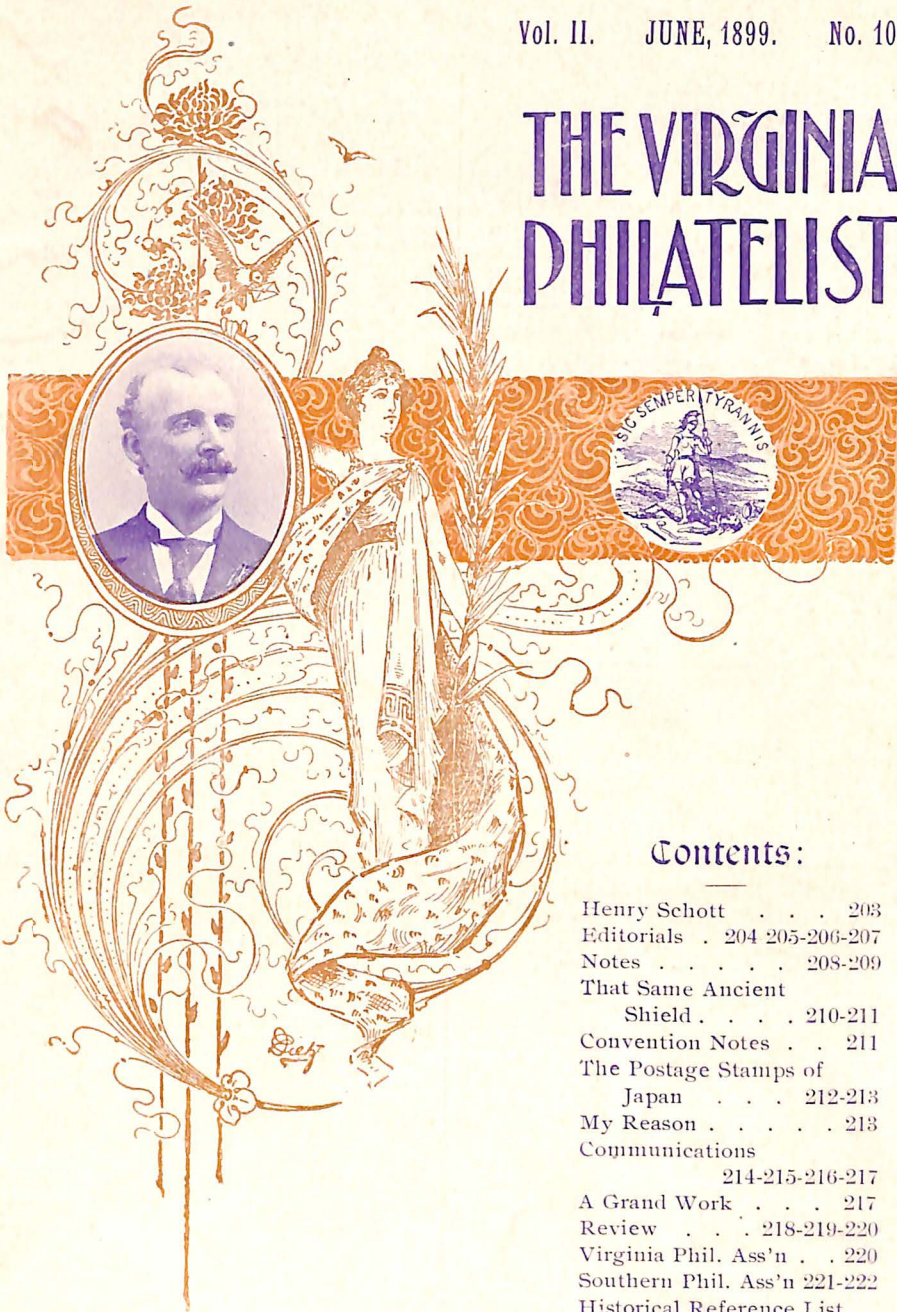


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HENRY SCHOTT.

THE subject of our sketch this month is well known to all Richmond stamp-collectors, but, since he was first to act upon our suggestion, that Richmond needed a stamp dealer, we take pleasure in presenting him to the members of both our Associations and to the fraternity at large.

Henry Schott, "Richmond's Only Stamp Merchant," was born in this city August 5, 1869. His father, Henry Schott, Sr., was a well-known Richmond printer and publisher before and after the war. After a thorough course in the schools of his native city Henry was apprenticed to "the art preservative." But the trend of his talents lay in other lines. His love for drawing led him to seek and find a situation with the well-known lithographing house of A. Hoen & Co., of this city, and his years of training in their "artist room" have served him well in his chosen calling.

As he is Richmond's only stamp merchant, so he is Richmond's only designer for art needle work, and the success attending his venture speaks best for his proficiency. His office is at 203 N. 5th St.

Schott is a genius.—His beautiful, *original* patterns for lace work, in Battenberg and Renaissance; his monograms, initials and ecclesiastical designs, are perfect. He is considered a critic on all fancy work, and is ever ready to instruct in any

"stitch" and to suggest combinations of the most delicate shades for his designs. (My fair readers will excuse me from further discourse on this topic, as the only insight I've had into Henry's line was to-day, when I ordered two "bibbs" with rare stamps "worked" in, and which I intend presenting to the editors of two of our contemporaries—one a Canadian, the other a "native.")

For years Mr. Schott has been collecting stamps, and though his collection is not a large one, it contains quite a number of desirable specimens.

It is just recently that he concluded to deal in stamps as a side line. He is rapidly disposing of a large stock of revenues which he is offering very low—believing in the motto: "Quick sales and small profits."

Before the Convention this fall, Mr. Schott expects to have a full line of desirable stamps—better class Confederates, U.S., British Colonial, and

Revenues, which he will make his specialties in the future.

He is now making every effort to collect a large stock of Confederate stamps—especially on covers—so as to exhibit a fine selection of these stamps at our coming Convention. "The woods are yet full" of Confeds "down our way," and Schott is scouring the country for 'em.

Henry Schott is a member of the Southern Philatelic Association, and will be glad to have any brother phil's call on him while in our city. DIETZ.



HENRY SCHOTT.



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“On to Richmond!”

AN IRRESISTABLE wave of philatelic convention-enthusiasm is sweeping over our Southland—threatening even to overflow old “Mason’s and Dixon’s Line,” and naught can stay its course!

Would that we could but cut a breach into that “Line” at every point where it touches the South, and let the warm current surge through and on, until the receding waves brought the one echo—from the Great Lakes to the Gulf—“On to Richmond!”

Day after day we are receiving letters from collectors in all sections of our country, tendering their support and announcing their intentions to come.

With a commendable unity the philatelic press of the South is fostering the project. Everything points to a grand gathering in the old Capital of the Confederacy this fall.

Will you come?

Are You Coming?

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST desires to publish a standing list of all collectors who contemplate attending the Southern Philatelic Convention at Richmond, Va., September 21, 22 and 23, of this year. To this end, the editor will be pleased to hear from all members of the “Southern” and from philatelists in general.

In Bookform.

THE PUBLISHERS of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST contemplate re-printing in convenient bookform a number of the standard articles which have appeared in these columns. Among them the Confederate articles, revised and corrected with supplementary notes; “The Stamps of Paraguay,” “The Postage Stamps of Japan,” etc., etc. Enlarged illustrations are to be added, thus making them, as Mr. Stone of the *Era* suggests, valuable hand-books for the collector.

BARTELS of the *Era* and Rothfuchs of the *Metropolitan* are applicants for recognition as belligerents.

Grievances.

THE EDITING of a philatelic publication carries with it prerogatives the full conception and careful application of which we should strive to properly estimate.

