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## Board of Trustees of the "Southern."

THE success and prosperity of a philatelic association depends, I dare say, solely upon the selection of men of intelligence, enthusiasm, integrity and "vim" for its corps of officers. And truly the Southern as a body has shown its appreciation and good sense in re-electing the two gentlemen whose likenesses it is our pleasure to present this month. Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler of New Braunfels, Texas, the efficient Board of Trustees of the booming Southern Philatelic Association. Inseparable as they are in their capacity as officers and in the bonds of friendship, we present them here. And thus together would we welcome them in Richmond this fall. It is needless to attempt narrative of their work—it is the history of the progress of our Association. A brief outline is all our limited space permits.

### Emil Gerlich.

The gentleman to the left is Emil Gerlich. Born in Germany in 1875, with his parents he came to America in early youth,—a typical loyal German-American. Mr. Gerlich, Sr. is engaged in the blacksmithing and wheelwright business, and Emil has followed this calling.

He began collecting in 1890—general collecting, but abandoning this he now devotes his energy to specializing in United States stamps.

Mr. Gerlich was one of the organizers of the Texas Philatelic Association, and was elected treasurer in 1896, which office of trust he still holds, having been twice re-elected. At the Atlantic City Convention of the S. P. A. he was elected Auction Manager, but subsequently resigned, for want of time to give to the work. At the San Antonio Convention in 1897 he was elected member of the Board of Trustees; re-elected twice he still holds this position in the S. P. A. He is associate editor of the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, contributor to our columns, and member of the S. of P., P. S. of A., Columbian, Texas, Virginia and Southern Philatelic Associations.



### Robert Kessler.

The gentleman to the right is Robert Kessler. Born in New Braunfels, Texas, in 1877, he is now in his 23d year.

Mr. Kessler began collecting stamps in 1891, making a specialty of the issues of the United States.

After several years these were sold and he is now engaged in completing his collection of Revenues, choosing this popular branch of Philately as his specialty.

His labors, like those of his friend and co-worker, in behalf of the Southern Philatelic Association, are too well known to be dwelt upon here.

He was elected to the position he now holds at the San Antonio Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in 1897. Subsequently he was twice re-elected at the conventions of our Association, which is the most flattering evidence of the trust and esteem of his fellow members.

We look to Kessler and Gerlich to continue their successful labors, and we are confident that none could "fill the bill" better than our modern Damon and Pythias.

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## A Grand Exhibit of Confederate Stamps at the S. P. A. Convention.

FROM various quarters have come, almost simultaneously, suggestions for an exhibit of the stamps—local and general—of the Confederate States dur-

ing the Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, to be held at Richmond, Virginia, September 21, 22, and 23, 1899.

The idea is, undoubtedly a most excellent one, and the additional interest lent the Convention by such an exhibit is incalculable at this time.

We venture to assert that no one collector in the South has ever seen *every* Confederate stamp of the local and general issues, and yet it is a fact that among the members of the various philatelic associations of the South a *complete* collection of these most interesting stamps might be gathered and arranged for exhibition when the "Southern" convenes in Richmond this fall.

It is needless to dwell on the benefits to be derived from such a display—or to speak of the pleasure it will afford the visiting members—all this is too obvious.

Besides, such a collection of the rarest stamps of our country would mark this as the most unique and instructive Convention ever held in America.

The feasibility of the project is assured. Richmond alone can produce every known (and a few unknown) varieties of the general issue, not to speak of the magnificent array of locals.

But there are the collections of President Fenton, of Knoxville, Tenn.; R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala.; H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.; Messrs. Daughy and Craig, Augusta, Ga.; N. P. Strause, Henderson, N. C.; Aldrich and Bradley, of Texas, and many others, which, if exhibited, would cover almost every number in the catalogue.

At the last meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association, Mr. Franklin Stearns suggested this exhibit to the members of that Association. It was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the Virginia Association has decided to provide insurance to all exhibitors against loss, theft, or fire, while their



treasures are displayed in our city.—(See Virginia Philatelic Association minutes).

Efforts are being made by the Arrangement Committee of the V. P. A., to secure the use of one of Richmond's famous museums for this exhibit, and it is quite probable they will be successful.

The call now goes forth to collectors of the South and to all members of the S. P. A., to add to this grand exhibit of the postal emissions of the Confederate States and to communicate with the committee appointed by the Virginia Association, at an early date.

### The Franklin Local.

*The American Journal of Philately* in its April number, chronicles under due reserve the Franklin, N. C., local recently illustrated and described in our columns.

The *A. J. of P.* comments as follows :

"The stamp has every appearance of being genuine, but we are somewhat puzzled by the date as it can scarcely be 1861 (\*Jan.), which would place it three months before the beginning of the Civil War, nor should it be 1862, as by that time the regular stamps of the Confederacy were in general use."

*The A. J. of P.* is correct as to the improbability of an 1861 date, and undoubtedly it was *January 1862*. The quotation above infers that locals were no longer used as late as 1862. To offset this impression we would state that there are in the collections of Mr. Franklin Stearns, and Mr. Wm. Moser both of Richmond, Va., specimens of the Petersburg locals clearly postmarked *February, 1862* (Moser's), and *January 1862* (Stearns').

Considering that Petersburg was nearer the source of supply of the regular issue, than Franklin, N. C., it is not at all improbable that these locals were used even later than February, 1862.

[\*Explanatory insert of my own.—:D.]

DON'T miss our June number !

### Viva ! Calman.

THE editor of *The American Journal of Philately* (April) makes the following interesting statement in commenting on the Newspaper and Periodical reprints, with special reference to a recent editorial in *The Metropolitan* :

"Before the end of February we were in possession of the exact list of the quantities remaining on hand when the issue of these sets was decided upon, but at that time we were not at liberty to make use of the figures. They have since been published, and hence we no longer hesitate to reveal the information which we then received. There was a sufficient stock of all values from 1c to \$2. but there was not a sufficient quantity of a single one of the higher values, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing having only the following stock to hold at the disposition of the Post Office Department :

\$ 5.....	155
10.....	11,640
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100.....	7,685

In order to make up the fifty-thousand sets required, all of these values were reprinted and the majority of the sets sold to collectors will of course, contain reprints of all the five values mentioned, while, all the sets sold with the exception of 155 will contain reprints of the \$5 stamp instead of originals. It is a fact that the Government has made \$250,000 out of the transaction and that many collectors have been made happy by the possession of a set of such beautiful stamps at so low a price. If, however, these results are to excuse the action of our Government, there is no reason why it should not go generally into the pictorial business and sell pretty pictures of all kinds, in sets, at a fixed sum."

