.

"I hope that these points will lead to a mutual understanding and that they will not make you think I am asking too much. If you should be afraid of making a few % profits too little please say so, if not, send me just a selection of old, 'rare U. S.' Yours Resp.,

G. Kohn."

In some of the letters Kohn gave no reference, in others he gave the Rival Dry Goods House, 6th and Michigan Ave. The above is a small dry goods and notion store kept by a person named I. Razek. It was in a room back of this store that Kohn had his office. The proprietor of the store, Razek, would say little regarding Kohn but by persistent questioning I at last gathered a few points of information.

He has known Kohn for several years but do not think he ever had great confidence in him. Thinks he is inclined to be "foxy". He has received no rent from Kohn for the use of the room occupied by the latter as an office. Kohn claimed to be a Merchants' & Manufacturers' Agent, but the only real business he did was General Life Insurance and selling goods for the Rival Dry Goods Store in small towns throughout the State. In some of his letters Kohn gave the Rival Dry Goods House as reference, in others he gave none.

The following is a copy of the reply received by one of the dealers who wrote to his reference:

"DEAR SIR:

"We are in receipt of yours of the 22d inst. asking us whether in our opinion Mr. G. Kohn is reliable and of good standing.

"We know him since several years and must say that all our dealings have been to both sides satisfactory. He paid for whatever he contracted for.

"Yours truly,

"The Rival Dry Goods House."

Kohn secured stamps from many dealers in quantities valued at from \$10 to \$50. The stamps were mostly sent by registered mail and the receipt shows his hand-writing. The time for returning the stamps slipped by and no stamps or money was returned to the dealers. In response to letters of inquiry and demands for the return of the stamps Kohn replied that he had sent the stamps out on approval to friends of his and expected them back shortly when he would return those unsold and pay for those kept. But after waiting a suitable time and receiving no reply several dealers wrote to me requesting information in regard to Kohn. I was unable to find him in on several occasions but succeeded in seeing him one Saturday evening.

Kohn was alarmed at the turn affairs had taken and promised to call on me in a couple of days and return the stamps as he would have them back by that time. As I had no papers or authority to act then I could do nothing in the matter. Kohn left the city the next day and up to the present time has not returned.

Fresh complaints are coming in to me since and from appearances Kohn's operations extended over a large area. I have selected a case from the numerous ones sent.

ARGUS.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

RRANGEMENTS are almost completed for welcoming and entertaining the visitors at the coming philatelic society conventions to be held the latter part of August in this city.

When each society will convene has already been decided upon, and I give here the location and date of each meet.

American Philatelic Association at the Collector's Club, 351 Fourth Avenue. Committee on arrangemen's, John N. Luff, R. R. Bogert, P. F. Bruner. August 23, 24 and 25.

Philatelic Sons of America at Grand Union Hotel, 42nd Street and Park Avenue, opposite Grand Central Depot. Committee on arrangements, Wm. A. Donnell, A. Herbst. August 25, 26 and 27.

Empire State Philatelic Society at Miller's Hotel, West 26th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Committee on arrangements, Wm. A. Mc-McDonnell, A. Herbst and J. F. Farrell. August 29 and 30.

Sons of Philatelia at same place. Committee on arrangements, A Herbst, O. H. Williams and W. A. McDonnell. August 29, 30 and 31.

To attend all the meets, and enjoy yourself otherwise, it will occupy from ten days to two weeks. Of course in this small space of time it is impossible to see all the places of interest and amusement in and around Greater New York, but with careful and intelligent "guides," perhaps most of the attendants can be gratified with the most important places and objects of interest.

As yet but few candidates have been nominated. I notice Mr. Frederick Noves of Alice, Texas, is trying for Treasurer of the American Philatelic Association, and he has strong hopes of getting there. It's a shame that the South is not represented on the Board of Officers. The nearest approach being Mr. E. Doeblin who resides in Pittsburg, Pa., nothing below Dixie line can be noticed, and some of us New Yorkers have enough brains and fairness to object to placing all of the officers in one locality. Weadmit that this city and Boston holds four representative on the Board of Directors out of a total of nine, and five appointive officers out of a total of nine also. This is entirely too many, and it looks like discriminating against other parts of the country. To bunch the officers in New York City and the New England States is not just, and not of American principles. I am not booming any candidate, but as the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST thoroughly represents the South, I consider a protest appearing in these columns far more reaching than if the same protest appeared in another philatelic publication. By the way, it may not prove amiss that the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is nominated for the official organship of the Empire State Philatelic Society. The terms offered are lower than is paid to the present publishers of the official journal, New York Philatelist.

