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## HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

PERHAPS few philatelic writers enjoy the distinction of being so well and favorably known at home and abroad as Henry A. Chapman, whose likeness I have selected to adorn and lend a finish, as it were, to the closing number of Volume II. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, for in late years few have labored more arduously and disinterestedly for Philately than has he.

Henry A. Chapman is a native of Connecticut—born in Deep River during President Polk's administration. The precise year and day I do not know, for I write this sketch without the knowledge of the gentleman, based alone upon facts elicited from others who know him well.

For the same reasons I cannot tell of his early years, save that he was apprenticed to the "Art Preservative," and attained to a very high degree of efficiency in his calling.

It is rather of Mr. Chapman the collector, publisher, and scribe, that I would write. His collecting career does not date backward many years—nor is his collection of great value and magnitude, but that matters little to one so enthused as he.

His first venture in stampdom was the issuing of *The Perforator*, i. e., *The Perforator* that was.

His was a new field and a new pen. Differing radically from the systems of the past, it may be said that he was the

founder of a new school in stamp journalism. His writings were in a lighter vein, and it was he who first infused a strain of poetry into the irksome prose of the philatelic press.

Burning the "midnight oil," after a weary day of duty, he sent forth through the columns of his *Perforator* some of that youthful brightness that is his own happy heritage. And I comprehend why he chose that name for his journal. It "perforated" the gloom to admit light—brightness.

In those times Chapman's *Perforator* flourished, and its palmiest days were when he and Miss Swift filled its columns.

But circumstances, with which I am not familiar caused him to dispose of his publication, and he now contributes to a number of our most prosperous contemporaries.

Chapman wields a pointed quill—and does it well. The red ink spatters this

way sometimes, but this does not deter me from recognizing his honest efforts in behalf of our science, and the "Southern," among the many philatelic societies in which he holds membership, will be proud to welcome him at her Convention in Richmond next month, and we of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, too, would greet him who had for our publication the first kind word at its birth.

I shall book him for a dissertation on the "man climbing a tree".

DIETZ.



H. A. CHAPMAN.





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#### Number 12.

WITH this number THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST closes its second volume.

The past year has been quite eventful to us. Supported by the good will and patronage of our friends we have been

enabled to maintain that standard set for our publication in the beginning, and to these friends we would now extend our sincere thanks, and express the hope that they will continue to favor us throughout the coming year.

The selection of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST as their official organ by 3 large and prosperous societies, and by the retention of our old and the acquisition of many new subscribers, we have more than quadrupled our paid subscription list since a twelvemonth ago—a fact of which we feel pardonably proud, and by virtue of which we venture to assert that THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is not alone an up-to-date journal for all classes of collectors,—but one of the best advertising mediums in America.

For the coming year we announce the appearance of a series of articles of eminent philatelic worth from the pen of the author of "The Postage Stamps of Japan." Among them, a History of the Stamps of Finland, a country now prominently before the eyes of philatelists on account of the events—politic and stampic—about to transpire there. Several of the old Italian States will be treated by the same able pen, and besides our regular letters from philatelic centers, a number of other instructive articles will appear throughout the year.

It will be wise to renew your subscription at once, and to place your ad contract for the coming volume, beginning with the September number.

#### A Large Attendance.

ALL indications point to a large and representative attendance at the S. P. A. Convention this fall. Letters of enquiry are constantly coming in, and quite a number of prominent philatelists have signified their intention to come to Richmond, but for sundry reasons wish their names withheld from the list.



### Postal Card Society of America.

THE following announcement reached us from Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer, Secretary *pro tem.* of the above Association :  
BALTIMORE, July 5, 1899.

" FELLOW MEMBER :

Our annual election closed to-day. The report in detail, together with other official matter, will be published in the August number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST which journal received the highest number of votes for OFFICIAL ORGAN.

It will be out the first week in August. LOOK UP OUR PAGE. Very truly yours.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,  
Sec'y pro tem."

Coming, as this does, in the nature of a glad surprise, for our bid was higher than those of our esteemed competitors, we feel very grateful to the members of the Postal Card Society for this marked distinction conferred on THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and we are persuaded that the most fitting manner of showing our appreciation lies in the earnest effort to foster the welfare of the P. C. S. of America, and thus prove ourselves worthy of the trust.

We hold it to be true that an official organ of an association should not alone print the reports of its constituent in some "off-corner," but that it should represent and champion its charge to the best of its ability.

These are our principles, and they cover the course we intend pursuing in our new field.

In this spirit we greet the members of America's only Postal Card Society, and gratefully enter upon our duties as their official organ.

### Now is the Time.

Now is the time to send your subscription for Vol. III. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and to place your contract for advertising for the ensuing twelve numbers. Do not miss the opportunity of beginning with No. 1.

### The S. P. A. Souvenir.

THE announcement of our purpose to publish a handsome Souvenir on the occasion of the S. P. A. Convention has elicited many encouraging responses, and we feel especially grateful to a number of our leading dealers and prominent collectors, who have generously tendered the loan of valuable specimens of Confederate locals, as well as their assistance otherwise.

This liberality will find its merited recognition in the body of the forthcoming work.

But the *successful carrying out* of the task, as we have planned it, is dependent in a great measure, upon the assistance of those who will derive a lasting benefit from it—the dealers.

The Souvenir, as we purpose preparing it, will entail an expenditure of several hundred dollars, and it is therefore but reasonable that we solicit a limited number of advertisements from reliable dealers, to justify us in carrying out the work.

An advertisement in this Souvenir will be of lasting service to our patrons, and no argument whatever is necessary to substantiate this claim.

We are prepared to book contracts for space in the Souvenir up to and including August 15th. Subsequent applications cannot be entertained.

We dare say the record of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is, that it fills its promises.—If the requisite patronage is given this venture we can assure the dealer that his trust was not misplaced.

Applications for full details and contract blanks should be made *at once*.

We have received a selection of the Souvenir cards advertised by Mr. L. Andree, of Colombo, Ceylon. They are very interesting and beautiful. Postal card collectors should read his ad.

### "Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer."

IT WAS our intention to close this volume of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST with the long-deferred conclusion of "The Reminiscences of a Confederate Stamp Printer." With this end in view, our friend Mr. Baptist had promised us to call on the matron who, during war-times, had charge of the force of girls at Archer & Daly's in which department the sheets were gummed and said to be perforated.

Thirty years had passed since Mr. Baptist saw her last, and upon enquiry at her house he was told that she had been laid to rest just two days before. . . . .

With the assistance of our friend we shall strive to locate other former employees of Archer & Daly's, and to secure more facts and data for the conclusion of our article.

### An Erroneous Impression.

A NUMBER of our friends are under the impression that the S. P. A. Souvenir is a *Souvenir edition* of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

This is erroneous. The "Souvenir" is a separate and distinct publication, and advertisements intended for THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will not appear in the Souvenir, and *vice versa*.

