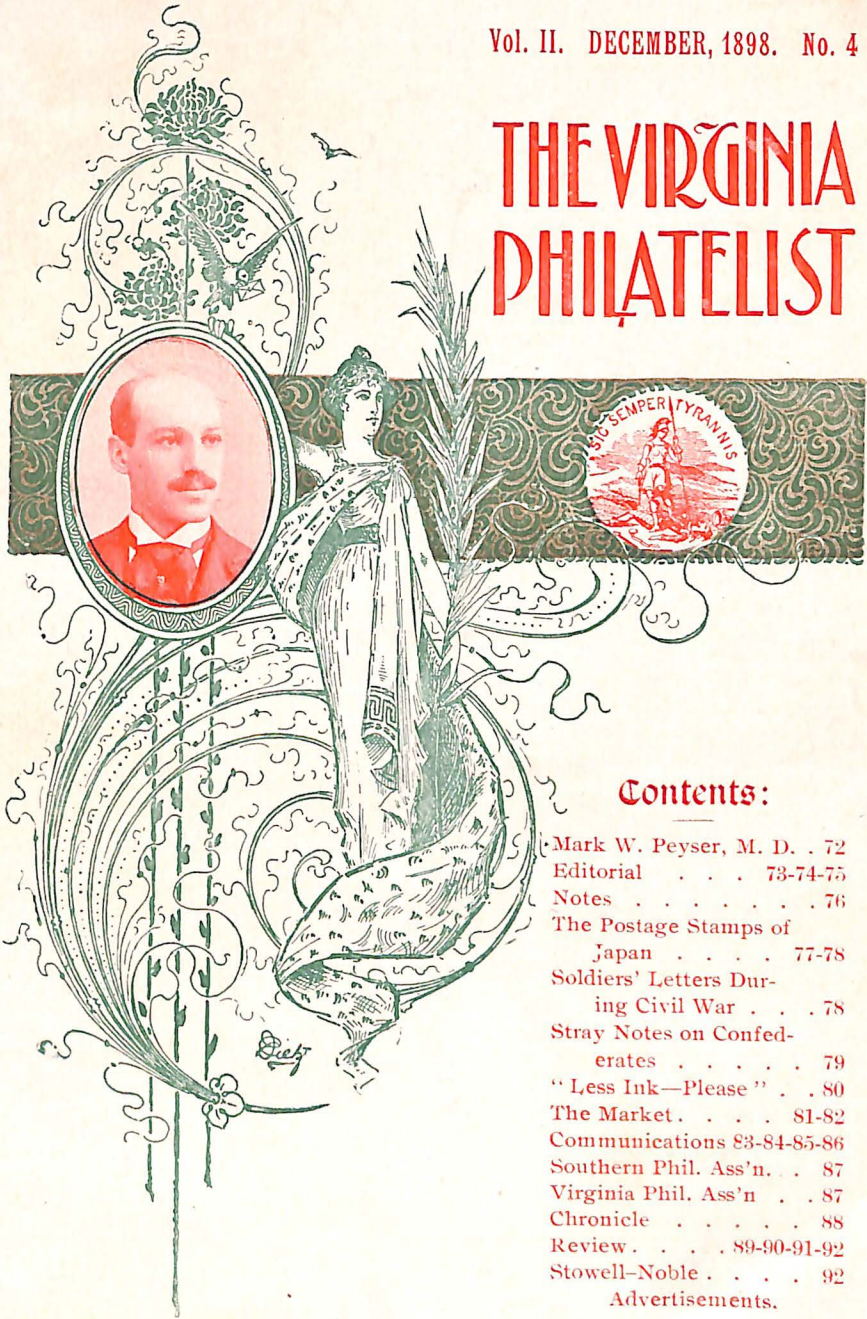


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PRINCE and peasant, scientist and artisan, young and old, all, all worship at the shrine of Philatelia—all seek and find diversion, recreation and pleasure in our interesting pursuit—in our new science.

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

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

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

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

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

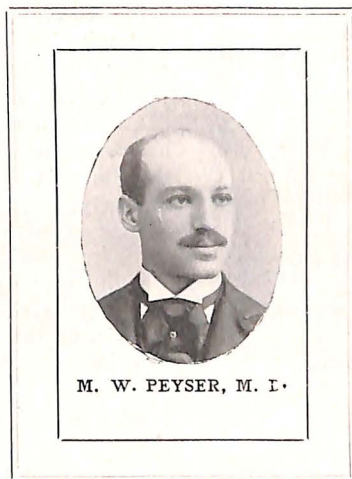
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early,—at the age of 15. His first "great find" was a strip of ten 1847 "tens," and the recollection of that "find" is yet to him "sweet as remembered kisses of the dead," especially so since all save one—a nucleus—are gone.

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

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Merry Christmas!

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

Rally, Southern Collectors!

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

It comes to you with a greeting and an appeal.

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

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

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

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

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

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

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

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

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

A Christmas Suggestion.

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

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

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

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

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

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

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

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

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

A Departure.

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

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

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

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

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

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

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

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

—MERRY CHRISTMAS.—

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

What say ye critics?

—HAPPY NEW YEAR.—

A Request.

WE must again request that all business communications be addressed to our business manager, Mr. Franklin Stearns, P. O. Box 6; and all manuscript as well as other communications intended for the editor, be directed to Mr. Aug. Dietz, 900 W. Clay St., Station A. A compliance with this request will insure proper attention.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DID you read Hussman's ad?

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

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

Safe!

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

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

BY THE way, see Medford's ad.

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

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

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News From St. Vincent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will Appear Later.

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

READ ALL the ads. Something in each one.

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

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

WE wish to thank Mr. Wm. Kermeen, Jr., Waterloo, England, for copies of the *new* (?) ½d wrapper of Great Britain.

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

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

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

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

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

The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LARCUS VIRIDIS.

