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R. S. NELSON.

It affords us an exceptional pleasure to present our readers with the likeness of a *rara avis* of Philately—a "Stamp Hunter"—and the brief outline of a career as remarkable as that of any collector in this country.

It is Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., and though for some time we have enjoyed a most pleasant correspondence, it required a *coup d'etat*, as it were, to break down the barriers of his modesty and secure the permission to print this sketch. As a result we are indebted to his esteemed mother for the facts presented, and they came to us in a letter that we shall ever prize for its beauty and refinement, and the tenderness of a mother telling of "her boy."

Robert Sidney Nelson is now in his 37th year. Born in Greensboro, Ala., he is a descendent of Col. Robert B. Waller, an old Virginia gentleman of the highest type—an eminent lawyer, a *liverati*, and fond of collecting curios of all sorts.

It was but natural that our friend should inherit his trait, and eventually become a follower of Philatelia.

It was in 1894, while looking over cotton claims and other papers of the estate, that he was first attracted to the old-looking stamps and their beautiful colors.

In the fall of '94 he leased out his plantation and started out "stamp-hunting." Bearing credentials from the Governor

of the State and other prominent men, he went from town to town through Alabama. For one collection of old letters he paid \$900.00, and for another \$1000.00—here and there he was successful in securing rare Confederate locals, and from a description of the two photos of some of these gems sent us our readers can form an idea of his treasures. The first shows two Uniontowns, a pair Macons (Scott's A2), a pair Athens, one Macon (Scott's A1), and a strip of four 5c Mobiles, all o. c. This collection, exclusive of the Mobile strip, he sold for \$1100.00. The second is a still greater treasure: Mobiles, Nashvilles, New Orleans, Athens, Grove Hills and Macons (singles and pairs), besides a strip of five 2c green, and a *strip of six 10 cents outer line Confederates* (rare color). The last named alone sold for \$100.

It would require more space than is at our disposal to tell of his stamps—we reserve that pleasure for another article.

His present collection contains about 3500 Confederate general issues; 5000 "common" U. S. stamps from '47 to '69; 300 foreign, besides Mobile, Memphis, Nashville, Uniontown, 5c purple Athens, and many other locals.

Mr. Nelson is a cotton planter, stamp-hunter and dealer. He is an enthusiastic collector with an ideal conception of the term. The Southern and the A. P. A. may be as proud to claim him on their rolls as the writer is to esteem him his friend.

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R. S. NELSON.



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Federation.

CONVINCED that the time is most auspicious, and persuaded that we voice the sentiments of Southern Philately, we venture an appeal for Federation of Southern State Societies.

The growing interest in our science throughout our section, the advent and prosperity of several State associations in localities never heretofore represented in Philatelia's council, the success of Southern stamp publications, and, above all, the marked revival of interest in the postal issues of the Confederacy, are factors that seem to indicate to us of the South this course—leading at once to success and pre-eminence in the world of Philately.

The leading collectors of the South are unanimous in their support of this proposed movement.

Royal Bennett Bradley, the talented editor of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, of Texas; L. P. Head, of Kentucky, and many other prominent collectors will lend their support to the cause.

The President of the Southern Philatelic Association, in his address to that society—printed in this number—expresses all we would say in the matter.

We invite and rely on the strong support of that excellent new-comer from Tennessee, *The Stamp Tribune*. Lev and Verbeck are enthusiastic philatelists, and their influence will be felt in Tennessee and beyond.

Kentucky was always near wherever Virginia led.—Will she not now join her forces in forming a federation of Southern State associations?

There is naught to sacrifice and much to gain.

The suggested plan is briefly this: Southern State associations are to rally around the leading and strongest association of our section—the "Southern;" they are to apply *en corpore* for admission as Branches of that organization—retaining their individuality as regards their Constitution and laws, their meetings and State conventions, and their elections of State

officers; they are to assume the position of sovereign societies, united under a common head—sharing the advantages of a superb sales department, having access to a most complete philatelic library, and availing themselves of the many other benefits to be derived.

The philatelic press of the South is invited to an open discussion of this question.

The Southern Philatelic Association will convene in Richmond, Va., this fall—shall we then see the realization of that cherished dream of Southern Philately—A FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN PHILATELIC SOCIETIES?

Miss Griffin's "Chain Letter."

AS WE promised our readers additional information in regard to the "chain letter" of Miss Griffin, of Sydney, N. S. W., we are now in a position to present facts.

We may be pardoned for quoting an extract from a letter just received from Miss Griffin:

"The papers in different parts of the world spoke disparagingly of the effort—branding it a fraud. I think it is because they do not understand. How surprised they would be if they knew that it was such a success, and that thereby I have been enabled to hand over to the Committee of the Hospital £64. The first amount, £48, was given more than a year ago, and but recently the other—£16. Of course the government gives pound for pound endowment, so that I think the Hospital has been benefited by the "chain letter." * * * Though abuse was heaped upon me I received much kindness also. * * *

The above are the facts in the case that has agitated some of our contemporaries across the pond.

Now, isn't it about time someone offered an apology?

Snow-Bound.

RICHMOND was completely cut off from the world from Saturday, February 12th, to Thursday, February 16th. A terrific snow-storm, the like of which has not been seen since 1857, covered our city with a dense coat of white, blocking all traffic. All business was suspended and the last mail reaching our city arrived on Sunday morning.

From 3 to 8 feet of snow is a rare sight in our Southland, and we have been spending several involuntary holidays nursing our fire and looking over our stamps.

The "Greater United States" Stamp.

AS SOON as we get through "chastising," annexing and expanding, and cross the bridge that leads to militaryism and imperialism, we'll suggest a design for a new series of stamps for the "Greater United States," bearing a profile of Samuel I., successor to "Uncle Sam," Emperor of the Greater U. S., King of Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and Heir Presumptive to the rest of the earth.

The Lone Star State Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 25c.

Bach's Canard.

WE LEARN from an editorial in *Meekel's Weekly* that the two British Guiana rarities purchased by our Canadian friend and illustrated in the *Montreal Philatelist*, are but poorly executed counterfeits.

We trust (provided Bach wasn't trying to play a big joke on us) that the suggestive dash with which he leaves us guessing what he paid for the pair, did not run up into the dollar values.

"'Twas ever thus," etc.

Attention, Members of the V. P. A.

THE special attention of members of the Virginia Philatelic Association is directed to the proceedings of the last meeting of that association, printed elsewhere in this number, and a prompt response per postal is requested.

The question at issue is one of importance to every member and the great benefit to be derived from the proposed affiliation should be borne in mind when voting upon this proposition.

MR. J. G. GRIFFIN, of Sydney, N. S. W., informs us that up to the time of posting his letter, Jan. 16, 1:55 p. m. (departure of the Vancouver mail) the New South Wales ½d, 1½d, and 6d, (?) in their new colors, promised for January 1, had not been placed on sale, although the postal authorities again positively promised them for that day.

