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CHARLES WARING.

FOR the facts enabling me to present this sketch I am indebted to our esteemed President, to whom I appealed after a succession of futile assaults on Bro. Waring's modesty. That I secured his photo is a stroke of strategy, at which he himself will stand in utter amazement, for—he doesn't possess one himself. However, I'll explain this mystery when Bro. Waring comes to the Convention at Richmond this fall.

Chas. Waring, who has held the office of Superintendent of Sales Department of the S. P. A. for two years, was born in Ireland, one-half a century ago. He completed his education at the Dublin University, where he took high honors, being the Gold Medalist of his year.

He commenced collecting in 1851, and has never laid his collection aside, and at present has some of his "first" stamps in his albums. He accumulated some 16,000 varieties, but deciding that the Earth was too large, he disposed of a good many countries and now devotes himself to the Mother Country and her Colonies, having about 3,000 varieties; though he has, of course, a very fair collection of United States stamps.

He landed at Boston in 1870, Knoxville, Tenn., being his objective point, but on account of the yellow fever scare then prevailing, he remained in New York for a few weeks. On his arrival in

Knoxville he commenced the practice of his profession, Civil Engineering, and during the 29 years he has been located there he surveyed almost every foot of the surrounding country, more especially the Mining and Timber districts. He is better posted as to titles than any other man in his section, for he made it a point, in his younger days, to fill in his spare time taking abstracts, and since then the entire records of several Counties have been destroyed by fire, leaving him with the *only records in existence*.

He has been an active Philatelist for years; is at present member of the S. P. A., A. P. A., S. of P., and T. P. A.

He has declared his intention of attending the Convention in September and anticipates the pleasure of meeting many S. P. A. members with whom he has been in correspondence.

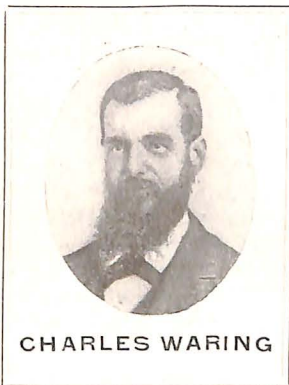
Bro. Fenton writes that he is a jovial crank, fond of a joke and something else at times, and is the

life of a gathering.

He told Bro. Fenton that he had only one photograph taken in his life and as the copies were scattered to the four corners of the Earth hopes I would excuse the absence of the "cut", but my long-distance mental-photography apparatus attended to that.

That there can be no complete Convention without Bro. Waring goes without saying, and I but hope to be as successful in getting *him* here, as I was in the photo case.

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CHARLES WARING



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THIS number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is the first of the announced series of three "Convention Boomers", embracing the months of July, August, and September, and extending over the

two last numbers of Vol. II., and including the initial number of Vol. III., from the press just previous to the grand meet of the "Southern" at Richmond.

Judging from the activity of Philately in the South, the Convention itself requires little booming—it *will be* a success—and it is not to this end that we concluded to issue these special numbers. Our principal aim will be to "boom" *business* for the dealer during a season that is usually "dull".

Our method of accomplishing this effect is simple and sure, and will at once appeal to all concerned.

We have been assured that the pages of our publication contain matter of interest to *all* classes of collectors—as well for him who studies Philately as a science, as for the school-boy who, happy in the possession of his first dime-pocket, stands amazed on the threshold of Philately's new world.

It is this "something-for-all" feature of our publication that has won for it admiring friends, and these three boom numbers will be characterized by the same qualities—will be replete with interesting stamp subjects for all.

With an increased circulation—going to every Southern collector's home, and to many in the North—we are confident of attaining the desired result with our Boom numbers, and invite *you* to share in the advantages.

Food for the Dealer's Thought.

A NEW YORK dealer states that he has received *twice as many* requests for approval selections from the *South* than from *any other part of section of the United States*. Try an ad in the representative stamp magazine of the South. Our three "boom numbers" will convince you. Copy for No. 12 must reach us before July 23rd.

The S. P. A. Souvenir.

WE WOULD again call the attention of dealers and collectors to the valuable Souvenir we purpose issuing in September provided the necessary support is given the project.

An outline-prospectus was printed in the June number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and though we are in receipt of several responses to that call, the number is still insufficient to warrant the undertaking. We therefore repeat the announcement in part, and again solicit correspondence on the subject from all interested:

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. * * * *

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.

Let us hear from *you*.

The Permanent 6c. Ceylon.

OUR Ceylon correspondent sends us copies of the permanent 6c rose and black (Penny Post) for Ceylon, superseding the surcharged 6c on 15c, which has been suppressed. R. 2-25, R. 1-50 and 75c have also appeared.

The Confederate Hand-Stamps.

WE PRINT in this number an interesting article from the pen of Royal Bennett Bradley, entitled "The Local Hand-Stamps of the Confederate States," which will prove of interest to every Southern collector. It matters little what the "authorities" think of these "hand-stamps" to-day, as we feel confident the time is not remote when certain varieties will find their merited recognition.

The compilation of the list of hand-stamps accompanying Mr. Bradley's article is the result of years of labor, and we would request all collectors possessing "hand-stamped" Confederate envelopes from post offices not included in this, to aid us in publishing a supplementary list, in order to make it as complete as possible.

"The Gods give nuts to those who have no teeth to crack them."

THERE IS little doubt that the star of the Confederates is in the ascendant. Every leading philatelic publication to-day contains something pertaining to these interesting stamps. The demand for, and the interest in them is increasing, while the sources of supply are gradually failing. This is no fancy—but a fact.

And just here the question occurs to us: *What are the collectors of the South doing to-day?*

Are they exerting themselves to secure these treasures, to be found nowhere but in their own section; or, are they still in a state of *dolce far niente*, while the hustling stamp-hunter from the North gathers the richest harvest right "from under their very noses"?

Yes, truly, "The Gods give nuts to those who have no teeth to crack them."

A Montgomery Local.

The following interesting item appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly* of June 8.

A correspondent in Maryland writes as follows: "I have just discovered what can safely be called a new local Confederate and I should like your opinion on it. I have an envelope which bears on the left side the plain postmark, Montgomery, Ala., July 21, 1861. In the upper right hand corner is a small stamp in red impressed on the cover; it is circular in shape and reads, Paid 5, Welsh. I have written the postmaster at Montgomery, who says that a Thos. Welsh was postmaster in 1861." The *Weekly* is slow to express an opinion on the authenticity of alleged Confederate locals, even when it has fuller details concerning the stamp, and in the present instance we can only say that the envelope possesses potentialities of some promise. An inspection of the cover might aid in forming an opinion."

Before us lies, at this writing, a fine specimen of the cover referred to. It is part of the magnificent collection of Confederate locals of our friend Mr. R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala.