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

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

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

ISSUE 1871-72. A. 1871 APRIL.



A1

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

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

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

These stamps are printed in sheets of 40, eight stamps in each horizontal row and five in each vertical row. The size of the sheet is about 136x185 mm.; the stamps are distant 2-3 mm.; the size of the plate is about 106x169 mm. Each stamp is engraved separately upon the wooden plate, hence there are 40 types

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{四}^4 \\ \text{六}_8 = 4 \times 10 + 8 = 48 \text{ MONS.} \quad \text{百} = 100 \text{ MONS.} \\ \text{二}^2 \\ \text{百}_{100} = 2 \times 100 = 200 \text{ MONS.} \quad \text{五}^5 \\ \text{百}_{100} = 5 \times 100 = 500 \text{ MONS.} \end{array}$$

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

B. 1872 MARCH.

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

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

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

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

(To be continued.)

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

Soldier's Letters During Civil War.

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

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

J. M. B.

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

Stray Notes On Confederates.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

THE Madison local, once admitted to the pages of the standard catalogue, was issued by S. J. Berry, who succeeded John L. Miller a few days after the ordinance of secession (January 7, 1861) was passed. The local was issued without any official sanction from either the United States or Confederate Governments, as John H. Reagan was not appointed Postmaster General until March 6, 1861, while the Confederate Government did not assume charge of the postal system until June 1, 1861. The stamp was typographed and consisted of the inscription 3 CNETS, surrounded by a border about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch wide. They were printed in gold on blue.

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

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

The Selma, Ala., envelope illustrated in a recent issue of THE VIRGINIA PHIL-

ATELIST bears the inscription "Paid 5," with the postmaster's name, "Wm. H. Eagar," above. Mr. Henry L. Calman says that he would not "consider them worthy of collection, as on the face of them they bear no marks which would not relegate them to the class of postmarks," etc.

Will Mr. Calman kindly inform us of the difference between the Selma envelope described above, and the Baltimore postmaster's envelope which bears the inscription "James M. Buchanan Paid 5"—exactly the same as the Selma, with the exception of the different names of postmasters.

Why should not the Baltimore envelope be relegated to the class of "Paid 5's" used during that epoch? It may be that we are exceedingly dull of comprehension, but we fail to see any difference between the two envelopes.

Mr. C. E. Severn, in reviewing my article on "Confederate Locals and Hand-Stamps," which appeared in the October VIRGINIA PHILATELIST makes the statement that "Mr. Bradley commends the Confederate "Paid 5," etc., envelopes and urges their claims to berths in the catalogue." I drew a dividing line between the two classes (locals and handstamps) which Mr. Severn seems to have overlooked. The point taken was that the "Paid 5" envelopes that were sold over the counter in the regular manner should be collected and catalogued. For the envelopes that were stamped with "Paid 5," that were stamped after being mailed, I made no such claim. Mr. Severn does not state his views, but says: "It will take much perseverance on the part of the partisans of these covers to break down the catalogue barriers, but if they finally succeed in forcing general recognition, no one will begrudge them the victory."

I would like to see Mr. Severn tell the

VIRGINIA'S readers what he thinks about the Confederate locals and hand stamps. I know he is well able to do so.

Four envelopes were issued by Wm. Priestley, the postmaster at Canton, Miss., in 1861. The first one was improvised from an old canceling stamp, but the others were of different designs. The four types are illustrated in the *Philatelic Journal of America* for June, 1891, but it was never definitely settled as to their mode of use.

“Less Ink—Please.”

BY F. W. B.

THE heavily canceled postage stamp—the great drawback to stamp collecting—worse by far than the Seebeck, for you can leave that severely alone, and collect in other fields; worse than the speculative issues, for you can avoid them and still have a chance to gratify your desires for collecting good, honest stamps.

But the heavily canceled stamps: you run against them everywhere, and no country on the face of the globe but what spoils very many of their best stamps for the stamp collectors.

A collector has said that the stamps of foreign countries were canceled much lighter than our U.S. Surely he must have had a very limited experience in collecting the stamps of England, Belgium and Holland. In my experience as a collector I have exchanged stamps in lots of 100 to 300—and about one-third of all the stamps received from European collectors have been of no value on account of heavy cancelation. It has been next to impossible to secure some of the values of England and Belgium in good condition on account of their being defaced by the cancelation.

It seems to me the trouble has all been

brought about, not by the postal department, as some claim, but by the canceling clerks throughout the world. This individual seems to have the idea in his head that it is his duty to utterly disfigure the stamp beyond all recognition, and many strips of stamps have come into my possession that have been struck with the canceling stamp from four to eight times—thus not only ruining the stamps from a collector's standpoint, but representing a waste of time and energy.

The employees in the postoffices in the city of Cincinnati are noted for this kind of work, as many specimens among my duplicates will show. The canceling clerk evidently strives to develop great muscular powers—and does it to the great disgust of the stamp collecting fraternity.

Now the question is, how this state of affairs can be remedied.

Of what use is it to appeal to the various postmasters? Used stamps to the great mass of these men are only so much rubbish—waste paper, and to my way of looking on it, the collectors of this or any other country will never experience any relief from this trouble until they unitedly work for the placing, in all of our Post Offices, *men who are stamp collectors* themselves—men who are in sympathy with our desires in this matter. How could a man who is a true stamp collector ever have the heart to spoil whole strips and blocks of the higher value stamps? He would look at the question from an aesthetic and artistic point of view, and would understand that a stamp canceled across one corner was sufficiently destroyed for all postal purposes, and that any additional ink was to no purpose.

If all the philatelic societies now in existence were to make a united effort to get their collecting friends appointed as postmasters we would see a great change for the better.



At the 109th Auction Sale of the Bogert and Durbin Co., quite a number of desirable stamps sold at comparatively good prices.

The total amount realized at this auction was \$1217.35.