WE'LL pay \$25.00 cash for a surcharged Cuban in the type illustrated in *The Herald Exchange*. Try your glasses again, Brother Tausig.

It's on the Market.

THE Franklin, N. C. local envelope described and illustrated in our February number has brought to our office numerous enquiries and offers.

We are authorized by the owner to state that the stamp will probably be placed on the market at an early date.

IN ALL probability, as soon as the Spanish Cortes ratifies the other end of the "Yanko-Spanko" treaty, we may expect a set of U. S. stamps surcharged for our new \$20,000,000 "white elephant".

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A Richmond Dealer.

WE DESIRE to call attention to a new patron of our columns — Mr. Henry Schott—Richmond's *first* stamp dealer.

Mr. Schott has accumulated a magnificent stock of Revenues, better class U. S. and Confederates, both on and off cover, which he is offering at fair prices. It is his intention to cultivate principally a mail-order business.

Our patron is well known to all Richmond collectors, and we would bespeak for him a generous share of our readers' patronage.

Let's "Capitalize" It.

SOME time ago an esteemed contemporary indulged in a discussion anent the question whether "Philately" should be spelled with a capital P or not.

We think since our "hobby" has been elevated to a "science" it should be "cap'd".

This is no challenge for a discussion; nor need any chronic "comp" "pull Webster" on us, for in this case we'll differ with "the oracle."

MR. GEO. J. CARTER has made a new departure in philatelic advertising in the shape of ads from specially engraved plates.—While his goods and business methods are his best ads, no doubt this new dress will still further increase his patronage.

AND NOW there are kicks on the Canadian Penny Postage stamp. Poor Sir Mulock—your patriotism has made you the target of much unjust criticism.

WE PRESENT in this number the sequel to "Exchanging Stamps." "Even Exchange" is from the pen of Mr. Fred. W. Burt, of Chargin Falls, O.

Beware of This Fraud.

OUR attention has been called to a case of more than ordinary importance by our friend, Mr. R. L. Deitrick, of Lorraine, Va., who has submitted for our inspection the correspondence and stamps received from W. C. Bailey, business manager of *The Coldwater Star*, Coldwater, Mich.

It is our determination to spare no effort in hunting down the philatelic fraud and counterfeiter—to punish him in the pillory of the philatelic press, and to lead in the war of extermination of the entire brood.

This case has attracted our special attention on account of the Confederate stamps which figure very prominently therein, and, with the consent of Mr. Deitrick, who assumes all responsibility in the matter, we narrate the case, printing a letter from W. C. Bailey.

Our friend received a four-page price-list of stamps from the party in Coldwater, Mich., in which he states he is closing out his stamp business and offers to sell better class stamps at "*one-fourth catalogue price*," and in many cases even less."

Among his "bargains" were the following stamps; 1872—10c brown, unused 15c.; 1862, 5c blue Confederate, 15c.

These two stamps were ordered by Mr. Deitrick on February 1, 1899.

Below follows the letter received:

"COLDWATER, MICH., February 4, 1899.

"R. L. DEITRICK, LORRAINE, VA.

"DEAR SIR:—Yours at hand. Herewith I enclose the stamps ordered; as the 5c Confederate is not perfect (it is the only one I have) I enclose a few others to make it right, though the 10c is alone worth the 30 cents, as it catalogues 50 cents. In accordance with your request I hand you the three Confederate locals on approval. If satisfactory you may have the three for \$5. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

"Very truly,

"W. C. BAILEY."

As far as the 10c brown 1872 is concerned, it may be genuine; but the Con-

federate 1862 5c blue is a *rank counterfeit*—printed from a poorly executed wood-cut.

The three "locals" sent on approval consist of the 5c blue Mobile, the 2c(?) Columbia, S. C., and the 5c blue Charleston, S. C., and they are catalogued in his "price-list" at \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$3.00 respectively.

All three are rank counterfeits—fairly well executed in wood and type, and from the dull colors used in their printing, present an "aged" appearance, which, to some extent, is calculated to quiet the possible suspicions of the collector buying his first Confederate locals.

Mr. Deitrick is as well posted on the issues of the Confederacy as any man in Virginia, and this one time Bailey "struck a snag."

Beware of W. C. Bailey, Coldwater, Mich., and his "List No. 2," headed in bold letters "Closing Out!"

I heartily approve of this notice.

R. L. DEITRICK.

Williams & Co.

SO THAT "South Sea Bubble" has "busted" . . .

In spirit we seem to hear a chorus of wails from "Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand" and horizontally too.—Oh, well; let's "notch it on the pailin'," and add "Williams & Co." to the list of our "experiences."

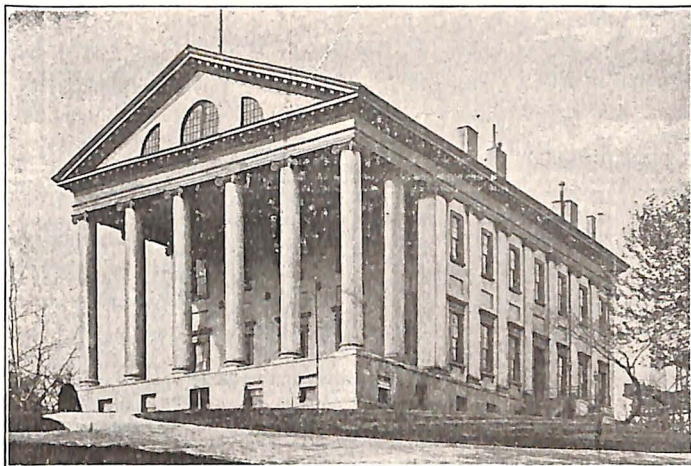
Personal.

WILL, our subscriber who ordered a Scott's catalogue in February kindly drop us a postal? The Scott Co. cannot fill the order for two months and we wish to return to the gentleman his money.

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RICHMOND, VA.—WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND CITY HALL.



STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

Glimpses of Richmond, Va.

IN view of the approaching Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in Richmond, Virginia, this fall, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST takes pleasure in presenting a series of illustrations embracing many of the points of interest in "the Queen City of the South."

To the visitor, the old capital city of the Confederacy presents a most pleasing appearance. Its central feature is the dignified Capitol building, upon the brow of the highland which slopes downward thence to the swift river, covered with a wide expanse of commercial streets and private buildings.

The beautiful green "Square" is the glory of the city. The new State Library rises to the east of the Capitol, and behind it is the costly new City Hall.

The cornerstone for the State Capitol of Virginia was laid in 1785. In the rotunda stands Houdon's

statue of Washington, from which the bust adorning our 2c stamp was taken.