Perhaps Bro. Calman could tell us an interesting little tale about how Uncle Sam was "put on to" this scheme, and *by whom*. And as we are not apt to "put anyone on to a good thing" without a certain "in consideration whereof," a little light along this line—figures, for instance,—would increase the interest.

WE WOULD like to know whether friend Brodstone set the type for the last number of *The Philatelic West and Camera News*.

### A Serious Charge.

AS A RULE our contemporaries across the pond are over-cautious in giving publicity to dubious transactions of stamp dealers. *Stamps* of Rushden, England, has been an exception to this rule from the first. Heygate has the proverbial pluck of a Yankee, and he appears to be one of the craft who can't be "downed". We admire him and his paper for it. But in his March number he gives publicity to a matter of quite a serious nature. It appears that our Canadian friend and patron Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, forwarded a letter, on May 1898, to Messrs. Hilckes & Co., Ltd., 64 Cheapside, London, in which he enclosed \$21.30, ordering some of the new issue of New Zealand stamps. And it further appears that, though the check was duly received and cashed by Messrs. H. & Co., they paid no further attention to all letters of enquiry, nor did they fill the order. We await, with some interest further developments in the case, especially as Heygate has given additional publicity to the matter by issuing a mammoth poster for the article.

### A Tip to Canadians.

MR. FRED PRATT, of Kazubazua (we'd like to be buried in that place), Canada, writes us as follows: "I notice in your February number that some (Canadians) do not know how to get rid of their 3c Canadian stamps. There is a poster in every postoffice in Canada, saying the 3c stamps will be taken in exchange for lower values at face."

WE WERE glad to greet our review editor, Mr. John Paalzow last month, while on a brief visit home. Our readers will again find his department in this number. Mr. Paalzow has returned to New York.

### "Eastern"—"Bulletin."

WE LEARN from our Boston correspondent that *The Eastern Philatelist* is to be merged into *The Philatelic Bulletin* on May 1st, closing, as it does, the career of one of America's oldest stamp publications.

*The Eastern* was one of our best philatelic monthlies, especially under Pinkham, who possessed that rare faculty of selecting for his co-laborers such writers as would succeed in placing his paper on a high plane of excellence—and keeping it there.

We hope, in the new union, that the old features will be retained—the *name* goes for naught, the *contents* alone can claim and retain the old prestige of the *Eastern*.

To this end we tender our best wishes.

### Another Commemorative.

ROUMANIA will issue a commemorative stamp (says the *Philatelic Monthly*) upon the occasion of the dedication of its new postal building in Bucharest. This stamp will be three times the ordinary size; its design will be of the Byzantine style, the center representing the facade of the new building, flanked by Byzantine columns. Above will be a medallion portrait of King Carol, at either side of it the emblems of the Postal and Telegraph services. The die was cut by the Roumanian engraver, Papesen, at Paris.—*Stamps*.

Oh, well; it's all right as long as only one stamp will be issued, and not the whole litany from bani to piaster.

NUMBER 1 of *The All Around Philatelist* (Jos. P. Plourd, Boston, Mass.) presents a very creditable appearance. The contents are just what the title indicates.

SUBSCRIBE to the V. P.



### “The Stamp Exchange.”

AS WE are about to close our forms we receive the initial number of *The Stamp Exchange*, published and edited by Ralph W. Tucker, Boston, Mass. Our reviews for the month are closed, and lack of space at this hour precludes the merited mention we would give it here. To be brief then: It is one of the finest initial numbers of any philatelic monthly ever issued in the United States. Further comment is unnecessary.

### “The Gatling Gun.”

AS A RULE we do not review non-philatelic exchanges, but admiration forces us to make an exception in the case of *The Gatling Gun*, edited by Walter Hurt, of Cleveland, O. It is not a stamp publication; but, to size it up in philatelic parlance, it is a “machine” designed to effectually “cancel counterfeits” of every “denomination.”

Hurt has “pumped lead” promiscuously from his *Gun*, and it appears some well-aimed shots struck political beehives, and now they’ve “got it in” for the plucky editor. The result of his trial will probably settle, once for all time, the validity of our boasted claim of the “freedom of the American press.”

Every first-class newsdealer handles *The Gatling Gun*.—Get a copy.

### What Has Become Of—

“Kera’s” poetical eruptions?

Kissinger’s half-tone and signature?

Williams & Co.’s ads in the philatelic press?

“F. P.’s” articles pilfered from encyclopedias?

Those “forty pages” of matter the *Philatelic Advocate* had “left over” from its X-mas number?

### To Our Foreign Subscribers.

THE EDITOR of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will, at all times, take pleasure in supplying our foreign subscribers with the current issue of United States stamps, envelopes, wrappers and postcards, at face value, plus registration fee—13c per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce, 5c additional for every  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce overweight.—Remit by International Postal Money Order, and address to the Editor.

### Exit, Levant Post.

*Sens’ Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal* states that the Porte has directed a note to the representatives of the Powers requesting the abolition of their postal stations in Turkey, inasmuch as the original permit for their establishment was granted only as an experiment. The Powers are expected to make strenuous opposition to this order, in view of the inefficiency of the native system.

It is said the Sultan issued this note upon the instigation of Emperor William, and that the mails of the empire will be entrusted to German officials under a Turkish title.

This change will be generally welcomed by Europeans, insuring, as it would, the greatest possible safety to the Turkish post.

### Come Again, Bro. Osgood.

BRO. OSGOOD recently printed a letter received from a defunct stamp-collector in Trans-Styx. We “go him one better.” We received a sign of life from Canada this week!

AT LAST Canada has a philatelic weekly that bids fair to become a real good thing. *The Stamp Reporter* is a decided success.

“Birds of a Feather—.”

PRESUMING that few will see the original, and desiring to be magnanimous, we clip the following wail from the initial number of *The Michigan Philatelist*, published by Jno. C. Brassington, with C. A. Gurney as editor.

UNJUSTLY.

I was surprised to see in the March number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST a whole column of nothing but slander of one whom I think is an honest and upright man, that is W. C. Bailey, publisher of the “Star,” Coldwater, Michigan. I have known Mr. Bailey for five years and my dealings with him have been always exact.

I wrote Mr. Bailey in regard to the same and received this reply :

“The stamps claimed by R. L. Deitrick to be counterfeit (Confederate locals) were catalogued by a good philatelist whom I paid for doing the work. I had no reason to think them fakes, neither did I warrant them genuine: I merely sent them to this man Deitrick at his request and told him what he could have them for. If he thought them fakes, he had nothing to do but to return them, though I supposed them good. From a business standpoint it matters little to me, as I have most of my stock closed out, but it hurts my pride to have an unprincipled stranger attack me without cause.

That’s rich—isn’t it?

Though this specimen of nerve appeared on the “editorial” pages of the *M. P.* we find only Brassington’s writings in evidence there, hence must credit the article to him.