A few extracts from their catalogue may interest our readers.

UNITED STATES STAMPS.

1847 5, 10c, 1851-55 1, 3, 10, 12c, used, (6), \$2.25; 1847-60, (19), \$2.60; 1847 5c, 1851 3c, 1857 1, 3, 10, 12, uncanceled, (6), \$2.10; 1851 1, 3, 10, 12c, used, (4), \$1.50; 1857 1c, full ornament, 1c broken arc, 3c (2 var.) 5, 10, 12c, two damaged, (7) \$1.70; 1857 1, 3, 5, 10, 12c, last two slightly damaged, (5), \$1.00; 1857 3c, outer line, unsevered pair, badly perf., unused, (2), \$3.50; 1857 5c red-brown, used, (1), \$2.85; 1857 10c yellow-green, unused, (1), \$3.80; 1857 10c, various shades, used, (11), \$1.65; 1860 24c, very slightly damaged, used, (1), \$1.10; 1860 24c, unused, (1), \$2.50; 1860 30c, used, fine, (1), \$4.00; 1860 30c, unused, (1), \$3.00; 1860 90c, unused, (1), \$10.00; 1857 1c, reprint, unused, scarce, (1), \$1.70; 1861 1c (4), 2, 3, 10, 12, 24c, unused, (9), \$1.80; 1861 1, 2, 3, 5 (2), 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, two unused, (11), \$2.10; 1861 5c red-brown, used, (1), \$1.10; 1861 5c brown, unused, (1), \$1.00; 1861 1c, laid paper, used, (1), \$3.00; 1863 1c, grilled, unsevered strip of 3, used on env., (3), \$1.00; 1868 1, 2, 3, 10 (2), 12, 15c, one damaged, used, (7), \$1.00; 1868 2, 3, 10, 12, 15c, grilled, used, (5), 55c; 1838 2c, grill 12x14, used, (1), 75c; 1863 2c, grill 12x14, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1863 2c, grill 11x13, 2c, grill 9x13, unsevered pair, unused, (3), \$1.05; 1863 3c, grill 13x16, used, (1), \$1.20; 1868 3c, grill 12x14, used, (1), 50c; 1863 15c, grill 9x13, un-

used, evenly centered, very fine, (1), \$7.50; 1868 24c, grilled, used, (1), \$2.50; 1868 30c, grilled, evenly centered, used, (1), \$2.00; 1868 90c, grilled, used, evenly centered, (1), \$5.00; 1868-90, used, (21), \$1.50; 1869 1, 2 (3), 3, 12c, last is badly perforated, two used, (6), \$2.20; 1869 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c, used, (9), \$4.90; 1869 1, 10c, used on original envelope, (2), 65c; 1869 10c, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1869 90c, black and dull carmine, used, (1), \$3.00; 1869 90c, black and bright carmine, evenly centered, used, extra fine, (1), \$15.25; 1869 2c, reprint, unused, (1), \$2.00; 1869 6c, reprint, used, (1), \$3.00; 1869 15c, reprint, used, fine, (1), \$4.25; 1869 24c, reprint, used, fine, (1), \$5.10; 1869 24c, reprint, unused, fine, (1), \$7.10; 1870-87, very good lot, (27), \$1.10; 1870, grilled, 7c, used, evenly centered, fine, (1), \$1.60; 1870, grilled, 10c, used, (1), \$3.00; 1870, grilled, 90c, used, (1), \$3.10; 1870, grilled, 3c, used, no grill, 1c (clipped), 3, 6, 7c, 1873 1c, 1879 1 (3), 2, 3, 15c, unused, (12), \$2.75; 1870, no grill, 2, 3c, unused, (2), \$1.00; 1870, no grill, 6c carmine, unused, (1), \$1.25; 1870, no grill, 7c, evenly centered, unused, (1), \$2.50; 1870 24c, used, shades, (7), \$4.00; 1873 7c, unused, (1), \$2.75; 1879-93, unused, (15), 75c; 1879-95, including 90c purple, 90c orange, 30 and 50c Columbian, (64), \$1.75; 1890 1, 2c lake and carmine, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 90c, unused, (12), \$2.10; 1893 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 50c unused, (12), \$3.25; 1893 15, 30c, \$1, last is damaged, used, (3), 80c; 1893 \$2, unused, slightly damaged, (1), \$1.75; 1893 \$3, unused, fine, (1), \$2.75; 1893 \$2, \$3, unused, (2), \$4.75; 1893 \$4, unused, (1), \$3.70; 1893 \$5, unused, (1), \$4.70; 1894-8 1, 10c, used, 1c (two varieties), 2c (two varieties), 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 50c, \$1, unused, (14), \$1.85; 1895 \$5, used, (1), \$1.60; Special delivery and unpaid, including 1894, unused, 30 and 50c, (25), \$1.05.

FOREIGN STAMPS.