There are two impressions of this local on the cover; One in the N.-E. corner reads "PAID-5-T. WELSH.;" the other near the center, same design, reads, "PAID-10-T. WELSH." Both are handstamped in red ink. The "PAID 5" stamp is canceled with a crude "quadrille" design handstamp, in red, while the "PAID 10" was left uncanceled. Besides the red cancelation mentioned, the cover bears another postmark, "Montgomery, Ala., Jun. 29, 1861," in black.

We reserve a detailed description of this interesting aspirant, accompanied by an illustration, for a future number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

A History of the Stamps of the Confederate States.

IN THE June number of *The American Journal of Philately* the publishers announce the appearance, in the near future, of a History of the Stamps of the Confederate States of America, prepared by Messrs. H. E. Deats and John N. Luff.

Up to this time the most complete treatment of this subject is from the pen of Maj. Edward B. Evans, of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, and appeared in serial form in the early nineties.

We are eager to read this new history, and trust that thorough research has qualified the authors to settle definitely the many disputed points of previous works.

It is to be regretted that this task was not undertaken by Southern philatelists, whose sympathies in the work would naturally have proved a great stimulus. However, we shall be under a great debt of gratitude to these gentlemen, and it is clearly the duty of all Southern collectors, who may be in possession of facts and data on the subject, to supply the historians with such information.

WILLIAM F. TREGO.

We are grieved to announce that our English correspondent Mr. W. F. Trego, is no more, and our sympathies go out across the sea to his bereaved mother, whose letter conveying the sad news reached us while mailing our June number.

The lingering illness to which he at last succumbed, never once deterred him from preparing his newsy notes, and his letters—always refined and cheerful—never led us to suspect that they were penned on a couch of suffering.

In his death Philately, and especially THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, sustains a painful loss.

Those Who Will Attend.

THE following gentleman have announced their intention of attending the S. P. A. Convention in Richmond, Va., Sept. 21, 22, 23:

H. Fenton, Knoxville, Tenn.
 E. W. Doughty, Augusta, Ga.
 W. J. Craig, Augusta, Ga.
 Jas. L. Long, Hopkinsville, Ky.
 Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.
 Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Tex.
 Royal Bennet Bradley, Hillsboro, Tex.
 F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.
 R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.
 L. P. Head, Union City, Tenn.
 Jno. C. Seibert, Norfolk, Va.
 Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.

Are you coming? By notifying the Editor, at once, you will greatly assist the Entertainment Committee of the V. P. A.

A "Scratch" Back.

IN HIS "Scratchings" in *The Stamp Tribune*, Bro. M. A. Bell is shocked at our enjoying that "bright and witty, but obscene (!) sheet" *The Gallig Gun*, and completely overwhelms us with the title of "'Deacon' Dietz." All of which is not even "funny"; in fact Bro. Bell is entirely off his pedestal. Our tastes do not crave that specific literary food his remarks would infer.

While it is entirely unnecessary for us to champion the character of the *G. G.*, or to refute the charge of "obscenity" entered against it, we doubt seriously whether Bro. Bell is capable of judging in this instance. In fact we go so far as to doubt if he ever read the *G. G.*, or, if he did, that he comprehended what he read.

We are led to this conclusion by his "Scratch."

Anonymous Slander.

PERHAPS the most contemptible creature is the anonymous writer of so-called "personals" in the philatelic press.

He is by nature a coward, and he follows his natural instincts.

He is too craven to write over his name, of which, perhaps, he has just cause to be ashamed, and he would cringe in the dust if confronted by any of those whom he attempts to defame.

To him nothing is sacred. He does not spare even a woman in his vile slander, and we oftentimes wonder if he ever felt the ennobling influence of a refined woman's society. Surely he is of a common clay. If he lived in the South he would be "elevated" or "perforated" after his first offence.

A Warning!

PETERBOROUGH, ONT., 26th May, 1899.
 Editor *Virginia Philatelist*,
 Richmond, Virginia.

SIR:—I wish to warn such of your readers, as are not fortunate enough to see *Stamps* of Rushden, England, regularly (like the V. P., I esteem it highly) against H. Hilckes & Co., L'd., of 64, Cheapside, London, E. C.

On May 10, 1898, over a year ago, I sent them \$21.30 for a supply of new issue N. Z., but since that date I have failed to elicit a reply or explanation of any kind from them.

Since the exposure in March "*Stamps*" of their questionable business methods, I have received a score of letters from other unfortunates, who have been defrauded by this firm. One man writing from Cardiff says Hilckes is an unmitigated scoundrel, and I am afraid he is right, and that all your readers will govern themselves accordingly.

Faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL.



The New 5c Newfoundland.

UNDER date of June 16th, our correspondent in St. John's, Newfoundland, sends us the new 5c stamp placed on sale that day.

Arriving just as we go to press, it is impossible to present an illustration in this number.

The design of this new 5c stamp is similar to the other values of the set, printed in blue, and bears the likeness of the Duke of York.

It is a very attractive stamp.

A Third Die—Die C.

The Metropolitan prints the following chronicle in its issue of June 10th.

UNITED STATES.—A third die of the new 2c envelope has turned up. It differs from die B in having no band of ribbon around the queue. The variety is very marked, the flowing lines of hair being clear and distinct the entire length of the neck. It has been seen on white, amber and oriental buff.

2 cents, carmine on white, Die C.

2 " " " amber, Die C.

2 " " " oriental buff, Die C.

The New 4c Envelope.

THE DIE for the new 4c envelope has been finished and an order given to have a supply printed. As no satisfactory design has been furnished of Gen. Grant, no progress has been made on the die for the 5c envelope.—*Metropolitan*.

WHATEVER may be said against them, the new Virgin Islands set is a beautiful one, both in design and color.

A Warning.

A STAMP-DEALER, calling himself Jean Coumenos, advertised largely in philatelic papers last year, stating that his house was founded in 1880. Complaints about this Athens firm poured in upon the editors of the papers that had printed the wily Greek's ads. and investigations followed. It then became known, that Jean Coumenos was a minor, born in 1880 and the proud Greek stated in court, that he had a perfect right to say that his house was founded then, for he thought of becoming the founder of a great family! He escaped with a fine, being a minor, and has since changed his name to Yanni Kumeno, and his residence to Alexandria, Egypt. Beware of cheap offers from that quarter!—*Phil. Monthly and World*.

New Stamps for Mexico and Argentina

The Philatelic Monthly and World prints the following interesting information:

The Mexicans are no longer satisfied with the inartistic appearance of their present issue of postage stamps and, it is said, they are contemplating the early issuing of a new, handsome series. This has been ordered from England, and is announced to appear in July of this year. The designs are to be the handsomest shown in any country of late years.

The Argentine Republic is getting ready to issue its new series of postage stamps, envelopes, postal cards, etc. The new series will show a female figure (allegorical of the Republic) sitting somewhat on the style of the large Barbados stamps and the entires will have armorial bearings, instead of portraits of prominent men as heretofore.

BRO. LEEV has just cause to be proud of No. 6 of *The Stamp Tribune*.

Colonial Stamp News.

PORTO RICO.