But for the coming of his paper, and the appearance of that article, a gratis write-up along with Staebler under our Black List would have greeted him this month. In its stead we will attend to his case right here.

It is needless to publish *our* claims against Brassington in these columns when so many of our esteemed contemporaries have given him and his methods a deserved raking within the past few months. We are satisfied Brassington is sufficiently popular (?) without our assistance. His ads carry their own warning.

Such is this self-appointed champion of Justice, Honor, and Integrity!—

We are wont to judge a man by his associates.—We feel sorry for the editor of the *M. P.*, and Bailey’s case is weakened by this article.

With reference to the final sentence of the letter credited to W. C. Bailey, we are authorized to state that Mr. R. L. Deitrick is prepared to exhibit the counterfeit stamps and all letters received from the party in Coldwater. They will also be exhibited at the Convention.

We defame the character of no man unjustly; and we tender our columns to Bailey for a statement in rebuttal. The opportunity is still his. But we have set for ourselves this motto :

To write for Right—not Might.

And for what we write—well—we’ll fight.

That’s all we wish to say just now.

Black List.

THOUGH with much reluctance, we are forced, in justice to our constituents and to ourselves, to print, from time to time, a list of names of such persons or concerns whose natural proclivities or business methods are of a dubious nature.

One of the parties to whom we would call the attention of our esteemed contemporaries and our readers in this number is L. M. Staebler, formerly manager of the Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co., now dealing in stamps and publishing *The Revenue Philatelist* in Saco, Maine. His ads have appeared in two of our contemporaries, under different addresses—Drawer J. in one, and Box 156 in the other.

This party placed an ad with us some time ago. His first payments were slow forthcoming, until finally they ceased entirely. Numerous letters remained unnoticed. A recent registered communication warning him of the consequences of further delay brought vague promises which were not redeemed at their maturity.

We are prepared to furnish supplementary evidences in confirmation of our statements.





### More Postal Issues For Cuba.

IT SEEMS as if Cuba intends to have a goodly supply of stamps, also envelopes. Special Delivery stamps will be the next innovation in Cuba. In accordance with the recommendation of Director of Posts Rathbone, the Post Office Department will send in a few days 10,000 Special Delivery stamps, surcharged in red, the words "Cuba Ten Centavo de Pesos". It is believed that a special delivery service in Cuba will be of great benefit, and as soon as the stamps are received a system will be inaugurated in Havana, and if successful there it will be extended to the principal cities throughout the island.

Cuba is also going to have envelopes of special designs with head of Columbus, of the two and five centavos, both size No. 5—*Era*.

### Brought to Justice.

GRANBY, MASS., March 28, '99.

MR. FRANKLIN STEARNS,

DEAR SIR:—We write to inform you that another approval sheet fraud has been brought to justice, Morris M. Parker of Redlands, Cal. We sent him some stamps on approval some time ago, and receiving no reply, wrote him about the matter. We received the following reply from the Postmaster at Redlands.  
RAY L. BARTLETT,

MGR. HAMPDEN STAMP CO.,

SIRS:—Your postal addressed to Morris M. Parker, has been turned over to M. H. Flint, P. O. Inspector, Los Angeles, Cal., as Mr. Parker is in the hands of the law for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Yours truly,  
H. W. ALLEN, P. M.

WATCH for our big June number.

### Probably an 8c Surcharge for Porto Rico.

WE CLIP the following note from *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, for March:

"From a good correspondent who has his headquarters in Washington, we just received word that there will be an 8c surcharge for Porto Rico. Also that there will be either a set of postage dues specially made for Porto Rico, or United States postage due stamps will be surcharged for this island."

### Originals at Knoxville.

MR. H. FENTON, president of the S. P. A. writes us from Knoxville, that all the Newspaper and Periodical stamps on sale at the Knoxville postoffice, with the exception of the \$5.00 value, are originals, the latter being the only reprint in the sets. A few sets were still on hand at the time of his writing.

### Proudfoot's Price List.

WE HAVE received Mr. W. C. Proudfoot's price list of unused stamps of British Colonies. The most satisfactory business transactions extending over two years, warrant us in recommending Mr. Proudfoot to our readers. His ad will be found in every issue of this magazine.

THE perforation of stamps was first commenced in England in 1853, for receipt and draft stamp, and for postage-stamps in 1854. Prior to that period stamps were separated by means of scissors, or a knife, or similar means; and in some cases those who required many resorted to the use of a roulette, a kind of cog-wheel furnished with small cutters, making a series of cuts between the stamps.—*Exchange*.

READ Wendelin Weber's ad. He has something interesting to say about "Omahas." You will find him reliable.

### The Essential of Philately.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE facility with which rare postage stamps may be imitated has ever been an irresistible temptation to the unscrupulous expert with all the modern methods of engraving at his command, and though time and again these malefactors have been brought to justice, though their deserved punishment has been severe, the deluge of spurious stamps on Philately's mart to-day is evidence conclusive that the nefarious occupation continues, yes, and that it is on the increase.

Apparently there is no solution of the problem:—"How shall we rid Philately of her greatest foe?" I say, *apparently*, because I am convinced that thus far we have displayed poor strategy in the campaign. We have spent our efforts in a charge on the enemy's well-fortified center, leaving *our* flanks and reserves exposed to his scathing fire. We have taken his redoubt—but we count not the slain.

That is enigmatic—*this* is the case as it stands: *We kill the counterfeiter, and continue to buy the counterfeits.*

So far the diagnosis.—Now for the remedy.

On several occasions I have been impressed most forcibly with the belief that with all the studying of our stamps, with all the hair-splitting "varieties" we profess to discover, we neglect, to an unpardonable degree, the study of that most potent factor in the science of Philately—*Printing*.—Printing in its various modes as applied to the production of postage stamps.

It is the study—the *thorough* study—of "the Art Preservative" *alone* that enables the Philatelist to become an expert. It is his knowledge of the principles of printing—typographic, litho-

graphic, wood-, copper-, and steel-plate—which endows him with that faculty to determine (and that with "most positive certainty"), at a glance, whether the specimen presented was produced by a process other than the one employed in printing the *bona-fide* article.

It is not my intention to lead the reader into a printing, lithographing, or engraving plant, attempting to explain the technicalities of each process, and leaving but a vague or bewildering impression of things, the knowledge of which will come to him alone by practical application. It is rather my desire to warn against cleverly executed counterfeits, and to advise along the lines of what I consider flagrant neglect in the study of Philately.

I have devoted some attention to the stamps of the Confederate States of America. Let us take these for an example. Spurious Confederate stamps are much in evidence. They are to be found on the sheets of reputable dealers (and I doubt not that these gentlemen are—well, I'll say, in *every case*—ignorant of the true nature of the article), as well as adorning the pages of many an expert's album. It is the Confederate Local especially that has received the greatest attention from the counterfeiter.