The course pursued by us has elicited some little criticism, coupled with enigmatic references and insinuations, for all of which, by the way, we do not care a "continental!"

But another condition has resulted from this policy—and of this we wish to speak:

Since we have taken an active, aggressive part in the exposition and persecution of the philatelic fraud, we have been overrun with letters from collectors who tell us of their troubles with stamp-dealers, and request us to publish their charges, and to "make it hot for 'em."

Again some menace us with a severe chastisement in the flesh, while others threaten us with a suit for libel and slander in the U. S. courts, as has recently been done by a certain party in Michigan who has retained a Richmond attorney to institute suit for libel.

Now, to all these we wish to say this:

Bona-fide charges of fraud when substantiated by incontestible evidence, placed in our hands, will be admitted to our columns, which, at the same time, are open to the defendant for a statement in rebuttal. Trifling and vindictive charges will receive no attention.

To those who seek our "berlud" we would state that we meander within the confines of this bailiwick daily, that we wear no coat of mail; but that we are thoroughly threat-proof.—*Selah*.

To such as yearn to meet us in the courts we have a similar invitation: "Come a-runnin'."

Finally; we intend to pursue in future the same course we followed in the past—that's all.

An S. P. A. Souvenir.

WE HAVE decided to prepare an appropriate souvenir for the great S. P. A. Convention to be held at Richmond, Va., this fall, and desire to call the attention of collectors and dealers to the project. If the necessary assistance is rendered, the work will prove one of lasting interest to every participant and to Philately in general.

A brief prospectus of this souvenir may prove of interest:

Aside from its artistic dress, it is to contain reproductions, from originals, of the stamps of the Confederacy—local and general issues—accompanied by facts and data pertaining to these interesting stamps thus making it a valuable reference book for all time.

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To enable us to prepare this work we call upon all philatelists possessing authentic specimens of Confederate locals, or rare general issues, to supply us with photographs of such stamps, as well as any facts concerning their issue they may possess. Due credit will be given every contributor.

A *limited number of advertisements* will be included in this publication, and dealers are invited to enquire the terms of the editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, who will have the work in charge.

Applications for space will be given positions in the order in which they arrive.

BRO. ROBT. S. NELSON, of Birmingham, Ala., to whom we are indebted for our first surcharged Cuban envelope, has started out on his summer stamp hunt.

Success attend him!

Success Attend It!

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All communications should be addressed to Mr. Lev.

That Maltese Cat.

BECAUSE we suggested a 3d stamp for Malta, color gray, with a Maltese cat on it, to complete the new set, ye editor of the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has felt called upon to eke out more than a column of editorial comment on the subject—all of which is hard on the cat.

Apropos, will our esteemed contemporary enlighten us a bit on the subject portrayed on the 10-shilling stamp? What seems to agitate the gentleman ashore? We fear, if he does not cease deploring the loss of the "Maine," and turn his attention to the hapless ladies, they'll get wet.

"ON to Richmond!" this fall.

The Texas Philatelic Convention.

AT THE Third Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association, held on April 19th, in the parlors of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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The Association numbers 51 members, of whom the following were present: H. G. Askew, Austin; Roy B. Bradley, Waco; Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels; Otto Heilig, New Braunfels; H. A. Herzog, Austin; V. H. Huberich, Bluff Springs; E. W. Heusinger, San Antonio; E. D. True, Austin; Walter C. Lowry, Abilene; and George W. Ingram, Hempstead.

"An Ancient Shield."

WE PRESENT this month the decisive *finale* to a series of articles *pro* and *con* "Foreign Exchanging," printed in our columns recently. It is from the pen of America's most popular and talented philatelic authoress, Miss Amy L. Swift.

SEND in your ads in time for the coming *three great* "Convention boomers."

To Publishers.

WE MUST again request all publishers to send one copy of their magazines to our Review Editor, Mr. John Paalzow, 1018 Park Ave., Richmond, Va.

To Our Dealer Friends.

THE phenomenal growth of Philately in the South is reflected in the rapidly growing subscription list of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. The patrons of our advertising columns assure us of its "pulling qualities," and renew their contracts, which is, perhaps, the best evidence of its merits.

Have *you* no bargains to offer?

We reach active, buying collectors—consider this, and—let us hear from you.

"Oom Paul's" Country.

WE MAY look forward to a new set of stamps from South Africa ere long. We read of some contemplated stroke of old "Oom Paul" Krüger's pointing to a federation of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State. Should this be effected, a new stamp would probably follow.

Philatelic Poetry.

AT THE risk of being criticised for inconsistency, especially after our recent tirade against philatelic doggerel verse, we print in this number a little gem of sentiment and beauty from the pen of Guy W. Green in *The Post Office*.

Russia in China.

Der Philatelist prints the information that Russian stamps are to be surcharged "China" for use in her territory there. What does Johnnie Bull say to that?

The Starr Stamp Co.'s Price List.

WE HAVE received the J. W. Starr Stamp Co.'s price list of United States, Confederate States, and Revenue Stamps. It is a 44 page booklet, full of bargains. Write to them for one.

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William B. Hale.

WE HAD the pleasure of meeting Mr. William B. Hale, who called at our office while in Richmond.

Mr. Hale exhibited some very choice stamps, and effected many sales and exchanges with the Richmond philis, leaving a most favorable impression upon all who came in contact with him.

John C. Seibert.

WE HAD the pleasure of meeting Bro. Seibert of the Norfolk *Dispatch*, who paid a brief visit to our city on the 21st. He assures us that he will attend the Convention with a party of Norfolk collectors.

Bradley and "The Lone Star."

OUR friend and *confrere*, Roy Bennett Bradley, of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, has removed from Waco, to Hillsboro, Texas, from whence this leading Southern philatelic publication will emanate in future.

We trust the success that his talent merits will attend him in the new enterprise in which he has engaged under the most favorable auspices.



New Stamps and Envelopes for Cuba.

WE clip the following from the *Philatelic Monthly and World*:

ENVELOPES of 2c red and 5c blue of special design will be made by the Plimpton Co. The head of Columbus will be copied from the 50c piece of 1892. "Cuba" will be above and "Dos" or "Cinco Centavos" below. The figures of value will be at the sides. For the present the U. S. watermark paper will be used. There will also be a 1c wrapper, green, with stamps of same design.

Mr. Bartels thus describes the designs of the new Cuba:

1c green, statue of Columbus with one hand resting on a globe. At top "Cuba" in curve, "Centavo" at bottom with figure "1" at each side.

3c color undecided. Allegorical statue of Cuba, La Cubana, "Cuba" above "Centavos" below and figure "3" at sides and in upper corners.

5c dark blue, merchant vessel at full steam, "Cuba" above. Left side beautiful border with tall palms, at base of which is undergrowth with cordate shaped leaves; "5 centavos" at bottom in straight line.

10c color undecided. Man ploughing field with yoke of oxen. In background some tall straggling palms and farm houses, "Cuba" above; "10 Centavos 10" at bottom in straight line.

The Special Delivery stamp will probably have the messenger boy riding a bicycle.

MENTION the V. P. when you answer the advertisements—mention it anyway—always—to your friends.

A New Set For Tasmania.

THIS British colony will also be provided with scenery stamps in the near future.

The following interesting and pertinent paragraphs are from the *Australian Philatelist*:

"Mr. P. Malone informs us that the following is an approximate list of values, colors, and designs:

½d green, Lake Marion, Du Cane Range.

1d red, Mountain Lake, Huon Road.

2d lilac, Cataract Gorge, Launceston.

2½d dark blue, St. Columba Falls.

3d claret, Lake St. Clair.

4d orange, Russell Falls.