A SUPPLY of stamped envelopes and wrappers has been surcharged for use in Porto Rico with the words immediately under the stamp, and shipped to the island, namely :

5,000 1c green, wrappers.
100,000 2c red, No. 5 on white.
10,000 5c blue, No. 5 on white.

CUBA.

IT HAS been my privilege to see sample specimens of the new Cuban envelopes showing the portrait of Columbus, and now in the hands of the Third Assistant. They present a very creditable appearance and are fairly executed, though they can hardly be considered as coming up to the standard of our own issue. Yet opinions seem to differ on this point. The head of Columbus is at places a little too pointed and would have looked better if more rounded.

All three denominations are very similar, but the 1c differs slightly in the bust from the other two. The ovals are a little narrower than our own issue, and the color of the 2c is more of a dark red, but this may be only in the sample specimens, as other ink may be used when printing the regular supply.

At the top of the oval appears the word Cuba, at the bottom Un Centavo, Dos or Cinque Centavos, preceded and followed by numerals. The background is colored, while the head is embossed. Between the numerals and Cuba are two dots and a trefoil.

The department has notified the Director of Posts that orders can now be filled at any time.

Likewise the plates of the Cuban stamps are said to have been completed and the Bureau has called on the Department for an order for the stamps. It is believed that these Cubans will be num-

bered in with the regular U. S. to avoid keeping a separate set of books. This can but add interest to our issues in this line.—J. M. BARTELS, in *Metropolitan*.

THE new 10c Special Delivery for Cuba will be about the same size as the one used in this country. It will have in the center a circle, in which is a special delivery messenger boy on a bicycle; the words "Diez Centavos" on either side, together with palm branches and two ornamental tablets containing the number as "10." At the top of the stamp will be the name "Cuba" and at the bottom Spanish words indicating that a letter bearing the stamp will be delivered immediately on its arrival at the post office of destination. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing have been directed to engrave plates and print the stamps without delay. The color of the stamp will be orange.—*Era*.

AN order for the regular issue of Cuban envelopes from the new dies has been received at the Department. It was approved the 12th instant and the following supply will be prepared and shipped as soon as possible. All envelopes are No. 5; half the supply will be on white paper and half on amber, while the wrappers will be on manila paper.

150,000 1 cent.
100,000 2 cents.
100,000 5 cents.
150,000 1 cent wrappers.
100,000 2 cents wrappers.

In the same manner an order has been received for adhesives for Cuba from the new dies, as follows :

3,000,000 1 cent.
6,000,000 2 cents.
2,000,000 3 cents.
2,000,000 5 cents.
600,000 10 cents.
100,000 10 cents Spec. Del.

This order will probably be approved at an early date.—*Metropolitan*.

The Local Hand-Stamps of the Confederate States.

BY ROY B. BRADLEY.

TO my mind there are no stamps of more interest to the philatelic student than the issues of the ill-fated Confederate States of America, the name assumed by the seceding Southern States in 1861, maintaining their separation by the civil war, and maintaining for four years, with great heroism, but not with ultimate success, their attempt at separation.

Brought into existence in the midst of confusion, and under the circumstances, I repeat that there are no postal emissions of more philatelic interest from all standpoints—historic, philatelic—all.

A great deal of interest has been aroused in the stamps of the Confederate States within the past few months, chiefly due to the efforts of the *Lone Star* and VIRGINIA PHILATELISTS. The notes from Postmaster General Reagan's reports to President Davis have brought out many facts heretofore unknown, and which bring into use much very interesting testimony on the postal affairs, and more especially in relation to the payment of postage during the year '61, and the remaining years, as for that matter.

By virtue of an act of the Confederate Congress, Mr. Reagan issued a proclamation (on May 13, '61) stating that he would assume charge of the postal service of the Confederate States. The report states that the first delivery of stamps occurred on October 15th, 1861, and from the former to the latter date the postal requirements of the Confederate States were met by the issuance of local stamps and stamped envelopes by individual postmasters. These "stamped envelopes" include what is known as "hand-stamps," which I am about to treat.

These envelopes are of many different designs, and the generally accepted dividing line between "hand-stamps" and "stamped envelopes" is the manner in which they were used; the stamped envelopes being sold in the regular manner, and the hand-stamp being applied after being deposited in the mails. I have a number of hand-stamps before me as I write, and find the dates on them ranging from the earliest one, a Mobile 5c, dated June 2, 1861, to Jan. 2, 1862, and even later, as some of the smaller offices had great difficulties in receiving their regular supplies.

I give below the chapter entitled "Payment of Postage," which is taken from the report of Postmaster General Reagan, dated Nov. 27, 1861:

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE.

"Capital is always timid in times of war and commercial depression like the present. And this, with the suspension of specie payment by all the banks, and the fact that corporations and individuals have issued and put in circulation, in many parts of the country, small notes which are substituted for specie as change, has caused the coin of the country to disappear, to a great extent, from circulation. This renders the payment of postage difficult in the absence of stamps, embarrassing the people, and necessarily reducing the revenues of the Department. In view of this, and of the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient supply of postage stamps for the present, I recommend that Congress extend the provisions of the act "to require the receipt by the postmasters of the Confederate States of Treasury notes, in sums of five dollars and upwards in payment of postage stamps or stamped envelopes," approved the 30th of August last, so as to make the Treasury notes receivable in sums of five dollars, or of amounts equal to other denominations of Treasury notes, for postage. It is necessary to limit the receipt of Treasury notes to amounts corresponding with their several denominations, and to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these notes may be used, as it cannot be expected that postmasters should furnish coin in change for them, on account of its scarcity, and it would be wholly inadmissible to allow them to receive and use the small notes, issued by corporations and individuals, for change, partly on account of the general worthlessness of such notes and the facility for counter-

feiting them, and partly because whatever value they have is usually limited to some small locality which renders them wholly unfit for use as a Confederate currency.

The following comments are from the pen of H. G. Askew, who has been making public much matter of great interest to the student of Confederate stamps, and whose work has been highly commended in both American and European journals. He says, in commenting on the above chapter :

A careful perusal of the foregoing will disclose the following condition of affairs which prevailed in the Confederate States in 1861, after the war had commenced: The banks had suspended specie payments, and the money which was in the country chiefly consisted of (Confederate) Treasury notes of which the smallest denomination was at that time five dollars, and "small notes" (the writer remembers them well under the name of shiplasters) for amounts less than five dollars, which were issued by corporations and individuals, and which entirely took the place of the silver coins which had disappeared from circulation. Now it must be remembered that up to November, 1861, the Confederate Government had only been able to procure a very limited supply of postage stamps, and that limited supply had only been placed on sale at a very few points. In the greater portion of the Confederacy, the situation was simply this when a citizen had written a letter and wished to mail it: He had no gold nor silver, neither had the postmaster. He had probably never seen an unused Confederate postage stamp—ditto the postmaster. He had in his pocket book some Confederate Treasury notes of denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars. If well to do, he probably also had some of the denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500. He undoubtedly had a greater or less supply of shiplasters issued on the private responsibility of sundry mercantile firms and enterprising individuals in his immediate locality. These ranged in denominations about the same as the silver coins that had disappeared, viz: 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. But their "range" of circulation was very much circumscribed. In an adjoining county other and different shiplasters were seen, and so on all over the Confederacy.