We should not be surprised at this, from the fact that the modern processes of photo-engraving, with their wide range of possibilities, have reduced to a minimum the difficulties formerly experienced in attempting to imitate these stamps, when wood, litho', or type were the only available agents.

It has been my aim to secure photographs and counterfeits of many Confederate Locals (and here I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to my friends R. S. Nelson of Birmingham, Ala., Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., N. P. Strause of Henderson, N. C., Roy B.



Bradley of Waco, Texas, Wm. S. F. Pierce of Camden, N. J., and others, for favors along this line); these I study to their minutest detail. Especially do I strive to learn by *which process* of printing they were produced. This once determined, the facts are indelibly impressed upon my memory for future reference.

I have always considered *color* of secondary importance in establishing the identity of a stamp. *Process of printing* and *execution of design* are the safe guides in every instance. Color, by the action of chemicals, light and other agents, is subject to change; design and method of printing, never. There may be but slight difference in the appearance of a wood-cut and a lithographic print; there may be less in steel and copper plate; and there may be still less in a type-set and a zinc-etching print; but *there is a difference*, nevertheless, and it is the study of the principles of Printing that will eventually make one proficient in detecting these differences with the greatest degree of certainty as long as the paper shows a remnant of the faded design.

I shall reserve for a future dissertation the points of distinction of the various closely allied processes; but to revert to my theme, I am convinced that the only practicable plan of campaign in our fight against counterfeiters and counterfeits is, *to study Printing*; to make ourselves proficient in detecting counterfeits, and, avoiding them, thus practically exterminating the counterfeiters by closing the marts to their products.

ONE of the beauties of stamp collecting is that there is something in it for everybody and the different channels of study are countless. Either sex, old and young alike can find it useful as a pastime or business.—*The Stamp Reporter*.



At Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 121st Auction sale, the following prices were realized on some desirable Revenues:

## REVENUES.

1st, 2d, 3d issues and 1875-78, very fine lot, 1c to \$10, nearly all different, (130), \$5.20; 1 to 15c, with duplicate (55), \$2; 20c to \$1, with duplicates (55), \$1.60; 3c Playing Card, perforated (1), \$2.50; \$1 including Mortgage and Probate of Will, perforated (10), \$2.00; \$1.30 to \$5, including \$1.60 and \$1.90 (16), \$3.10; \$1.30 to \$20, including \$1.60, \$1.90, \$3.50, \$10, Charter Party, Conveyance, Mortgage (24), \$4.10; \$2 to \$5 (6), \$1.00; \$10 Conveyance, Charter Party, Mortgage, Probate of Will, \$20 Conveyance, perforated (5), \$2.50; \$1 Passage Ticket, perforated (1), \$2.60; \$15 Mortgage, perforated (1), \$2.80; \$25 Mortgage, perforated (1), \$1.80; \$25 Mortgage, (damaged), \$50 (2), \$2.10; \$50 U. S. I. R., perforated (1), \$2.10; Imperforate, 1c Express, 2c Bank Check, Certificate, Express, 3c Telegraph, 5c Certificate, Express, Inland Exchange, 10c Bill of Lading, Certificate, Inland Exchange, 15c Inland Exchange, 20c Inland and Foreign Exch. (14), \$1.70; 1c Express, 2c Bank Check, Certificate, Express, 3c Telegraph, 5c Certificate, Express, Inland Exchange, 10c Bill of Lading, 15c Inland Exchange, 20c Inland and Foreign Exchange, four slightly damaged (13), \$1.60; 1c Express (damaged), 2c Bank Check, 60c, \$1 Lease, \$1.50, \$20 Conveyance (6), \$1.50; 25c Bond, Certificate, Insurance, Protest, 40c Inland Exchange (2), two damaged (6), \$1.00; 25c Bond, Certificate, Insurance, Life Insurance, Power of Attorney, Warehouse Receipt, Protest, 30c Foreign Exchange, 40c Inland Exchange (9), \$1.60.

### The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VI.

c. JUNE 1877—JUNE 1879.



A18

Upright rectangle (25x22 mm.), containing a large colored oval bounded by two white lines outside and one on the inside; in this oval in white on colored ground Japanese inscriptions; above "Tai Nippon tei Koku ju-ben", below value, at the left a crescent, at the right a flower; within the oval on white ground above a sun, below on its rays two branches and a rosette; in the corners above on ribbons, to the left IMPERIAL POST, to the right JAPANESE POST; in the lower corners circles with numerals of value, between them on a curved tablet SEN; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 65. 15 sen green.
  - 65a. light green.
  - 65b. yellowish green.
- 66. 20 sen blue.
  - 66a. dark blue.
- 67. 30 sen lilac.
  - 67a. violet.
- 68. 45 sen carmine.
  - 68a. rose.
- 69. 50 sen carmine.
  - 69a. rose.

The 15 sen was issued June 29, 1877, the 20 sen, 30 sen and 45 sen August 18, 1877, the 50 sen June 30, 1879. The 50 sen has stars in the oval in place of the crescent and flower.

d. JUNE 1879.



A15

Supplementary value, design similar to the 2 sen, typographed in color on white paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 70. 3 sen orange.
  - 70a. yellow.

This completes the set; it was issued June 30, 1879. These stamps are printed on an ordinary white wire-wove machine paper, of which Japan is now producing its own supply. The printing is evidently typography, although I have seen the statement by European authorities that this issue is lithographed. The 50 sen is printed in aniline ink and accordingly shows many shades.—Although Japan used improved methods of manufacture henceforward, the perforation is as irregular as formerly. In general the stamps of this issue and the following ones up to 1888 show a fairly wide perforation, usually 9 or 9½, but the gauge varies: 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12, 12½ are of frequent occurrence, both singly and compound, without any apparent system. It can easily be seen that an enumeration is well-nigh hopeless; the specialist could fill many pages with these vagaries of the perforating machine.—In 1888 the gauge became much narrower, varying from 12½ (less common), 13, 13½ and 14 to 14½.

The set was hardly complete before alterations in colors began to be made.

#### ISSUE 1879 NOVEMBER.

Same design as before, SCOTT but colors changed; im-  
TYPE pression, paper and per-  
A15 foration as before.

- 71. 1 sen maroon.
  - 71a. red brown.
- 72. 2 sen violet.
  - 72a. dark violet.
  - 72b. lilac.

#### ISSUE 1882.

Same designs as before, SCOTT but colors changed again; im-  
TYPE pression, paper and per-  
A15 foration as before.

- 73. 1 sen green.
  - 73a. dark green.
- 74. 2 sen carmine.
  - 74a. rose.
- 75. 5 sen blue.
  - 75a. ultramarine.