Angola, Angra, Antigua, unused, [23], 80c; Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1fr, unused, fine, [13], \$1.00; Antigua, 1863 1d, 1873 6d, 1873-9 1, 6d, 1882-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4d, 1886 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4d, used, [11], \$2.00; Argentine, good lot, [71], \$2.30; Corrientes black on blue, unsevered tete-beche pair, unused, [2], \$1.10; Corrientes, black on rose, unused, unsevered tete-beche pair, [2], \$1.20; Austria, 1861 10kr, brown, unused, [1], \$1.00; Austria, 1861 15kr, blue, unused, [1], \$1.10; Austria, 1850 1, 2, 6kr, on ribbed paper, used, [3], \$2.00; Austria, Lombardy, [54], \$1.75; Austria, Lombardy, 15, 30, 45c, ribbed paper, used, [3], \$1.00; Bahamas, Baden, Bergedorf, Austria, Azores, [63], \$1.20; Barbados, 1sh black, large star, unused, [1], \$6.00; Barbados, 1871 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, perf. 11x15, used, fine, [1], \$1.00; Barbados, 1871 4d, perf. 11x15, used, scarce, [1], \$2.00; Barbados, 1878 3d, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$1.75; Barbados, 1874 6d, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$1.00; Barbados, 1874 6d, block of four, unused, fine, o. g., [4], \$2.00; Barbados, 1874 1sh, unused, unsevered pair, [2], \$2.50; Barbados, including 1892 complete, [22], \$2.20; Barbados, 1885 4d, brown, block of four, unused, fine, [4], 55c; Barbados, 1892 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2sh 6d, complete, unused, fine, [9], \$1.60; Barbados, 1897 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2sh 6d, unused, fine, [9], \$1.60; Bavaria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia, [65], 70c; Belgium and Cape of Good Hope, good lot, [50], \$1.00; Bermuda, including unused 1sh green and 1sh brown, [12], 85c; Bolivia, 1867 100c green, used, scarce, [1], \$3.00; Bolivia, 1867-97, good lot, [44], \$1.60; Brazil, 1844-98, including unpaid and journal stamps, [59], \$1.60; Brazil, 1878-93, good lot, [39], \$1.35; British Bechuanaland, $\frac{1}{2}$ d [6 var.], 1d [4 var.], 2d [2 var.], 3, 4, 6d, 1sh, unused, fine, [16], \$1.60; British Bechuanaland, 1892-4 1d [2 var.], 2d [2 var.], 4, 6d, 1sh, British Central Africa, British

Guiana, British Honduras, Rhodesia, Brunswick, [33], \$1.60; British Bechuanaland, 2sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], 90c; British Bechuanaland, 2sh 6d, unused, fine, o. g., [1], \$1.00; British Bechuanaland, 5sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$2.00; British Bechuanaland, 10sh, unused, o. g., fine, [1], \$4.20; British Central Africa, first issue, 1, 2d, thick and thin paper, 4d thick and thin paper, 6d dark blue, 8d, 1sh, unused, fine, [8], \$1.45; British Central Africa, first issue, 2sh, unused, fine, [1], 80c; British Central Africa, first issue, 2sh 6d, unused, fine, [1], 90c; British Central Africa, first issue, 3sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.00; British Central Africa, first issue, 4sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.35; British Central Africa, first issue, 5sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.70; British Central Africa, first issue, 10sh, unused, fine, [1], \$3.50; British Central Africa, first issue, 1d on 2d, unused, fine, [1], \$1.00; British Central Africa, 1895, no wmk. 1, 2, 4, 6d, wmkd; 1, 4, 6d, unused, fine, [7], \$1.60; British Central Africa, 1895, 3sh, used, [1], \$1.30; British Central Africa, 1895, watermarked 5sh, unused, evenly centered, fine, scarce, [1], \$3.75; British Central Africa, 1896 1, 2, 4, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 6d, 3, 4sh, "Specimen" [8], \$1.00; British Central Africa, 4sh, unused, fine, [1], \$1.70; British South Africa, first issue, 10 pounds, penmarked, fine, [1], \$10.25; Finland, 1892 7r, unused, fine, scarce, [1] \$5.00; Gibraltar, second issue, 1sh, used, fine, [1], \$4.75; Hanover, 10gr green, used, scarce, [1], \$7.25; Montserrat, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d brown, 1884 1d, perf. 12, unused, [2], \$5.25; New South Wales, 1850 3d on yellowish paper, used, [1], \$5.60; New Zealand, 1862, pelure paper, 2d lavender, perf., used, [1], \$6.00; Queensland, 1875 10sh brown, used, scarce, [1] \$5.75; Switzerland, 1850 10r black and red on yellow, with frame around cross, [1], \$8.25; Virgin Islands, 1867 1sh, double frame, unused, fine, [1], \$16.00



New York Correspondence.

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PAIN our unsuspecting dealers have been swindled—by the false check ruse. It seems strange that this city should be the Mecca for all sorts of stamp crooks, and it is also strange that the "wide-awake" dealer is generally the one to be first defrauded. The latest acquisition to our "Rogues Gallery" is a gentlemanly looking and well spoken personage, who is thoroughly versed in matters philatelic. The stamps he succeeded in getting were the most desirable class, such as 90c Justice, the dollar values "States," the higher values of Newspaper and Periodical stamps and so forth. *The Metropolitan Philatelist* for November 12th gave a good description of the methods played by the latest swindler.

On October 31 the Omaha Exhibition closed, and according to reports a large surplus remained, which is to be divided *pro rata* among the stockholders. In a daily paper today (November 19) I note that "the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, which paid its subscribers dollar for dollar this year, *is to be repeated next year*, but on a more elaborate scale." Does this mean another set of stamps (Omaha) for 1899? or will the present set be reprinted or re-issued? Perhaps extensive holders of "Omahas," will now proceed to unload.

Philatelic literature, is now preserved to a larger extent than ever before. The efforts of Mr. Deats to place contributions of philatelic literature, or the libraries of the A. P. A., and several local societies, in a public library, so that all city collectors can have free access to it

is commendable. The coming sale of philatelic literature, belonging to Joseph J. Casey, by the J. W. Scott Stamp Co., at public auction, will indeed be a rare treat to those interested. It is said the cost to bind each volume was something in the neighborhood of four dollars. This collection has a special charm for me, as at one time, Mr. Casey, was my teacher, in Grammar School No. 89, about eight or nine years ago. He then taught Class A. Grade 1, but a year later was promoted to principal—the highest position.

I must complete the list of "speculation stamps," commenced in September number, this being the fourth and last instalment.

Peru, 31 and 32; some months ago, Nos. 28 to 30, were being quietly bought up, but since a firm in Lima, Peru, is advertising them, for a small fraction of catalogue quotations, the bubble has burst, with a loss financially to the holders.