But to return to our Confederate citizen with his letter to mail. He hands it to the postmaster with a ten cent shiplaster. The postmaster tells him that he cannot take that kind of money because the government will not receive it from him. The citizen then lays down a five dollar Treasury note, and asks that \$1.90 in change be given him in silver. This the postmaster is un-

able to do because everybody has long since ceased paying him any silver for postage. Citizen then says that he expects to have more letters to mail in the future and that if the postmaster will hand him \$1.90 in postage stamps, it will answer his purpose. The postmaster cannot do this either, because he has not been furnished by his government with stamps. But an idea strikes him. He says to the Citizen, hand me the five dollar bill and I will mark your letter paid. I will also mark in the same manner forty-nine envelopes, (or maybe two or three less to compensate for the value of the blank envelopes), and you can take them home with you and whenever you have written a letter put it into one of them, address it, and drop it into my letter box, and there will be no more of this bother while you have one of these envelopes left. There you have the origin of the Confederate local envelope. General Reagan distinctly says that it was necessary "to leave it to the postmasters and persons paying postage to arrange between themselves the manner in which these (Treasury) notes may be used." The most natural and convenient arrangement was the one I have endeavored to picture.

The writer was in the Confederacy during the whole four years of its existence, and was fifteen years of age when his state (Texas) seceded, therefore was old enough to observe and remember—and does remember—the practically complete disappearance of silver change from circulation. He knows that it would have been almost absolutely impossible for a person to pay the postage on a single letter at a Confederate postoffice prior to their having been supplied with postage stamps. I am firmly of the opinion that the greater portion of postage paid in 1861, was under such an arrangement as I have described, and that the reason Confederate locals do not exist now in large numbers is because of the great destruction resulting from a war which was maintained to the last ditch, and until almost the whole of the South had been devastated by troops, some of whose commanders boasted of not leaving undestroyed even a crow's rations.

The foregoing comments will explain much better than I could possibly do, the manner and methods in which the local hand-stamps and stamped envelopes were used. All information received on these interesting issues goes to prove their status in many instances as that of regular stamped envelopes.

In order to show the possibilities of varieties of these interesting hand-stamps, or whatever you may call them,

I list below those I have seen or have had reported to me. Of course the list is very far from being complete, and only records a small number of those that probably exist, but possibly in the future some one will compile a list of these hand-stamps for our benefit.

LIST OF HAND-STAMPS.

Austin, Tex., 5c black. Austin, Tex., 10c black. Albany, Ga., 5c black. Atlanta, Ga., 5c black. Atlanta, Ga., 10c black. Aberdeen, Miss., 5c black.

Bamburg, Ga., 5c black. Baton Rouge, La., 5c black. Beaufort, N. C., 5c black.

Canton, Miss., 5c black. (There are four different designs used on the Canton hand-stamp.) Charleston, S. C., 5c black. Charleston, S. C., 10c black. (There are several varieties of these.) Columbia, S. C., 5c black. Columbia, S. C., 5c blue. Columbia, S. C., 10c black. Columbia, S. C., 10c blue. Charlotte, N. C., 5c black. Christianburg, N. C., 5c blue. Christianburg, N. C., 10c blue. Columbus, Ga., 5c blue.

Darlington, Ga., 5c blue.

Emory, Va., 5c blue.

Flat Rock, S. C., 5c black.

Galveston, Tex., 5c black. Grove Hill, Ala., 5c black. Greensboro, Ala., 5c black.

Houston, Texas, 10c red. Huntsville, Ala., 5c blue.

Lynchburg, Va., 10c black. Lexington, Ga., 5c black.

Montgomery, Ala., 5c red. Montgomery, Ala., 5c blue. Montgomery, Ala., 10c red. Mobile, Ala., 5c black. Murfreesboro, Tenn., 5c black.

Ninety-Six, S. C., 5c black. Norfolk, Va., 5c blue.

Petersburg, Va., 5c greenish blue. Petersburg, Va., 5c blue. Patocalica, Ga., 5c blue.

Raleigh, N. C., 5c red. Raleigh, N. C., 10c red. Rock Hill, Va., 5c black. Ringgold, Ga., 5c black. Richmond, Va., 5c black.

Salem, Ala., 5c blue. San Antonio, Texas, 10c black.

*Talbott, Ala., 5c black. Thomasville, Tenn. (?) 5c black. Talladega, Ala., 5c black.

Winsboro, Tex., 5c black. Winchester, Va., 5c black.

Yorktown, Va., 5c black.

[*Mr. J. A. Stallings, of Nichols, Ga., sends us a specimen from a city of the same name in Georgia. The one before us is stamped "TAL-BOTTOM GA.—PAID 5" black.—EDITOR.]

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The Postage Stamps of Japan.

LACUS VIRIDIS.

VIII.

ISSUE 1896.



A22

SCOTT
TYPE
A23

Upright rectangle containing an oval for the 2 sen with portrait of Prince Kitashirakawa; around the oval at the top the usual Japanese inscription, below IMPERIAL, JAPANESE POST, 2 and S^{en} at the sides, Japanese value below, ornaments in the corners; for the 5 sen a circle containing the same portrait, the same inscriptions above and below, but the Japanese value in the upper corners and 5 and S^{en} in the lower corners; *taille douce* engraving, white paper, perforated 11½.

87. 2 sen rose.

88. 5 sen violet.

SCOTT
TYPE
A24

The same designs, but portrait of Prince Arizugawa; same impressions, paper and perforation.

89. 2 sen rose.

90. 5 sen violet.

These seem to occur with perforation 11½ only.

Japanese stamps occur sometimes in unused condition with the surcharge in Japanese characters shown here:

(Mi-hon, specimen). It occurs in two sizes of type.

Of late years another kind of letters has been employed, the surcharge reading the same as before: this surcharge indicates stamps sent to the postmasters as specimens of new issues or exchanged with other countries and the Cen-



A25

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tral Bureau of the Universal Postal Union.

Japanese stamps have been canceled in various manners. In the earlier issues they are often canceled with brush or red pencil; then we find heavy circles with a few characters in them, two concentric circles with smaller inscriptions in both, square and rectangular postmarks with the name of the office, black daubs with single letters left blank, hollow crosses, hollow circles and ovals, single circles with inscriptions in English, single circles divided horizontally by a thin line with Japanese inscriptions above and below; these latter two the most common at the present time. A



very common cancellation is the one shown here (of course the characters differ for each office), having no inscription in the center.

This is no postmark at all, but a telegraphic cancellation. From May 1885 to March 1888 Japan employed special telegraph stamps; before that date and since then the fees on telegrams are paid by *postage* stamps (similarly as in Spain) which are canceled as above shown. Some stamps are very common with this mark, but quite scarce used postally.