### An Invitation.

TO SUCH of our friends whose subscriptions expire with this number we extend the invitation to renew them at once. The next volume will be superior to any.

WE HAVE just received from our correspondent in Puna, Hawaii, specimens of the new 1c stamp in green. There is no change in the design. Our correspondent states that the 5c in the Postal Union color, blue, will be placed on sale shortly.

### Nicholas F. Seebeck.

*The American Journal of Philately* pays a just and beautiful tribute to the memory of Nicholas F. Seebeck, stamp-printer and dealer, who died on Friday, June 23, after a lingering illness, in the 42nd year of his age.

It was Nicholas F. Seebeck who entered into a ten-years' contract with several South American States, by virtue of which he was to supply them with a new issue of stamps in each of the ten succeeding years, receiving in payment therefor, on the delivery of each new issue, the remainders of the stamps of the preceding one.

Though the name of Seebeck has been coined the synonym of all that savors of the speculative in stampdom, yet Philately will not attach that odium which clings to his stamps to the memory of the man, who, from a purely business point of view embraced—perhaps created—a promising opportunity.

Aside from the fact that in all his dealings he was upright and conscientious, who will assert that Seebeck's "pretty pictures" have not aided in recruiting our ranks more than any other factor?

For this alone let us think kindly of Nicholas F. Seebeck.

### A New Issue for Germany.

DAME RUMOR again has it that Germany will issue a set of handsome pictorial stamps in 1900, and that as native artists and engravers were not sufficiently skilled for the task the stamps were to be prepared in England.

The former statement is probably true, the latter ludicrous.

SUBSCRIBE now and begin with No. 1, of Vol. III.



### Attention Candidates.

THE September number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will be in the hands of S. P. A. members ten days previous to the Convention, thus affording candidates for offices an opportunity of publishing their cards in this number.

Quarter-page cards will be inserted at regular ad rates, and given a prominent position, facing page 1, in the new volume.

Half-tones of candidates for these cards will be supplied at the rate of \$2.00.

Copy must be in our hands on or before August 18th.

### Wait till the Rush is Over!

COLLECTORS everywhere are much concerned as to the probabilities of getting the new set of Guam surcharged stamps. Resort is had to all manner of schemes to attain this end, and yet it seems to us the postal officials on the island cannot refuse to sell every last stamp they hold if ordered and paid for.

Perhaps the only revenue Uncle Sam will ever derive from his little colony, will consist in the sale of these stamps—therefore, just wait till the rush is over.

### A Correction.

THROUGH carelessness the ad of Mr. A. Lohmeyer in our July number read "Just received. A second *set* of the beautiful cards of Hayti." This ad should have read "a second *lot*," and we trust Mr. L. has lost no orders through the error.

### Three Wise Things to Do.

COME to the S. P. A. Convention, subscribe to and place your ad contract in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST and take a page in the grand S. P. A. Souvenir.

### A Grand Advertisement.

WE wish to call especial attention to the advertisement in this number of Mr. C. E. Hussman, of St. Louis. He offers the grandest lot of Confederate locals and general issues we have ever seen advertised, and we most heartily recommend their purchase to those who can afford to buy, as we have had very satisfactory business relations with Mr. Hussman, and have purchased a number of locals from him, which we always found as represented.

### It's an "Albino," Son.

THE editor of *The Philatelic Advocate*, of Berlin, Ontario, has found "a great rarity"! It is a Canadian envelope showing the embossing of the stamp die, minus the ink. Bro. Starnaman is really sincere in his belief that he has a "good thing," for he is holding it for offers!

Let it go at ten cents, brother—it's only an "albino."

### A Plea for the Local Society.

MR. APPLGATH'S well-written essay entitled "The Local Society as a Benefactor to Philately" appears in this number. It is timely and full of good suggestions.

Now let us hear from a champion of National Societies.

### Our Anniversary Number.

WE have prepared a new design for the cover of our next volume, which we trust will eclipse the two preceding ones. We shall issue a special initial number for Vol. III. and invite the patronage of all reliable dealers.

DON'T forget that S. P. A. Souvenir!

### A Surcharge for Canada.

OWING to the reduction in the domestic letter rate of postage the Postmaster General of Canada has ordered all remainders of 3c stamps surcharged 2 CENTS. As soon as the supply of such surcharged *threes* is exhausted, the issue of 2c stamps in *red* will begin.

### High Values for Philippines.

Thursday, July 20th.

THE Post Office Department have just directed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to surcharge the following stamps for the Philippines :

150,000	15-cent.
50,000	50-cent.

—Washington Notes, *Era*.

### Cuban Matters.

THE new stamps probably go down about the first of July. Through a mistake the 10c will be printed in slate, the color of the Omaha stamp. The Special Delivery stamp will be orange. The following U. S. envelopes with "Cuba" surcharge have been issued.

10,000 1c No. 13 on buff.
10,000 1c No. 5 on blue.
3,000 1c No. 5 on amber.
10,000 2c No. 5 on blue.

The following of the new regular issue have been ordered. All are No. 5, half white and half amber.

150,000 1c envelopes.
100,000 2c "
100,000 5c "
150,000 1c wrappers.
100,000 2c "

Of course the wrappers are manila.—*Philatelic Monthly and World*.

### The New Cubans.

The *Metropolitan* has the credit, due to the enterprise of its Washington correspondent, Mr. J. M. Bartels, of printing the first illustrations of the new Cuban set. They are very neat and attractive.

### New Stamps for Germany.

THE *Berliner Local-Anzeiger* publishes an article about new German postage stamps to appear next year. It says that Emperor William II., to whom Prince Eitel Frederick, his second son, recently showed his stamp collection, was so much pleased with the set of Columbian postage stamps of the United States of America, that he ordered a new series for 1900 which should be of a similar character. These new stamps are to be oblong and will illustrate important events in the history of the Hohenzollern dynasty. The German Post-office authorities immediately set about preparing designs for the new series, all of which will be submitted to the Emperor for his approval. The artist or artists have not as yet been selected and, it is believed, a popular competition for patriotic designs for postage stamps will very likely be resorted to. The new set is to be issued on January 1, 1900.—*Phil. Monthly and World*.

### An Unpaid Registered Letter.

I. S. SEWELL of Vernon, Texas, informs us that he had the good luck, a few days since, of seeing a curiosity in the shape of an "Unpaid Registered Letter," it coming to the office at Vernon, bearing no stamps whatever. The P. M. affixing the required amount in Postage Dues. The owner of the letter paid postage and registration fee, but upon request returned the envelope to the P. M. Of course 'twas an error on part of P. M. at sending office.

THE 10 centimes stamp of France has made its appearance in the Postal Union color, red.

NEW SOUTH WALES is contemplating the issue of three new stamps: 11d., 2 sh., 2sh.6d., says *The Monthly and World*.



## The Local Society as a Benefactor to Philately.

BY CHAS. S. APPLGATH.