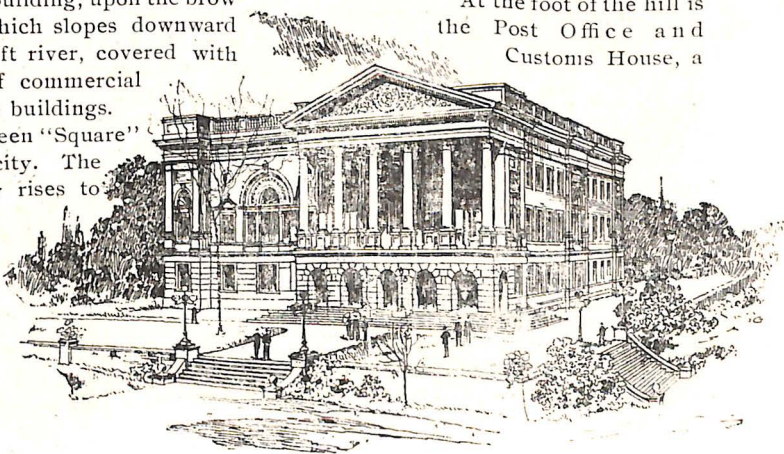
The Senate chamber in this building was used during the Civil War by the Confederate House of Representatives.

The Land Office contains the oldest State records in America, being continuous from 1620. The State Library contains 40,000 volumes.

Perhaps the most magnificent equestrian statue in the world adorns the grounds of Capitol Square—that of Washington, by Crawford, with the six figures of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Mason, Thos. Nelson, Jr., John Marshall and Andrew Lewis grouped below. Statues of Henry Clay and "Stonewall" Jackson are near by.

Near by also is old St. Paul's church where President Davis and General Lee worshipped.

At the foot of the hill is the Post Office and Customs House, a



STATE LIBRARY BUILDING.

magnificent structure of granite, and just around the corner is the office of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

From the dome of the Capitol the eye commands a splendid view of the scenes of many conflicts, and the grand river, winding along through green fields on its way to the sea.

Our illustrations present glimpses of this spot, inviting you, as it were, to rest beneath the shadow of the trees, and to twilight dreams of the "Old South" while the sun sets over the "New."

DIETZ.

We are indebted to the J. L. Hill Printing Co., Richmond, Va., for the kind loan of the engravings illustrating this sketch.

New Colors for the Hawaiians.

AS WE go to press a communication from our Hawaiian correspondent, under date of February 9, informs us of the probable change in colors of the current issue of "our first Colony," to conform to the requirements of the U. P. U.

Our friend sends us copies of the 2c stamp, which now appears in a beautiful bright rose, instead of brown as heretofore.

The new designs have been prepared thus far.

Hussman's Bargains.

C. E. HUSSMAN displays in this number a whole page of the finest bargains in U. S. Revenues. Our own transactions with Mr. Hussman, extending over some time, warrant us in commending him to the readers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

TRY an ad in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. It will pay you.

The Texan Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST one year for 25c.

The New St. Vincents.

WE HAVE received from Mr. W. C. Proudfoot, of Kingstown, St. Vincent, the new series of stamps issued by that colony.



The set consists of nine values, of the Leeward Island type, as follows:

1/2d.	mauve	and	green.
1d.	"	"	red.
2 1/2d.	"	"	blue.
3d.	"	"	olive.
4d.	"	"	orange.
5d.	"	"	black.
6d.	"	"	brown.
1sh.	green	"	red.
5sh.	"	"	blue.

Watermarked Crown C A, perf. 14.

Mulock's Latest Device.

RUSH FOR THE ALTERED THREE CENT EMBOSSED ENVELOPES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The Postmaster-General has hit upon another device for "raising the wind." Surcharged stamps are regarded as of great value by collectors, especially if the number so altered is but limited. Mr. Mulock had a number of envelopes with a three-cent stamp embossed upon them on hand when the recent reduction in postage was made. He has had them changed into two-cent stamps by placing a big figure 2 on the Queen's head. The result is a big rush for this envelope, and an augmented revenue.—*Mail and Empire*.

The Perforator and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 30c.

Sale of Newspaper and Periodical Stamps.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1899.

Announcement is hereby made that, in compliance with numerous requests made to the Postmaster-General by collectors and others, enough of the newspaper and periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters to make up 50,000 complete sets have been reserved by the Department for sale, and that on and after the 15th instant they may be had of postmasters at first-class post offices, or upon application to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, at the rate of five dollars a set—the set consisting of one each of the following twelve denominations: One, two, five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents, and two five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred dollars. When applications are made by mail, the money to pay for the stamps must accompany the order, with ten cents additional to pay for postage and registry fee on the return packet.

Not less than a full set will in any case be sold; but as many more whole sets as may be wanted can be bought. When two sets or more are desired, any or all of the several denominations may be had in an unsevered condition, that is to say, in strips not exceeding ten stamps each, or in blocks of four or more. The Department, however, cannot require postmasters to segregate, for the accommodation of purchasers, marginal strips of stamps bearing plate numbers; nor can any guarantee be given that the stamps shall be perfectly "centered." It must also be understood that the stamps are not good for postage, and that after their purchase they cannot be redeemed or exchanged for others by the Government.

The sale of these stamps will continue up to the 31st of December next, unless the stock is sooner disposed of; but no

more than the 50,000 sets will be sold, and no more will hereafter be printed. In fact, the working plates from which the stamps were printed will shortly be destroyed.

The newspaper and periodical stamps of a former issue—of which fragmentary lots have been returned to the Department by postmasters—will not be sold, but, together with the stock of the last issue returned in excess of the 50,000 reserved sets, will all be destroyed.

JOHN A. MERRITT,
Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

Porto Rico Provisionals.

THE *Era* was first to print the following from its Washington correspondent:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16th.

The Postmaster-General has sent today to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, directing them to surcharge the following stamps for Porto Rico:

1,000,000.....	1-cent.
2,000,000.....	2-cent.
500,000.....	5-cent.
500,000.....	10-cent.

Cuba 2c. de Peso.

The Cuba 2c de peso surcharged on 2c U. S. has made its appearance. It is quite evident from its looks that the same plate that was used to surcharge the 2½c de peso has been used to surcharge this stamp only cutting out the fraction.—*Era*.

SEE the prices paid for Confederate money by R. L. Deitrick. His ad is on another page.

The Evergreen State Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 25c.

Even Exchange.

BY FRED W. BURT.

I HAVE been a constant reader of the leading stamp magazines of this country for the last three years, and have never read of but two stamp collectors, who exchanged with foreign collectors and thought they had received value sent.

My own experiences in this line have been invaluable to me, teaching me that "all things are not what they seem to be," and that "fair promises" usually mean very poor stamps. These offers of "Even Exchange" made by foreign stamp collectors, sound very fair, but the net result of the transaction tells the story.

My first experience in this line was with a collector of Dublin, Ireland, and his offer read as follows: "Any one sending good stamps will receive in exchange equivalent in rare English and New Zealand."

The stamps I sent him were all United States adhesives, catalogued from 5c to 20c, all good, salable copies. I requested of my Dublin correspondent stamps of England and New Zealand, such as my collection required, asking for nothing that catalogued higher than the lot sent him.

In just two weeks I received the exchange lot, and such a lot! My correspondent said in his letter that he would be pleased to meet all my wants.

