

of olden times commencing about twenty-five years ago. In that time he has gotten together an assortment that anyone would wish to possess. His collection of Confederate locals is nearly complete, most of them being on the original envelopes.

For the last thirty days matters pertaining to philately have been laid aside almost entirely, giving way to a matter that interests every American just at this time. May be I should have said every United States of American. If there should be a little unpleasantness with our Friend (?) would anyone kick if a war issue of stamps were spoken of? Seems as if some of our philatelic brothers will kick at everything. If there should be such an issue I have some very pretty and appropriate designs to offer to the P. M. G's. of both countries.

The latest information as to the recent surcharged Newfoundland is that there are many of the "home made" ones upon the market. The type used is the same but there are differences which can be easily detected. My informant did not say what that difference was, so I am giving them a wide birth. Lately I have seen several of the Type III. that were priced at such low figures that I had some doubts then as to their genuineness. Not very long ago I had the pleasure of reading quite a lengthy article on the subject of "dishonest collectors." I am sorry to say "there are black sheep in every fold," and I, a collector, have met to my loss several black sheep among the dealers.

The little green book (THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST) came to hand a few days ago. It is not the largest, neither the smallest magazine of its kind upon the market, but my brother philatelists, with a little help on our part I am sure the publisher can have in a very short time a philatelic journal in every respect second to none. So brothers get to work; I am going to do my part, and there will be "Hot Times" in the

"OLD DOMINION."

Nutmeg Gratings.

Readers probably get tired of hearing of the different issues compared in a speculative light. The Canada people think they have the laugh on their neighbors over the border who are booming Omaha issues. The latter say they will all be salable at face, which was not the case with the Jubilees. When the Columbians were on sale at the post-office, in 1893, I could always get what I wanted at face, and in any quantity, so I claim that the latter could not be compared in the same class as the Jubilee. The dollar Columbians were catalogued as high as \$6.00 and are high yet. I was lucky enough to buy an unused one for less than face value, but I doubt if there could be another procured likewise.

Publishers receive some queer letters. I received one a while ago saying: "Inclosed find 73c. for which send Perforator, and ———, and Scott's 58th. The remittance consisted of a 1c. and 2c. unused U. S. stamp, and the rest were used and unused department stamps. How the figuring was done I don't know.