THE significance of the old adage—"In Union is Strength"—is very forcibly exemplified in the ranks of Philately.

If we glance for a moment at the numerous philatelic organizations in the United States and Canada, we see at once, that the most active among them are the state societies. While these latter may not be so strong numerically, their influence in the community they represent is bound to be felt to a greater or less degree. It is impossible for an active state society to pursue its course without casting some influence upon the outside world. While on the other hand, such large organizations as the P. S. of A.; the S. of P.; the A. P. A. and the D. P. A. are seldom heard of outside the Philatelic world.

And why is this? you ask! As a rule the state societies are composed of men, who join, not merely for the sake of pleasing some friend, or because they can join and subscribe to the official organ at one and the same cost; but they connect themselves with the organization for the benefits they see can be derived from its regular meetings. The personal acquaintance of the members of any organization goes a long way toward maintaining the unity of such organization.

Let us take for example, one of these regular monthly meetings of a state society. The members are notified in the official journal of the previous month, that the meeting is to be held, and a special committee has drafted a program for this meeting. This program also being published, is discussed by the members on various occasions previous to the meeting, and if the program be at all in-

teresting, which it invariably is, the members, the majority of whom live within reasonable distance from the society's headquarters, will be found in attendance at such meeting. Possibly some well-known collection is to be exhibited, or an instructive paper on some popular subject read; or perhaps an auction sale has been arranged for. In such case, information regarding same being conveyed to the secular press previous to the meeting, it is not unlikely that several non-members will be present. In such case an opportunity is at once presented for increasing the membership. Then again a full report of such meeting will have been prepared by the Secretary and the newspapers again convey to the non-philatelic world some of the stamp fiend's pleasures. It is not surprising then that when the next meeting is announced, representatives from "the outside world" are again in evidence. And thus it is that Philately settles down to her place among the Arts and Sciences known only to the Nineteenth Century.

When we affix our names to an application for membership in any society, we agree to be governed by its Constitution and to do all in our power to promote its interest.

It is true, some of us are quite active in securing new members, but the question which confronts every would-be applicant is—"What benefits will I derive by joining your society?"—and this is where many of us are trapped. We invariably have this question placed before us when recruiting, and how can we answer it? We may mention the Official Organ, the Auction, Exchange Library, and Counterfeit Detector's Departments, but there are many of us who do not participate in any of these. In the first place any person, no matter what attitude he holds toward Philately or Philatelic Societies, may become a subscriber

to the Official Journal, so there is nothing here to induce one to join. The great drawback to the Auction Department is that the stamps offered cannot be seen until paid for, hence the patronage this department receives is not what it should or would be under the local society's management. The Library is so seldom used that it might as well be dispensed with entirely.

Then there is the Counterfeit Detector, he may be a man thoroughly acquainted with his subject, but the majority of us prefer to stick to our own opinions as to whether the "*British Guiana*" stamps we hold are genuine originals or not.

Then there is the Exchange Department. This department is really about the only one of the lot in which every member can participate. Still it has its drawbacks. The first person on each circuit may perhaps be able to pick up something in the line of a bargain—if the Superintendent has not already secured it), but when it reaches the last man on the list he is usually pretty much disgusted at having to pay postage and registration on a lot of books from which everything of any use has been removed. We might also mention the merely nominal department known as the "Advertising and Subscription Department." As for the 5 per cent. discount on subscriptions, it is admitted that it would cost more to communicate with the agent than it would to remit direct. The discount allowed is usually the munificent sum of "*one cent.*"

Therefore, when we come to seriously consider the matter we feel like asking ourselves "*where are we at?*"

Do we really gain anything by being a member of any of the national societies?

The above referred to departments can all be made to render efficient service to the members of a local or state society,

especially the Auction Department. The Exchange Department may perhaps be done away with, or retained principally for those members who find it impossible to attend through distance, and a literal exchange department inaugurated.

The great National Philatelic Societies hold only one gathering each year, and as each of them would have you know—"You learn more in a day at one of their Conventions than you would learn in a year by yourself."—And this is undoubtedly true. But why cannot we have these meetings more often? Well you say at once. Distance—Time—Expense. It is to overcome these objections that I advocate the Local Society.

The Local Society with its regular weekly or monthly meetings is in a position to teach its members "more in an evening than they would learn by themselves in many a month." A member comes across some philatelic knot he wishes to have untangled, he therefore reserves it for the next club meeting, where as "two heads are better far than one for counsel, etc."—he usually finds some one who can solve the problem.

The Local Society when properly conducted is nothing less than a series of Conventions, and how can we better set forth the objects of our association in the National organizations, "to acquire a knowledge of Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and to give the members an opportunity to buy, sell, or exchange stamps"—than by means of the Local Society?

Many writers have been endeavoring to demonstrate that Philately and the Photographic Art are very closely affiliated. If such be the case, and I am inclined to believe it is, no better subject for photography could be thought of than that of the "wee bits." At a small outlay those members who were of an artistic turn of mind could prepare lan-



tern slides of some particular country or class of stamps and with the aid of a lantern a very enjoyable and profitable evening could be spent, in the discussion of the stamps illustrated. It might also be arranged for one of the members to give an essay on the stamps under discussion.

I am fully convinced that Philately's future recognition as an art and science, depends upon the unity of philatelists everywhere. I hope therefore that the day is not far distant when our great national organizations will realize the importance of establishing local societies wherever there is a strong enough philatelic contingent to warrant the undertaking.

#### Removal of "The Stamp Tribune" from Harriman, Tenn., to Cleveland, Ohio.

THE editor of our esteemed Southern contemporary, *The Stamp Tribune*, will remove from Harriman, Tenn., to Cleveland, Ohio, from whence this publication will emanate in future.

We regret very much to see Bro. Lev leave Tennessee, yet while our best wishes follow him wherever he goes, we hope *The Tribune* will continue to represent Philately of the South, and that ere long he will again be "Gwine back to Dixie."

#### Postal Stationery for Porto Rico.

THE following quantities of surcharged postal stationery have been sent to Porto Rico:

5,000 1c green wrappers.  
100,000 2c red envelopes.  
10,000 5c blue envelopes.

AN AD. in the Souvenir will bring *you* more business than any ad anywhere at the cost.

#### The Mobiles not Typographs.

AUG. DIETZ.

IN the May instalment of "A Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," the *American Journal of Philately* illustrates and describes the provisional issues of the Confederate States of America.

In this very complete and valuable list appears the following:

Mobile, Ala.

ADHESIVE STAMPS.

Typographed in color on white wove paper. Size: 18x20mm.

1. 2c black.
2. 5c blue.
3. 5c dark blue.
4. 5c greenish blue.

But the Mobiles were *not* typographed—they were *lithographed*.

Before me, at this writing, lie three excellent copies of the black 2c, and five of the blue 5c—they are all lithographs.