5.1 light blue, Mount Gould.

6d violet lake, Dilston Falls.

"Doubtless this list is incomplete, none of the higher values being represented. It will be seen that the ½d, 1d, and 2½d are to be in the Postal Union colors, from which we may infer that the current ½d and 2½d will not be changed in color.

"A number of illustrated post and letter cards are also to appear, the latter with impressed 2d stamp in lilac. The cards are to be tinted, in size 5¼x3¼ inches, and will bear the following views: Hobart, Launceston, Great Lake, River Derwent (New Norfolk), St. Mary's Pass, and Mount Ida (Lake St. Clair). The order for the stamps has been placed in the hands of the engravers, and it is expected that they will reach the colony and be ready for issue in the course of a few months time.—*Meek's Weekly*.

More Changes in U. S. Envelopes.

IT IS announced on good authority that new dies will be prepared for the "new" U. S. 4c and 5c envelopes, as the busts are very unsatisfactory.

WILL you attend the Convention?

Philatelic Gleanings From "Our" Colonies.

HAWAII.

CONTRARY to rule in the rest of our colonies, Hawaii apparently is to be permitted to keep its own stamps, the entire set now appearing in new colors, the 2c and modified 5c having already been noted in this paper.

1 cent green.	2 cents rose.
5 cents blue.	10 cents orange.
50 cents violet.	\$1.00 blue.

—*Metropolitan.*

GUAM.

WASHINGTON collectors have had a sudden and pleasing surprise, and as a result we have a new colonial issue to chronicle. Uncle Sam is about to establish a postal system on the island of Guam, which so recently came into our possession as the result of the Spanish war.

The set is of current United States stamps, surcharged "Guam," and are of denominations and quantities as follows:

1 cent, 10,000.
*2 cents, 20,000.
5 cents, 5,000.

—*Mekeel's.*

[*The correspondent of "The Metropolitan Philatelist" gives the quantity of 2c stamps surcharged as 30,000.—EDITOR.]

PHILIPPINES.

THE stamps of 1898 except the 4m, 4, 40, 80c have been surcharged in black diagonally "1898—Resellado—1899" and in addition "C" in N. W. and "T" in S. E. corner. Also the 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c of the U. S. have been surcharged "Philippines." The following quantities have been forwarded:

1c, 2,000,000.	2c, 4,000,000.	3c, 500,000.
5c, 500,000.	10c, 500,000.	

—*Philatelic Monthly and World.*

CUBA.

WE learn from various sources that the 1c and 2c cards of the U. S. have been surcharged for use in Cuba, like-

wise the 1c and 2c green envelope (70,000), and the 10c Special Delivery Stamp. The surcharge upon the cards is just below the stamp, and the 2c card is black instead of blue and the border is omitted. The Special Delivery Stamp is surcharged in three lines in red "Cuba—10c—de Peso."

The Latest In Revenues.

ANNOUNCEMENT is hereby made that there will be three high denominations added to the current set of Documentary revenues. The Bureau is now at work engraving designs for \$100, \$500 and \$1000 stamps. They will be uniform in size but slightly larger than the other dollar values. The \$1000 stamp will probably be the first one finished. It will show the portrait of Madison and be printed in two colors, as well as the other two values. The portraits for the \$100 and \$500 could not be ascertained to date. A decided innovation is to be introduced by having each of these stamps numbered consecutively so that a record can be kept of each specimen.—J. M. BARTELS in *The Metropolitan.*

Unique Provisionals.

SAN DOMINGO has evidently run out of stamps and is using up envelopes, wrappers and even postal cards cut up to frank letters. Mr. Paalzow sends us two envelopes of letters so prepaid which arrived in New York, May 24. The first one mailed in Santo Domingo, May 13, has pasted upon it the 5c envelope stamp cut out. The other mailed in Monte Christo, May 9, has on it two 2c wrapper stamps cut out and the 1c stamp of a postal card all pasted on, presenting a very queer combination. So among new issues we must chronicle:

SAN DOMINGO.

5c envelope stamp, cut square, used as adhesive.			
2c wrapper stamp,	"	"	"
1c Postal Card stamp	"	"	"

That Same Ancient Shield.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

ACCORDING to a certain story of olden date, there were once two gentlemen who couldn't agree in their criticism of a handsome shield that stood in the path by which they were approaching each other. One said it was made of gold, while the other was ready to wager almost anything that it was of silver. A shield is an implement of war, you know, so perhaps it is not surprising that these two gentlemen nearly came to blows and war generally about it before they discovered that the thing was of gold on one side and silver on the other, so that each was right and each wrong. The trouble was that each based his opinion on the side he saw, and never thought that the other might be different.

It is said that "history repeats itself" and there is considerable truth in the remark, at least it certainly seems to me that the old story of the shield is being brought to mind again by the present controversy between Messrs. Burt and Watts concerning "Foreign Exchanging." The former says that it does not pay, that foreigners want too much and send too little while sometimes they are not really honest. That is true, but it is only one side of the shield, the silver, or perhaps it would be better in this case to call it the leaden. Then comes Mr. Watts, asserting that it *does* pay if one is careful to remember and put in practice the Golden Rule, and considerate enough to take into account the fact that many stamps are more valuable in their own country than out of it, just as United States stamps are more valuable and in greater demand here than they are abroad. That is the shield again, but the other side this time, the golden.

Now I have been promenading around

that shield more or less diligently for the last half dozen years, and have found that it seems to be composed of a variety of metals, some gold, some silver and some pure dross, so to my mind Messrs. Burt and Watts are both right—and both wrong! Sometimes your exchange assortment will be gathered in by the other party without even a "thank you." Three of mine have had that fate and in consequence I've a grudge against a Spanish "don," an Indian "prince" and a Brazilian "planter." Maybe those are not their correct designations, but they are suggested by their respective countries and so will do very nicely. In contrast to these I have received extra good value for lots sent to several Australian colonies and to Calcutta, and full equivalent from a number of other countries. Only in a very few cases have the exchanges returned been much below the value of my own lots, and in each of these cases the senders seemed from their letters to be young collectors who were not thoroughly versed in values. For instance: one of them asked me for a full set of the Executive Department and for some "eagle on branch locals." I could not send them of course, but I broke the fact gently, telling their catalogue value, and in due time received an apologetic explanation that the writer had no idea he was asking anything unreasonable; there were places in his album for those stamps and he asked for them just as he did for a 6c Columbian and the different "triangle types" of the later issues. So I did not lay it up against him, or against foreign exchange as a whole.

You have read, perhaps, of the old lady who was famous for her remarkably toothsome rabbit pies, so famous that a great *chef* came to her to beg the *recipe* for their making. She told him that it all depended on the rabbit; "Fust you ketch your rebbit and then you decide

whether it's wuth your while to cook him, if he aint jest right you can't make a decent pie outter him nohow, jest let him go an' ketch a better." That is what she told him, adding when besought how to tell when the rabbit was "jest right" that to explain that was beyond her ability, but it could be "larned by studdy." The way to select good exchange correspondents from the numerous advertising columns is very much like the old lady's *recipe*, you must "larn by studdy" what name to choose, and having chosen it must decide whether, judging from the wording and offer, it is "wuth while" to go any further. "Fust ketch your rebbit" and then if he doesn't seem a promising specimen, let him go and look out for another. It is no use to select a collector who wants certain countries only unless you can send just those countries, nor do I advise choosing one who says "commons not noticed" or its equivalent in meaning, as some do. The chances are that you and he may not agree on what deserves the name of "common" and beside that I think he who would keep even a batch of the commonest continentals without returning the least exchange. This is not entirely honorable. I have had some lots that were not worth half the postage it took to carry them, but have never kept a single such assortment without due compensation, or else I returned them to the sender. A few cents for postage is not much, and I, for one, had rather spend them than have an uneasy conscience. To him who asks for "rare stamps only" don't send current low values and medium priced stamps, like enough he is an advanced collector with 10,000 varieties if not more. Don't select either, those whose names and exchange requests appear almost as often as does the magazine itself; I cannot explain the reason, but my invariable experience

in such cases has been against it, either the lots sent are poor in quality or they do not come at all promptly, generally both. It may be they do so much exchanging that their duplicates do not get a chance to accumulate enough to make good selections possible.

