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EDITORIAL.

The Mekeel catalogue will be out about March the 1st.

It is said that a philatelic Museum is contemplated by Chicago collectors.

Packets, sets, approval sheets and everything else in the stamp line, these days, seem to be sprinkled with Costa Rica remainders.

The Strand, London, England, is becoming a regular nest of stamp dealers. Mr. D. A. Vinden, the well known Australian dealer has opened up at that place.

Messrs. A. & H. Lionais, two of the leading collectors of Montreal, are the publishers of *Le Prix Couvant*, which is in all probability the leading French financial journal of Canada.

The recent philatelic exhibition at Zurich attained a successful result financially, and as a result of the same the committee were enabled to donate several hundred pounds to the Postal Charities.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, the well known philatelist of St. Thomas, Ont., was elected a member of the Philatelic Society of London, at the fifth meeting of the season, which was held at Ethingham House, on November the 10th.

We see by the Monthly Journal that there are two distinct shades of the St. Vincent 5 d., on 6 d., which was recently issued, the one is a dull carmine, and the other a very brown shade of carmine. Both varieties are quite distinct from each other.

The finest catalogue of Mexican stamps ever issued for advanced collectors is that which Messrs. Collin and Calman are running in the *American Journal of Philately*. It is plainly the result of many hours of exhaustive research and study.

The call for tenders recently issued by the U.S. government for the preparing of four new sets of stamps, calls for the following: 11 ordinary stamps for the use of the public; 24 newspaper and periodical stamps; 7 postage due stamps, and 1 special delivery stamp.

Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 31st., and concluding Saturday, February the 3rd, the Bogert and Durbin Co. will sell at auction the famous Brock collection. This is another of the finest American collections which has been broken up this season and it is reported that several more will follow.

Mr. J. R. Hooper seems to be somewhat despondent owing to the fact that he will have to have another trial. He thinks that the action of the Government is strict injustice especially that of taking him to a place where he is a stranger, for trial. He, however, states that he is quite confident of being again acquitted.

We have obtained Chicago and New York correspondents to send us regular weekly letters from those places, and we now desire to obtain first class regular weekly correspondents in the following places: Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Toronto. Parties willing to act in this capacity are requested to write stating terms.

Mr. C. W. Kissinger's resignation to the Sons of Philately has been accepted, although charges were made against him in hopes of having him expelled; however as the charges were not proved sufficiently no attention was paid to them. Mr. Frederick S. Fox and R. W. Ashcroft were expelled. The S. of P. is going down hill rapidly.

Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card has discontinued publication. C. W. K. announces in his issue of Jan. 25th, that the paper has been consolidated with the Pennsylvania Philatelist. It is evident from the number of papers which are amalgamating with the Pennsylvania Philatelist that its subscription list is increasing. We wish Mr. Kissinger success in his many publications.

The Canadian government have again changed

the size of the black post card, which is now in size between the old small card and the large size. We cannot look upon the same as an improvement, for the large size was very convenient to business men. Whether this change is permanent we do not know, but as nothing else can be obtained at the London Post-office we presume that this size is intended to replace the large card.

The Philatelic Society, of San Francisco, have just elected their officers for 1894, which are as follows: *President*, Alfred Greenbaum; *Vice-president*, H. A. Bilay; *Secretary*, H. H. Zobel; *Treasurer*, H. B. Packer; *Superintendent of Exchange*, J. H. Makins; *Counterfeit Director*, W. H. Hollis; *Auctioneer*, O. L. Blackburn; *Executive Board*, S. G. Lyle, Charles M. Dais, E. E. Northrup, F. Readmore, and A. J. Sylvester. D.D.S. This society is one of the most progressive societies on the continent.

Mr. N. E. Carter, of Delevan, Wis., whom we reported to have joined the benedictis, states that to the best of his knowledge such is not the case. Mr. R. P. Spooner, of New York City, was also reported to have taken the same step but he says it was not him, 'But some other fool.' Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., one of the contributors to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, was married to Miss Lillian Hunter, on December the 13th. Brother Aldrich, why do you act so blindly? You have our heart-felt sympathy in your sad affliction.

Branch 11, of the S. of P., which has its headquarters at 727 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Cal., holds meetings every Friday evening and cordially invite all collectors who attend the great Mid-winter Fair, to attend their meetings. On Friday, the 5th of January, the society held their annual election of officers which resulted as follows:—*President*, Dr. W. G. Sylvester; *Vice-President*, Maurice V. Samuels; *Secretary*, H. H. Zobel; *Exchange Superintendent*, A. J. Sylvester, D.D.S. The many collectors who will visit the Mid winter Fair should bear this in mind.

The following, which we copy from the "Stamp News," may interest our readers: "All collectors are familiar with stamps sold by the 1000. Our publishers sell 1 penny English by the hundredweight, but a German dealer has discovered a new measurement and offering a mixture of stamps at 10 pfennig the 'spoonful.' What spoon? A salt spoon or a soup ladle. This is like the miner who found a nugget of gold which he said was the size of a lump of chalk. If our foreign friend will send us over a few gallons, and we like the flavor, we will take 'the mixture as before.'"

We see by the *London Philatelist* that the following new additions have been made to the "Tapping Collection" in the British Museum; Great Britain, current One Penny, printed on the gummed side. Donated by Mr. G. Campbell. British Guiana, unused specimen of the 24c. "Official" issue 1875. Donated by Mr. M. Givewell. Great Britain, envelope of Kelle College, Oxford, also a strip of seven of the