This bare assertion of mine does not establish the fact, I know: therefore I produce the evidence:

1. The detail of the design is too fine to be carried out in wood—and photo-engraving was not in use 38 years ago. Hence engraving on stone was the only available process.

2. The panels bearing the words "Mobile" and "Postoffice," with their background of fine ruled lines, *crossing the lettering* are practically *impossible* in relief engraving. They are only possible in steel or lithography. The Mobiles are not from steel plates—hence lithographs.

3. There is not the slightest "impression" visible on the back of an unused 2c before me.

4. The general appearance of the stamp indicates lithography beyond a doubt.

The original of the Mobiles was an engraving on stone, and an excellent piece of work at that. From the original transfers for the two values (2c and 5c) were made.



### New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

NOW, that the date of the issuance of the 59th edition Standard Catalogue has been definitely agreed upon, and that the advance sheets are in the hands of the subscribers (at \$5.00 each), dealers and collectors have contracted their yearly alertness and exactness and are now staying off hard times in picking up the "plums" dropped by the unwary who are unable to invest a V.

It is rather surprising but nevertheless true, that although many dealers advertise stamps at half of catalogue prices, and in some instances much less, local dealers invariably allow only one-third to one-quarter less than catalogue; this, of course, applies only to over the counter trade, but regular and up-to-date collectors are not taken into consideration when I make this assertion.

Many of these collectors do not read the stamp papers or have been cheated by unscrupulous dealers through the mails (which several have told me). The latter excuse is very seldom appealed to, but, the former is generally answered, when the query is forthcoming, "that I occasionally receive a sample copy but don't consider it worth while to subscribe just now." How many dollars are lost by this neglect.—"A penny wise and a pound foolish," is an old saying, which is applicable to a case of this kind of absurd reasoning.

I note that the *Herald Exchange* continues to include monthly a page devoted to frauds under the title of Errors and Omissions. I am sorry to see that Philately has such among her representatives. It seems rather strange why so many young

men (or boys) defy the government or the post office authorities in dealing fraudulently by means of the mails. In many cases, in large cities, when several complaints are received regarding the non-delivery of a letter, the letter carrier on the route is placed under the ban, if we can judge from the following clipped, from *The Sun*.

The system of tracing missing letters in the New York Post Office is as complete as possible, and the recent arrest of a dishonest clerk shows how dangerous it is to tamper with it. Despite all reasonable care, however, many valuable letters are lost each year in the mails of New York. As soon as a letter carrier is employed his name is entered in the "black book" for the inspectors' reference. When missing mail is traced beyond the Clerical Department, the inspector may tell from the black book what carrier should have taken this letter for delivery. A black cross is placed after his name for every letter missed on his route, and there are few carriers who do not have one or two crosses after their names. These indicate, usually, letters which were lost through no carelessness of the carrier. As a class the letter carriers of this city are a hard working, honest lot of men, but black sheep occasionally get appointments on the force. It doesn't require great skill to detect envelopes which contain money, and risky as this method of sending money is many people resort to it. "The Sun" told the story several years ago of the detection of a dishonest letter carrier through his record in the black book. Complaints of missing letters on his route came to the Postmaster, and the suspected man was assigned to a different route. He kept adding crosses to his record and after his route had been changed several times without improving his record the inspectors shadowed him and convicted him of stealing.

The second annual convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society is drawing near to hand. The dates selected are August 23, 24 and 25. Sessions will be held in the evening in order to allow members who are employed during the day a chance to attend. The Park Row Avenue Hotel has been chosen as the headquarters for the meet.

W. K. HALL is booming Canadian Revenues. These beautiful stamps would show up well in one of the albums he is offering in this number.



### Our Boston Letter.

BY BEAN EATER.

THE long expected 5c Newfoundland stamp (blue) bearing the photo of the Duke of York, has at last made its appearance at the Hub.

The stamp is very attractive and is bound to become popular, both in this country and in Europe.

The Duke is a member of the London Philatelic Society, and they should be much pleased at having the unique distinction of being the only philatelic society that has one of its members represented on a postage stamp. Other novelties to appear are the 5c Canada numeral and the 2c numeral printed in the U. P. U. color, red.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society took place June 20th. After the business had been dispensed of an entertainment was furnished by the committee, and Mr. Levi A. Judkins exhibited his fine collection of Revenues and Match and Medicine stamps. All the stamps were in remarkably fine condition, and presented an elegant appearance, mounted as they were upon cardboard. Each card contained a design which was in many cases very appropriate to the stamps.

The 1c Hawaii stamp has made its appearance in the new color, rich green. It is thought now that the stamps of this colony will be in use at least another year, as nothing was done concerning them on July 1st, '99, the time set apart at Washington for a discussion on the subject.

Messrs. Calman and Bartels of Washington, D. C., recently called upon us, during their Eastern trip. Mr. C. displayed a handsome set of the Omaha proofs printed in two colors, as was the original intention of treating the stamps. The center design of each was in black,

and they all presented an attractive appearance.

I have recently seen several oddities in the Cuba 2c envelope surcharged on U. S. white. One contained a double surcharge, one had the two lines of the surcharge in the lower corner of the envelope. (one has also been seen in this condition inverted) and one contained only one line of the surcharge, viz.: 2c de peso.

The advance sheets of Scott's 59th catalog have been received here. The tendency has been to reduce, somewhat, the prices of the cheaper U. S. In fact more to their true *net value*, and I doubt if dealers can in the future allow large discounts on the present rates and still live. The catalogue is promised complete, early in October. A heavy sale is predicted for them at the Hub.

### Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

MESSRS. STARNAMAN BROS., of Berlin, Ont., have recently come into possession of quite an oddity in the stamp line. It is a 1 cent Canadian stamped envelope of the present issue. It is embossed but has no color. In order to be convinced of its genuineness they mailed it, addressing it to themselves and it returned properly canceled. The above-named gentlemen make the statement that it is probably the rarest Canadian stamp in existence. It appears to me that this statement is a little exaggerated as it is not at all unlikely that there are others of its kind which have come into possession of collectors who have not made the matter public.

Some time ago a collector visiting in this town showed me a 3 cent Canadian envelope which he said he had just purchased at the post office. It was embossed, but on the outside no color was

visible while on the inside it looked quite natural. One might have thought that it had been turned inside out.

The demand for current issue Canadians is not nearly so great at present as formerly. I refer to the "numeral" variety. This can, of course, be partly accounted for by the fact that they are being used by the public continuously. Of the higher value the 6 cent is undoubtedly the most difficult to obtain. Some might regard this as a rash statement, but to further prove that my assertion is pretty nearly correct I will quote the words of a collector who is continually traveling through Canada, and has a great many chances to pick up Canadian issues. He says, "Of all the values of present Canadians I find the 6 cents the most difficult to secure, and though they are not catalogued so high as the 10 cents, they are really worth more."