Finally, do exactly as you wish your partner to do by you, and if your fortune is invariably poor don't think the whole shield is in fault, remember that the ancient gentleman of the story saw the golden side all right when he looked for it aright and in the right place, while under the same conditions the other gentleman in the affair just as easily saw the less valuable side.

Convention Notes.

AT PRESENT we have the following Southern State Philatelic Societies:

Virginia Philatelic Association, Tennessee Philatelic Association, Texas Philatelic Association and Kentucky Philatelic Association.

Now, suppose we take these societies, combine them with the S. P. A.—the greatest of them all—as State branches, we would then include their respective official organs, namely THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, *Stamp Tribune* and *The Lone Star State Philatelist*. What would the grand result be? Why, the grandest body of Philatelists in the world, represented by three of the leading and most influential papers of the day. Isn't this just what we want? Let's all help push it along.—M. A. BELL in *The Stamp Tribune*.

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The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VII.

[NOTE.—By an unfortunate oversight, which was noticed too late to be remedied, the VI. instalment of "The Postage Stamps of Japan" came to an abrupt break in the final paragraph. To remedy this we repeat the last sentence of the previous instalment.—EDITOR.]

ISSUE 1888.

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 Nippon teï Koku ju-ben," below IMPERIAL, JAPANESE POST, at the sides two flowers; above the circle a tablet with value in Japanese, in the spandrels flowers; in the lower corners 25, under the circle SEN, all in color on white;—for the 1 yen upright rectangle of color containing in the upper part a large circle of color bounded by white lines; in the circle embossed in white a large rosette, on the circle in white the same inscriptions as on the 25 sen, except that there are dots at the sides; in the upper corners small mail-bags, in the lower corners white ovals with **l** on the left and **yⁿ** at the right;



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A20

under the circle a white tablet with Japanese inscription of value; impression and paper as before; perforated variously (see below).

76. 4 sen olive bistre.

77. 8 sen lilac.

77a. blue lilac.

78. 10 sen brown orange.

78a. reddish brown.

78b. brown ochre.

79. 15 sen purple.

79a. violet.

80. 20 sen yellow.

80a. orange.

80b. brick red.

81. 25 sen light green.

81a. emerald green.

82. 50 sen brown.

82a. red brown.

83. 1 yen carmine.

These are all of the narrow gauge of perforation, 13, 13½, 14 or 14½. A German authority states that they have been found perforated 11½, but I can hardly credit this; I have not so far found a specimen gauging less than 13. Possibly, though, the larger gauge has come into use again; see the war-stamps on following page.

ISSUE 1892.

SCOTT
TYPE
A15

Same design as before, but change of color; impression, paper and perforation as

last issue.

84. 3 sen lilac rose.

In the whirl of advancement Japan, hitherto philatelically blameless, finally in 1894 succumbed to the Jubilee epidemic and issued a special set in commemoration of the silver wedding of the Imperial couple. It took two stamps to express the popular appreciation of this auspicious event, but as they were low-valued and the occasion a praiseworthy and rare one, we may well condone the offense.



A21

ISSUE 1894.

Oblong rectangle, large circle of color in center with white rosette in its center; on the circle in white Japanese inscription

above relating to the occasion, IMPERIAL WEDDING 25 ANNIVERSARY below; on either side of the circle conventional cranes whose tails end in arabesques filling most of the stamp; above the circle a curved tablet with the usual Japanese inscription "T'ai Nippon tei Koku ju-ben"; below the circle value in Japanese and below that in white letters IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST, in the lower corners small white circles with value in English; the background of the whole stamp consists of fine vertical lines of color; typographed on white wove paper, perforated 11½, 12, 12½, 13.

85. 2 sen rose.

86. 5 sen blue.

The Jubilee issue proved infectious and when Japan had vanquished China, it could not resist the temptation to celebrate the event by a special issue. Two of its heroes were honored by being depicted on these stamps, but so as to hurt nobody's feelings by his being assigned a lower value than the other man, a full set was issued for each of the fortunate ones.

To be Concluded.

Furlough Granted.

MR. L. P. HEAD of Fulton, Ky., desires to announce to the fraternity that business arrangements compel him to retire from the philatelic field for a few months.

Under those conditions we grant Bro. Head a furlough for a short time, but order him to "report for duty" at the Convention.

My Reason.

GUY W. GREEN IN *The Post Office.*

I love you, old album. The reason?
Well, really, I hardly can say.
I love you as brooks love the meadows
Or blue birds the beautiful May.
I love you as earth loves the sunshine,
Or mountain tops love the white snow.
I love you because I am helpless,
And Nature has planned my love so.

I like, when the lamps are lighted,
To have you close here by my side,
To open your faded, old covers,
Where comfort and pleasure abide.
To spread out your pages before me,
And see their warm colors again;
Their brightness will banish my sorrow
As sunlight dispels the cold rain.

And sometimes I think, as I watch you
That you have a soul of your own,
Mayhap that you've changed into being
As life from the marble has grown.
Perhaps that you watch for my coming
And pulsate with pleasure or pain,
As life opens brightly before me,
Or all of its struggles are vain.

You know all my troubles and heartaches,
And all of my errors and sin;
The world sees the outward appearance,
But you see the being within;
And yet you pass judgment in silence,
Old album, your system is best,
If men would but heed your example,
This world were a haven of rest.

Oft times, when aweary with labor,
Your presence has brightened the gloom;
My burdens have silent departed
And left a strange peace in the room.
I love you for this, old companion,
As over your pages I bend;
Our friendship is fragrant and changeless,
And shall be right unto the end.



New York Correspondence.

BY LENNOD.

MATTERS from a philatelic standpoint are entirely satisfactory, and the present business revival shows no let up. School-boy trade is booming and dealers who care for such small trade find all they can do to fill daily demands for single stamps, sets and approval selections. The unprecedented revival is not better illustrated than the additions to the dealer's ranks by men who have heretofore been only collectors. Two such instances have occurred within the past few months. One firm opened up in Nassau street, a neighborhood which is familiar to almost all collectors, but the other, the Guarantee Stamp Company, tackled a neighborhood unknown to most collectors. They have located at 27 East 125th street, among a nest of schools, colleges and churches. They have just consummated the purchase of the entire stock of the Collectors-Investment Co., a private stock corporation with a cash capital of \$1,000, and a stock of medium priced stamps, suitable for a general business.

The long-looked-for article on the stamps of the Confederate States of America appeared in the May number of the *American Journal of Philately*. Many new adhesives and envelopes (handstamped) are listed, of which I take the liberty to mention. Adhesives from Emory, Va., Greenwood, Va., Helena, Texas, and Kingston, Tenn. Envelopes from Albany, Ga., Atlanta, Ga., (two varieties), Augusta, Ga., Autaugaville, Ala., Columbia, S. C., two new varieties, Columbus, Ga., Franklin, N. C., and Jonesboro, Tenn. The article is continued at "M."

