

# THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST



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## HENRY CHATARD SCOTT, JR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

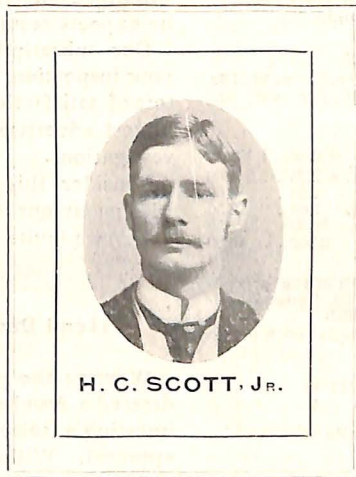
Personally, our friend is one of the most amiable gentlemen—quiet and unassuming, ever ready to share his duplicates—ever ready to foster the welfare and interest of our Association—attending all of its meets—he has won at once the esteem of every member.

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

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

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

Thus is Henry C. Scott, Jr., a representative member of the most "live" philatelic Association in the South. DIETZ.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Friend Dealer—How's This?

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

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

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

*Now's the time to advertise!*

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

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

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

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#### Thank You, Gentlemen.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

*Gentlemen:*

In accepting the honor you have conferred in electing me Vice-President of our grand Association, I beg you to receive the expression of my most sincere gratitude, to which I add the assurance that I shall exert every effort to merit this distinction, to the ultimate success of the Southern Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen, I thank you.

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

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

### “ Sample Copy ” Fiends.

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

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

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

### Good Idea—Push it Along!

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

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

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

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

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

### A Suggestion to Germany.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## FRANKLIN STEARNS, SR.

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in Johns Hopkins Hospital, in the  
City of Baltimore, Md., in  
the fifty-first year  
of his age,  
FRANKLIN STEARNS, SR.

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### More U. S. Revenues.

IN addition to the list of U. S. Revenues, published last month, we are informed by Mr. E. N. Kiefer, Pittsburgh, Pa., that the following denominations have been placed on sale: 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ c medium blue; 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c gray, 40c and 80c (colors of latter not given), all Proprietary.

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

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

WE would call the attention of our subscribers to the fact that we shall print an Exchange and Want column monthly. Collectors desiring exchange can insert their ad at the nominal rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ c per word nonpareil. Minimum 10c.

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

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

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

### A Trio of Circumnavigators.

BY HERBERT IREY WATTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Newfoundland's Latest.

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

The new 5c will appear with the new year.

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

### Society for the Suppression of Heavily-Canceled Stamps.

A. G. GIBB.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Kohn Behind the Bars.

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

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

#### RARE STAMPS.

#### THEY GOT GUS KOHN INTO TROUBLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Our Philatelic Societies, and Are They a Success.

BY EMIL GERLICH.

A QUESTION often asked is, "are our philatelic societies a success?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



THE fall auction season is in full blast, but stamps seem to sell quite low. We print some of the prices realized at Bogen & Durbin Co.'s 103th auction sale held October 1.

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

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

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

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

FOREIGN STAMPS.—British Bechuanaland, 1886,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2d, 1887,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 3d, 1888-9,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2d, 1892-4, 1, 21 [3 var.], 4, 6d, 1897,  $\frac{1}{2}$  [2 var.], one used, \$2.10; British Bechuanaland, '87, 2s unused, o. g., 85c.



### New York Correspondence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have you one?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Foundland, No. 60 shades galore.

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

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

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

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### Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

with the law of supply and demand.

The new Newfoundland stamps are very favorably commented on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IN DURANCE VILE.

G. Kohn, the Detroit stamp thief under arrest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Its adoption will probably be only a matter of time.

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

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

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**Boston Bits.**

BY BOSTONIAN.

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

unused, catalogued at \$1.50 sold for \$1.30; Hawaii, 1893, 12c red, surcharge, unused, \$2.80; Newfoundland, 1c Cabot, 100, unused, in sheet, \$2.50; 2c, sheet of 100, \$3.00; surcharged 1c on 3c, 5 used copies, went for \$1.25; type 2, used copy, 65c; a collection of U. S. and Foreign, said to number 2,935 varieties, sold for \$50; the estimated catalogue value was between \$359 and \$450. A collection of plate numbers, 836 varieties, face value \$50.40, catalogue value \$117, brought \$60.