A Toronto dealer tells an amusing incident of his first attempt to purchase from another city dealer a few of the 3c envelopes surcharged 2c. He had an order from a customer for some at whatever price they were selling at. Not having any on hand, he made his way into the said second dealer's office, and inquired the price. "I will give you 10 for \$5.00" came the reply. While the inquirer hesitated they appeared to suddenly rise in value, for \$6.50 was soon given as the price. That was enough—too much I should say—so he made himself scarce. Sometime afterwards he called on another dealer and while there was asked if he wanted to buy 100 of the new surcharged envelopes. He inquired the price, and this time "\$5.00 per 100" was the answer. The offer was accepted and needless to say he wasn't a bit sorry he had refused the former offer.

The 2 cent purple envelopes have decreased slightly in value, the price now being about 40 to 60 cents.

## 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., July 10, 1899.

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

The twenty-fourth meet of the Association was called at the usual place and time, with Vice President in the chair. Routine business was quickly gone through with, and the all-absorbing convention work was entered into with much zest. Reports from various committees were quite encouraging and everything points to a most successful termination of the great Southern gathering.

The secretary was ordered, after a duly seconded motion, to invite Miss Amy L. Swift, Philatelia's most ardent lady devotee, to attend the Convention as the guest of the V. P. A.

After some discussion it was deemed advisable on account of the near approach of convention time, to have a called meeting so as to get everything in the smoothest working order possible and same was ordered by the acting President for the 24th of July. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.

RICHMOND, 13 N. 11th-st., 24th July, '99.

A called meeting, the first in this Association, was held with a goodly gathering in its rooms as above dated.

Vice President Peyser presided. The business was of a preparatory nature and was pleasingly successful. The achievements of the different workers were all that could be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Secretary.

### Vol. II. Handsomely Bound.

WE are prepared to bind Vol. II. of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for our subscribers for \$1.00.

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 Secretary—T. H. Gafford, Church Hill, Md.  
 Treasurer—John N. Morse, P. O. Box 5333, Bos-  
 ton, Mass.  
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 Gilmor-st., Baltimore, Md. W. D. Arnold,  
 358 Bates-ave., St. Paul, Minn. N. Haskell  
 Withee, 230 S. 9th-st., La Crosse, Wis.  
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 Purchasing Agent—Adolph Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gil-  
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 Int'l Sec.—E. Doeblin, P. O. Box 736, Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

140 Nicholas Adler, 210 W. Market-st., Louisville,  
 Ky.  
 111 Charles de Grade Sells, Cornigliano, Ligure,  
 Italy.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership must be sent to  
 the Secretary, and must be signed by two refer-  
 ences, preferably members of our Society. The  
 annual dues are \$1.00, but as our year terminates  
 Mch. 1, applications will now be received accom-  
 panied by 50 cents. Application blanks may be  
 had from the Secretary or any member.

#### COLLECTIONS.

I have received \$23.00 for dues which amount I  
 have remitted to the Treasurer.

Members who have not yet responded to my  
 call for 1899 dues will please remit to the Secre-  
 tary.

#### ELECTION.

The following is the result of our election  
 which closed on July 5th.

Total number of votes cast 31.  
 For President—Guy A. Bryant.....31  
 " Vice President—Herbert A. Croghan.....30  
 " Secretary—T. H. Gafford.....27  
 Adolph Lohmeyer..... 4  
 " Treasurer—John W. Morse.....30  
 " Executive Com.—Adolph Lohmeyer.....27  
 W. D. Arnold..... 29  
 N. H. Withee.....29  
 H. E. Deats..... 2  
 J. Oakley Hobby..... 1  
 Jos. S. Rich..... 1  
 Geo. H. Watson..... 1

For Official Organ—VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.....12  
 Philatelic Era..... 8  
 Postal Card Bulletin..... 6  
 Amer. Journal of Philately 4  
 Perforator..... 1

resulting in the election of the officers and official  
 organ as given above, until March 1st, 1900, or  
 until their successors have been duly elected.

I now relinquish the office to which I was tem-  
 porarily appointed by our late Executive Com-  
 mittee. Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER, Sec. pro tem.

Baltimore, Md., July 10, 1899.

### Treasurer's Report.

BOSTON, July 10th, 1899.

On hand last report.....\$12.07  
 Rec'd from A. Lohmeyer, Sec'y pro tem..... 23.00

On hand..... 65 07

J. N. MORSE, Treasurer.

### Purchasing Department.

(For rules and regulations apply to the Purchas-  
 ing Agent.)

#### NEW SUBSCRIPTION.

W. P. Agee.....\$6.00

#### RENEWALS.

H. E. Deats.....\$5.15 J. E. Zahn.....\$4.43  
 F. L. Smith..... 4.51 J. S. Rich..... 5.52  
 S. Schachne..... 4.51 W. S. Allen..... 4.51  
 J. O. Hobby..... 4.51

Distribution No. 39 was made June  
 29th containing the following new issues:

Angra, 25, 25+25, 40, 40+40 reis.  
 Horta, 25, 25+25, 40, 40+40 reis. Ponta  
 Delgada, 40+40 reis. Egypt, 4 on 5  
 mills, 4+4 on 5+5m. Tasmania, L. C.  
 2d and N. Sembilan 1c.

Received since: Mexico, 1, 1+1, 2,  
 2+2 centavos. Japan 1½ sen.

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Purchasing Agent.

Baltimore, July 10, 1899.

### Postal Card News From Our Contem- poraries.

We clip the following chronicles of new cards  
 from the A. J. of P.

Argentine Republic.—1c dark green, 6c dark  
 blue, 6x6c dark blue.

Antioquia.—2c black on white, violet surch.

India.—¼ anna card, altered design.

Japan.—1½ sen, ultramarine on white.

Portugal.—10r green on light gray green.

## Southern Philatelic Association.

President—H. Fenton, P.O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Vice-President.—Aug. Dietz, Box 6, Richmond, Va.  
 Sec'y-Treas.—W. C. Lowry, Hillsboro, Texas.  
 Int'l. Secretary—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.  
 Sales Supt.—Chas. Waring, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Librarian—Chas. P. Galyon, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.  
 Trustees—H. Fenton, Chairman Ex-Officio, Knoxville, Tenn., Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, New Braunfels, Texas.  
 Official Organ—THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

183 Williams, G. M., Arlington-ave., Birmingham, Ala.  
 184 Ott, C. P., 2009 1st-ave., Birmingham, Ala.  
 185 Petree, S. J., Russellville, Ala.  
 186 Hall, W. Kelsey, Peterboro, Ont., Can.  
 187 Bunce, John J., Box 32, Richmond, Va.  
 188 Carter, Geo. J., 215 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 189 Stowell, J. W., Federalsburg, Md.  
 190 Pistorius, Ferdinand, 1137 W. 10th-ave., Denver, Colo.