I am pleased to see that the publishers of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST think a stamp exhibition the proper caper to be held during the convention week of the Southern Philatelic Association at Richmond. But the idea should be expanded so as to take in all classes of stamps of the United States. Something in that line could certainly be shown that is worth the trouble and expense in arranging them.

Mr. E. L. Shove, of Unionville, N. Y., was a recent visitor to the Metropolis. He reports stamps booming in his neighborhood, altho' he overlooked the fact that the population (philatelic) is limited to two collectors.

A good stamp to keep an eye on is the 2 cent (yellow) of Belgium, Scott's number 131, priced at four cents canceled. The wholesale price on this stamp is almost half.

Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN-EATER.

The most important occurrence of late weeks, in Boston, was the two nights' gilt-edge auction sale of the New England Stamp Co., which was held on the evenings of April 24th and 25th. I annex a few prices obtained for the stamps. All were said to be in exceedingly fine condition.

Following brought over \$5.00 :

	CAT. BROUGHT.	
New York 5c.....	\$ 12 00	\$ 5 38
Providence 5 and 10c.....	46 50	13 00
Same 10c.....	40 00	6 50
1851 type II, block of 8.....	21 00	8 50
5*.....	50 00	18 00
1861 3c pink *.....	35 00	10 20
90c pale blue.....	25 00	16 00
1861, re-issue 15c *.....	35 00	16 50
1861, re-issue 24c used.....	30 00	16 00
1869 " 15c.....	12 50	5 00
" " 24c *.....	15 00	6 00
" " 30c.....	22 50	7 50
1870, 24c.....		57 50
Baltimore Carrier.....	80 00	48 00
\$50 imperf., rev., pair.....	20 00	8 25

\$1 Proprietary.....	100 00	34 00
Chicago Match Stamp.....	15 00	9 25
U. S. Prop., 6c black.....	30 00	13 50
Charleston, S. C., 5c.....	15 00	7 10
" 5c used.....	12 00	6 50
Fredericksburg 10c.....	40 00	18 00
Knoxville, 5c green.....	100 00	45 00
Lenoir, 5c.....	100 00	30 00
Marion, Va., 2c black.....	75 00	41 00
" 5c used.....	300 00	105 00
Nashville 5c brown.....	20 00	13 00
" 5c pair.....	36 00	14 20
Azores, No. 1. *.....	40 00	20 25
" No. 15 *.....	11 50	5 15
" No. 66 *.....	60 00	23 00
Bermuda 3d on 1d.....	15 00	10 25
Cauca 5c black.....	250 00	84 00
" 5c rose.....	150 00	46 00
Great Britain £1 off.....	100 00	40 50
Newfoundland 1sh orange.....	200 00	64 00
Roumania, No. 1, 27pa.....	350 00	102 50
St. Vincent 4d No. 29 *.....	30 00	18 50
" 4d on 1sh *.....	125 00	65 00

The sale as a whole was a decided success, although the per cent. averaged was nowhere near that of their sale of three years ago. It is only fair to state that the sale was conducted in a very honest manner, and the limit in mail bids was seldom reached, as the audience contained a very small number of "pushers," being constituted mostly of "bargain hunters."

Some new private proprietaries have been exhibited here the past month by Mr. Chas. H. Stone of Concord, N. H. I saw as follows:—Fletcher's Castoria, black, and Warner's Safe Cure in light brown. Mr. Stone is also showing, what he takes to be a rare Confederate local. A description, as near as possible, is hereby given: Of the post-mark type, with "Lexington, Miss." printed around the rim and "Paid 5, E. H. P. M." in the centre in two parallel, horizontal lines. Mr. Stone asserts that he has learned that Erastus Hoskins was postmaster at Lexington, at the time of the date on the envelope which is Oct. 3., 1861.

Our postmaster recently received a letter from one of New York's prominent firms asking how many \$1.00 Omahas he

had in stock and stating that a cash remittance would be sent on notification. Wonder if they are trying to corner the market? If such be the case they will have a "lovely time" as many of the postoffices still have large supplies on hand, and many of them would not suit the condition crank at all, as they are "fircely" centered.

The U. S. special delivery surcharges for use in Cuba, was received here early last month (May). The surcharge is a *very poor* specimen of the printers art, and one has to hold the stamp in a certain position in the light to read it at all. In my estimation, black ink would have been far superior to the red which was used.

Australian Notes.

BY J. G. GRIFFIN.

A CURIOUS instance of ill luck, if nothing more, was revealed in the Bankruptcy Court in Sydney the other day, and, as the matter refers to our particular mania, it is worth quoting.

Dr. Andrew Honisman a medical practitioner, who for long had been the medical referee of one of our life insurance societies, was, owing to the amalgamation of the society with another, thrown out of his appointment and had to betake himself to private practice. This not succeeding as he hoped, he was forced to claim the protection of the court against his creditors. He said in his evidence that he would not have needed this protection, but that a serious disappointment in connection with the sale of his collection of postage stamps had befallen him. In the year 1889 he had sent his albums through a well known stamp collector, to London for sale. These albums were placed by his friend in the hands of Messrs. Ventom, Buhl & Cooper for auction sale. The collection realised £800.

But alas! none of the money found its way into the pocket of its rightful owner. Indeed it was some time before he could hear anything of his "friend." Ultimately he made inquiries through the leading members of the Philatelic societies of London with the result that he was told that the man he had trusted had decamped and nothing had been heard of him or of the money since!

Did you know that the now celebrated Mr. Henniker Heaton, member of the House of Commons for Canterbury and originator of the British Empire 1d postage is an old Sydney man? He was a reporter on the staff of the *Evening News* in that great Australian city, and while so engaged compiled *Heaton's Dictionary of Australian Dates*, a good and useful work. Finding favor in the eyes of Miss Bennett, a daughter of one of the proprietors of the *Evening News*, he was accepted by her as her husband, and on the death of old Mr. Bennett became, through his wife, a large shareholder in the *News*. His worldly prospects being thus assured, he turned his attention to English Parliamentary life, and seems not to have had much difficulty in procuring the Canterbury Seat. The idea of an Ocean 1d Postage was his first essay, and that gradually gave way to the Penny British Empire Postage, the first practical step, which was started at the beginning of the present year and the first stamp in connection therewith was issued by Canada and illustrated by you in your January number.

It should be made known that while Canada, India, and many other portions of the Empire have adopted this 1d postage, the Australian Colonies have not, as yet, done so and the postage rate from England to Sydney, Melbourne, etc. is still 2½d or 5 cents.

The new colors of the 6d, 2½d, and ½d stamps of New South Wales are satisfac-

tory; the first is orange, the second blue, and the third pale bluish green. By the bye, the 6d green which is now superseded has become very scarce. It is not to be purchased at the General Postoffice, or indeed at any of the Sydney suburban postoffices where I have inquired.

Western Australia has made a change in the color of its 2d stamp. It is now yellow or more correctly dull orange. The design is the same as the old 2d, viz.: a black swan, (You recollect the old Latin quotation *rara avis in terris ingroque truibinea tigreo*) but I am told that the plate has been re-engraved and the same may be said of the new N. S. W. ½d.

Generally there is not much stirring in the Australian philatelic world and so my letter must necessarily be a short one.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 27, 1899.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

"ARE no more 6 cent stamps to be issued," is a question that at present is being asked by a great many collectors. The post office in this city has been out of them for some weeks past, and from other places comes word that none can be had. In talking to the stamp clerk here on the question he stated that if present indications could be taken as a criterion, no more would be received. He said that several times past when making requisitions for stamps the postmaster had specially asked that a supply of 6 cent stamps be sent him, but that on each occasion none had been sent, and further, the Department gave no explanation for their action. It appears to me that this is a rather strange method of doing business. Of course now that 2 cent postage

is in force very few of these stamps will be used, but I should think that the demand for them would be sufficient to warrant their continuance. However, be that as it may, we all want some authentic information on the subject.