In the packet of stamps sent me there was just one poor, lonely stamp that I had asked for, and as it may be of interest to the reader to know what was sent me, I will say that one of the stamps sent was the two shillings "Dog-tax" revenue stamp of England. This stamp was priced to me at 16c. Another stamp in the lot was the Document or revenue stamp of Great Britain, used in Ireland.

This was priced to me at 8c. These two stamps are neither recognized by Scott or Gibbons, and I was advised by a friend to keep both stamps as curios.

My correspondent of Dublin also sent four of the 1881 lilac red of Great Britain, which he said catalogued 25c each, and which catalogued 10c in Scott's.

The balance of the lot was made up of common English, Belgian, and New South Wales stamps, some of them so torn and damaged that they were of no earthly value to any collector. After sending me this lot of stamps, he asked me to send him in my next the following stamps: Full set of Executive and War department; Periodical, 1 to 10c, used; set of current issue United States, unused; Columbian set used and unused; think of it! The Executive set alone catalogues \$59.50.

My next experience was with a Frenchman; the only one out of all I have had dealings with who sent me just what he agreed to do in his offer of exchange.

The 55 varieties of France and Colonies which he forwarded me were very nice, and I would have been only too glad to have continued exchange relations with him, only for the reason that he wanted all the rarities of which this great land can boast.

He asked for full sets of the following issues: United States postage, 1845, '61, '69, '70, '71. All of our departments, revenues and telegraph stamps. It would have taken a good farm to buy all the stamps he wanted in the next exchange.

Do these foreign collectors think that we have our pockets full of the 90c stamps of '61 and '69 and '71? To say nothing of these dates, there are many large collections in this country which do not contain half the varieties this collector wanted.

Belgium was the country that next

claimed my attention. The collector there evidently had forgotten that the stamps of Italy, Austria and France were not the stamps of Belgium, Congo and Holland, which were the countries whose stamps he had offered to exchange. The stamps received from this man would compare very well with Continentals, which are sold in this country at 15c a thousand, and he was very anxious that I should send him sheets of United States stamps that would catalogue from 20c to \$4.00 each for our next exchange.

A collector of Holland was the next venture, and he was a good double for the man of Belgium.

The stamp world needs what the mercantile world has—its Bradstreet and Dun. If we, as collectors, would look up these men, who are so anxious to make stamp exchanges, and know what their standing was, we could go at it with the assurance that there was some hope of getting what was promised.

I would like to hear from stamp collectors who have made foreign exchanges, as to their experiences along this line.

Newfoundland Items.

SINCE the recent destruction of the plates of the 1865 issue, Newfoundland stamps are put upon a firm basis, and we need not fear reprints when investing in any of this series.

Owing to the Imperial Penny Postage and the consequent falling off in the sale of 5c stamps, the present stock of Cabots bids fair to last at least another two months. The postal authorities will not issue the new 5c Duke of York, until all old ones are disposed of.

The Tri-Monthly Collector and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for one year—48 papers—for only 45c.

The New York Philatelist and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, one year for 30c.

All Plates of the 1866 Issue Newfoundland Destroyed.

OUR Newfoundland correspondent sends us the following clipping from *The Royal Gazette* of January 31, 1899:

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,
New York, Jan. 23, 1899.

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON, ESQ.,
COLONIAL SECRETARY, ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.
DEAR SIR,—

We duly received your communication, dated the 24th of December of last year, directing us to destroy the dies of all the obsolete issues of Postage Stamps made for the Government of Newfoundland; and informing us that Messrs. Bowring and Archibald, of this City, will be present at such destruction on behalf of the Colony.

In accordance with the above instructions, on the 16th instant, Mr. Charles Bowring, a member of the firm above mentioned, visited our establishment, and in his presence there were destroyed the following:—

1 plate 110 1c	1 plate 100 12c
1 " 100 1c	1 " 100 13c
1 " 100 2c	1 " 100 24c
1 " 100 3c	9 original dies of above stamps.
1 " 100 5c	5 rolls containing same
1 " 100 6c	
1 " 100 10c	

Which comprises the entire quantity of plates, dies and rolls engraved by this Company or its predecessors for Newfoundland, excepting only those of the current issue of Postage Stamps.

We enclose herewith a duplicate of the certificate made upon that occasion.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, we are very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,
T. H. FREELAND,
SECRETARY AND MANAGER.

[DUPLICATE.]

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY,
New York, January 16, 1899.

It is hereby certified that, in accordance with instructions, dated the 21th of December, 1898, from J. Alexander Robinson, Esq., Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland, there have this day been destroyed, in our presence, the following plates, dies and rolls used in the preparation of Postage Stamps for Newfoundland, viz.:—

1 plate 110 1c	1 plate 100 12c
1 " 100 1c	1 " 100 13c
1 " 100 2c	1 " 100 24c
1 " 100 3c	9 original dies of above stamps.
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Which comprises the entire quantity of plates, dies and rolls engraved by this company or its predecessors for Newfoundland, excepting only those of the current issue of Postage Stamps.

For Bowring and Archibald,
CHAS. W. BOWRING,
MEMBER OF FIRM.

For American Bank Note Company,
T. H. FREELAND
SECRETARY AND MANAGER.

"Like Kelly Did."

A PHILATELIC NOVELETTE.

BY L. H. BENTON.

MR. KELLY, editor and publisher of the *Cosmopolitan Stamp Journal*, sat at his desk in his private office opening his morning mail.

The first letter he opens causes him to ejaculate "What a scoop!"

Let us look over his shoulder and see what it is that causes the excitement:

TIMBRETON, Feb. 8, 1899.

MR. S. LIDE KELLY,

140 JAMES ST., GOTHAMVILLE, N. Y.,

DEAR SIR:

In your esteemed journal you sometime since published an article on "Can Surcharged Stamps be Successfully Counterfeited?" and in which you maintained that they could not. You pretend to be an expert in matters philatelic, but, sir, you are away off on this particular branch of the business.

The majority of surcharged stamps can be successfully counterfeited, and I'll venture to say that at least one quarter of them ARE, and I know of several so-called "famous" collections that abound in them. But the owners do not know it. Even if they suspected it they could not positively prove them spurious; nor can they prove them genuine! Perhaps you ask how I know. Never mind; that's my business.

Common-sense ought to teach you that common stamps surcharged in common type are dead-easy to imitate. You so-called "experts" are continually "passing" upon surcharged stamps, but your "decisions" do not amount to a row of pins with the heads off. Your opinions do not prove anything one way or the other. I am not talking through my hat, and you know it.

Kindly examine enclosed surcharged stamps, and I'll venture to say that you cannot tell them from originals. It's a pretty good job. You may be smart, but I defy you to find any discrepancy in connection with the enclosed. Just examine them close y and then go chase yourself around the block several times.

Yours truly,

Y. OUAREIT.

No wonder Mr. Kelly was excited.