Dealers are short on one centred Newfoundlands. When the rumor became current and later was verified that the stamps are being issued in green, there was great hustling on the part of both the collector and the speculator to buy all the copies obtainable, and in many instances the prices paid were five and six cents a copy; used and original covers are just as scarce, and from the present outlook the stamp will fetch higher prices than the one and two cent "Cabots" ever attained.

Cuban, Porto Rico and Philippine Island stamps are still in great demand. Many of the medium priced stamps are unobtainable at current catalogue quotations. A good stamp to hold on to, and to purchase if you have the chance, is the one peseta brown of the 1877 issue of Cuba; another good one, although priced at five cents, is the half real plata green on rose, 1834 issue.

Our new Revenues are proclaimed by all as beauties. It is needless to go into detail and describe these stamps, but the demand for the lower values of the document stamps exhausted the supply the first few days of their sales, and surcharging the regular one and two cent postage stamps was resorted to. The surcharge is composed of two large capital letters, thus, I. R., nine millimeters high, in blue on the two cent, and in red on the one cent. According to the Metropolitan Philatelist the surcharge on the one cent is also found 64 millimeters high. The stamps with this surcharge imprinted thereon are not available for postage, although according to the face of the stamp it is a postage and revenue stamp, but what the proper authorities say we must abide by.

Some of the extensive users of these stamps are complaining that too few denominations are issued, and some large insurance companies came to the Internal Revenue office with the suggestion, that the Documentary stamps should include such values as 40 cents, 80 cents, \$8, \$20 and \$40. The reason given for suggesting such denominations was that one insurance company in issuing a policy, was compelled to affix sixteen \$10 stamps; the insurance company consider this a nuisance as the stamps occupy too much space and cover a good part of the reading matter, which we know is most important on insurance policies!

Before closing my letter this month

we must congratulate ourselves that such a swindler as Frank Pearson has been taken from our midst. This party victimized such well known dealers as J. W. Scott, Mr. Dieschborg and the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., on fake Philadelphia Locals. The party was arrested and on Friday, July 8, he was convicted, and on Monday, July 11, was sentenced for one year's imprisonment.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

At present, it cannot be denied that the condition of stamp trade at the "Hub" is desidedly slack. There is without doubt a demand for certain lines; such as Spanish Colonies and the stamps of British Africa, which, by the way, are selling at or near catalogue quotations, but business as a whole needs a stirring up.

Geo. L. Toppan, the popular auction reporter of the *Boston Stamp Book*, has resigned, much to the regret for Philatelia's followers.

The administration ticket for the A. P. A. bears the name of Ernest M. Carpenter, of the New England Stamp Co., in the place of Rev. John Luther Kilbon, as Mr. Kilbon voluntarily retires from the board. Mr. Carpenter, will no doubt make a very satisfactory official and will probably be elected.

The new issue of postage stamps of Gambia, were this month received in Boston. In appearance they are the same as the new St. Helena stamps. Taken as a whole, they have a rather cheap appearance.

The sale for the New Zealand stamps still holds good, which shows that the average collector of today, is in search of the stamp with the attractive design, such as this set certainly affords. Chas. W. Cutter of Nahant, formally of Cambridge, has resigned from the A. P. A. and will immediately proceed to the front to fight for Uncle Sam.

Two new philatelic journals have recently put in an appearance in the Bay State, and demand a share of our patronage, they are the New England Philatelist, which hails from Jamaica Plains, Mass., J. M. Chandler, publisher, and the Bay State Philatelist, of Melrose, Mass., Herbert Gile, publisher.

In a recent invoice of New South Wales stamps, the 6p appears in a new shade, green. Probably a permanent change. The 1c Newfoundland has also appeared here, printed in green, and the 1c carmine are finding ready purchasers at 5c each, and will no doubt bring even more in a short space of time. None of our dealers seem to have a very large stock of the 1's or 2's which have also advanced, as it is rumored that they are about to be changed in color too.

It is rumored that the remainders of the old embossed Gambia stamps have been destroyed. Would that all remainders, met such a fate, instead of being sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Texas Notes.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

Well, it again becomes my duty to beg pardon of the readers of The Virginia Philatelist for the omission of my notes in last number. They were duly written and mailed, but for some unknown reason they arrived too late for insertion.