ADDENDA.

VARIOUS Japanese stamps of the later issues are found with this cancellation:

FUSO-KEN SEN



FUSO-KEN SEN



This cancellation corresponds to the

DUE or T mark applied in various other countries to indicate postage due. Japan has no "unpaid" stamps; on letters insufficiently prepaid the necessary stamps are affixed and canceled with this mark to serve as vouchers at the delivering office. The characters at the left read "fuso-ken;" those in the smaller compartment "sen," a small space being left for the insertion of the respective amount with ink, which, however, is seldom done.

The End.

Columbians Destroyed.

AN IMPORTANT decision, and one which will be hailed with joy, has just been reached at the Post Office Department. It is one of interest to thousands of collectors and speculators throughout the world. Some time ago we reported having had extended conversations with the officials in regard to securing better perforations on our present issues and also urging the destruction of all high value Columbians which have been at this office for the past few years. It is well known that the 6c, \$3, \$4 and \$5 have been on sale here since 1893. On Monday last the order was sent to the Post Office to return to the Department all old stock of Columbians which will be immediately destroyed. The stock consists of the following quantities:

48,400 6c	3,357 \$4
2,937 \$3	4,506 \$5

These figures show that since October 1, 1896, this office disposed of 65 \$3, 80 \$4 and 75 \$5 Columbians. At the same rate there would still have been a supply on hand in the year 2000.—J. M. BARTELS in *The Metropolitan*.

SEE THAT *your* ad appears in Nos. 12 and 1, Vol. III. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. It will pay *you*.



New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

STILL business is good,—no words more expressive can describe the present tone of the stamp market. From reports in various stamp papers the business seems to be good in all parts of the country. This certainly must be true, for, if there was any depression, this city would be the first to feel it. One dealer tells me, that he has received twice as many requests for approval selections from the South, than from any other part or section of the United States. This speaks admirably for the Philatelic Scientists below the "Mason's and Dixon's Line." The cause of this revival amongst an heretofore neglected field is truly surprising, even taking into consideration that the South is now represented by three live monthlies. The organization of local and State societies is encouraging and shows that the stability of Philately in the South cannot easily be shaken.

Turning to matters more locally (although I presume less interesting) I must admit, news is surprisingly scarce. The arrest of a couple of young men for dealing in washed revenue stamps caused some talk among the dealers. The swindlers had in their possession about \$6,000 worth of the stamps in question. It is said that the Department is devising some scheme or patent, whereby it would be impossible to again use revenue stamps after once being canceled, that is, to prevent the stamps from being soaked off a document without destroying them. One suggestion was made to compel users of these stamps to cancel them with an instrument something on

the style of a check punch—which is used to a considerable extent to protect against forgery in check raising. The punch suggested is to cut the stamp in such a manner that when it is soaked from the paper, it will fall into many small pieces, useless for any purpose. If this punch should be adopted within a month, it is reasonably sure that it will be hardly possible to procure the new \$100, \$500, \$1,000 stamps in *fine* canceled, unless someone should defy the Government and cancel the stamps with pen and ink or rubber type. The low prices now asked for the five, ten and fifty dollar stamps, would certainly show an early advance if such a law should be enacted.

I note that the Southern Philatelic Association will convene on Sept. 21, 22, and 23, and to all appearances the attendance will be large. The only meet in this city this year will be that of the Empire State Philatelic Society, in August, and from the present outlook, attendance will also be large. Meetings will be held in the evening, in order to allow members employed during the day-time a chance to attend in person.

The continuation of the article, on the stamps of the Confederate States of America was continued in the June issue of *The American Journal of Philately*. Among the new envelopes and adhesives I note the following: Hand-stamped envelopes from Lexington, Miss.; Raleigh, N. C.; Salisbury, N. C.; Selma, Ala., and Statesville, N. C. Adhesives from Bridgeville, Ala.; New Smyrna, Fla., and Salem, Va. The following excerpts are interesting to would-be variety discoverers. At different times a variety of hand stamps have been chronicled as provisional stamped envelopes. The best authorities are now agreed that the following are only post-marks: Canton, Miss.; Christiansburg, Va.; Greensborough, Ga.; Huntsville,

Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Ringgold, Ga.; Savannah, Ga.; The Plains, Va., and a number of others." "The so-called stamp of Madison, Fla., is not a stamp at all, but merely a form of receipt issued by the postmaster."

Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN-EATER.

Stamp news at the "Hub" is at present a very scarce article. The stamp auctions have now closed for the season. B. L. Drew's last sale occurred May 31st, and as a whole brought very good results. In many cases unused recent issues in sets, brought more than they can be bought for from dealers. U. S. 1869, 90c perfectly centered brought \$9.25; 90c, 1861 used, fine, sold for \$2.10; set of newspaper stamps, 1899 reprints went for \$4.62; 1c playing cards, imperf. narrow margins, brought \$6.75, which was a good price considering condition; \$1.00 Mortgage, perf. sold for \$2.15; \$200 perf. superb sold for \$14.00; \$1.60 second issue, sold for \$9.50; a set of cardboard proofs, 211 var., perfect condition, brought \$37.50; Hawaii Prov. Govt., \$1.00 o. g. fine, brought \$1.50; official set, canceled, sold for \$1.56; Newfoundland, surcharge 1 on 3c unused, sold for 62c; same stamp on original cover brought 50c.

Many of our local dealers sent their entire stock of three-cent Canada envelopes to Ottawa to be surcharged; they are now sorry they did not lay aside a few, as the price of the unsurcharged has advanced on account of the limited number on hand.

A recent importation of Falkland Island stamps showed a different shade of colors from the former issue, it being most noticeable in the 1d stamp, which one might justly call a claret. It is now rumored that the new 5c Newfoundland

stamp (blue) will probably be put on sale in a few weeks. It was first promised last Christmas.

The two new stamps of Peru, the 5 and 10 sols, arrived on mail matter the latter part of last month. The 2c in the new color (vermilion) is becoming quite common, being offered here by the hundred.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., sailed for Europe on June 3rd, on a two months' business trip for the firm. He was accompanied by Mr. F. J. Laurie of Worcester, (Mass.)

Tasmania is about to follow the example set by New Zealand, in issuing a pictorial set of stamps.

The lower values will conform with the colors of the U. P. U. requirements.

Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

A SHORT time ago I wrote to a gentleman living in Iowa, and desiring a reply enclosed two cents for return postage. Not having any U. S. stamps at the time I sent him Canadians, never dreaming but that he would of course either get them exchanged or use what he had. In due time the answer arrived, and the envelope bore the Canadian stamps that I had sent him. I was greatly surprised at the fact that the letter had come through at all, and strange to say, when it did come through, there was no "postage due" on it. The letter in question was written by the postmaster in the town I refer to, which probably had something to do with it. Several years ago I received a letter from the U. S. bearing a one-cent Canadian stamp and a one-cent U. S. stamp; but there was two cents due on it. Queer instances are brought before our notice occasionally, and I think this might rightly be called one of them.