"Well, now, that's a hot letter, but I guess Mr. Ouareit is right. Our 'counterfeit detecting' is only a bluff anyway, but we have to keep it up to please the people," and he laughed lightly. "But, expert or no expert, I'll go Mr. Ouareit one better and find some little difference somewhere, I know. He won't think he is so swift after all when I've done with him. Oh, but what a scoop for the

Cosmopolitan! I won't do a thing but make my contemporaries jealous."

The next issue of the *Cosmopolitan Stamp Journal* came out ahead of time, with glaring headlines.

COUNTERFEIT REVENUES!

BOLD EXPERT FORGER SENDS SOME TO EDITOR KELLY OF THE COSMOPOLITAN.

Detectives Put On Scent, But Forger Cannot be Found.—Description of Dangerous Counterfeits in This Issue of the *Cosmopolitan*.

A dangerous counterfeit of the one-cent surcharged revenue has been made known. It is a most important discovery! The main points of difference between these and the original or genuine surcharges may be summed up as follows: In the genuine, the letters are printed in dull red and are eight and three-quarters millimeters in height, while in the counterfeit the letters "I. R." are eight and seven-eighths millimeters high, and are printed in a dullish red. The periods after "I." and "R." are slightly oval in the genuine, while in the counterfeit they are elliptical. These are the main points of difference. Of course other minor differences exist, and these will be given in detail in our next issue.

A few days later it was learned that Mr. Kelly, the philatelic expert was sick abed. The cause of it was a postal he received, or rather what it said on it. Here it is, *verbatim*:

DEAR KELLY:

The joke worked better than I thought it would. Oh, but you are easy!—for a surcharge expert. Those DANGEROUS COUNTERFEITS are part of a block I purchased of you several weeks ago, and are the real straight goods—unless you did a mighty successful job at counterfeiting yourself!

Good cigars are eight dollars a box up where I live! Yours admirably, * * * *

The postal-card was signed by a well-known philatelist, famed for his practical jokes.

And somebody laughed—"like Kelly did."



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

MATTERS philatelic are still on the boom, and dealers report business 50% better than the corresponding period last year. There is a dearth of stamps priced at from twenty-five cents to a dollar, and the demand is increasing daily. The chief topic of conversation about town is the recent decision of the Government regarding the newspaper and periodical stamps. As I have sent the publishers of this paper a printed pamphlet, which they will in all probability have published elsewhere, it is unnecessary to have the entire communication included with my correspondence. Fifty thousand sets are by no means a small number and the Government will, at the end of the year find that remainders at five dollars per set, are an over-rated article, as many collectors will think twice before procuring "such a bargain" (?) Mr. J. W. Scott in the *Metropolitan* states that one New York firm has already received orders for one hundred and fifteen sets at \$5.50 each, simply from the casual mention that they would supply collectors, and probably nearly all the large dealers have received similar requests in proportionate numbers. *This, of course, is no indication of any benefit to the trade.* * * * * * From the above I construe that collectors are the only individuals to profit under this ruling, and dealers derive nothing—and, probably a loss in other lines. Our Boston friends must feel much chagrined at their utter defeat, and their inability to prevent the Government from acting as it did. For their benefit I might quote an editorial that appeared in the *Boston*

Stamp Book for July 1895: "Philatelic petitions to the Government do not seem to be particularly successful. It may be, however, that the officers in charge of Uncle Sam's affairs will hear us if we only cry out loud enough. So we welcome the action which has been taken by two of the leading New York societies in petitioning the Government to sell at face value to the general public newspaper stamps and postage due stamps. There is no reason that an ordinary man can see why the Government should not do as the New York collectors suggest. But, then, there are a good many things in the conduct of the Government which an ordinary man can't see through and a bad precedent may in this case prove stronger than common sense." Those are the words of Rev. John Luther Kilbon.

Turning to matters more local, I will commence by mentioning that this city will shortly have the honor of being the birth-place of another monthly philatelic publication under the brief and commonplace name of *Stamps*. According to the words of the publisher something elaborate is expected, but if this proposed monthly can approach the excellence of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, in regard to contents and appearance, the magazine will certainly have an exceedingly bright future.

Mr. E. T. Parker writes occasionally to the *Metropolitan* from Cuba about matters pertaining to stamps. He is thoroughly enjoying himself, but is always kept on the jump—yellow fever is contagious, you know. He seems to have kept his weather-eye open for plate numbers, and other philatelic incidents. Mr. E. B. Power, representing J. C. Morgenthau & Co., made only a short stay in Cuba.

The Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Brooklyn during the latter half of the month of March (18th to 31st,) promises to be a decided success and local collec-

tors and dealers expect a large throng of visitors daily. New York dealers have exerted themselves to procure the necessary material to make the "show" a drawing card to non-collecting persons. Many prizes are offered, including nine silver medals. The exhibition is held under the auspices of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 174 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. As the Methodist preacher says, "All are welcomed."

Since the appearance of the list of "speculation" stamps a few months ago, in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST I have received communications from various dealers and collectors calling attention to certain stamps which I failed to mention which in their opinion they considered "good things," to purchase. As the original list was procured after much persistent questioning, and I may add, inconvenience, it is only natural that some decided snags should be conspicuous by their absence. Dealers "across the pond," are the largest purchasers of cheap and low priced stamps, and in many instances they look for nothing but the most common truck; of course, the price they pay is another thing.

The following list was sent me by an English correspondent, which, I believe was clipped from some English contemporary: Argentine Republic 1889-90, 3c; 1890-91, 5c; Austria 1861, 10k.; 1890, 15k.; 1891, 20k.; Newspaper, Mercury, lilac, unperf., Austria, Italy, 1850, 45c; 1883, 10s.; 1888, 1pi. Hungary, 1881, 20k.; 1887, 1f. Belgium, 1875, 25c.; 1884 25c., 50c.; 1893, 2c., 5c.; 1894 Antwerp 5c., 10c.; Parcel Post 1f. Bolivia, 1895, thick paper, 1, 2, 5, 10c. Brazil, 1890, 20c., 1894, 50c. Postage Due, 1890, 20, 100, 200r. B. Honduras, 1c. on 1d. Bulgaria, Postage Due, 5s. Canada Maple Leaves (except 3c.) Chili, 1877, 1c. Denmark, 1858, 4s., roul. 4s.; 1870, 4s. Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2, 5c.,

1895, 1, 2, 5c. France, 1876, 20c. Postage Due, 5c. blue. French Colonies, 1877, any.

I will continue this list in succeeding issues of this paper, until completed, and any other tips, I may be fortunate enough to secure.

Boston Scraps.

BEAN EATER.

THE stamp business here is now at its best, and all dealers are kept busy from early morn to late at night. There has been a great demand for the Cuban provisional stamps, and dealers have found some difficulty in getting enough to supply orders as fast as received. Do not think that I mean by this statement that they are at all liable to be scarce, for such is not the case, for large supplies will be placed on the market, but orders have come in to such an extent that dealers' stocks have become exhausted as fast as received. One dealer alone, at present has orders booked for over 200 sets, and he is now patiently awaiting an invoice which he says has been ordered for the past week. The 3c denomination was received the last of January and it is now said that the 2½c de peso is obsolete, being replaced by the correct stamp the 2c de peso. The 2½c de peso brings 5c per copy unused here, but in other places the prices for this value range from 15 to 25c per stamp, which certainly seems an outrageous price when it is known that 2,000,000 of the stamps were thus surcharged.