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

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

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

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

### English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO

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

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

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

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

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

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BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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

Our Review closes on October 20th.  
Received the following journals:

	Vol. No.
Alleghany Philatelist, Alleghany, Pa.	3. 4.
Columbian " New Oxford, Pa.	5. 45.
Eastern " Boston, Mass.	22. 1.
Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash.	10. 56.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	12. 51. 13. 13.
Filatelic Facts & Fallacies, San Francisco,	6. 12.
Herald Exchange, New York,	5. 1-2.
International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.	8. 2.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	12. 13-16.
Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York,	10. 25-6.
New England Phil., Jamaica Plains, Mass.	1. 2.
National Philatelist, Humboldt, Kansas.	1. 3.
New York Philatelist, New York	4. 6.
Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass.	2. 1.
Phil. Monthly & World, N. Y. & Phil.	24. 10.
Perforator, Federalsburg, Md.	2. 7.
Texan Philatelist, Abeline, Texas.	9. 1.
Youth's Realm, Boston, Mass.	4. 10.
FROM CANADA.	
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1. 5-6.
Ontario " St. Catharines, Can.	2. 7.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	5. 4.
FROM ABROAD.	
Stamps, Rushden, England,	2. 9.
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salisbury, England,	8. 93.
Philatelic Chronicle-Advertiser, Birmingham, Eng.	7. 12.
Revue Postal, Geneva, Switzerland.	1. 9.
L'Annonce Philatelique, Geneva, Switzerland.	4. 43.
L'Echo de la Timbrologie, Amiens, France.	12. 138.
Revue Philatelique Francaise, Paris France	9. 93-94
Der Briefmarkenhaendler, Berlin, Germany	3. 5.
The Australian Phil., Sydney, N. S. W.	5. 1.

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

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

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



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

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

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, always good reading, is especially good in the issue of Oct. 20th. Mixed in among a goodly number of original articles are some of great interest reprinted from foreign periodicals and which are of much benefit to those collectors who do not take any foreign papers. Among these articles is one on the Indian "Postal Fiscals" which were extensively forged in India in 1872 and of which large amounts were sold and used before the forgeries were detected and the perpetrators of the fraud sent to prison for terms varying from 2 to 10 years. From the *Monthly Journal* the trial of Herman Decker of Hanover, the well known German stamp expert, is

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

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

(Continued next number.)

## SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

Number of Books received for circulation.....	165
Value of same.....	\$2596.83
Number of Books retired.....	132
Value of same.....	2113.43
Sales from Books retired.....	275.09
“ “ on circuit.....	25.84
Total Sales.....	\$300.93
Insurance Fund.....	\$23.60

Librarian reports 5,000 pieces on hand and about 75 complete volumes and files. He promises to furnish each member with a printed list in a short time, and asks the members to donate their duplicates. It may be mentioned that the largest part of the library came from the Knoxville Philatelic Society when it became Branch No. 1 of the S. P. A.

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

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

H. Fenton, President.  
Aug. Dietz, Vice-President.

W. C. Lowry, Sec-Treas.  
Chas. Waring, Sales-Supt.  
D. E. Hazen, International Sec'y.  
C. P. Galyon, Librarian.  
F. Noyes, Counterfeit Detector.

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

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 18, 1898.

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

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

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

The application for membership of

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

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

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

(These facts in explanation.—SEC'Y.)

### News From Peru.

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

### Who Can Tell us More About It?

MR. HOWARD LA RUE HUNTER writes us from Norwalk, Conn.:

"I have before me a copy of the 3c purple 1894 U. S. postage stamp surcharged I. R. in Roman letters 6 mm. high. It came from New York on medicine. I saw it on the original paper and it is undoubtedly genuine."

We have not seen this denomination chronicled by any of our esteemed contemporaries.

Who can tell us more about it?

IF YOU have never advertised in our columns—try "once for luck" in our big Christmas number.

### Received.

We have received Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's (London) Auction Catalogue of their sale of the fine collection of rare British, Foreign colonial stamps, the property of F. D'A. Vincent, Esq. Many of the gems of this collection are illustrated in an half-tone supplement. We are awaiting with no little interest the result of this sale, which took place October 18, 19 and 20.

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

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

### Souvenir Card Fad.

THE fad of Souvenir-card collecting (which, by the way, is fast gaining adherents in our country) will receive a great impetus by the Emperor of Germany's trip to the Orient. We are informed such souvenir cards in great variety and of every conceivable appropriate design are on sale in all shops in Germany. The one predominating bears a view of the "Church of the Redeemer" (*Erlöserkirche*) at Jerusalem, which William II will dedicate.

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

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