I see the editor of the V. P. got the names and numbers of the group of Texas Philatelic Association members somewhat mixed in the July issue. The "mug" on the right of the middle row belongs to me, whereas my name was moved up a couple of numbers and the

likeness of my good looking friend, Robt. Kessler, was assigned to me. Bob is reported to have gazed upon the group and exclaimed, "My! what a libel!"

Say, you Virginia philatelists, why don't you join our Southern Philatelic Association? Of course you have a State society, but why not support and assist the S. P. A.? The dues are low and every department is in first-class working order. All financial officers and the Supt. of Sales are under bond, and we want your companionship. Our next annual convention will be held at Knoxville, Tenn., some time in October, and we would be pleased to have you with us.

A candidate for the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association is being pushed forward by a few Texas collectors—Frederick Noyes, of Alice, Texas. Mr. Noyes is an old-time collector, beginning in the 60's, and is one of the best posted stamp men in the United States. I earnestly urge every A. P. A. member to consider well the candidates, and above all, do not omit Mr. Noyes' name when filling out your ballot. You will never regret.

I was aiming to tell you something more—but I see Dietz reaching for his "blue pencil," so I guess I'd better ring off for this time.

Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

Some of the provisions of the new law for the disposal of insufficiently prepaid and uncalled for matter are as follows:

Uncalled-for newspapers will be destroyed.

Dead letters will be handled at seven offices instead of one, as at present.

Berlin, the home of the *Philatelic Advocate*, was the scene of an important ar-

rest last week. Many registered letters had been stolen and by means of a decoy letter Edward Lynes the janitor was arrested. His conviction is a certainty as he had the marked money contained in the letter, in his pocket at the time of his arrest.

Canada may have penny postage to any part of the British Empire yet, as W. A. Mulock's plans are being very favorably considered at the Postal Conference now being held in London, Eng.

Office of the Trojan Stamp Company, Troy, Ohio.

Troy, Ohio, July 7, 1898. Virginia Philatelic Pub. Co., Richmond, Va.,

DEAR SIRS:—We thank you for the short notice in July number of your paper concerning our trouble with the *Michigan Philatelist*.

It is sometimes unfortunate for philately that dealers have anything to do with philatelic publications. Our whole trouble consists in a dispute with one Waterbury, of Ithaca, Mich., (who publishes the Michigan Philatelist), as to whether or not we should have registered a certain letter returning stamps to him. In none of his letters written about this dispute does he claim that we retained his stamps, as we furnished him positive proof that we mailed a letter containing them. Space will not admit of a full statement of the facts constituting our differences. Suffice it to say, that we mailed a letter to Mr. Waterbury returning stamps, which letter was not registered and Mr. Waterbury says he did not receive it. Waiving the question of whether we did right or wrong in the matter of mailing without registering, we contend that Mr. Waterbury is not warranted in rushing into

print, to black list us, as those who would "rather steal than pay."

An honorable gentleman witnessed us mail the letter containing the stamps, a precaution we always take with certain Mr. Waterbury knew these parties. facts, and with this knowledge, on the 8th day of June, 1898, wrote our attorney that, if we did not pay for the stamps which he says were lost in transit, that we would be published in the Michigan Philatelist, and no space would be allowed us to explain. Subsequently he did so advertise us, as noticed by you. He certainly knew his statement was libelous or why would he write previous to the publication, that we would not be allowed to answer? He was using his publication to extort from us that which he was not entitled to, as under the circumstances we were not obliged to register the return letter. We know that we are right in our contention, but regret that philatelic publications, sometimes, are not for the good of our hobby. We have never had any trouble but this and owe no one for stamps, but in fact have the cash to buy quantities of them.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your columns we remain,

Very truly yours,

TROJAN STAMP ČC.,
LOUIS A. ZIEGENFELDER, Mgr.

NEW FOUNDLAND.—We have received from Archie G. Gibb, Esq., formerly of St. John's, New Foundland, a copy of the new le green.

FRIEND Bach of *The Montreal Philatelist* sent us a line from St. Albans, Vt. greeting us from "U. S. soil" and announcing the "picking up" of several "good things" philatelic. Bach keeps his weather eye all around this country, and is not slow to mount his wheel and spin up to Alaska should they happen to get out a surcharge there.



Stamps, published by F. L. Heygate, Rushden, R. S. O., England, is the most go-ahead philatelic publication that comes to us from abroad.

