

A Condensed
Philatelic Encyclopædia

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Grille or Grill. A grate. Philatelic-ally it is an American word the usage dating back to the early 60's of the U. S. issues. The grille was a rectangle of indentations into the paper, impressed at the back of the stamp, and designed to break the fibre of the paper, causing it to readily absorb the cancelling ink and retain it so as to prevent washing and subsequent re-use.

Government Counterfeits. Stamps manufactured by a government from new plates in imitation of some former issue, the plates of the original issue having been destroyed.

Government Reprints. Stamps reprinted by a government from the original plates after the issue is obsolete.

Gum. The thin glazy substance on the back of stamps and flaps of envelopes. When moistened this becomes sticky or adhesive. Gum is made of dextrine, gum arabic, acacia, senegal and other substances.

Hinge or Stampmount. A bent piece of adhesive paper used to attach a stamp to a card, sheet of paper or leaf of a book.

The Philatelic
Press as it should be.

By OTIS.

The above was the subject of an article that appeared in the first number of the *Toronto Philatelic Weekly*. The writer of that article, if such it may be called, re-

minds one of the frog that became so vain, because he had a few more stripes of green than his neighbors, that he puffed himself up until he was twice his former size. He had a few friends who thought of making him their king, because of his greatness. (?) But just when everything was ready he gave himself one more puff which burst his green coat and left him flat upon the ground. His friends were disgusted and said, "He is after all only wind."

He (the writer, not the frog) says our journals are filled with "stuff" by amateurs thus debarring the intelligent "wind" by "greenies."

Now I will leave it with any of the readers whether the efforts of the young writers are not more appreciated than the majority of articles by the "upper-ten."

By far the greatest number of papers go to the youths of our land, and it is the youth who knows what is wanted by the others. A man who calls the efforts of our boys "stuff" can no more write anything to please than the frog could rule with only wind. But what disgusts me most, is that one who himself has on a green coat should call others verdure.

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