The new 6c U. S. recently made its appearance here, Plate No. 554, color, magenta.

It is doubtless not generally known that the dies for the new U. S. envelopes were made in Boston. The engraver states that he has thus far turned out the 1, 2, 4 and 5 cent denominations.

The Colonial Stamp Co., held its first auction sale at their rooms 345a Washington St., on Saturday afternoon January 14th. It consisted of 75 lots which were disposed of in less than an hour, and the average prices realized were indeed very low.

The B. L. Drew Co., held their 30th sale on Monday, Jan. 30th. The prices realized on this sale were also very low.

The following are a few of the prices realized: \$1.00, \$2.00, Omaha, used, fine sold for \$2.60. These stamps are evidently "good stuff" when this price can be realized upon them. Used copies of the watermarked 1895 newspaper stamp, which are about to be placed on the market at \$5.00 per complete set *unused*, brought the following prices: \$10.00 sold for \$1.00; \$20.00 next went for \$1.60; \$100.00 brought \$3.00; 24c State, used, fine \$4.75; an elegant pair of imperf. \$20.00 Conveyance brought \$3.00; \$5.00 Revenue surcharged on \$5.00 Periodical, unused, o. g., sold for \$4.93; 2c I. R. inverts realized 19c each; Canada 8c blue register unused fine \$1.30; Great Britain 1840 1d black on cover \$1.25, *cat. value 10c*; 1891, 1£ beautiful used copy, \$1.00; Hawaii, 1893 50c unused fine \$2.75: \$1.00 used \$2.50.

Have you noticed that the 2c Canada purple now comes in a decided plum. All should secure this stamp as soon as possible, as it is to be changed shortly to carmine.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

Mr. Matthew R. Knight has at last given up, and has sold out the *Philatelic Messenger* to the publishers of the *Philatelic Advocate*.

The Hamilton, Ontario, stamp club recently elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President—Dr. E. G.

Kittson; Vice-President—F. Robinson; Sec.-Treas.—A. H. Ward; Librarian—Chas. Applegath; Sec. Infor. Bureau—Jas. Slater; Auction Man.—R. S. Mason.

The death of Mr. F. Whatley, Jr., a Toronto collector, occurred on December 26th, 1898, aged 22 years. Deceased was an ardent stamp collector and dealer, and a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

I stated in my last month's notes that the new 2c purple envelope would be changed to red, to comply with the requirements of the Postal Union. I understand these have now appeared, though I have not yet seen them. The purple envelope is something that promises to become rare, as but few were issued, and when it became known that there would be a change, a general rush was made for them, with the result that they can now only be had from dealers, who are holding them at a pretty high price.

It is expected that two more Canadian stamps, of 4c and 7c denominations, will shortly appear, the former for double postage, and the 7c for registration.

Mr. W. A. Beatty, a St. Catharines, Ontario, dealer, was a recent purchaser of four barrels of stamps.

The Canadian government has decided to redeem the 3 cent stamps in the hands of the public, and has notified Postmasters to that effect. The result is that large numbers of these stamps are being received, which include the "maple leaf" and "numeral" issues, and even the old 3c stamp in use previous to the Jubilees.

There are several shades in the Imperial Penny Postage stamp. The first one (lavender) seems to be quite scarce.

I haven't yet seen the new monthly announced to appear from Toronto. What's up?

It is said that a new paper—the *Ontario Philatelic Weekly*—will soon make its appearance from Hamilton, Ont.

The Postal Note system which was introduced here some time ago, to facilitate the transmission of small sums through the mails, is proving a great success, and has, to quite an extent, done away with the practice of sending stamps in remitting.

The Imperial Penny Postage stamp shows plate numbers 1 and 2. Number 1 appears on the first issue (lavender) and number 2 on the last production.

I understand that about 25,000 of the purple 2c envelopes had been printed when the order came to change the color to red. Only 500 were received at the St. Catharines' office.

The stamp business seems to be very good at present. The demand for present issues of Canadian stamps still continues without any signs of abating, large orders coming from American firms quite frequently.

The 2c cent purple, which is now changed to red, promises to become quite scarce. The color of the 3c stamp will also be changed.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

MAJ. JNO. F. MAYER, President.
DR. MARK W. PEYSER, Vice President.
WM. S. AHERN, Sec'y-Treas.
JOHN PAALZOW, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond,
Va., Sales Manager.
C. F. W. MOSER, Counterfeit Detector.

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 10, 1899.

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

The eighteenth meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association was called to order by the president, Maj. Jno. F. Mayer. In the absence of the secretary Mr. Aug. Dietz was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The application of Mr. J. A. Devine, proposed at our last meeting, was voted on, and the applicant unanimously elected to membership.

The event of the evening was the proposition offered by Mr. Franklin Stearns, that the Virginia Philatelic Association, as a body, apply to the Southern Philatelic Association for admission to membership, and to be known as "The Virginia Philatelic Association, Branch No. 1 of the Southern Philatelic Association." The motion furthermore embodies the following conditions:

1. That the V. P. A. retain its individuality as a sovereign State association, governed by its present constitution and laws; electing its own officers, holding its regular monthly meetings, and annual conventions;

2. That the proposed affiliation with the S. P. A. be upon the basis and principles of sovereign States federated under a common head.

After a thorough discussion, in which all seemed in favor of the movement, it was decided to submit the question to the members, and to request of *each a prompt response per postal*, upon receipt of this number, expressing their opinions and casting their vote for or against the proposition.

Mr. Stearns, in speaking on his motion laid stress on the fact that this move would entail but an additional expense of ten cents per year for membership in both associations, in return for which members would partake of all advantages of *both* associations—including the excellent Sales Department of the "Southern," and subscription to THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

There being no further business before the Association the meeting adjourned.

AUG. DIETZ,
Sec'y *pro tem*.

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President.—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Lowry, Abilene, Texas.
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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

BROTHER MEMBERS:

You no doubt read with pleasure the report in our official organ of the proceedings at the meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association when it was unanimously decided that it would be to the advantage of its members that they should join our Society and I know you will welcome them. Fifteen applications have already been filed and Virginia will be in line for the banner unless the other States rise to the occasion and send in new recruits also.

If the capital of each Southern State organized a local Society which could hold its meetings and do missionary work in its own neighborhood, and then affiliate with the S. P. A., how much it would mean for Philately in the South. The members could not only enjoy the pleasures of a local society, but they could also avail themselves of the benefits of the larger organization. I shall be pleased to hear from Philatelists who think they could organize a local Society with these ends in view. I have twenty "Favorite" albums, which I shall be pleased to send our members on receipt of 5c to pay postage. I have given away quite a number myself to beginners and find it a good plan to hinge a few stamps in the right places but be sure not to fill in all the cheap ones, let the youngster have the pleasure of finding some of his own specimens. Now don't all speak at once.