#### APPLICATIONS.

\*Collins, Sidney, G., Galveston, Texas. Age 35, Book-keeper. Refs., Emil Gerlich, Robert Kessler, G. C. Cuenod.  
 Schwend, Chas., 1906½ 3rd-ave., Birmingham, Ala. Age 38, Gunsmith, Refs. R. S. Nelson, K. P. Orr, H. C. Kennard.  
 DeGraffenried, McClure, Union City, Tenn. Age 16, Clerk. Refs., L. P. Head, A. E. Kirkland, G. F. Schleiffer.  
 \*Thiele, Rev. R. R., Manchester, Green Lake Co., Wis. Age 28, Clergyman. Member A. P. A. and Dresden Society. General Collector. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.  
 \*Paalzow, John, 1018 Park-ave., Richmond, Va. Age 50, Masseur. Member V. P. A. General collector, adhesives and entires. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.  
 \*Wicks, A. F., 419 South-st., London, Ont., Can. Age 30, Stamp Dealer. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.  
 Gafford, T. H., Church Hill, Md. Age 21, Merchant. Member S. of P., P. C. S. of A., P. S. of A., L. A. W. Collects Postal Cards only. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.  
 \*Platt, Albert, M., East Dubuque, Ill. Asst. Post Master. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, and W. C. Lowry.  
 \*Morgan, John C., New Kensington, West Moreland Co., Pa. Age 38, Tin Roller. Specialty,

Cuba and Porto Rico. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, M. L. Kirkland and P. A. McCracken.

\*Harris, T. H., Co. F, 2nd Inf. U. S. Army, Sagua La Grande, Cuba. Age 32, Soldier. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, and O. L. Hinricks, 1st Serg't Co. F, 2nd Inf.

[Those marked \* desire to participate in Exchange Department.]

#### REINSTATED.

J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.  
 W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa.  
 Rev. E. E. Weaver, Hanover, Pa.  
 S. Baker, Cleveland, Minn.  
 D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.  
 F. L. Ross, Knoxville, Tenn.

#### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

H. N. Bugbee, Fitchburg, Mass.

#### FINANCES.

Balance.....	\$27.77
Received from members.....	1.75
Total.....	\$29.52

#### NOMINATIONS.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found letters of nomination. Anyone wishing to nominate their friends for any office should do so at once.

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

### S. P. A. Nominations.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 22nd, 1899.

MEMBERS of the S. P. A.:

I nominate Franklin Stearns for President of the S. P. A.

H. FENTON.

UNION CITY, TENN., July 14th, 1899.

W. C. LOWRY, Hillsboro, Texas.

DEAR SIR:—I hereby nominate Roy. B. Bradley, of your city, for President of the Southern Philatelic Association, at the coming election, as I think he deserves the honor, having made the association what it is.

I also nominate Aug. Dietz for Vice-President and F. Stearns for Exchange and Sales Superintendent.

Yours truly, L. P. HEAD.

RICHMOND, VA., July 22nd, 1899.

MY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

Having been nominated by our president to succeed him in the highest office in your gift, I cannot consistently run for two offices and hence respectfully decline, with sincere thanks to Bro. Head for the honor he has done me, to accept the nomination for the office of Supt. of the Sales Department. I hereby nominate for the office of Vice-President of the S. P. A. that well known and eminently worthy member from Hillsboro,



Texas, Roy B. Bradley. He was a great factor in the upbuilding of the S. P. A. and deserves your support for the office to which I have nominated him. Respectfully yours,

FRANKLIN STEARNS.

W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y S. P. A.

DEAR SIR:—I desire to place in nomination for re-election to the office of Sales Superintendent of the S. P. A., our present efficient officer, Charles Waring, of Knoxville, Tenn. He has labored faithfully to upbuild his department, and we now have the best conducted Sales Department of any society extant.

It is with pleasure I rise to nominate to the office of Secretary-Treasurer our present incumbent, Walter C. Lowry, whose efficient work for the last two years certainly deserves consideration at our hands. You will make no mistake when you vote for this energetic and loyal S. P. A. man.

All societies require Vice-Presidents, and it is with great pleasure that I nominate my friend August Dietz, the well known, talented and popular editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. His hard work during the past year is a continual series of earnest efforts to advance the interests of our pet S. P. A. and he is a good man in the right place. Keep him there!

Our excellent Official Journal, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, certainly is entitled to a continuance in the same capacity and I earnestly urge all of my friends to see that their votes are cast for the valued journal of Dietz & Stearns.

I desire to place in nomination for Board of Trustees two of the most energetic, enthusiastic and earnest workers of the S. P. A.—two men who stood by the old ship when she was sorely troubled and in need of friends. I personally know something of the hard work performed by the present Board of Trustees, and it is now due them the honor of a re-election.

Fellow Philatelists:—I now place in nomination for the office of Board of Trustees of the Southern Philatelic Association Messrs. Emil Gerlich and Robert Kessler, of New Braunfels, Texas, who are certainly deserving of the highest honors at our hands.

'Till we meet in Richmond,

Yours fraternally, ROY B. BRADLEY.

It is with a feeling of pride that I pen these lines for the purpose of placing in nomination the leading and best posted stamp man in the State of Texas for re-election to the important office of Counterfeit Detector. Fellow members, I place in nomination Mr. Frederic Noyes, of Alice, Texas. Of course you will re-elect him.

W. C. LOWRY.

A MAN who has done as much faithful work for the S. P. A. as Daniel E. Hazen has done is certainly deserving of re-election, and I trust he will again be called upon to serve us. We can't find a better man.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

I am authorized to announce L. P. HEAD, of Kentucky, as a candidate for SECRETARY of the Southern Philatelic Association, subject to action of the Richmond Convention.

FRANKLIN STEARNS.

#### THE CONVENTION IN 1900.

It is almost unanimously conceded that Texas is entitled to the next convention, and we desire to place in nomination for the 1900 meet the most desirable and centrally located city in the State.—Waco, Texas.

Waco is centrally located and has a number of well known collectors. All of philatelic Texas will be there en masse to welcome and greet you. Don't fail to instruct your proxies for Waco.

ROY B. BRADLEY,  
W. C. LOWRY.

#### MY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE S. P. A.:

I desire to hereby place in nomination for the office of Librarian of the S. P. A. our present efficient officer, Mr. Chas. P. Galyon, of Knoxville, Tenn.

For the office of International Secretary, I could nominate a no more enthusiastic Philatelist and sincere S. P. A. man than the well known "Stamp Hunter" of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. R. S. Nelson. Mr. Nelson has done more to bring to light rare Confederate local stamps than any one man, and his persistent efforts to place the stamps of the Confederacy on the high pedestal they deserve should receive recognition at our hands. Sincerely yours, FRANKLIN STEARNS.

#### S. P. A. PROXIES.

Those who cannot attend the coming Convention of the S. P. A. to be held at Richmond, Va., September 21, 22 and 23, 1899, can have their wishes in the elections carried out by mailing their proxies to either of the undersigned.

W. C. LOWRY, Hillsboro, Texas.

ROY B. BRADLEY, Hillsboro, Texas.