The above item reminds me of something else which runs a little along these lines. I received a postal card from a gentleman in a certain Canadian town who, instead of using a regular Canadian, took an unused American card and put a one-cent Canadian stamp on the face of it. I had to pay four cents "postage due" on it, and upon making inquiries of the postmaster as to the reason of this, he stated that the postal laws were very strict in such cases. I believe, though, that this law has since been amended, and that had the above mentioned card been sent today it would have carried all right.

Mr. W. A. Nicholson, a St. Catharines collector, has in his possession quite a novelty. It is a postal card mailed to him by another of our local stamp men, Mr. Jas. F. Irwin, on September 24th, 1897, and just reached him on June 2nd, having been nearly two years going through our local office. What could have delayed it so long is indeed a mystery.

What at one time bid fair to become one of Canada's foremost philatelic magazines has gone the way of the inevitable. The *Weekly Stamp Reporter* has joined hands with the *Philatelic Advocate*, and Mr. Bradley will now look to other realms for greater glory than can be obtained in philatelic publishing.

Another supply of 6-cent "numeral" issue has been received at the Post Office here. Quite a number of the 2 cent Imperial stamps are also on hand.

Ottawa reports say that the last of the ½c maple leaf stamps have been issued from the Department.

Again the news comes from Manitoba that a philatelic monthly will shortly make its *debut* from these regions. I trust that it will amount to something, for a good paper is needed in that locality.

TRY an ad next month.

VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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

Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

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

RICHMOND, VA., *June 10, 1899.*
To the Members of the V. P. A.:

The twenty-third monthly meeting of our Association was called to order by Mr. Thos. Christian, in the absence of the President, who was detained by business from being present.

In the absence of the Secretary, who was also detained by business, Mr. Dietz assumed his duties for the evening.

After the routine business had been disposed of a general discussion on the preparations for the Convention was indulged in, especially the preparation of a program covering the Convention days. In this matter the V. P. A. will be governed by the actions of the "Southern;" but as soon as the regular routine business of that body is disposed of the V. P. A. intends taking the delegates and visitors in charge.

"Further your deponent sayeth not."

WILLIAM F. AHERN, Secretary.
 per DIETZ.

"Scott, Not Schott."

"RICHMOND'S only Stamp Dealer" recently received a want list from a collector in the North enumerating nearly every rare Continental stamp in the catalogue. As Mr. Schott is specializing in Revenues at present he returned the want list with this laconic advice: "It's Scott, not Schott, you want."

CONVENTION-BOOM prices in the ads of this number.

Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Vice-President.—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.
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 Int'l. Secretary—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
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Vice-President's Address.

To the Members of the "Southern."

FELLOW-BEINGS—NATIVES:

Since the unmerited distinction of Grand-Vizier was conferred upon me by the only Association in these Expanding United States, I have contented myself with a few rhapsodies on the editorial pages of this, our official hand-organ, and, with the proverbial timidity of a ward politician, have been little in evidence otherwheres—for all of which you are undoubtedly, duly grateful.

But I feel it my duty (Germans would say, "verdammte Pflicht und Schuldigkeit"), in view of the approaching Convention of our Association in this city, to turn an official somersault.

I was grilled all over to note in the Secretary's report for June, an all-too-long list of members suspended for delinquency. My perforations ache at this, for I am confident the cause was mere forgetfulness in every instance. I would urge these brethren, singly and collectively, to advance in order, without crowding the Secretary, and deposit the amount of their indebtedness, whereupon we will chant "wash me and I shall be" and so on. Memento mori, and the subsequent gratis pyrotechnical display.

The "Southern" cannot afford, and does not intend to lose a single one of her old members I hope to meet each and every one in our beautiful city this fall; I desire to see this meet as pleasant as a warm, fraternal, Southern welcome can make it; and then, when I come down from my lofty perch to the ranks again, I would know the "Southern" the most prosperous Philatelic Association in America!

In conclusion, I would counsel you to discourage the growing fad of collecting perforations and watermarks minus the stamps.

Faternally, A. G. DIETZ, V. P.

Erupted spasmodically, at Richmond, in the year of our Newspaper and Periodical misery, 1899,

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 175 Tucker, Ralph W., Box 3276, Boston, Mass.
 176 Doak, R. L., Pearl, Ohio.
 177 Rabbitt, J. B., Moolton, Punjab, India.
 178 Witt, Wm., 218 N. 21st-st., Birmingham, Ala.
 179 Butler, G. M., Golden, Colo.
 180 R. A. Peterson, Ruthven, Iowa.
 181 Lamb, Wm. B., 409 E. Cary-st., Richmond, Va.
 182 Hartung, Geo. C., 1629 Barry-ave., Chicago, Ill.

APPLICATIONS.

- *Williams, G. M., Arlington-ave., Birmingham, Ala. Agent. Refs., R. S. Nelson, W. C. Lowry, R. B. Bradley.
 *Orr, C. P., 2009 1st-ave., Birmingham, Ala. Age 40, R. R. Agent. Refs., R. S. Nelson, W. C. Lowry, R. B. Bradley.
 *Petree, S. J., Russellville, Ala. Age 30, Clerk. Refs., R. S. Nelson, H. C. Kennard, W. C. Lowry
 *Hall, W. Kelsey, Box 443, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Age 31, Stamp Broker. Member Collector's Club, A. P. A., Chicago P. Society, P. S. of A., D. P. A. and Fiscal Collectors Club. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *John J. Bunce, Box 32, Richmond, Va. Age 23, Clerk. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 *Carter, Geo. J., 265 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, N. Y. Age 36. Member A. P. A. Refs., F. Stearns Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.
 Stowell, J. W., Federalsburg, Md. Age 30, Printer and Publisher. Refs., Aug. Dietz, F. Stearns, W. C. Lowry.
 *Pistorius, Ferdinand, 1137 W. 10th-ave., Denver, Colo. Age 37, Bookkeeper. Refs., Chas. A. Nash, Martin Albertson, Denver, Colo., F. Stearns.

(Those marked * desire to participate in Exchange Department.)

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- R. B. Bradley from Waco to Hillsboro, Texas.
 C. Bergholz from San Antonio, Tex., to Onalaska, Ark.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

- L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

Respectfully,

W. C. LOWRY, SEC.-TREAS.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$25.32
Received from members.....	2.45

Total.....\$27.77

Respectfully, W. C. LOWRY, Sec.-Treas.

Report of Sales Superintendent.

On hand last report 85 books.....	\$129.02
Received since 27 books.....	663.63
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	192.65
Retired 32 books.....	380.43
(From which have been sold \$103.10)	
Now in circulation 80 books.....	152.31
Insurance fund \$45.31.	CHAS. WARING.