Yours for the S. P. A.

H. FENTON, Pres.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$3.74
Received from members.....	12.95
Total.....	\$16.69

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 1. To Roy B. Bradley for copies of the Oct. L. S. S. P.....	\$1.19
Jan. 10. To "V. P." for Jan.....	.98
Total.....	2.17
Balance on hand.....	\$14.52

The freight on the S. P. A. library from New Orleans to Knoxville, Tenn., amounting to \$1.08, was paid by Librarian C. P. Galyon, who has donated the amount of the bill to the Society. In behalf of the members of the same, we hereby tender to Mr. Galyon the thanks of the Southern Philatelic Association for the courtesy shown.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LOWRY, Treas.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

136* Objected to.
 137 Williams, O. H., 35 E. 17th-st., N. Y. City.
 138 Ahern, W. S., 112 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va.
 139 Redford, R. J., 1417 W. Leigh-st., " "
 140 Knotts, J. H., 1903 W. Main-st., " "
 141 Scott, Jr., H. C., 403 E. Grace-st., " "
 142 Kerns, F. L., Box 299, " "

* The above case is now in the hands of the Trustees.

APPLICATIONS.

Dickey, Eugene Cabell, Knoxville, Tenn. Age 26, Druggist. Refs., C. P. Galyon, Chas. L. McNutt, H. Fenton.
 Verbeck, Wm. M., Box 811, Ballston Spa, N. Y. Age 20, Law Student. Refs., S. P. Lev, J. W. Verbeck, W. C. Lowry.
 Jones, W. Ashby, 604 W. Franklin-st., Richmond, Va. Age 36, Capitalist. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 Butler, Basil G., 1302 Floyd-ave., Richmond, Va. Student. Refs., A. W. Butler, Franklin Stearns, August Dietz.
 Mayer, Maj. Jno. F., 1212 E. Main-st., Richmond, Va. Age 46, Agent Old Dominion S. S. Co. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 Christian, Thomas, 1219 Floyd-ave., Richmond, Va. Merchant. Refs., August Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 Moser, C. F. W., 16 S. 1st-st., Richmond, Va. Age 37, Jeweler. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 Reilly, Jr., Daniel J., 2260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 19, Assistant Bookkeeper. Refs., Roy B. Bradley, W. C. Lowry, Chas. L. McNutt.
 V. E. A. Spott, 806 N. 6th-st., Richmond, Va. Age 44, Jeweler. Member V. P. A. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

Henry Schott, Box 190, Richmond, Va. Age 30.
Stamp Merchant. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug.
Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

R. M. Molting, 18 N. Beach-st., Richmond, Va.
Age 26, Supt. Architectural Iron Works.
Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

W. P. Shelton, 11 S. 3rd-st., Richmond, Va. Age
28, Banker. Member V. P. A.; General Col-
lector. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C.
Lowry.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

J. S. Ross, Moncton, N. B., Can.

L. S. Millard, Santa Anna, Texas.

Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.

E. W. Wisinger, San Antonio, Texas.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

John W. Edwards, Huguenot, Ga.

RESIGNATIONS WITHDRAWN.

H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

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L. P. Head from Hickman, Ky., to Fulton, Ky.

Respectfully, WALTER C. LOWRY, Sec'y.

Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report 42 books, value.....	\$537.03
Received since, 63 books, value.....	955.42
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From which have been sold.....	36.18
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Insurance fund.....	35.68

I wish to thank those members who replied to my call for U. S. stamps.

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CHARLES WARING, Sales Supt. S. P. A.

S. P. A. Prizes.

TO THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

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Whether it is on account of the blizzard or some other cause the fact remains, that only a very limited number of our Exchanges have reached us in time to be included in this month's review, which closes on February 22d.

The following only were received:

	VOL.	NO.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13.	20.
Eastern Philatelist, Boston, Mass.	22.	6.
Herald Exchange, New York,	5.	6.
Lone Star State Philatelist, Waco, Texas,	7.	5.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13.	3 & 5.
Michigan Phil. Weekly, Ithaca, Mich.,	1.	1 & 2.
New York Philatelist, New York	5.	4.
Perforator, Federalsburg, Md.	2.	2.

FROM CANADA.

All Around Stamp Advertiser, Montreal.	2.	8.
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1.	8.
Philatelic Messenger, Boiestown, N. B.	3.	8.

FROM ABROAD.

Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany,	3.	8.
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Of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* only one copy has reached us, the one of Feb'y 11th, which contains copy of the Official Circular regarding the sale of the periodical stamps, fifty thousand sets at five dollars per set; a pretty good price for twelve labels which neither have nor are ever expected to do postal duty, for they are demonetized, and as such really not worth more than the paper they are printed on. However, we collectors will as usual rush in and invest our money in them. In the Canadian Notes is the good suggestion that the government strike off a few more thousand of the purple 2c envelopes to give the public a chance to buy them.

The Eastern Philatelist in its February number contains a continuation of "An African Ambrotype" in which the

different issues of Natal are enumerated. The surcharges on these stamps from 1869 are sometimes bewildering to almost any but a specialist; so any light thrown upon this subject is of interest to the general collector.

The Supplementary Catalogue compiled by Mr. G. L. Smiley which contains the issues not noted in and appearing since the supplement to the 58th Standard was issued contains two pages of closely printed matter and represents about 180 stamps issued since October 31st. It is hardly to be wondered at that the general collector gets tired, when new issues pour in on him at the rate of nearly a thousand a year.

In the *Herald Exchange* we find a letter containing the suggestion that it (the *H. E.*), and presumably other papers also, set aside each month certain space to contain notices of parties who are not square in their dealings and the suggestion seems to be a very good one. It is to head the column "Errors and Omissions" and the notices to read about as follows:

"J. S. of Allentown, Pa., has sheets for two months past and advertisers can get no reply. (2000.)

"For sale, account amounting to \$10 by John Jolies of Chicago, Ill. (2001.)

"G. F. J., Worcester, Mass., got stamps on approval some time ago, and returns were irregular; may mean substitution. (2002.)

"Some time ago I sent 50 cents for packet of stamps to G. F., Albany, N. Y., and I can not get either the stamps or my money back. (2003.)

"The party sending you a complaint should enclose a small fee or stamped and addressed envelope.

"At the end of each notice you could affix a number and from initials and name of place given, others who have been victimized would recognize the

party, and could write you and have his letter forwarded to the party advertising.

"It seems to me that in this way a dealer having the evidence and correspondence of other dealers would have no difficulty in making the swindler come to terms."

Let the dealers and collectors agitate this matter and let us try and weed out the black sheep.