FRANKLIN STEARNS, P.O. Box 6, Richmond, Va.

Proxies and ballots for the annual election of the S. P. A. will be mailed to members about August 10th, 1899. W. C. LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN

##### MY FRIENDS:

It was with pleasure and pride that I read of my renomination to the high office I now hold

in our Association, and it is with gratitude and regret that I must decline the proffered honor.

I cannot fill the office as one should. I am a poor philatelic politician, and my time is so pre-occupied with my other duties. In the preparation of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST I burn the "midnight oil," and I have even been compelled to abandon the hope of taking in a little plain sewing.

Therefore, while I thank my friends most sincerely for all this undeserved kindness, I would prefer to serve in the ranks along with the majority, and there work for the S. P. A.

AUG. DIETZ.

### Report of Board of Trustees.

We can now report that we have investigated the charges against applicant for membership No. 162. We have also investigated the evidence submitted in defence and we find that we have to approve the actions of Mr. Deitrick in this matter and he is therefore admitted. We also have to report that our Sales Superintendent has reported to us that on April 3rd, '99, circuit No. 60 was delivered to Mr. L. P. Head by the postmaster of Fulton, Ky. Mr. Waring writes that he had already written Mr. Head three times, requesting him to return said circuit, but to date of June 17th Mr. Head had not complied with said request. We have written Mr. Head and hope that we will be able to report the return of said circuit to Mr. Waring next month. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours, EMIL GERLICH,  
ROBERT KESSLER.

Board of Trustees S. P. A.  
New Braunfels, Texas, July 1st, 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,  
1646 Madison-ave., N. Y. City.

### 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.

### More Prizes.

I WILL give a complete file of Vol. VI. of the "Lone Star State Philatelist" to the member who secures the largest number of applications by first day of Convention. To any one who will secure three applications I will give one year's subscription to the L. S. S. P.; and a copy of Jannasch's Want List of all U. S. Revenue Stamps to all securing two applications.

ROY B. BRADLEY,  
Hillsboro, Texas, July 15, 1899.

*The Philatelic Journal of India* tells us that a new series of stamps for Zanzibar are in course of preparation. They will bear the effigy of the young Sultan.





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 hot weather seems to cut down the crop of stamp papers very much, and only such appear to come which have attained a solid footing and upon whom the proverbial Summer dullness has no influence.

We have received the following up to July 21st :

	VOL.	NO.
Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa.	5.	1.
Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts,	2.	6.
Herald Exchange, New York, N. Y.,	6.	5.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, St. Louis, Missouri,	13.	26 27-28 29.
New York Philatelist, New York	6.	4.
Perforator, Reading, Pa.,	15.	1.
Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist, Salem, Mass.,	22.	10.
Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Nebraska,	9.	3.
Stamp Talk, Kansas City, Mo.	2.	2.
Stamp Tribune, Harriman, Tenn.	1.	7.
FROM CANADA.		
Energy, Berlin, Ont.,	6.	6.
Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont.	7.	1.
FROM ABROAD.		
Stamps, Rushden, Eng.	3.	6.
Briefmarkenhandler, Berlin, Germany,	4.	1.
MISCELLANEOUS.		
The Directory of Indiana Philatelists, Goshen, Indiana.		

In the *Allegheny Philatelist* Phil. A. Telist dwells upon "Stamp Collecting as a Recreation" and makes a good argument in favor of collecting, if such argument be needed by those already in the fold, for there are few collectors of mature years who have felt and do feel as the instances described by the author. If Mr. Chapman knows the name of the great "I. B. Unknown" who amuses himself by sending out *Stampic America* he ought to let the rest of us poor mortals know and save us from mistakes such as the writer of this

evidently made when he felt certain he had discovered the editor and publisher. The usual full list of New Issues is in evidence filling nearly ten pages. St. Louis Notes, one article reprinted from the N. Y. *Sun* and one from *Stamps* of Rushden, also a rather novel feature for a stamp paper, a page of puzzles, fill the balance of this paper.

*The Bay State Philatelist* has a picture of C. T. Kirby, a Winnipeg, Man. collector. Minor Varieties of our Current Revenues explain some of the minor differences in the engraving of the present revenue stamps and illustrates the most marked difference. It also calls attention to the two styles of rouletting, the square, thin and thick, and curved types. Fortunately of all these varieties there seem to be plenty specimens, so that none of them will ever be very scarce. A short review, Canadian and N. Y. Notes and society reports fill the remaining pages.

*The Herald Exchange* continues under the heading of "Errors and Omissions" to show up the black sheep in the ranks of Philatelia, and is doing a good work for dealers and collectors. *The Herald Exchange* announces that Germany is to have a new issue in 1900. The stamps to be as large as our Columbians and to bear illustrations of events in the history of the Hohenzollerns. Rather a wonder that the Emperor has not insisted upon his face being on them, or did he object to giving every P. O. official a right to punch his head and blacken his eyes and nose for him. My! what a chance for the courts to be flooded with cases of "lese majeste." There are notes from various places and Mr. Chapman has some Pertinent Paragraphs. The usual German page is also in evidence.

In *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* of July 6th, Mr. Severn prints a letter which

was written by me under the mistaken idea that Messrs. Sopkins and Heverens were Messrs. Hopkins and Severn, and I must confess that when Mr. Severn sent me his disclaimer of being the author of *Stampic America* I was only half convinced, as I did not for one moment think any one would use a *nom pe plume* so near as the above to real names and not be the owner of the latter. Subsequent developments have however convinced me that the author of those "Answers to Inquirers" is some one else and as I have said somewhere else in this review I still believe that whoever wrote those answers is responsible for *Stampic America*. Too bad that this month no copy has come to hand.

To review four numbers of a paper like *Mekeel's* in the small space allotted to the review editor is impossible. The best advice he can give his fellow collectors: Subscribe for the *Weekly* and keep thoroughly in touch with everything pertaining to matters philatelic.

*The New York Philatelist* had promised us for July a very vigorous "kick" by Veritas, and we were on the tip-top of expectation to know which of the many philatelic abuses would be the subject. It is the "Gumpap," the speculative stamp, about which innumerable pages have been written, against which a society to suppress it was formed, but while the society is dead the "gumpap" comes in ever increasing numbers and does more than all other causes combined to drive so many general collectors into specialism, for to buy all the new issues as they appear takes indeed a long purse. Mr. Chapman has "Concerning New Issues."—A good part of the magazine is given up to the Empire State Philatelic Society's Convention, which takes place on August 23, 24, and 25, at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York.