Committee's Report.**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.**

Your Committee on Constitution beg to submit the following changes in the Constitution of the Southern Philatelic Association :

- Art. 1. Name. (No Change.)
 " 2. Objects. "
 " 3. Membership.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 " 2. "
 " 3. "
 Art. 4. Meetings.
 Sec. 1. Change "next month prior to" to "second month prior to."
 Sec. 2. (No Change.)
 " 3. "
 " 4. "
 Art. 5. Officers.
 Sec. 1. Add Librarian and create the office of Exchange Superintendent to create an exchange like Mekeel concern, with a fee of ten per cent for time and trouble.
 Art. 6. Duties of Officers.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 " 2. "
 " 3. "
 " 4. "
 " 5. "
 " 6. "
 " 7. "
 " 8. "
 Add section nine to provide for the duties of Exchange Superintendent.
 Art. 7. Selections.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 " 2. "
 " 3. Change "thirty days" to "sixty days."
 Art. 8. Property.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 Art. 9. Amendments.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 Art. 10. Official Journal.
 Sec. 1. (No Change.)
 Respectfully,
 ROY B. BRADLEY, Chairman,
 WM. S. AHERN,
 AUG. DIETZ, Committee.

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,
 1616 Madison-ave., N. Y. City.

Enthusiasm Rampant.

Mr. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will present complete files of The Porficator 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.

READ Wendelin Weber's ad in this number. He is booming trade as THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is booming the grand S. P. A. Convention and Exhibition of Confederate Stamps.

The Allegheny Philatelist for May appeared without an editorial page. Unique number, indeed.



BY JOHN PAALZOW.

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

Our Review closed June 22nd.

The following have been received:

	Vol. No.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	4. 6.
Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts,	2. 5.
Evergreen State Phil. Hartland, Wash.	11. 64.
Weekly Phil. Era, Portland, Me.,	13. 38.
Herald Exchange, New York, N. Y.,	6. 4.
Lone Star State Phil., Hillsboro, Texas,	7. 9-10.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13. 20-25.
New York Philatelist, New York	6. 3.
Perforator, Reading, Pa.,	3. 3.
Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Nebraska,	9. 2.
Stamp Exchange, Boston, Mass.	1. 2.
Stampic America, Chicago, Ill.,	1. 5.
Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tenn.	1. 6.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Mo.	2. 1.
FROM CANADA.	
Canadian Phil. Review, Berlin, Ont.	5. 1.
Energy, Berlin, Ont.,	1. 1.
FROM ABROAD.	
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3. 5.
Phil. Record and Stamp News, London, England,	21. 4.
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Salisbury, England,	9. 101.
General Anzeiger für Philatelie, Hemera/w. Germany,	17. 309-310.
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In *The Allegheny Philatelist* the "Value of Philatelic Exhibitions" is commented upon by Phil A Telist and he makes a good plea for the cause. No doubt, if the course he outlines in regard to exhibits of stamps at State or County fairs was followed many who now laugh at the collector would change their opinion very much and good results for Philately would follow.

Forged Stamps and Frauds speaks of the forged 15 centimes stamp of France

and also of the forgeries of the four Moldavian stamps of 1858. New Issues is as usual one of the leading features of the *A. P.* Mr. Purvis gives his idea of when the stamp collector's millennium will come and Mr. Chapman has his "Hartford Letter." St. Louis and Canada Notes and Comments fill the balance of this number.

The *Bay State Philatelist* completes with the present number the first year of its existence and it is proud of its record of never having missed mailing its edition on or before its date of issue. It presents the likeness and biographical sketch of W. Russell Brown, the Sec'y-Treas. of the Bay State Philatelic Association. Editorials, Notes from many places and the Review fill its pages. We hope the *Bay State Philatelist* will be with us for years to come.

For the next two months we will have to do without the *Evergreen State Philatelist* for Bro. French will take a much needed rest. Veritas pays his respects to the "New Reprint Theory" as advocated by "Father Scott." From the way in which in days not so very long ago, reprints were sold as originals in N. Y. it might appear as very convenient to not consider anything a "reprint," as long as it was reproduced from the "original" plates but how about those thousands of sets of Heligolands for instance that were sold to young collectors? If memory serves us right they did not even come from the original plates, and there are others in the same list.

With the exception of a few editorial notes and a few "Whispers" the balance of the paper is made up of advertisements.

The Herald Exchange continues its crusade against Frauds and Swindlers, a number of them receiving the free

advertising they deserve. Miss Swift's "Rise of the Postal Card" is a plea for the collecting of this rather neglected branch of Philately, still it, as well as the collecting of entire envelopes, is steadily on the increase and as Miss Swift says a great many collectors save all that come their way, and in time to come will not regret the trouble they took to care for them. Notes from different points, editorials, Some Pertinent Paragraphs by Mr. Chapman and a page of translations into German make up the rest of the paper.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* of June 17, has the following letter:

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Two numbers of *The Lone Star State Philatelist* are before us. April and May both being issued from Mr. Bradley's new home in Hillsboro, Texas. The April number gives the illustration of the newly discovered Franklin local. From a most competent source comes Notes on Reprints, Cancellations and Forgeries of French Colonial Stamps. Portraits of Mess. Askew and Lowry adorn this number. Miss Swift reviews Current Literature. The May number contains the report of the proceedings of the Third Annual Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association which naturally takes up a good part of the paper, leaving only room for some editorials and Miss Swift's review.

In *The New York Philatelist* Mr. Wm. M. Verbeck speaks of the "Stampic Revival" and cites many instances which give indications that the interest in stamp collecting is constantly growing. Speaking of personal experience he mentions the fact that "one old gentleman informed me the other day that he had two postage stamps that were 'over 150 years old' which he would bring to me next time he 'came to town.'" For Mr. V's sake we hope that they will not turn out to be of the lately discovered British Guiana order. In notes from England a warning is given against a very dangerous forgery of the 1fr orange of the First Republic of France. Scott quotes this stamp unused at \$75.00 and used \$40.00 so it is not likely many of them will float around on the average approval sheet. Mr. Chapman gives the news "Concerning Late Issues." Easy Country for Beginners "Romagna" is reprinted from *Stamps* of Rushden, Eng. In the editorial department Mr. Herbst gives a few instances of the amount of "gall" or "cheek" some people possess and how they use it to make the philatelic publisher happy.

The Perforator under its new management has the picture and biography of James L. Long, a Kentucky collector. In "From Woman's Standpoint" the Gossip mentions the unique collection of postal cards belonging to the Duchess of York. She also mentions a variety of the 20pf^g Wurtemberg stamp and calls attention to the different types of Cape of Good Hope. The gossip is to all intents a close observer and student of her stamps. We think that she had better make her peace with the *Montreal Philatelist* for if Jean Baptiste Kanuck should get after her she would have to be swift indeed to escape. Editorials and enough Canadian Notes to fill a paper hailing from that section make up the rest of the paper.