The Lone Star State Philatelist is still a little behind. The December number being the only one to hand to date. It contains a continuation of the notes from the official reports of the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States by Mr. Askew and also an article reprinted from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* which goes very deeply into the subject of the 10 cents 1863 of the Confederate States. From this it would appear that the "Ten" cents was engraved and issued before the "10" cents was made, and not being liked by the authorities a new die was ordered and the "10" in numerals. The demand for stamps however was so great that both plates were used for printing but in the process of transfer the die of the "Ten Cents" was broken and became useless, hence the rarity of this stamp. The differences in the two types of the numeral stamp are fully explained and all in all this article is sure to be a great help to all who make a specialty of the issues of the Confederacy.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News for February 2nd, contains a reproduction of the sheet of ten stamps printed and used as provisionals at Coamo, Porto Rico, with an account of Mr. J. M. Andreini of New York of the investigations made by him in different parts of Porto Rico to satisfy himself and the stamp collecting fraternity about this issue. He wrote to the Mayor of Coamo and a number of friends

and collectors in Porto Rico and from the answers received gives his opinion on the stamp in question as follows: "My conclusion is that the Coamo provisional stamp was issued for legitimate purposes and served such purposes as an emergency stamp. I believe, therefore, that it is entitled to some consideration at the hands of collectors, not only as an emergency issue, but as an interesting historical relic."

The same number contains a letter written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel to Major General Wilson who was in charge of the American forces at Coamo, and General Wilson's answer, which seems to confirm the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Andreini. What makes us feel bad about this matter is that the *Weekly* says there are only 258 specimens available for collectors to get hold of, and we are therefore afraid that our album will forever contain an aching void where these stamps ought to be.

Numbers 1 and 2 of *The Michigan Philatelic Weekly* have reached us, but as No. 2 is dated January 16th, and naturally there should have been at least four numbers more by this time, they have not come to hand, and we must fear that the blizzard which swept the land has been too much for the *M. P. W.*, even if in the "Review" in the first number the editor admonishes Mr. Cornell "to keep his eye on the gun and he will see the *Michigan Philatelist* which is here to rival, to compete and perhaps to lead, but at any rate to stay." Neither number 1 or 2 contain any philatelic news that would set the world afire.

We are sorry to see from *The New York Philatelist* that Mr. Herbst has been ill, and trust that ere now he is restored to health. The associate editor has in this number a plea for poetry,

philatelic poetry, and gives a pretty good parody on the "Raven" in which he scores the "sample copy fiends," whom Mr. Herbst has previously hauled over the coals, but not in poetical effusions exactly. Well everyone to their liking, for our part we'd just as soon take our philatelic journals without the addition of poetry and hope that the trumpet call for the assembling of the poets, which he says was sounded in a recent issue of the *VIRGINIA PHILATELIST*, will fall upon ears that hear not.

The Perforator opens with a portrait and short biographical sketch of Mr. Judson N. Burton of Madison, N. Y. Miss Swift's "The Dawn of the Postal Service in Massachusetts" is very interesting, and being written from old records and papers, it does not just repeat the statistics found in a first-class encyclopedia. Did other States begin a like service, before the postal system was handed over to the Federal authorities, or stands Massachusetts alone in this?

We think Mr. McFall errs when in his list of the Confederate issues, which he recommends the general collector to obtain, he includes the 1c orange the date of which he gives as 1864. This stamp was never issued by the government and therefore surely has no more standing than any other essay. By the word issued we mean that the stamp no doubt was prepared for the C. S., but none were ever sold to the public and consequently none were used. It ought not be classed with the other stamps of the Confederacy.

Perforations, notes from different parts of the U. S. and Canada as well as the reports of different stamp associations make as usual an interesting number.

The All Round Stamp Advertiser contains advertisements of dealers and col-

lectors in all parts of the world and any collector who seeks for exchange relations in foreign countries would do well to subscribe for this paper.

The Philatelic Messenger closes its career with the present number, having transferred its subscription list to the *Philatelic Advocate*, published in Berlin, Ont. The reason assigned for the demise of the *Messenger* is that the editor cannot find the time to attend to it properly and as everything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, the decision to give it up is perhaps a wise one. We shall miss it from our exchange table but feel assured that the *Advocate* will fully satisfy the former subscribers of the *Messenger*.

The January number of *The Montreal Philatelist* is a good deal more of a philatelic journal than its Christmas edition was, and is in fact head and shoulders above that number. It starts out with the announcement of a great find and the subsequent purchase of same by Mr. R. C. Bach. The find was the 2 cents of first issue of British Guiana on the original cover which was purchased on Dec. 19th., and four copies of 8 cents green, 2 singles and a pair also on the original, were purchased on the 21st December and the end is not yet. We can only hope that Mr. Bach was sure of what he was buying and has not fallen the victim of some clever sharper who is leading him on until finally it comes out that the stamps were "Made in Germany." The leading article "The Model Stamp Collector" is well written and treats its subject well. About the Imperial stamp of Canada it has this to say: "No wonder 'we hold a vaster Empire than has been.' On some stamps we have annexed about half of the United States. The British Isles are in France while the Falkland Islands have moved

to some part of South America." Speaking of this stamp it is well to add that the different shades in which the Ocean is printed seem to be almost without number and the specialist will have a hard time to secure them all.

The Evergreen State Philatelist comes as usual, bright and newsy. Its short notes and comments are interesting and contain information in condensed form.

The *Philatelic Messenger* contains in its December number Mr. McDonnell's contribution on "Philatelic Societies" and in this instalment speaks about the relations of local to State and national societies and also explains why so many local societies in smaller towns are decided failures.

The *Messenger* is rather small in size this month, eight pages instead of the usual twelve.

The claim of *The Philatelic Advocate* that its January number is the largest ever issued by any Canadian stamp journal, seems well grounded when that number contains sixty pages and cover. There was another Canadian paper which advertised that its Xmas number would contain 60 pages, but alas, the padding gave out and only 32 pages saw the light of day, so of course the *Advocate's* claim must be allowed. But it is not only in quantity that the *Advocate* excels but also in the quality of its many and varied articles, and it is hard to select and say which is the best of them for without exception they are good. If every reviewer will turn down the corner of the page which contains Mr. McDonnell's conception of what a review editor should or should not do, and profit by reading over that article carefully, the day may come when Mr. McDonnell's hopes for only such reviews as will win praise, may be realized.

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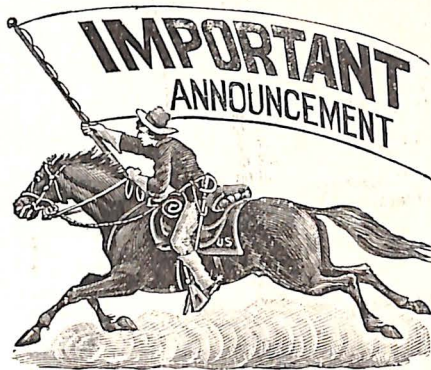
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Playing Cards 2c orange.....	1	25		60	Mortgage 5.00 red.....	1	00	47	
Proprietary 2c blue.....	07			03	Probate of Will 5.00 red.....	1	00	47	
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