

Between New York and Philadelphia there were five mails a week and it required two days to cover the short distance. New York and Boston had still fewer mails—three a week in summer and two in winter. In out of the way towns the mail was allowed to accumulate until enough was secured to pay the cost of transmission.

The postage from 1759 until 1816 on a single letter under forty miles was eight cents; over forty and under ninety miles eighteen cents; over five hundred miles, twenty-five cents.

One of the largest philatelic centres in the U. S., San Francisco, may be said to have grown up with philately. In the same year as the first U. S. stamps appeared its name was changed from Yerba Buena to its present one. At that time it contained but 459 inhabitants but it was not until the following year when gold was discovered that it received its first start.

ILLINOIS PICK UPS.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

Now that the conventions are over the collectors are going back to their albums, the dealers are going to their stores and publishers back to their offices. The stamp business again starts in earnest. Although it was not an easy matter for us to get down to business after spending a week with old friends we have at last had the inevitable and take our choice of "Working or not Eating" and settled

down to business for another year when all eyes will be turned toward the city of the Pan-American exposition where we all expect to meet again in 1901.



P. M. Wolsieffer has received the Century album published by Stanley Gibbons of London. The album contains spaces for all U. S. stamps and makes a very good showing.



Visitors in Chicago are getting to be quite numerous of late and among them we noticed Warren K. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wis., N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill., H. O. Crowell, Cleveland, O. and G. D. McKeel, St. Louis, Mo.



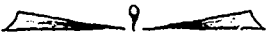
The Prairie State Philatelist has changed from a monthly to a bi-monthly commencing with October number.



The Chicago Philatelic Society will hereafter hold an auction sale every three weeks. The next sale will be held Nov. 10. The sale in December will be composed of wholesale lots only.



Mr. B. L. Voorhees, Blue Island has returned from a collection trip to Europe. We are all glad to welcome Mr. Voorhees back to our midst.



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