It is expected that the 8 cent stamp will go out of use entirely as soon as the present supply on hand is exhausted. I inquired for them at the post-office recently and the clerk told me there were no more to be had, but I believe a supply has since been received.

As to whether the "maple leaf" stamps which have recently been on sale at various Canadian offices, are reprints or not, is the cause of much speculation among collectors and dealers in this country of ours. I quite coincide with the statement of a certain Canadian writer, who says, "although it is known that these stamps have been printed and issued, I would hardly call them reprints, they having in all probability been used in place of some of the "numeral" plates that had become worn out." Generally there is something in a reprint to distinguish it from an original, but I fail to discover anything in these reprints (?) by which we might be enabled to tell one from the other.

It is said there is one dealer in Ottawa who has over 1000 of the 2 cent purple envelopes, and another who has about 600. If this report be true it makes quite a hole out of the 10,000 which is the number supposed to have been printed. I do not know who either of these parties are, they have doubtless secured them from various sources all over the country. Shortly after they were recalled a certain collector-dealer in this city received an offer from an Ottawa man who wished to purchase a quantity of these envelopes, and sent him all he had at 15 cents each. Of course he is sorry now.

One of our local dealers had the good

fortune, while on a trip to a neighboring town, to secure about 100 of the 3 cent surcharged envelopes. He also made inquiry for the surcharged letter cards but none were on sale.

From present appearances the stamps of Canada have a bright future before them. Our Jubilee and recent issues have done great things for us, and though many harsh things could be said about the way the Department has managed, still we should look to them with pride for they have certainly had the effect of bringing Canadian stamps in general before the notice of the philatelic world. It is well known that there have been heavy demands for stamps of the present issues, but there are other stamps, issued in times past, which it might not be well to lose sight of. Among those I might mention the 1859, 12½c green; 1864, 2c pink; 1868, 6c brown and 12½c blue, and the 1875, 5c olive. A great many Canadian stamps can be purchased at from 50 to 75 per cent off catalogue, but when a few such stamps cannot be secured at better figures than about 25 to 40 per cent off catalogue prices it is about time for us to expect a change.

A Grand Work.

A COMMITTEE of the Boston Philatelic Society consisting of Messrs. Toppan, Deats, and Holland are engaged in the compilation of an Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States including the Private Die Proprietary Stamps. It is needless to comment on the value of such a work when completed, we therefore print the prospectus in full.

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BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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

The following have been received:

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Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tenn.	1. 5.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Kan.	1. 6.
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Canadian Phil. Review, Hamilton, Ont.	4. 6.
Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.	1. 12.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	6. 5.
FROM ABROAD.	
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3. 4.

In *The Allegheny Philatelist* Philatelist speaks of "The Value of System" and both collectors and dealers can well profit by the suggestions made. Mr. Chapman gives "Impressions of the Hour" in which the new stamps of Malta come in for a share of criticism. The chronicle of "New Issues" is very complete and is quite a feature of the *A. P.* Under "Comments" we find the following, which, if the figures quoted are correct, shows quite a difference between supposed and actual values: "The collection of stamps of the late Harold Frederic, valued by himself at \$5000, was recently auctioned off in London and brought a little over \$450."

Seldom has a finer Number One of any stamp publication come up for review than the first copy of *The Stamp Exchange*. Attractive in appearance, it is filled with good reading from cover to cover, containing articles on various philatelic subjects by many well known writers, and it is hard to say to which to award the most praise. Mr. Dietz's

"Fragments of Confederate Stamp History" contains good advice about the 10c Confed. perforated. "Zura" on "Space Fillers" speaks against putting counterfeit stamps into one's album. Mr. Cass advises dealers not to palm reprints, foreign revenues and "Seebecks" off on the young collector who some day will know better and resent the imposition. The description of "Lagos" gives beside historical information about that to most collectors "*terra incognita*" a *resume* of the issues of that country. Miss Swift gives the "News of the Month." Mr. Chapman besides "Cogitations" conducts the Review. Notes from different points and a Canadian page are also in evidence. We predict a bright future for the *Stamp Exchange*.

In *The New York Philatelist* Veritas discusses "The Indiscriminate Credit System" being led thereto by the now celebrated Williams case. No doubt the business methods of many stamp dealers and collectors also are lax, but every year sees an improvement in them. A few seasons back an ad asking for references was the exception, now it is the rule and if references are given and investigated before sending out stamps, the dealers can not run so many risks. In the same issue of the *N. Y. Philatelist* Mr. Carter says that the statistics show that only one letter in every 53,000,000 pieces handled by the P. O. Department is lost and asks why should then so many addressed to, and sent by stamp dealers fail to reach their destination. It seems queer no doubt, but don't at times some of the dealers try also to play a little game? We have in mind the case of a fellow member of the Virginia Philatelic Association to whom a concern in Denver, Colo., sent unsolicited a lot of stamps on approval. The stamps were returned by mail, and after

some little time duns began to come in for the return of sheets, finally threatening exposure in the various philatelic papers, etc. When patience ceased to be a virtue our member in turn advised them that if they did, he would sue for criminal libel and there the matter rests, unsatisfactory at least to one party—for who would care to be accused of cheating?

Bro. Chapman in "Concerning Late Issues" hits back at some of his critics. He also tells us that the Die A varieties will never be rare. How about Die A on blue? How many have come to light?

Both the April and May numbers of *The Evergreen State Philatelist* are to hand. In the April number under Canadian Chat the explanation of the drop in prices of unused New Brunswick stamps is explained. A large lot of remainders amounting to several thousand sheets were discovered and sold to a syndicate of dealers it is said at 30c per set.—Veritas discusses Philately Month by Month and John Peltz explains the differences between certain issues of stamps which are often puzzling to the young collector. In the May number Leon V. Cass advises the investment of money in old issues in preference to the many jubilee issues, surcharges etc. In "Notes on Stamps" the question is asked: Ought pen-cancelled stamps to be catalogued like foreign ones are. We think not, for in nine cases out of ten the pen cancelation on the foreign stamp denotes its use as a revenue stamp while in this country postage stamps are not used that way, except in very rare instances, when a two cent postage stamp passes on a check.

"Little Boy Blue come blow your Horn" must have been in the mind of the editor of the *Stamp Tribune*, for on the editorial page there is certainly something to remind one of the old

Mother Goose rhyme and also the "yellow journalism" of some of the daily press. It seems very well to praise one's paper, but when it comes to promising the "grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America" it raises expectations which in nine cases in ten are dashed, and work harm to the party promising so much and then perhaps failing to fulfil those pledges. If next month proves us wrong we will cheerfully apologize to the Editor.—"The Dead Letter Office" is written up by Wm. M. Verbeck and gives an insight into its workings.—Mack has his New York letter.—The Constitution of the Philatelic Association of America fills better than two pages.—"Armory" writes of "The Greatest Enemy to Philately" viz: Fire. The Review fills the remaining space not allotted to advertisements.

Stamp Talk for April continues "Stamp Hunting," by Lewis Robie. In this instalment Mr. Robie gives his experience with the U. S. P. O. Inspectors and a U. S. Marshal who were looking him up for taking away 98 sets of Periodical stamps. It seems in this case the officials were doing the stamp hunting. H. A. Chapman tells of stamps "On the Cover," and how he was presented with a U. S. 10c '47 on the original letter which proved to be written by W. B. Astor, son of John Jacob Astor of New York. In these days of envelopes we are not so lucky as to find autographs along with the stamps, still a collection of stamps on the envelopes is a very interesting thing to have, of course bulky and not easy to display unless you prepare a book specially for it. That this form of collecting is gaining popular favor seems to be beyond question. Editorials and review fill the balance of this issue.