These stamps were also printed in aniline ink and can be found in many shades of the colors given.

Note what is said before about the closer perforation introduced in 1888. A complete set can be made of this date with the narrow perforation, but I will not list them here under separate numbers. All the values of this set still issued have been printed in more fugitive colors of late years; a complete set can be made in these also, with numerous varieties of shade.

In 1888 other values were changed in color and some values added.

#### ISSUE 1838.

SCOTT  
TYPE  
A15.

Same designs as before for the 4, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50 sen, but colors changed; two new designs; for the 25 sen: upright rectangle, in it a broad circle of color, in the center a rosette and two branches below it; on the circle in white letters above Japanese inscription "Taï



A17

(To be continued.)

[NOTE.—Since writing what was printed in No. 8 of this magazine in regard to the "San-Ko" counterfeits I have run across some additional information which I give herewith.—On pages 162 and 214, volume VII, of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" Messrs. Haskell of Nagasaki, and Hopkins of St. Louis, describe some varieties not mentioned by me. In addition to those given in my list Mr. Haskell gives the following with the "San-Ko" mark: 20 sen mauve [No. 13 of this list], 30 sen gray [Nos. 14 and 25], ½ sen brown [Nos. 9, 17 and 23], 1 sen blue [Nos. 10, 18 and 24], 2 sen yellow [Nos. 15, 21 and 26], 10 sen green [Nos. 12 and 20], 6 sen violet-brown [No. 28], 4 sen green [No. 45], 6 sen orange [Nos. 46 and 47], 1 sen brown [No. 51], 5 sen green [No. 55]. He also mentions counterfeits of the following WITHOUT this mark: 2 sen vermilion [Nos. 11 and 19], 4 sen rose [Nos. 16, 22 and 27], 4 sen green [No. 45], 30 sen purple [No. 50], 1 sen brown [No. 51], 5 sen green [No. 55], 12 sen carmine [No. 40], 15 sen lilac [No. 41], 45 sen carmine [No. 42], 1 sen brown [No. 53], 20 sen lilac [Nos. 13 and 30], 30 sen gray [No. 31], 12 sen carmine [No. 40], 45 sen carmine

[No. 42], 30 sen purple [No. 50]—but unfortunately he describes them in no wise.—Mr. Hopkins mentions the following plate numbers represented on various "San Ko" labels: ½ sen slate [No. 43] plate 1 [which plate was printed in brown only, No. 32], 4 sen green [No. 45] plate 1, 6 sen orange [No. 46], plate 14, 10 sen blue [No. 48] plate 4, 12 sen rose [carmine, No. 40] plate 1, 15 sen lilac [No. 41] plate 1, 20 sen carmine [No. 49] plate 8, 45 sen carmine [No. 42] plate 1, 30 sen violet [purple, No. 50] no plate number on the counterfeit, whereas the originals are numbered 2, 3 or 4.—There are still others; for instance I have ½ sen brown [No. 32] plate 2, ½ sen slate [No. 43] plate 2, 4 sen rose [No. 35] plate 1, 6 sen violet-brown [No. 39] plate 14. These "San-Ko" forgeries evidently emanate from various sources. For instance I have the 30 sen gray [Nos. 14 and 25] on white and yellowish paper, both differing greatly in detail; the 20 sen lilac [No. 37] bearing the "San-Ko" mark not in the center, as described in No. 8, but to the right of the leaves at the bottom of the circle. Most of these are little masterpieces of imitation. The large number of type-varieties of the originals makes it almost impossible to give written descriptions of the differences between them and the counterfeits; the paper likewise is of little use in determining them, as native paper made by the same process as of yore is easily obtained; and forged cancellations neatly applied make the counterfeits well-nigh indistinguishable except to the trained eye or under high enlargement.

Mr. Haskell describes another character used on such imitation stamps. It looks like this: and means "counterfeit". He does not say what values are found with this; so far I have only the 6 sen violet-brown [No. 38] plate 14, the 30 sen purple [No. 50] plate number illegible, and the 1 sen blue [Nos. 10, 18, and 24.] No doubt there are

others.—AUTHOR.

[ERRATA.—In the April instalment of this article occurred a typographical error, which we desire to correct: No. 56 SHOULD READ "5 RIN" instead of "5 sen".—EDITOR.]

#### "The Perforator" Changes Hands.

WE ARE informed by Mr. J. W. Stowell that he has disposed of his interest in *The Perforator*, to his co-partner—Mr. C. W. Kissinger, formerly proprietor of the *Penny*.

Watch for the halftone.



### New York Correspondence.

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THE tone of the stamp market is excellent, according to trade parlance, and all dealers report things booming. The demand calls for all classes and kinds of stamps, and lucky is the dealer who can supply the ever increasing demand for South and Central American stamps. The stamps of Canada, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentine Republic and Peru find a ready market, notwithstanding the depression caused by the low prices quoted by a defunct South American firm of swindlers, whose operations were recently laid bare. Speculators are on the alert, and it is rather a task to get a line on what stamps are being bought up, although it is pretty certain that the 12½ cent green of the 1859 issue and the 12½ cent blue of the 1868 issue of Canada are marked stamps with future possibilities. The stamps of Canada, as a whole, have an exceedingly bright future, and well may collectors of such stamps find cause for rejoicing.

The Brooklyn Institute number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was something magnificent, containing as it did sixteen large size pages and cover, the latter embellished with a full-page cut of the "East and North Facades of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences." The contents were well selected, decidedly interesting, and exceedingly instructive, and well edited by Mr. Severn. Truly Philately is a science—with such a representative.

The first exhibition of postage and revenue stamps, under the direction of the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn

Institute of Arts and Sciences, was a huge success. The attendance was unusually large, and it is only regretted that a tab was not kept on the daily attendance. The school children were there in force, and it is certain that many have been initiated into our popular science. The gems on exhibition delighted hundreds of thoroughbreds, and many of the good things shown were a sure cure for sore eyes. Some of the most noteworthy exhibits were the United States revenues by Mr. Clarence H. Eagle of this city. Awarded the Bronze Medal in Group B. Among the good things imperforated I especially noted was a horizontal strip of fifteen 60c Inland Exchange; a strip of four 50c Foreign Exchange; a vertical pair of of the \$200.00 first issue; a block of four \$20.00 first issue; and two strips of two and four respectively of the same stamps, all in the finest possible canceled condition. The Match and Medicine stamps of Mr. J. W. George were really something fine, being awarded a Gold Medal, the most expensive medal donated. The most highly priced exhibit was the property of Mr. Edgar Nelson—United States and British North American stamps. One frame alone was said to catalogue at five thousand dollars. Awarded a Bronze Medal for dealer. The stamps of Great Britain, by Alexander Holland, Jr., was all but complete. Among the good things were three reconstructed plates of the one penny red, two pence blue, and the one penny black. A copy of the latter stamp recently sold at a Boston auction for \$1.25 against a catalogue quotation of ten cents.