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The *Philatelic West and Camera News* goes its contemporaries one better and instead of one, gives the pictures and write ups of two stamp collectors and dealers. From "Pick ups" we take the following: If supply and demand and the scarcity of a stamp has anything to do with its value then the \$2.00 blue current postage is a very rare stamp. The writer tried to buy a used copy last month at full catalogue value and twenty-five leading dealers replied: "None in stock." Now the question arises, what becomes of all the used copies of this stamp. Someone must be buying them up. Postal Cards by A. Eugene Michel goes to show that the collecting of entires, both cards and envelopes, is greatly on the increase. The reports of the Nebraska and the Trans-Mississippi Society are also in this number.

Number 2 of *The Stamp Exchange* is fully up to the high standard which the editor has evidently set up for himself, Mr. Verbeck's picture and a short biographical sketch of his life opening the list. "The Model Stamp Collector" is described by G. R. Kennedy according to his ideas. In the "News of the Month" Miss Swift advises the collectors of entires to complete their sets of the present issue 4 and 5c envelopes, as the dies are to be changed and no wonder, for both Lincoln and Grant's heads on them are almost caricatures. The description of Bermuda is very good, and very properly calls attention to the stamps issued by that colony which, with exception of the surcharged ones, are easily obtainable and make a very pretty page in the album. The Winning of New Recruits, by Mr. Cox and the enumeration and description of the Envelopes and Wrappers of 1899, by Mr. Chapman, are interesting but the number of 59 distinct varieties is not quite correct, for several of the sizes have envelopes of differ-

ent shapes (long and short flaps) so that the number will be nearer 70 than 59, leaving out the Die A varieties. Notes from various places, editorials, and a full review of contemporary literature complete this number. For June a "Special" is promised.

Number 1 of Volume II of *Stamp Talk* is, as usual, good and interesting. Mr. Verbeck's "In the Days of the Confederacy" does not contain anything new or startling concerning the stamps of the "late unpleasantness". It, however, contains this sentiment which we cheerfully endorse: "Therefore, brother collectors, take hold of the oar and pull with the rest and make these sacred mementos, which were so dearly paid for, the 'fashionable' stamp of the day." "Mr. Hennessy on the Imperials" is amusing and as the ball on this sort of thing has been started by Mr. Undooly we suppose that there will be lots of it in the philatelic papers. Mr. Chapman again has an article on "On the Cover" and well describes that if one once begins to collect stamps that way, it takes such hold that the cover soon seems too sacred to remove a stamp from it, even to place it in its allotted space in the album.

Is it not about time that the editor and publisher of *Stampic America* revealed their identity? Since the first number came to the writer he has tried very hard to make a guess at the quarter from whence this paper comes, but he is still "guessing". We notice with pleasure that the printer is learning to use the rubber type so much better and the paper really presents a very good appearance and if it affords the "Unknown" as much pleasure to get the paper up and distribute it, as it affords us to receive it, he will find himself repaid to at least a certain extent. Now

as to your complaint Bro. J. B.: A review of *Stampic America* was written for last issue and sent to the printer, but what happened to it afterward this deponent saith not and can therefore not tell if, after it was set up, the printer's devil pied it and had it for lunch, or if it fell under the editorial ban and was consigned to the waste basket. The fact remains that the May number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST contained less than half the matter written by the reviewer.

The much heralded Special Edition of the *Stamp Tribune* has come to hand. It is a good number, but still we cannot agree that it has fulfilled its promise to issue in June the grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America. Ralph W. Tucker's portrait adorns the first page and a generous write-up follows. The associate editor writes about Austria and Hungary and mentions that as early as the latter part of the *thirteenth* century a post was organized under the princes of Thurn and Taxis. Is not that date rather early? And did not the concession to Thurn and Taxis cover the whole "Holy Roman Empire" of which Germany was the main part and the Emperor of Austria, also German Emperor, as today, the King of Prussia is Emperor of Germany? An historical sketch of the Southern Philatelic Association and its officers is given. The answers to Inquiries are good, the good-natured sarcasm is at least not intended to wound the feeling. B. G. McFall enumerates the "Pretty Stamps" and explains why it is that the smaller the country the greater the need to issue stamps which are sure to please the eye and so to effect sales to collectors. If the statistics given in "Canada's Rarest Stamp" are correct, the 12 pence black is indeed a rarity for according to the list only 1510 were sold in four years, and how

many of them are in existence today? Mack has his New York letter and the Review is by the associate editor.

Energy from Berlin, Ontario, has one page devoted to stamp advertisements, part of one page to "Stamp Lore" but if its attack upon Mr. Stone is called "Stamp Lore" the less of that kind we have the better. The balance of its four pages is made up of poetry, football, cycling, etc. Price three cents a copy, fifty cents a year.

From no other English paper do we see so many articles reprinted in the American Philatelic press as from *Stamps*, of Rushden, England. Its "Helping Hints" for the junior collectors are widely copied as are also "Easy Countries for Beginners." Post and Letter Cards of the British Empire is continued as well as Revenue Stamps of Japan. Harry Hilckes Co.'s matter is still in evidence. Mr. Pearce continues his Notes on Revenue Stamps. The Question of Prices and Some Underpriced Stamps contain the complaints of overcharge, the other of the alleged undercharge of the catalogues.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* continues the History of the Correspondence Card and other entires of the Belgian Postal Service. It contains a paper read before the Manchester Philatelic Society by Mr. Ernest Petri, on The Stamps of the Italian States, in which the question is asked, why is it that so few collectors care for these stamps? We think that one reason is that they have been so extensively counterfeited that most collectors have not much faith in them. If one has seen the thousands of imitations and in a good many cases good imitations of the stamps of Parma, Modena, Romagna, etc., which were put into circulation in

the early and middle sixties by Spiro in Hamburg, one would not have much faith, and be very wary of investing in them unless very sure of what they were buying.

The *Philatelic Record and Stamp News* of London, England continues in its April number "The Stamps of Persia" giving in this instalment the 1878 issue of that country. Among Items of Interest we find the following: As there seem to be so many priced catalogues now in the market, and as each dealer reckons his catalogue, and his alone is the sole reliable index of value, I recently persuaded an advanced collector friend to value his collection by three different books—Senf, Gibbons and Scott—and the result was extremely interesting.

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This only proves what I have repeatedly pointed out that Scott's Catalogue is far too high as prices go now-a-days. In my opinion Gibbons' is the best of the lot.—Quite a difference in value between the highest and lowest estimates.

"C. H. W." in *The Philatelic Advocate* believes that discouraging the collecting of unused stamps would eventually have the effect of checking the deluge of new issues.

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Her eager, searching eyes above;
Her parted lips bespeak the birth
Of sudden pleasure, joy or love.

Before her lies the treasure trove
Where countless colored hoards abide;
Her rounded cheek is bent above
Her mute companion, old and tried.

She touches with caressing hand
The battered book, each page and leaf,
Bold sorrow enters not the room,
But flees with sadness, pain and grief.

Like Peri locked from Paradise
I see the joy I cannot share;
I long to stand by Edna's side
To touch with trembling hands her
hair.

I envy every stamp that lies
Beneath her pulsing finger tips;
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