The *Philatelic Advocate*, as ever neatly printed and gotten up, tells us of Al-

phoso XIII with whose picture philatelists are well acquainted and who has names and titles enough to crush any ordinary mortal. Some of the titles ought to be relegated to the "has beens." "Why certain Canadian stamps were issued" does not enlighten us why that country flooded the philatelic market with its recent issues, but deals with the reasons for the different values of the earlier emissions. Mr. Chapman speaks about "The Collecting of Stamps," and like many a fellow collector mourns the chances lost in days gone by. Society notes and a goodly number of advertisements make up the balance of the number.

About the only thing there is to *The Montreal Philatelist* this month is its letter from New Zealand in which the information is given that Tasmania is going to join the procession and issue a pictorial set of stamps to advertise the scenery of the country. "Personal" editorials and a column of abuse by Jean Baptiste Canuck help to fill the paper, which does not contain more than seven pages of reading matter. Better hustle, Brother, and get out another "Christmas" number, or else soon *The Montreal Philatelist* instead of "coming from Montreal and going to all parts of the world" will be "coming from nowhere and have gone to the literary graveyard of so many stamp papers."

Stamps' April number is interesting. Uncle Sam as Stamp Dealer treats of the sale of the periodical stamps. Stamps Junior gives helpful hints to the younger collectors, by some of which the older ones can also profit. The same question of catalogue values which vexes collectors on this side is discussed and the list of underpriced stamps is continued. The Harry Hilckes & Co. matter receives its full share of attention and evidently the end thereof is not yet.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., *May 10, 1899.*

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

Our twenty-second meeting was held on the above date. In the absence of the President, Mr. Thos. Christian filled the chair. The routine budget was scanty and was quickly disposed of. The interest of the evening was centered in the proposed Confederate Exhibit at the coming convention.

On motion of Mr. Stearns it was decided, in order to make the exhibit more interesting, to have it divided into 5 classes, and after some discussion it was decided to place them as follows:

- 1st. Class—General issues on cover.
- 2nd Class—General issues off cover.
- 3rd Class—Locals on cover.
- 4th Class—Confederate oddities.
- 5th Class—Locals off cover.

The V. P. A. will bestow suitable awards in the shape of diplomas for the most meritorious display in each of the five classes. Richmond collectors to be non competitors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y.

Hussman Leads Off.

MR. C. E. HUSSMAN, the well-known St. Louis stamp dealer, has signified his intention to make a magnificent exhibit of Confederates—both general and local issues—at the Convention of the S. P. A. in Richmond, Va, this fall.

Who will be the next dealer to follow suit?

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
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President's Address.

Southern Philatelic Association.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:—Another month nearer to the "great" Convention and the nearer we get the more favorable are the indications for a large attendance.

I will ask you to do what is in your power to make the proposed Exhibition of the Postal Emissions of the Southern Confederacy, as suggested by the V. P. A., a success. It is the first thing of the kind ever attempted in the South and what better place could it be than in Richmond, the capital of the South. I would suggest that each member write Mr. Franklin Stearns, who has been appointed a committee of one, giving him an idea of what stamps he would like to or could send and that gentleman will, I am sure, be pleased to give pointers as to what it would be advisable to send for exhibition. The offer of the V. P. A. to insure against loss and theft is a most liberal one and they are certainly due our best thanks.

The S. P. A. is in a fair way to become one of the largest, as it is already the best, of the philatelic societies. I have at different times tried the exchange department of other societies but I have not found any of them to be as well managed as our own and my private opinion is that we have the best Sales Superintendent in the country. I know just how he works his department, how systematic he is and above all how prompt he is in making returns. The only trouble is that too few members avail themselves of the benefits. The greater number of members join for the purpose of increasing their collections and they should first of all support their own society more especially as they can procure their stamps at less cost than from the dealers. Bear this in mind brethren, have your names on the circuit list to receive stamps and buy first of all from your brother members.

The membership list continues to grow and I hope it will reach the 200 mark by the time we meet in Richmond. Yours for the S. P. A.,

H. FENTON, Pres.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 164 Scoville, Earl, 3523 Dearborn st., Chicago, Ill.
- 165 Myers, Albert J., 3728 LaSalle-st., Chicago, Ill.
- 166 McKay, Geo., 3727 La Salle-st., Chicago, Ill.
- 167 Springen, Whilden, Jr., South Creek, N. C.
- 168 Lewis, David, 536 37th-st., Chicago, Ill.
- 169 Bruce, Guy J., 231 Barney-st., Waukesha, Wis.
- 170 Cutting, W. H., Lock Box 436, Waukesha, Wis.
- 171 Kennard, H. C., Birmingham, Ala.,
- 172 Sutton, Geo. B., 207 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va.
- 173 Peterson, Jas. H., 210 E. 19th-st., N. Y. City.
- 174 Smith, W. R., 718 E. Marshall-st., Richmond, Va.

APPLICATIONS.

Tucker, Ralph W., Box 3276, Boston, Mass. Age 21, Dealer and Publisher. Refs., Wm. A. McDonnell, M. W. Bates, Arthur W. Merriam.

*Doak, R. L., Pearl, Ohio. Age 19, Farmer and Stamp Dealer. Refs., W. C. Lowry, Roy B. Bradley, W. C. Doak.

*Rabbitt, J. B. Moolton, Punjab, India. Age 34, Inspector. Refs., R. S. Nelson, Chas. Waring, H. Fenton.

*Wilt, Wm., 218 N. 21st-st., Birmingham, Ala. Age 33, Barber. Refs., H. Fenton, Chas. Waring, R. S. Nelson.

*Butler, G. M., Box 14, State School of Mines, Golden, Colo. Age 18. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

*Peterson, P. A., Ruthven, Palo Alto Co., Iowa. R. R. Postal Clerk. Member E. S. P. S. 187. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, J. H. Thatcher, Cashier Iowa Savings Bank.

*Lamb, Wm. B., 409 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va. Student. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

Hartung, Geo. C., 1629 Barry-ave., Chicago, Ill. Age 21. Member V. P. A., L. of C. P., Col., P. A., Dom. P. A., and S. of P. Specialty U. S. and B. C. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- J. H. Conley from Tampa to Sanford, Florida.
- C. Bergholz from Onalaska, Ark., to 726 W. Commerce-st., San Antonio, Texas.
- Royal B. Bradley from Waco to Hillsboro, Tex.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

Ben Russell, Charlottesville, Va.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.

The following members are hereby dropped from membership on account of failure to pay dues, after being twice notified.

- C. L. Shelton, Chattanooga, Tenn.
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 H. W. English, Birmingham, Ala.

Any of above wishing to be re-instated will please remit amount of 1899 dues, 25 cents, to the Secretary. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$20.67	
Received from members.....	9.65	
Total.....		\$30.32

EXPENDITURES.

March 18, To Secretary's postage.....	\$2.58	
March 10, To V. P. for March.....	1.17	
April 1, To V. P. for April.....	1.25	
Total.....		\$5.00

Balance on hand.....\$25.32
 Respectfully, W. C. LOWRY, Sec.-Treas.

Report of Board of Trustees.

We can now report that we have carefully considered the objections to application No. 136 and have come to the conclusion that it is to the interest of the Association to decline same. Respectfully sbmitted,

Yours fraternally, H. FENTON, Pres.,
 EMIL GERLICH,
 ROBERT KESSLER,
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.

New Braunfels, Texas, May 10th, 1899.

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.

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.

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.