Recent visitors to the Metropolis were Mr. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C., Mr. R. C. Bach of Montreal, Canada, who states emphatically (!!) that his British Guiana stamps are genuine, notwithstanding his own editorials in the *Montreal Philatelist* to the contrary. Mr.



Bach speaks hopefully of the stamp outlook in Canada, and was much surprised at the business revival in this city.

Mr. William Evans of Westtown, New York, was another visitor. This gentleman unearthed, several years ago, the then unknown Chester, New York locals and clearly established their genuineness.

The third and last instalment of the list of cheap stamps most in demand by continental dealers continues as follows: Queensland, 1890,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, burele, 1d, current  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Roumania, 1876, 15b, 1879, 10b, 1887, 3b, 1889, 3b, 5b, current 50b, Russia, 1865, 10k, 1875, 10k, 1890, 3k. Servia, 1881, any. Shanghai,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c Postage Due,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c. Sierra Leone,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d. South Australia, perf. 10, 1d, 2d, 6d. Spain, 1867, 12c, current, 2c War Tax, 1874, 10c, 1897, 5c green, 5c black. Cuba, 1888 to 1898, 3m, 4m, 8m, any used. Straits Settlements, current, 3c. Switzerland, 1867, 40c, 1881, 15, 50c, 1f, Postage Due, 1878, 1c, 2c. Tasmania,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d. United States, 1868, 3c grill, 1883, 4c green. Victoria, 1885, 1d.

### Boston Scraps.

BEAN-EATER.

ALL hands report that stamp business is on the increase at the Hub, in fact several say it was never better than at the present time. For nearly a week all the dealers in Boston were entirely out of albums, catalogues and other philatelic supplies, the demand for the aforesaid being so great.

Last month (April) we had a fine two nights' auction sale of miscellaneous lots of stamps and a great variety of stamped (entire) envelopes.

It has been quoted by several parties of late that entire envelopes were fast becoming fashionable, and were indeed,

soon to be "*the things*", but at the above sale the prices realized on the envelopes might have been termed a slaughter, in fact they were nearly given away, going in many cases for less than face. The following are a few of the prices realized at the sale: Newspaper, 1865 5c blue border, unused, \$8.60; Executive 1c fine (pen canceled), \$3.00; same 10c used excellent, \$4.75; Justice 30c, perfect copy, used, \$6.25; 1c State, superb, unused, \$1.70; 30c State, perfect, unused, \$3.38; 90c, used, fine, \$6.13; set of State complete, used and unused, brought, \$20.00; \$1.00 Proprietary, unused, superb, \$53.50. Foreign: Bahama £1, unused, \$3.75; Barbados, 1882 5sh, \$3.00; Gt. Britain, 1d black, pair, 75c; Rhodesia 5sh, unused, \$2.50; Uruguay, 1851 1 peso, \$1.40, and 1 peso, 1897 sold for \$1.55. Current sets of unused British Colonies brought good prices.

The 5c value of the numeral series of Canada, reached the Hub late last month. This completes the set up to 10c.

It is now rumored that an entire new issue is being talked of; which will include the new values 4 and 7c and the 2c carmine. I sincerely hope that the report is not well founded, as we have quite enough of Canada's new issues of late.

The marriage of two of the Bay State's philatelic journals is announced for May. The *Eastern Philatelist* which has long enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest paper devoted to stamps in America, is to consolidate with the *Philatelic Bulletin*. Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston, the present owners, inform us that, on account of their largely increasing approval trade, together with the time which they are called upon to devote to their ever popular auction sales, which are now being held twice monthly, they find it impossible to bear the burden of publishing the *Eastern*,

and keeping it up to its present high standard, and have therefore decided to transfer it to the Naumkeag Stamp & Publishing Co., of Salem, Mass., for future development. The latter firm wish to have it stated that the *E. P.*, which has found a warm spot in the hearts of nearly all American philatelists, as well as many abroad, will lose its identity in name only, and that it is their intention, if possible, to even better it in the eyes of the philatelic world. The honeymoon will begin with the June number of the *Philatelic Bulletin*.

### Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

IN THE last number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST appeared an illustration of Canada's recent surcharged envelope, 2c on 3c. I have a number of the old issue 3c envelope with this surcharge, as well as the last issue. I can see no reason why these should be considered very rare, as anyone having the envelopes can hand them to his postmaster and have them sent to Ottawa for surcharging, and will receive a one cent stamp for each, to make up the difference in their postal value. To the variety collector, these envelopes would be "just the thing." On some of those I have the surcharge appears in the center while on others it almost runs off the stamp.

Canada now has a weekly philatelic magazine which the publisher says has come to stay. *The Stamp Reporter*, formerly a monthly, edited by Mr. Geo. Bradley, now appears each week.

No doubt all collectors are aware of the rarity of the 2c purple Canada envelope. While it may seem strange to some that a stamp in use such a short time ago, is worth what it is, it must be remembered that very few were printed in the first place, and still less were sold to the pub-

lic. They had come and gone before collectors were hardly alive to the fact, and consequently very few persons were fortunate enough to secure them. It is stated on good authority that there are still a number of these in the hands of the Ottawa postal authorities, but that is so small that it will not affect the market in any way. There has been some talk of the Government reprinting these envelopes, but word from Ottawa says they will not be reprinted. Of course these "positive" statements from the Post Office Department do not always turn out to be true and collectors and dealers alike will have to judge a little for themselves.

It is expected that the 7 cent stamp for postage and registration will shortly appear, but it is stated that the 4 cent stamp, which will be used for double postage, will not be issued for sometime, if at all.

As plate number collectors appear to be quite numerous at present, it may not be a waste of space to give a list of the plate numbers that have appeared in the present Canadian stamps. The list is as follows:

#### NUMERAL ISSUE.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent	number 1.
1	" numbers 1, 2, 3, 4.
2	" numbers 1, 2.
3	" numbers 1, 2, 3, 4.
5	" number 1.
6	" number 1.
8	" number 1.
10	" number 1.

#### IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE STAMP.

2 cent numbers 1, 2, 3.

The lavender shade appeared with plate 1 only.

Now that the summer is again drawing near it is expected that the stamp business will drop off somewhat. It appears to me that trade has not been very brisk in Canada this past season, excepting probably in current issues, and a few other stamps.



### English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

THE Royal Mail Steamer "Labrador", of the Dominion line, was wrecked on March 1st, south of the Hebrides, and the mails had to be abandoned. However, seven bags came ashore, including one from Montreal to Londonderry, one from Canada to London, and one from St. Johns, N. B., to Scotland.