Aside from the fact that it brings up-to-date articles of sterling worth in each number, its editor is an earnest laborer for the welfare of our hobby. Mr. Heygate has ideas of his own, and is not afraid to voice them at the proper time. Stamps appears to be a pioneer for Good Government and Reform in British Stamp Societies.

Recently it inaugurated a crusade against the ills of several of these societies, fearlessly exposing the misdeeds of their exchange managers. This brought down upon Mr. Heygate the wrath of the editor of *The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* of Birmingham, England, who, instead of attempting to defend these officials, saw fit to indulge in a tirade of cynical abuse interspersed with occasional threats of suit for libel, etc. Evidently the shots of *Stamps* struck home.

We admire the nerve of our esteemed British contemporary. Give 'em another broad-side, Heygate! and—"Remember the 'Maine.'"

Senf's Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, Germany's leading philatelic magazine, contains an abundance of interesting news for the collector. From its notes we glean that the New South Wales Jubilee series has been re-engraved on steel—the original cuts having been on wood, which change, naturally, will result in superior stamps.

They credit the A. Ph. with the information that the 1, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}d$. and 5sh. of the 1888-89 issue will not be available for postage in the Colony after the last of June.

Another interesting note appears in the number before us. It refers to the Western Australia provisional surcharge half penny green over red on the three pence brown, watermark Crown C C.

As 750 specimens of every new issue must be sent to the headquarters of the U. P. U., at Berne, Switzerland, the postal authorities of W.A. found they had but 90 watermarked C C, which necessitated a surcharging of additional three pence stamps watermarked Crown C A. About 120 of these were issued to the public.

The Era of June 25, prints the following list of interesting news from its Washington correspondent, Mr. J. M. Bartels: "The most important news this week is in regard to some changes in the colors of the regular issue. blue 5c was found to be too dark and has now been printed in a very much lighter The Department has finally shade. come to the conclusion that the 4c is too dark of color for practical purposes, and this stamp will henceforth be printed in the red-brown color of the 6c, which will necessitate a change in this denomina-The 10c will be printed in an tion also. entirely new ink, owing to the one cent being the same color, but we were unable to ascertain more definite information on this point."

The Ontario Philatelist is the neatest printed magazine that reaches us promptly, monthly, from Canada.—The July number contains an article on the "Historical and Postalic Matters of the Ionian Islands." by F. P. While it covers its title, there is nothing new in it—and from a parenthetical phrase in German and other "landmarks," we are led to believe the article is copied verbatum from a German publication, treating on the same subject.

The report of the Dominion Philatelie Convention in this number is fairly good.

Australia's representative stamp magazine-The Australian Philatelist has paid us a call, and brings quite an array of news philatelic from the far Antipodes. Under the title of "Doubtful Diadems" we read of a number of the 2d. and 3d. N. S. W. diadem type, with rare errors in watermark being offered for sale in Sydney. "The first to appear were several used copies of the 2d, watermark 8 (hitherto only one specimen was known to exist), and the 3d, both used and unused with watermark 2." Later on a number of similar rarities (?) appeared on the scene. This grew too hot for our Sydney friends and, they set about at once to investigate the matter.

We are looking forward to developments which the *Australian Philatelist* hopes to publish next month.

Besides the society reports there are several very interesting articles, prominent among them "Philatelic Notes on Macao," in which Mr. J. H. Parry entertains us with a description of this Portuguese Colony—of late philatelic prominence (?) on account of its Vasco da Gama series.

Mr. Parry, in relating his experiences at the Macao post office writes: "In this place, and in fact all the Portuguese Colonies, they are continually having new issues, or surcharging old ones, and they work the stamps purely as a matter of business and for all it is worth."—
(There are others.—ED.)

The Australian Philatelist is edited by A. F. Basset Hull, Esq. Further comment is unnecessary.

We stated before that *The Philatelic Monthly and World* could print more philatelic news in three pages than some papers in thirty and the July number is another evidence of this fact. Among the items on its first two pages we read:

United States periodical stamps will not be used after July 1st, 1898.

It is reported that 8,000,000 of the 1c

postage stamps have been surcharged I. R., for use as revenues.

The following is the quantity of Thessaly stamps printed: 10p., 413,400; 20p., 413,400; 1pi., 313,400; 2pi., 313,400; 5pi., 300,000. The plates have been destroyed.