Philippine Islands. The late war has boomed these stamps out of proportion to their real value, with a very few exceptions. Nos. 30, 31, 32; the entire 1872 issue; Nos. 47, and 50, and 168 are good things to lay aside.

Portugal. A good old country to specialize in. All cheap varieties from 1853 to 1866. Nos. 35 and 38; also 47, 51, 52, 56, 68, 92, 85, 87, and 88.

Prussia. Nos. 1, 2, 2a; the entire 1856-59 issue; the entire 1861-65 issue, and all of the 1867 issue. Prussian stamps in comparison are greatly underpriced, and the European demand is largely in excess of the American demand; this places speculators on their guard.

Queensland. For the number of varieties of type, color, watermark, paper and perforation, Queensland easily takes first place. Speculators are taking advantage of this, and the number of stamps being quietly laid aside for future

purposes, are innumerable. Although I persist in questioning these speculators, I was not successful in discovering what I inquired for. I know for a certainty, that a number of "hard to get" stamps are being purchased right and left, but I am unable at the present moment to mention what particular stamps they are. I will later, in all probability, be gratified with the greatly desired information. Till then, it is only a matter of conjecture.

Roumania. Nos. 56, 58, 60, 61, and 62; no better stuff could be obtained at current prices. Some of these stamps were in issue less than two years, and the 3 bani mauve, is found in more shades than one.

Russia. A stamp very few of us can boast of is No. 9. Russia is a rich field for the minor variety fiend, and for this one reason, are the stamps favorites with speculators. No. 50 isn't a bad stamp at all, although it is said to be yet current.

Russian offices in Levant are such good things that speculators are much chagrined in their futile attempts to procure any considerable number of these elusive stamps.

St. Christopher. No. 7.

The remarks applied to Queensland are equally applicable to St. Helena and St. Vincent.

Saxony. All the cheap varieties of the 1851, 1855 and 1863 issues. Same remarks can be also applied to Schleswig and Holstein, independently. Some of the best stuff obtainable.

Servia, Nos. 12, 15 and 16.

South African Republic. I erred when I stated that Queensland takes first place in the line of minor varieties. This honor rightly belongs to South African Republic.

South Australia. Nos. 21; by the way, this and the four pence stamp of the same issue, are exact imitations of the one, two and five cents Nova Scotia

stamps. Nos. 25, 29, 31, 49, 52, 53, 53, 59, 65, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 88.

Spain. The stamps of this country have received a tremendous boom, from no other reason than the late war. The first stamp Spain ever issued (1850) is to-day priced at eight cents, and it was only in issue fifteen months, being superseded in 1851 by another stamp of an entirely different design. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 15a, 16, 17a, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31, 33a, 37, 46, 72, 80, 86, 91, 107, 109, 112, 115, 116. All cheap varieties from 1870 to 1876 issue, is a variable list of bargains, and speculators are ever on the alert for such stuff. No. 230 is a good one also.

Surinam. All cheap varieties are in large demand on the Continent, and it is needless to say, that not a great many of these stamps can be found in this country of any importance. The entire 1893 issue will soon become obsolete; the 12½c has a bright future.

Sweden. Like all old European countries, the early issued stamps are in large demand by the speculators. Such stamps as Nos. 2, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20, are the hardest to procure; buy Nos. 17 and 20, when you get the chance.

Switzerland. Same remarks as applied to Sweden, as regards early issues.

Tasmania. (Van Diemen's Land) Nos. 18, 21, 24, 49, 53, (a snap), 72, 86, (another snap), 91, and 93.

Trinidad. Nos. 91, 92, 93 and 95. Have you the latter stamp in your collection?

Turkey. Varieties to burn; entirely too numerous to mention, but nevertheless a perceptible demand.

Tuscany. The remarks in regard to old European, are applicable to this country also.

Two Sicilies. Ditto.

Uruguay. Nos. 23, 34 and 28. The 1833 issue, contains more varieties, (dozens not catalogued) than any one other issue of any stamps in the world,

except perhaps Peru. Nos. 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 100, 103, 102, 107 and 111.

Venezuela. All cheap early issues before 1833. The rouletted issue (1833) is also in great demand.

Victoria. Nos. 23, 23, (a snap), 32, 33, all cheap stamps after 1861 to 1873. Nos. 154 and 155.

Western Australia. Nos. 1, 42, 44 and many of the cheaper stamps.

Württemberg. The remarks in regard to old European stamps apply here also.

For those who have not read previous instalments of these notes, I wish to say that these remarks apply to the canceled stamp unless otherwise stated. Before closing my letter this month I must mention that Mr. John Paalzow of Richmond, Va. and Mr. J. P. Chambers of Indianapolis, Ind. are in the city at present writing.

THERE'S no more appropriate present at Christmas than a year's subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Read also our Combination offers: Two of the finest magazines *at the price of one.*

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

I HAVE no auction report to offer the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for this month, as no sale has yet taken place since the opening one. Nov. 30th is the next date on the list, when B. L. Drew & Co. hold their second sale of this season. It includes a fine collection of Columbian Republic stamps and a large number of U. S. revenues at wholesale and otherwise. Your humble servant has this sale down on his list of attractions, and will endeavor next month to enlighten the V. P. readers with some of the prices realized.

By the way, auction sales for the com-

ing season seem to be side-tracked, as it were, and Messrs. Drew & Co. appear to be the only ones in the field as far as Boston is concerned, nor have we even the promise of any others from other sources. The prices, as a general rule, have been very low, and considering the chances of advancing prosperity, it is my opinion that collectors should not look in the least upon current auction realizations as the market value of stamps, for it is a well known fact among our dealers that the outlook for a "boom" in the stamp trade was never brighter than at present.