The Post Offices are about to start a telephone system in London. A subscription of £3 per year will be charged and also a small fee for each message. Licenses will be issued to towns of 50,000 inhabitants permitting them to start a telephone system. Hitherto the National Telephone Co., have had a monopoly.

Sir Julius Vogel, K. C. M. G., died at his residence, near London, on March 12th. He was at one time Postmaster General of New Zealand, and established the mail service between that place and San Francisco.

The Governor of Malta has announced that Malta will join the Penny Postage scheme on April 1st.

Mr. Henniker Heaton received the freedom of the city of Canterbury on March 23rd. The certificate of freedom was enclosed in a silver-mounted casket of oak from Canterbury Cathedral. On the lid, Mercury, seated upon the world, holds a letter bearing a penny stamp.

Sir Spencer Walpole, K. C. B., has retired from the Secretaryship of the Post Office, which he held since 1893. He is the eldest son of the Right Honorable Spencer Horatio Walpole, and was born in 1839.

The *Daily Mail* publishes the following:—"Letters were posted in London on February 15th and 16th for the Cape Verde Islands, and presumably were forwarded by the R. M. S. S. "Thames," which sailed on February 17th and

reached St. Vincent on March 26th. The mails were supposed to have been landed there; but six days subsequently hundreds of letters were washed ashore on the beach at Pernambuco, 1800 miles beyond their proper destination. They were picked up by the natives, who fortunately offered them to some Englishmen of the Cable Company, who handed them over to the Brazilian postal authorities".

The *Monthly Circular* says that the color of the current  $\frac{1}{2}$ p is to be shortly changed from red to green.

The following changes in postal rates will come into operation on April 1st:—Registered letters to India may be insured under the usual conditions up to £120; New South Wales (parcels) up to £50; the postage on parcels for Bermuda will be for a parcel weighing not over 3 lbs., 1sh; over 3 lbs., but not over, 7 lbs., 2sh; over 7 lbs., but not over 11 lbs., 3sh.

### Received.

Price-list of Postage Stamps, from Wm. S. Verbeck, Ballston Spa, N. Y. Write for one.

Auction Catalogues of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sales. Very fine stuff handled by this firm.

Auction Catalogue of Judson N. Burton's 42d sale (Madison, N. Y.) Write for one.

Bargain List of stamps from American Collectors Company, 87 Nassau street, New York.

### Four New Stamps For Germany.

THE German Post-Office intends issuing stamps of the values of 30 and 80 pfgr., and 2 and 5 marks.—*P. J. of G. B.*

*Send your ad in time for our June number!*

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### President's Address.

#### *Southern Philatelic Association.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.

Let the good work go on. Twelve new members last month and nine applications for membership. Who said the S. P. A. was dead? Well I should say not.

I will ask you all to give the Constitution and By-Laws your careful consideration as soon as they are published and I know the Committee will appreciate any suggestions that may be sent them as the intention is to make them as near perfect as possible, meeting all probable requirements.

While it is a little early in the day to talk Convention, I wish to say that as I have been informed that September 21st, 22nd and 23rd will suit a number of the members and that the month of September is one of the most pleasant, I have fixed those days. I shall not publish the Call for the Convention for some time to come but, unofficially, we can work the matter up with a view to having the largest philatelic attendance of any Society.

I also ask the attention of the members to the notice of the Trustees as to the unpaid dues, and will respectfully ask all who have not yet done so, to remit by the date named, May 10th, so that they will not be dropped from the rolls. This is a most important matter and should not be overlooked. Yours for the S. P. A.,

H. FENTON, President.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

155 Weber, Wendelin, 904 Eagle-st., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 156 Deats, H. E., Flemington, N. J.  
 157 Allemong, J. E., Salem, Va.  
 158 Weckert, Sergt. J. C., 1512 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va.

159 Holt, Ira C., Spring Valley, Wis.  
 160 Wolff, Henry, Richfield, N. J.  
 161 McClure, W. H., Waynesville, N. C.  
 162 Objected to.  
 163 Battiste, Alexander, Port au Prince, Haiti.

#### APPLICATIONS.

Scoville, Earl, 3523 Dearborn-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 15, Student. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, W. C. Lowry.  
 Myers, Albert J., 3728 La Salle-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 18, Salesman. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, Geo. McKay.  
 McKay, Geo., 3727 La Salle-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 17, Mail Clerk. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, A. R. Chamberlain.  
 Springer, Whilden, Jr., South Creek, N. C. Age 23, Clerk. Refs., D. B. Sawyer, W. C. Lowry, L. B. Tuthill.  
 Lewis, David, 536 37th-st., Chicago, Ill. Age 16, Student. Refs., H. Fenton, A. C. Trask, Geo. McKay.  
 Bruce, Guy J., 234 Barney-st., Waukesha, Wis. Age 23, Machinist. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, Emil Gerlich.  
 Cutting, W. H., Lock Box 436, Waukesha, Wis. Age 36, Locomotive Fireman. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, Emil Gerlich.  
 Kennard, H. C., Birmingham, Ala. Age 27, Stenographer and Typewriter. Refs., H. Fenton, Charles Waring, R. S. Nelson.  
 Sutton, Geo. B., Box 69, Richmond, Va. Age 15, Student. Refs., Jas. J. Sutton, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.  
 Peterson, James H., 210 E. 19th-st., N. Y. City. Age 33, Stamp Dealer. Member E. S. P. S. and S. of P. Specialty, minor varieties. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, A. Herbst, F. Stearns.  
 Smith, W. R., 718 E. Marshall-st., Richmond, Va. Age 39, Book-keeper. Specialty U. S. and Confederates. Refs., August Dietz, W. C. Lowry, F. Stearns.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

J. C. Chappell from Macon to Perkinsville, Miss.  
 J. M. Chappell " " " " "  
 W. C. Lowry from Abilene to Hillsboro, Tex.

#### RESIGNATION RECEIVED.

Ben Russell, Charlottesville, Va.

Several members have not paid their 1899 dues as yet. Please Remit the amount of same (25c) before MAY 10, or you will be dropped from membership in the Society. Respectfully,  
 W. C. LOWRY, Sec-Treas.

#### Constitution Committee.

Your Committee will endeavor to present a report in June.  
 THE COMMITTEE.



### Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report, Mar. 11, 76 books value, \$188.45  
 Received since 9 books, value, 80.57  
 Now in circulation 85 books, value, \$1269.02  
 Have not retired any this month as all books  
 that came in were good enough to go out again.  
 Insurance fund \$38.70. CHAS. WARING.

### 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.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

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### Another.

L. P. HEAD, Fulton, Ky., will give one year's subscription to any two monthly magazines to any person securing three new members to S. P. A.; result to be decided by Secretary's report.