To the person securing the second largest number of new members by Convention time, will give \$2.00 in cash. This offer is in conjunction with that of the Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., and based upon same rules. Money to be paid at Convention. Neither offer to apply to directors or publishers of papers—as I consider they have the advantage of regular members.

Yet Another.

I will present FREE to every collector applying to me for an application blank for the Southern Philatelic Association and enclosing 35 cents for 1899 dues and 2 cents extra for reply postage, an unused copy of the Two Cent Orange Newfoundland (1898 issue) stamp, which is now obsolete. I have just 25 copies to distribute in this manner.

WM. A. McDONNELL,
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Enthusiasm Rampant.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will present complete files of The Perforator from March 1897 to April 1899—26 Nos. Mailed free to each of the three members of the S. P. A. who secures the greatest number of new members before the convention of '99. Conditions of these prizes are that each contestant must secure at least 3 new members, no officer of the Association or editor or publisher of a paper eligible.

AN HISTORICAL REFERENCE LIST
OF THE
Revenue Stamps of the United States
Including the
Private Die Proprietary Stamps.

COMPILED BY
GEO. L. TOPPAN, H. E. DEATS AND
ALEXANDER HOLLAND,
A COMMITTEE OF
THE BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BOSTON, MASS., 1899.

THE present work, as its title indicates, is designed to be more than a bare reference list, or catalogue, of the various emissions of the Revenue stamps of the United States. It aims not only to be a reliable and complete catalogue, but to give a full and detailed description of each stamp; its history, so far as it has been possible to ascertain it, and such other data as has been deemed to be of general interest.

The scope of the work, which was conceived in May, 1896, has been gradually increased as the authors discovered new material until now the book will comprise upwards of 400 pages royal octavo.

It is compiled almost entirely from official records; the committee having been so fortunate as to have had access to all of the books, accounts, correspondence, etc., of the firms of Butler & Carpenter and Jos. R. Carpenter, who held the government contracts for this class of stamps from Sept. 1, 1862 to Aug. 31, 1875. In addition to this we have obtained copies of the records of the American Bank Note Co., and of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

These latter records have enabled us to complete the work up to the final repeal of the stamp tax in 1883.

Commencing again with the current

issue of Playing Card stamps, first issued in 1894, we have obtained the records of all the stamps, both Documentary and Proprietary, issued prior to Jan 1, 1899.

From the above it may be easily seen that the work is, before all else, *accurate* and that it contains much hitherto unpublished and unknown information which will, undoubtedly, prove to be of value and interest to even a beginner in the collection of those stamps of which it treats.

The information gleaned from the records has, of course, been supplemented with much individual research and investigation and, although it has been a slow and laborious task, the committee feel that the results obtained have well repaid them for their efforts.

A good idea of the scope of the work may be obtained by the following synopsis of its chapters, or divisions:

1. Contracts for the Engraving and Printing of the Stamps.
2. Paper.
3. Perforation.
4. Color.
5. Rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
6. General Notes.
7. Counterfeits.
8. Each stamp considered under its own title and denomination.

Under this last heading all data concerning each separate stamp has been systematically condensed. It includes:

1. A full description of the stamp.
2. The date of its first printing.
3. The date of its first delivery.
4. Plate numbers.
5. The number of stamps per sheet.
6. The total number of the stamp issued.
7. Such general notes as are of interest.

The above refers especially to the first issue; but the same general arrangement has been retained throughout the entire work, modified or elaborated, of

course, as circumstances seemed to warrant.

In the second and subsequent issues of documentary, proprietary, and the private die stamps, the above information is supplemented by the date of the Approval of the Die by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and, of course, by the number issued on *each kind* of paper.

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As the Society has not undertaken to publish it with an intention of filling its treasury from the proceeds of its sale, we are enabled to announce a price which

will place it within the reach of all, viz.: \$3.00 per copy bound in paper covers.

All subscriptions are payable in advance upon receipt of notification that the work is ready for delivery.

It will be published on or about September 15th and your early subscription is solicited.

SEPTEMBER 21—22—23 are the Convention dates.

A Good Idea, Too.

SOME PAPER, championed by THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, has declared its intention of demanding cash in advance from its advertisers. This is all right, but while in the reform mood, why not deprive the sample copy fiend of his source of profit? He writes a postal requesting that a sample shall be sent him. It costs one cent. At this rate, he can get any monthly at twelve cents a year. This is considerably cheaper than the subscription price of the average paper. Why can not the publishers work together in this matter? It seems to be nothing difficult. Every publisher who received requests for samples, and the applicants failed to subscribe could make a list of such persons. These lists could be compared, and if the same name should be found on five different lists, he should be put down as a "fiend." A small pamphlet could be issued and thus all publishers warned. How about it, brother editors?—*Bay State Philatelist.*

READ the advertisements in this number.

New Rates.

ATTENTION is called to the new combination ad rates of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and *The Stamp Tribune.*

Easy Country For Beginners.

ROMAGNA.

"WHERE is Romagna?" many a young collector has been heard to ask. The haziest ideas as to the locality of this "country" have been held by philatelists well out of their teens. "Thurn and Taxis" is another well known instance of the same uncertainty, for only within the past few years have the great body of stamp collectors learned that the stamps so marked were issued by the princely family of Thurn and Taxis, who for so many years enjoyed the postal monopoly of certain parts of Germany. "Romagna," as a geographical expression, no longer possesses the slightest significance; you may search for it in vain on your maps of Italy. To be strictly accurate we should say "*The Romagna*." As Mr. Westoby tells us in his "*Postage Stamps of Europe*," the Romagna was the name given to the provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Forli, and Ravenna, which before 1859 formed part of the Papal or Pontifical States. On the departure of the Austrian troops from Bologna on 12th June, 1859, a provisional government was at once nominated by the Municipality, and on 6th August following Colonel Cipriani was elected Governor of "*The Romagna*." The stamps then in use in the provinces were those of the Pontifical States (called in some albums and catalogues, "Papal States," "Roman States," or "States of the Church,") but the stock in hand was small, and the post office at Bologna was soon compelled to borrow from other States while measures were being taken to provide temporary stamps. On 30th August, 1859, Colonel Cipriani issued a decree abolishing and declaring invalid all stamps bearing the Pontifical Arms, and announcing that new stamps would

be issued on the following day, with the legend in a frame of "FRANCO BOLLO POSTALE ROMAGNE," and the value in bajocchi in the center. The currency adopted was the same as was then in use in the Pontifical States, 100 bajocchi making 1 scudo, of the value of about 4s 2d English; a bajocchi, being therefore equivalent to one halfpenny.

There are but nine stamps of the Romagna, the values and colours being as follows:

- ½baj., straw-colour.
- 1baj., dark grey.
- 2baj., yellow.
- 3baj., dark green.
- 4baj., russet.
- 5baj., reddish-violet.
- 6baj., yellow-green.
- 8baj., rose.
- 20baj., light blue.

The doubt that once existed as to whether the 6 bajocchi stamp was ever issued has long since been cleared up by the discovery of undoubtedly genuine copies, used, on the original envelopes.

At various times the philatelic market has been flooded with so called "reprints" of these stamps; but for the most part these reprints are to all intents and purposes mere imitations, made from "doctored" electrotypes by a Hamburg speculator. At an early date I hope to show you how you may easily distinguish between the genuine Romagna and the false.—*Stamps*.

The New Hungarians.

CONTRARY to other reports not all the denominations of the current Hungarian postage stamps have appeared with the new watermark. Several of the values have not even been printed as yet, namely, the 8kr, the 1 and 3 florins, there being a large stock on hand which must first be used up before the new paper will be used in printing these values.—*The Philatelic Monthly*.

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