Boston dealers, at this date, consider the *one gulden* stamps, recently issued by Holland, as a good thing, as it is rumored that there is to be a change. The flurry is all caused by an item to the effect that the young Queen is somewhat vain and that she considered that the present photograph of herself, which appears upon each stamp, does not represent her in the youthful degree desired. At present we are all at sea as regards the value of the stamp, and most dealers have none for sale at any price.

The 30c due stamp on watermarked paper, which is reported to have been in use at Washington as early as last May, has only recently shown up in Boston. Our local offices have just received a consignment. It looks as if this stamp might be desirable, as it has been lately quoted that the entire series of due stamps are to be discontinued. If such be the case, the stamp has a bright future, as only a small number shall have been used.

The 4 and 6c 1895 type U. S. have appeared here in their new colors. The four cent one is the color of the former six.

There seems to be no limit to the supply of the 2c I. R. inverted surcharge. They are now retailing here for 20c each, singly, in pairs or in blocks.

English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

It was reported in some of the daily papers last month that the whole national collection of stamps had been stolen from the Hotel des Postes in Paris. This collection was said to be worth £20,000 or £30,000. A firm of Strand stamp dealers having made inquiries officially in Paris, found that there was no truth in the report, it being merely a "canard."

The German Government authorities have recently confiscated several thousands of picture postcards and fined the publishers of the same because they reproduced views of one of the gates of Posen, a strongly fortified place close to the Russian frontier, and therefore "betrayed military secrets." Further raids are being made and cards bearing views of Spandau, Coblentz, Madgeburg, and all garrison towns, are being seized. Every person offering them for sale is fined 3 marks.

The Government of India has decided to join in the scheme of Imperial Penny Postage, which comes into operation on December 25.

The Australian colonies are the only portion of the Empire to stand out.

The Philatelists' Supplement to the *Bazaar* of November 9th contains an illustrated article on the Match Stamps of the U. S. A.

Military telegraph stamps for use in the Soudan have been issued.

WITHOUT a doubt one of the finest philatelic publications is *The Philatelic Journal of India*, published by the Philatelic Society of India, and printed at Calcutta, for members only.

KELSEY HALL is noted for pleasing customers.

Canadian Notes.

BY IRVING E. PATTERSON.

DEALERS say that since the new series of U. S. Revenues were issued, trade in Canadian Revenues has become slack.

Rates of postage on newspapers are again stirring up trouble. Under the new regulations newspapers that are published not oftener than once a week escape postage within a certain radius, while a daily, a semi-weekly, or a tri-weekly must pay a fixed rate. This is glaringly unjust and all papers should be made to pay in proportion to the number of copies mailed or rather the weight of them.

The Postmaster General has decided to permit all steamship companies to carry mail to Britain, provided that they become liable for their safe delivery in England, that no compensation be asked and that the mail matter be addressed by such steamers.

The position of Chief Postoffice Inspector has been abolished and the present occupant, Mr. Sweetnam, placed on the retired list.

During the present cold weather many hitherto neglected collections are being brought out.

A large number of Labrador dogs have been purchased by the Postoffice Department, for use in the Yukon district in carrying the mail.

In the last number of the *Philatelic Advocate* the editor has inserted a list by Provinces and States of the number of copies of the *Advocate* sent out.

This is a good idea and helps the dealer to get his customers from the places he wishes them from.

We understand that in Canada's new society the conservative element will have control, and office seekers will be given the cold shoulder. A society run on this basis is not built up so fast but

the growth is much more likely to be permanent.

The above notes will be the last Canadian notes I will pen, at least for some time, as by the time this paper reaches the readers I will be in the Old Dominion, the home of true Southern hospitality and courtesy, and the home of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The gentleman who will conduct this correspondence in future is far better qualified to fill the post than I am, and when you see anything from his pen you can depend on its authenticity.

Southern Philatelic Association.

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Important Notice.

Dues for 1899 are now payable and we hope that there will be no delinquent members. All members who will not pay their dues promptly will be dropped from the membership list and we hope that this will not be necessary and that all members will pay promptly. Wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain,

Yours for the S. P. A.,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees.

Report of Board of Trustees S. P. A.

At last, after having the S. P. A. Library in his possession for about seven weeks, Mr. Charles P.

Galvon notified us that he has received it from Miss Delphine Steele of New Orleans, La., in accordance with our instructions. Our thanks are herewith extended to Miss Steele for so promptly complying with our request and for her taking such good care of the Library while it was in her possession.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours for the S. P. A.,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.
 NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, Nov. 12th, 1898.

S. P. A. Prize.

To the member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association from December 1st 1898 to the first day of the '99 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10. No member eligible unless he has secured 5 or more recruits. This not open to officers of the Association.

Work for the prize.

Virginia Philatelic Association.

MAJ. JNO. F. MAYER, President.
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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 10, 1898.
 To the Members of the V. P. A.:

THE fifteenth meeting of the Association was held on the above date with its Vice-President Dr. Mark Peyser in the chair. The usual routine business was quite interestingly disposed of. Mr. R. J. Redford was unanimously elected to membership, and applications were re-

ceived from Messrs. Robert Kessler and Emil Gerlich, both prominent philatelists of New Braunfels, Texas. After which Mr. Dietz made the announcement already published in the November PHILATELIST: of the intention of the Southern Philatelic Association to hold its next convention in Richmond in 1899; of its selection of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as its official organ, and of the election of the speaker to the position of Vice-President. These statements, with some elaboration in Mr. Dietz's usual happy style, created a state of enthusiasm of the most intense and fervid kind. A resolution was adopted by acclamation, extending the hearty greeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association to the Southern Philatelic Association with an invitation to all members of the latter Association, wherever, resident, to attend the Richmond convention of '99. A Ways and Means Committee, to look after the entertainment of the delegates to the forthcoming convention was suggested, and a paper drawn up to which everyone present, including some non-philatelic friends, immediately subscribed themselves in amounts aggregating nearly \$100.00. The utmost determination was evinced to make Richmond's first philatelic convention a most emphatic success and much pleasure was expressed, that so good a start had been made.