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

RICHMOND, VA., Apr. 10, 1899.

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

The twenty-first meeting of our organization convened at its rooms on the above date.

The President was in the chair and the attendance was good; convention enthusiasm reigned supreme and this gathering is likely to run into history as the "committee-making meeting."

It's time for getting ready and we're doing it right.

Mr. Stearns stated that all out-of-town members had signified their willingness to enter the S. P. A. and made a motion for the formation of a committee to make such changes in our constitution at the convention as would make it conformable to that of the S. P. A. Motion adopted.

Mr. Stearns then broached the most interesting subject of the evening, an Exhibition of the Postal Emissions of the Southern Confederacy to be held during the great S. P. A. meet and to be under the auspices of the V. P. A. The suggestion was immediately adopted and the secretary was ordered to request through these minutes of members of the S. P. A. the loan for the occasion of anything whatever rare of Confederate postal issues. The V. P. A. to have them properly displayed in a suitable place, to have them insured against loss by fire or theft and to assume payment for said insurance.

The same author further moved the appointment of a committee to wait on trustees of Valentine Museum or some other suitable place and endeavor to secure space for the above exhibit.

The motion was adopted and Mr. Stearns was appointed a committee of one.

Mr. Dietz suggested the appointment of a Reception Committee to consist of five and leaving it optional with the President to increase the number if it becomes necessary; it being the duty of same committee to take entire charge of the entertainment of our visitors, to meet all trains, to secure hotel rates, and to acquaint themselves with all features likely to add to the comfort or pleasure of convention guests while in our city. Same was unanimously adopted and Messrs. Dietz, Stearns, Moser, Weckert and Christian were requested to act.

The application of Mr. Massie Nolting was by some misunderstanding misplaced at the last meeting; because of which the rules were now suspended and the gentleman elected to membership.

No further business being docketed the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.



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.

The following have been received :

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All Around Philatelist, E. Boston, Mass.	.1 1.
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Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany,	3. 10.
Friedl's Briefmarken Offertenblatt, Vienna, Austria,	2. 4.
Australian Philatelist, Sydney, N. S. W.	5. 7.
ALSO :	
Wolsieffer's Catalogue of Auction Sale, April 29.	
Bartel's Second Catalogue of Stamped Envelopes etc.	

THE editor informs me that complaints have reached him that papers sent for review have not received any notice in these columns. To avoid a recurrence of such an oversight it is necessary that all papers intended for review be sent direct to,

JOHN PAALZOW,  
1018 Park Avenue,  
Richmond, Va.

From East Boston, Mass. comes a new candidate for philatelic support. *The All Around Philatelist* which, if it will fulfil the promises made in its introductory will make a good paper, and a valuable help to the all around collector, for it proposes to have departments on Revenues, Entires, both envelopes and cards, Plate Numbers, Philatelic Literature, etc. so that every one, no matter which branch of our hobby he prefers, will find something to interest him. We wish the new-comer success and a long life.

*The Allegheny Philatelist* for March, opens with "Exchanging Stamps With Foreigners," and after viewing the subject from every point, concludes by advising its readers to let the foreigners alone and stick to America. The writer's experience has been rather different, he has been able to add a great many choice specimens to his collection through exchanging in foreign countries, and has, with a very few exceptions found his exchange relations pleasant.

Among the "Comments" is one which is rather misleading, and we quote it in full with the corrections that should be made: "The great work on English adhesive stamps is rapidly emerging from the press. The book will be sold at 24s, (about 48c) (this should be "about six dollars") to the public and at 15s (about 30c) (that should be about three dollars and seventy-five cents) to the members of the Philatelic Society of London."

A very full chronicle of new issues is in this number.

*Bartel's Second Complete Catalogue of U. S. Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers, Letter Sheets and Postal Cards* has been received and is indeed a valuable help to the collector of U. S. Entires, a branch of Philately which is very fascinating when once thoroughly entered upon. There can be no question that this Cata-



logue is an improvement upon the 1st issue, in giving better illustrations of shapes, wmk., etc. The only fault, if fault it be, we can find with it, is the total abandonment of naming the different sizes and only giving the Government numbers for them. After having become used to the names as given in the 1st Catalogue it is hard to learn the different sizes by numbers and as the width of the page has been increased an extra column giving the former designation and in a second one the Government number would have simplified matters very much for the average collector. That the collecting of Entires has very much increased since the first catalogue was issued some years ago, is quite clear to any observant stamp collector, so we feel sure that this second edition will meet with a much larger sale than the first and that the time is not far distant when the yearly catalogue of Entires will be looked for as anxiously as that of the Standard for adhesives.

Though not strictly a philatelic journal, *Ambition*, Chicago's Little Magazine, contains a very readable article on the "Progress of Philately" which is written by Mr. L. Townsend Reckard. The editor makes a good play upon the name of his paper. Did you ever know any person making a success in life who lacked *Ambition*? Subscribe at once for this magazine and get a few inspirations.

*The Lone Star State Philatelist* brings the Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States to a close, and every collector who is interested in the stamps of the Confederacy ought to keep the papers which contained these interesting notes, handy for reference, for they have in them in condensed form, a lot of valuable information. It also an-


nounces that it has purchased *The Texan Philatelist* and will fill all advertising contracts and subscriptions to that paper.

In *The New York Philatelist*, Veritas proposes to show up "Some Philatelic Abuses" and starts in with the Periodicals, and we for our part fully agree with him in what he says about them. Still just like the rest of the collectors we would have those vacant spaces in our albums covered and pay Uncle Sam five dollars for the privilege. Mr. Cornell's "Old Times" speaks of stamp collecting and stamp dealers of thirty years ago. An article copied from the *Honolulu Star* tells of an attempt to corner the new two cents rose, or rather pink. New Issues by Mr. Chapman, Notes from various centers, and a description of the Brooklyn Exhibition make up the rest of this popular paper.

The *Philatelic Monthly and World* informs us that at least one commemorative stamp issue has not been a brilliant success from a business standpoint. The colonial authorities of Grenada announce that of the 500,000 stamps printed less than half have been sold up to the present time. Rather bad, when it had been thought the whole issue would have been gobbled up by dealers in less than no time. Under "New Issues" the following is found:

"United States.—A client of Mr. Lemaire claims to have discovered the secret mark of the Continental Bank Note Co., on the 30c black. He says the shading below the label containing the words "Thirty-Cents" extends almost the whole length of the label, while in those printed by the National Bank Note Co. there is very little shading close to the shield containing figures of value. We have not had time to look into this carefully, but it may be important news."

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Gambia, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 and 6d and 1s	"	73
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Trinidad, 1898, 2p gray lilac and yellow br'n.....	09
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