In *The Perforator* Miss Swift speaks of "A Philatelic Side Line," the collecting of oddities and enumerates many of them. She does not mention among them the U. S. envelope stamps cut to shape and pasted upon common envelopes and then passed through the mails. The writer is fortunate enough to have a number of them, secured out of the correspondence of a large firm, and which were therefore *not* made to order. He also has some that did not "*go*," either they were "Held for postage" or else bore upon them two 2c due stamps. The "Albino" of Wurttemberg of the first numeral issue is not one in the sense we understand the term in the U. S., but happens on every stamped envelope of that issue for the envelope was ready folded before the stamp was embossed, giving therefore on the face the colored impression and on the underfold the white. B. G. McFall writes interestingly about Argentine Republic and her stamp issues, giving a list of the more desirable stamps of that country. Varieties of watermarks in British Colonials gives quite a list of such as occur, but is by no means complete, for besides those mentioned, there are Jamaica, Ceylon, and others that show errors. Among the reading matter the old chestnut of the "Genuine Tahiti's" advertisement comes to fill space. We hope that as the sole owner of the "genuine" has gone back to Paris to live there will be less of that trash advertised in the different American stamp papers. Notes and Editorials finish the 10 pages of reading matter, which with 14 pages of advertisements and a cover constitute the magazine.

*The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist* has from Mr. Chapman's pen an article on "Homely Stamps." Quite a number of stamps are enumerated which while they are not handsome, are



hunted and looked for with a much larger degree of longing than some of the "handsome" speculative issues which of late years flood the market. Why Mr. C. should include among the "homely" ones the issues of Egypt, we can hardly understand. Don't you think Bro. C. that the envelope stamps of that country are pretty? and it is surely more appropriate for the stamps from the land of the Pharaohs to have the Pyramid and Sphynx upon them than to have the face of either the Sultan or the Viceroy. Though come to think of it we believe the Koran forbids that. In Old Dominion Notes Mr. Dietz tells about the Exhibit of Confederate stamps which will be made during the S. P. A. Convention in Richmond and promises that visitors will see an exhibit worth looking at by all who are interested in the stamps issued south of Mason and Dixon's line during the "late unpleasantness." The prospectus of the Historical Reference List of Revenue Stamps, compiled by the committee of the Boston Philatelic Society, Messrs. Toppan, Deats and Holland, is given in full and to all interested in that branch of Philately such a book is a necessity. Toronto Notes, Society reports and Miss Swift's interesting review conclude this number.

*The Philatelic West and Camera News* presents on its cover the portrait of A. D. Grant, Kansas City, Kansas, who in the biographical sketch given of him is said to be about starting a new monthly paper (presumably philatelic). The stamps of Cuba are pretty fully described from the first issue in 1856 to the last one bearing the inscription "Cuba 1898y99." A correspondent in Brisbane, Queensland, tells about the experimental perforating of stamps out there by steel rules which did not work, so two new varieties were made viz: the 1d stamp with zigzag perforation and the same stamp

with zigzag and comb perforation. 240,000 of the former and 360,000 of the latter is the number given. "Stamp Repairing" as described by A. C. Daily is a legitimate trade but when it comes to "making" stamps by shaving down card board proofs, putting on the back a grill  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$  mm., putting on the "original" gum and then perforating the specimen all around, it seems to us there should be another name for it than "Stamp Repairing." Notes and editorials complete the stamp part of the paper.

*Stamp Talk* for June continues Lewis Robie's Stamp Hunting in the author's well known style. Mr. Verbeck's Eastern Letter contains a good deal of philatelic chat in condensed form. Osgood at the Columbian Exposition by "His Whiskers" is in evidence in the second instalment. Editorials and a good review fill the balance of the paper.

*The Stamp Tribune* for July is not quite as voluminous as the June issue was. Columbus and the Postage Stamp is the first article and gives a short review of the great C. C.'s life and names as the sovereign of Spain who aided him to make his discoveries "Elizabeth of Spain." In the Columbian series of U. S. stamps is one bearing a picture of "Isabella pledging her jewels," and before the Chicago Exposition "Isabella" quarters were coined. So it seems the author must have gotten a little mixed on his history. Is there not also a vast difference between the island of San Salvador where C. C. landed and the stamp issuing country of Salvador? Bro. M. A. B. (or is it Sister Mabel) whatever is worth writing about is worth the trouble to be stated correctly, especially historical facts. Another thing in rather bad taste is to find in one part of a magazine a slur upon a contemporary and

then find on the next page an article reprinted from the same paper slurred at. We are sorry to see that the *Stamp Tribune* was denied second class rates by the P. O. Department and it is hard to understand how such a ruling could have been made when numbers of other papers not half as good have second class rates granted them. Some "pull" may be necessary.—The editor pleads "not guilty"—to being the author of *Stampic America* and reproduces from *Mekeel's Weekly* a letter written by the writer of this under the mistaken idea that the "Answers to Inquiries" in the June No. of the *Stamp Tribune* had been penned by Mess. Severn and Hopkins. Mr. Severn has said he is not the author of those "Answers," and no doubt whoever wrote them used the two names the better to conceal his identity. No matter who it is I have not changed my opinion that the same party is the one who has amused himself and others with *Stampic America*. A very full "Review" by Mr. Verbeck closes the number.

The second number of *Energy* is to hand and in looking it over the reply of the man is brought to mind who when found reading Webster's Unabridged page after page, was asked if he found it interesting and replied: "Yes, very, only it changes the subject too often." To condense in the small space of three pages—for the fourth one is devoted to advertisements,—Humor, Foot Ball, Lacrosse, Amateur Photography, Editorials, Items of Interest, Cycling Events, Stamp Lore, Poetry and what not else, is a good deal like the pages of a Dictionary and while we hope that many subscribers at 50c may be found—still we cannot but feel that energy concentrated upon one subject would, perhaps, bring a better remuneration.

Both the June and July numbers of *The Philatelic Advocate* are to hand, the former under a special cover as the D.P.A. Convention number. Several pictures adorn the number. One, a very youthful looking one, is that of the D. P. A. Librarian. Another of Capt. Wurtele, who has since been elected president of the D. P. A., two others of the Rev. R. von Tirsch and Mr. W. H. Schmalz respectively, two of Berlin, Can., collectors. The number is especially devoted to D. P. A. reports, etc., besides there are Pithy Philatelic Points, Observations, and an addition to the numerous "Connell" literature.

The July number contains a paragraph of the revised Statutes of the U. S. which we would like to see reprinted in every Philatelic Journal and brought to the notice of those officials who persist in appropriating other peoples stamps from letters in transit through the mail: "Any person employed in any branch of the U. S. postal service who shall willfully and unlawfully remove from any mail matter any postage stamp affixed thereto in payment of postage shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

The Use and Abuse of Approval Sheets is discussed. From New Zealand notes we learn that the printing of the pictorial set is now being done in Wellington on small star N. Z. paper and perforated 11. This number gives the report of the D. P. A. Convention and a list of the new officers elected.

The rare find of an "Albino" stamped envelope would not be considered a great rarity on this side of the border. The writer not long ago got seven such out of one package of 25 one cent envelopes. But Canada uses so many less stamped envelopes than the U. S. that naturally there are fewer errors to be gotten hold of.





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