

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

The Government here have doomed coin cuts as well as those of stamps. As it stands now, it is impossible for a stamp or coin dealer to illustrate his catalogues with cuts of *United States* stamps or coins.

The Post-office Department is evidently bent on forcing the death of every philatelic journal. The *Malden Philatelist* has been refused second-class rates, and has discontinued publication.

Illinois State philatelists are talking of organizing a State Association—a good idea, if carried out. The Illinois collectors should be able to organize a society equally as good as their Iowa brethren,—and see the success they have had.

Many of our philatelic journals are announcing their intention to issue large Christmas numbers ranging in size from 32 to 100 pages. If they carry out their promises, we shall have abundance of philatelic literature to engage our attention during the Christmas holidays.

U.S. medicine stamps, in which the color of the paper has been chemically changed, unperforated U.S. revenues, with clipped perforations, are being offered by parties in Greene, N.Y. Use caution in your purchase of these stamps.

We are not having as much trouble in the matter of duty as heretofore. Of course, many parcels are stopped, but they are nearly always released in the end.

Mr. J. D. Rice, of Trenton, N.J., had a large number of rare duplicates, and the best part of his U.S. collection, to the value of about \$800, stolen from his place of business, during his absence at the A.P.A. convention. The stolen stamps were nearly all rare U.S.

We now have a *Review*, conducted by *The Philatelic Era*, which is a prominent feature, being like the *Review of Reviews*, conducted by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*.

I clip the following from the *Eastern Philatelist*, where it appeared under the heading, "WHY PREVARICATE": "Why should not stamp collectors in particular tell the truth? Rather strong language, I admit, but there is hardly a more contemptible person in all creation than a liar. I have some acquaintance with a party who has a good-sized collection. Upon my query as to whether he would sell it or not, he replied that there was a standing offer of \$125 upon it—about three times what I could offer—and yet within a week he allowed me to select anything I chose, taking \$20 worth for a \$10 note." Why should *deep disgrace* be laid at the doors of all stamp collectors for the sin of one or two? Yet such is done by the writer of the above clipping.

Referring to holiday numbers, the *Eastern Philatelist* will issue a 40-page number in December, with a circulation of 5000 copies. Roy F. Green says he will issue a 50-page Christmas edition of the *Eagle Philatelist*. Two welcome treats.

The *Philatelic Lasso* is a new magazine announced from Fremont, Neb., by Edward C. Biggar. With its unique name, and such a well-known collector as Mr. Biggar a publisher, it should be a decided success.

Mr. Weatherston, of 13 Peter street, Toronto, Canada, writes me that he will issue the *International Philatelist* promptly on October the 25th inst.

A novelty in philatelic literature—a philatelic magazine printed on the back of a postal card. Published bi-monthly from Reading, Pa., by C. W. Kisinger.

(Special Dispatch.)

THE NEW U.S. REPLY CARD.

Oct. 28.—We received the new United States Reply Card this morning just as were going to press. It was placed on sale at the Boston post-office on the afternoon of October 27, and immediately forwarded us by Mr. E. O. Evans. The wording of both parts of the cards differ; we describe each separately.—*Front card for message*: Card surrounded by a neat ornamental border; in lower left-hand quarter are the words, "Detach annexed card for answer;" in upper left-hand corner is the stamp, profile of Gen. Grant facing left, surrounded by two ovals, in which is encircled, "Message card" above, "One cent" below; at each side within the oval two small stars, enclosed in a circle. To the left of the cut, in three lines, the words, "Postal card, with paid reply," "United States of America," "This side for address only." The *Reply Card* is the same but for different wording. The stamp is the same, but it reads, "Reply Card" instead of "Message Card" above. In the inscription to the left of the card, the words "Reply Postal Card" are substituted for "Postal Card with paid reply." The card is a creditable one, printed in black, on cream card. In size, it is between the current U.S. cards. Space prevents further description.

WRITER'S PRIZE COMPETITION.

CONDITIONS:

1. All manuscript must be written on one side of the paper only; and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the sender.
2. The competition closes December the 31st, 1892. Results of the competition will be made known in our January issue, and awards forwarded winners immediately on the close of the competition.
3. Articles must be addressed to Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST, 183½ Dundas Street, London, Canada, and must be marked "Writer's Prize Competition."
4. Every competitor must be a *paid-up subscriber* to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.
5. In the awarding of the prizes, the originality of the subject will count much toward the awarding of the prizes.
6. All articles sent become the property of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, with the right to publish the same if so desired.

PRIZES.

Four prizes will be offered:

FIRST—Stamps to the value of \$10.00, to be selected by the winner from our approval sheet.

SECOND—Our \$5.00 stock.

THIRD—A \$2.50 edition of Scott's International Album.

FOURTH—A \$1.50 edition of Scott's International Album.

Awards will be made by impartial and disinterested judges.