Members present: Dr. Peyser, Messrs. Stearns, Moser, Scott, Redford, Anderson, Ahern, and Dietz.

Meeting adjourned 10.30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

OUR New Year number will be another record-breaker. It will reach every Southern collector. Do you care for Southern trade? Do you care to reach every member of the S. P. A. and the V. P. A.? Well, come into our columns.



We clip from *The Philatelic Monthly and World* a selection of new issues chronicled:

BELGIUM.—The 50c with Sunday label is now gray.

COOK'S ISLANDS.—The colors of these stamps are 2d, brown; 6d, violet, and 1sh carmine. Watermarked N Z and star. Perf. 11.

GIBRALTAR.—Stamps have been issued with values in English currency. Same design as those of 1880. The ½d, 1d, and 2½d being almost identical in color. The 2d is brown with value in blue; 4d orange and green; 6d purple and carmine; 1sh pale brown and carmine.

HONDURAS.—A new 20c orange Locomotive type.

INDIA.—On account of change in postage rate on newspaper in effect Oct. 1, a supply of ¼ anna stamps have been ordered in England of the design and color of the 9 pies stamp. In the meantime the ½ green has been surcharged "¼" in black 15mm. high.

JOHORE.—High values have been issued of the current design, \$2 lilac and carmine; \$3 lilac and blue; \$4 lilac and brown; \$5 lilac and orange.

MOROCCO.—Stamps for use between Tanger and El Kear have been issued with a steamer in center. 5c green, 10c rose, 20c olive, 25c blue, 40c red, 50c violet, 1 peseta bistre and 2p gray-black.

ROUMANIA.—There is a new value, 40b green.

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BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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

Our Review closes on November 20th.

* As in the previous month the editor-in-chief has issued his orders "boil it down" and although we kept the pot boiling and thought we had cut everything very short, still the editorial scissors clipped our notes last month a good deal and we have been compelled this month to leave out a good many journals whose contents surely deserve mention and which we are sorry to omit. Still we have to submit, for what the editor-in-chief says goes.

The following publications have been received:

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| American Collector, New Oxford, Pa. | 5. 2. |
| Boston Stamp Book, Boston, Mass. | 4. 5. |
| Evergreen State Phil., Hartland, Wash. | 10. 57. |
| Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me., | 13. 4-6. |
| Filatelie Facts & Fallacies, San Francisco, | 7. 1. |
| Herald Exchange, New York, | 5. 2-3. |
| International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo. | 8. 3. |
| Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas, | 7. 2. |
| Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri, | 12. 17-20. |
| Metropolitan, Philatelist, New York, | 10. 7. |
| New York Philatelist, New York | 5. 1-2. |
| Perforator, Federalsburg, Md. | 2. 8. |
| Philatelic Bulletin, Salem, Mass. | 2. 2. |
| Phil. Monthly & World, Philadelphia, Pa. | 24. 11. |
| Philatelic West, Superior, Nebraska, | 7. 3. |
| Rocky Mountain Stamp, New Oxford, Pa. | 6. 1. |
| Texan Philatelist, Abeline, Texas. | 9. 2. |
| Youth's Realm, Boston, Mass. | 4. 10. |
| FROM CANADA. | |
| Boys' Own Philatelist, Berlin, Ont. | 2. 3-4. |
| Canadian Collector, " " | 1. 1. |
| Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Toronto, Can. | 1. 1. |
| " " Berlin, Ont. | 2. 5. |
| Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont. | 5. 5. |
| Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown, N. B. | 2. 8-9. |

[* We plead guilty, but necessity oftentimes compels that which we do reluctantly.—E.D.]

FROM ABROAD.

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| Advertiser, Birmingham, Eng. | 5. 91-92. |
| Phil. Chronicle and Ad. Birmingham, Eng. | 8. 1. |
| P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Salisbury, Eng. | 3. 25. |
| Stamps, Rushden, England, | 2. 10. |
| Edw. Coopers Co.'s Price List, London, Eng. | |
| C. Hamilton Smith & Co. Price List, " " | |
| Antverpia. Antwerp, Belgium, | 2. 14. |
| Revue Philatelique Francaise, Paris, France | 9. 95. |
| Le Timbrophile Gaulois, Moyemontier " | 3. 23. |
| L'Annonce Philatelique, Geneva, Switzerland | 4. 44. |
| Il Francobollo, Milano, Italy, | 6. 73. |

Filatelie Facts and Fallacies which enters with the present number upon its seventh year may well point with pride to the record of the past. It has appeared regularly, without ever missing a single month, and without ever crowding two months into one. Truly something to be proud of. The contents of this number are varied and interesting, and in "Causes and Reasons" begun in this number a good deal of information is given not only to the young collector but also to some who are older in the cause.

Although a little behind time the September number of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* is fully up to its usual high standard. The newly discovered Selma, Alabama provisional envelope is again discussed, and taking it all in all, we think that Mr. Bradley has the best of the arguments so far, and if he can get the party of whom his former article spoke, who is positive that these envelopes were stamped, signed and sold over the counter as stamped envelopes, to make an affidavit to that effect, then, in our opinion, the compilers of the so-called "Standard" catalogue could hardly refuse to list them as a genuine Confederate Local.

Even though "affidavits of postmasters and their numerous relatives as to the use of certain stamps and certain envelopes during the period of the Confederacy, are as plentiful as mosquitoes on the New Jersey coast, and about as much value is attached to the one as to

the other by philatelists who have been through the mill for many years."—Slurs like the above, however, should not deter our Southern journals and collectors from procuring affidavits upon all disputed points relating to the different issues of the Confederacy, both general and local, whenever possible to do so, and so establish *facts* for the future to judge and pass its verdict upon. Self-interest often blinds the eyes of contemporaries where posterity will see plainer.