The handsomest new-comer it has been our pleasure to greet for a long time is *The Western Philatelist*, from Humbold, Kansas, S. A. D. Cox, publisher. The cover is artistic. The contents, though chiefly written by Mr. Cox himself are of the highest order, and give assurance of more good things to come.

Typographically the W. P. seeks its peer—being as neat and clean as a type-specimen book of latest styles. Collectors should not fail to send for a copy—and to subscribe. Mr. Cox is confident that he can make the W. P. worth thirty cents of any one's money, for the first year at least. And we think he can.

We have received the following publications during the past month:

American Journal of Phil., (N. Y. City, N. Y.)
Rocky Mountain Stamp, (New Oxford, Pa.)
Era, (Portland, Me.)
Metropolitan, (N. Y. City, N. Y.)
Mekeel's Weekly, (St. Louis, Mo.)
Post Office, (New York City, N. Y.)
Philatelic Bulletin, (Salem, Mass.)
Lone Star State Philatelist, (Waco, Texas).
New York Philatelist, (New York City, N. Y.)
Eastern Philatelist, (New Market, N. H.)
Pennsy, (Reading, Pa.)
Western Philatelist, (Humbold, Kan.)
International Philatelic Monthly and World,
Herald Exchange, (N. Y. City, N. Y.)
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, (San Francisco,
California).

Montreal Philatelist. Ontario Philatelist. Philatelic Messenger, (Oak Hill, N. B.)

FROM ABROAD:
Australian Philatelist, (Sydney, N. S. W.)
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, (Birmingham, England).
Philatelic Journal, (Salisbury, Eng.)
La Revue Postal, (Geneva, Switzerland).
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La Voz del Filatelista Americano, (Rosario de Santa Fe, R. A.)

Santa Fe, K. A.)
Melita Phil. Chronicle and Advertiser, (Malta).
We have also received: Wolsieffer's Catalogue
of Auction Sale, July 30th. (Chicago).

VIIRGINA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

FRANKLIN L. KERNS, President.
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JOHN PAALZOW, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond,
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C. F. W. Moser, Counterfeit Detector.

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., July 11, 1898. To the Members of the V. P. A.:

I hereby submit my report of the eleventh monthly meeting of our association, which was presided over by our fighting member, Corpl. John C. Weckert, of Company B., 4th Va. Reg., U. S. V., who was in the city on recruiting duty.

Members present:—Drs. John Paalzow and M. W. Peyser, Messrs. Chas. F. W. Moser, J. H. Knotts, William S. Ahern, Franklin Stearns, Jr., and August Dietz.

Moved by Franklin Stearns, Jr., and secoded by Dr. Paalzow that the City members of the Association meet at the office of The Virginia Philatelist, July 23rd at 4 p. m., to be photographed for illustration in the official organ. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Aug. Dietz and seconded by W. S. Ahern that the Virginia Philatelic Association endorse the Money-Order Postal Card suggested by Mr. John Paalzow and fully described and illustrated in the July number of The Virginia Philatelist, and that the members exert every influence to have the suggestion adopted by the postal authorities. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. John Paalzow then exhibited to the members a complete set of Bergedorf locals, consisting of the ½sch., 1sch., 1½sch., 3sch., and 4sch., received from his father, our honorary member, Mr. Franz Paalzow, former postmaster of Bergedorf and the officer who issued the stamps. They were in an excellent condition and were much admired, and their having been attached by Mr. Paalzow, Sr. to his letter, and so mentioned therein, proves their genuineness.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANKLIN STEARNS, JR.
Sec'y-Treas., V. P. A.

THERE are more collectors who collect stamps from love of the pastime than many pessimistically inclined people are willing to admit. At least fifty per cent. of the total number of collectors would still collect if the idea of money value in stamps was done away with. They collect because it gives them pleasure, and it is in these that philately's strength lies.—The Western Philatelist.

ADULT stamp collectors are, as a rule, gentlemen of culture and men of education. They are quiet, unobtrusive, and know how to behave themselves under any and all circumstances. Young collectors are always the brightest of boys, and, in most cases, will be well up to the head when the procession starts.—The Western Philatelist.

Black List.

Mr. R. L. Deitrick, of Lorraine, Va., assumes responsibility for warning dealers and collectors against the following persons who have requested and received valuable stamps from him and persistently forget to pay for them:

R. W. Mercer, Mercer Curio Shop, Cincinnati, O.

Ney Mickles, South Bend, Ind.

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