The letter of Hon. John H. Reagan, Postmaster General of the Confederate States makes it plain under what authority postmasters issued Locals, and we copy that part of the letter in full.

"2nd. No authority was conferred officially on the postmasters to issue stamps. Such stamps as were issued by them was done entirely on their own responsibility. My proclamation assuming control of the postal service in the Confederate States expressly states that 'until supplies of postage stamps and stamped envelopes are procured for the prepayment of postage within the Confederate States all postage must be paid in money under the provisions of the first section of an act approved March 1st 1861.' Soon after the organization of the Confederate States Government, the coin of the country began to disappear, to a great extent, from circulation. This rendered the payment of postage difficult in the absence of stamps and as Confederate State Treasury notes in certain sums were made by law receivable in payment of postage, and as it could not be reasonably expected that postmasters should furnish coin in change of them on account of its scarcity (and also on account of the difference in value) I stated in the report referred to, that it was necessary 'to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used.'

Under this condition occurred the issuance of local stamps and stamped envelopes by quite a number of the Confederate postmasters." Here we have from first hand the explanation why postmasters were permitted to issue the Locals. It will be well for every collector of the issues of the Confederate States' stamps to preserve the copies of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* which contain the Notes Mr. Askew has made from the official reports of Hon. John H. Reagan during his term of office as P. M. General. To have these in a handy form will be of untold benefit to the future student of the stamps issued South of Mason-Dixon's Line during the late unpleasantness, and all honor to all southern journals which like *The Lone Star State Philatelist* use their best endeavors to preserve for the future the statements of such as were there at the time and who know whereof they speak.

It was indeed a great pleasure to the writer to meet a short time since the editor of the *New York Philatelist*, Mr. Herbst, and to spend in his pleasant home a few hours talking stamps, which subject does never seem to tire him or for that matter neither the writer. Unfortunately for Mr. Herbst the "exchanging" was all one-sided, for while he made us accept a goodly number of his duplicates we could not make returns not having any stamps about us. However we trust that at some future time we can repay Mr. H.'s liberality in part. The opening article of October number of the *New York Philatelist* by Mr. J. F. Farrell on "Wanted—An Improvement In Our Literature" is a well written one and points out very plainly the need of reform in the management of a great number of philatelic publications. If each journal would try to bring at least one well written article on a philatelic subject, one in which the

writer "knows" of what he speaks and then puts it into readable shape, that at least would be the beginning of an improvement. To impart incorrect information is worse than to keep silent, so unless a writer knows that he is right he better not go ahead and scatter error broadcast over the land, for to believe the statements made by many of the sheets, they must be scattered in profusion over the whole face of the globe.

In "A Trying Year" Mr. Chapman speaks about the many new issues; many of them unnecessary, which 1898 has brought forth and which have more to do with driving collectors into specializing, than anything else. It takes indeed a long purse to keep up with all the new issues.

The November number opens with a reminiscence of "Thirty Years Ago" and recalls vividly to the writer the day when stamp collecting was comparatively young and esteemed only allowable in schoolboys. Yes, New Granada, Monte Video and Luzon are well remembered, and why not. The first stamps of the now United States of Colombia bear the inscription New Granada up to 1861 when it changes into U. S. of Colombia, and the same with the first stamps of Uruguay which only bore the inscription Monte Video until 1864, so the young collector of that day, who was a very literal person anyway, placed those stamps into his blank book with just the names of the country which issued them written above for in the late fifties and early sixties the printed stamp album was few and far between. Other articles of interest are on "U. S. Colonies and Their Stamps" by C. H. W. and "Handsome Stamps" by H. A. Chapman. In the "Notes From the Pines" we find that someone is laying himself liable to a \$200.00 fine by using the 2 cents orange Bank Check stamp on a note and also the proprietary stamps of the 1878

issue on gum etc. The Revenue officers must be very lenient up in Michigan to let such chances slip them, perhaps they are hunting for larger game in the shape of moonshine distilleries in the pines.

We copy the following from *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*:

"The following letter has been received from the Third Assistant Postmaster General by one of our readers:

'The Department has not yet decided to sell the newspaper and periodical postage stamps sent here by postmasters. It is likely, however, that this will be done in a month or two. On the 10th of January next, when a new contract goes into operation, the department will probably issue the 1, 2, and 5 cent stamped envelopes with embossed stamps of green, red and dark blue, respectively, the colors corresponding to those of the same denominations of the adhesive stamps."

We are glad to see that the *Weekly* makes again a special feature of the chronicle of new issues.

The *Perforator* among a number of other good things has "A Collector's List" in which the author Mr. B. G. M'Fall gives what he considers the *true* value of U. S. Stamps. He does, what unquestionably all catalogueers will have to do in the near future, quote prices for perfect and second class stamps in both used and unused, and the explanations he gives of what constitutes a perfect and also a second class specimen are well defined and reasonable. He omits in his lists the minor varieties and quotes only the valuation of the *straight* issue. It appears to us that this list is a very conservative one and one which each collector should have for reference in buying and exchanging. It is to be continued in the next issue.

The *Australian Philatelist* begins its fifth year with the current number under a new management, Mr. Oscar Schulze having become its publisher and proprietor, and we hope the paper may continue to prosper and gain for its owner a goodly number of sheckels (hope the "printer's devil" will not see his chance on that word and substitute an *a* for the *e*). To publish a paper which is not gotten up as a house organ requires a good deal of "sand," but Mr. Schulze's philatelic patrons are ever quick to see the advantage they have in advertising in such a paper that it is only a question of time and "everlastingly keeping at it" that success is bound to come and with it a suitable remuneration for the labor.

From this number we see that the Japanese forger, of whom we spoke in last month's review, has been convicted and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment at hard labor and also ordered to refund all monies received for the stamps he had altered. His wife, as being under his influence, was discharged.

Stowell—Noble.

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