

Massachusetts Items.

BY HERBERT GILK.

At present stamp matters are very quiet in Mass.

Mr. A. Krassa has taken the New York agency of the American Souvenir Co. of Boston, who are publishing a series of souvenir cards. It is feared that the younger element will give up collecting stamps in order that they may collect these cards. This is just what has happened in Germany where it is the fad at present.

Local collectors desire the stamps of Gold Coast and Sierre Leone at present. Small dealers report that the stamps of Iceland are in demand.

It is rumored that many firms which have sent out large postal cards have been notified that this will no longer be allowed.

A local druggist says, "I am nearly pestered to death by people who wish to look over my old bottles for stamps."

The big Barbados Jubilee stamps are at present quite common, especially the half-penny denomination.

The New Hebrides Company has issued a set of stamps.

We think that Mekeel's Weekly holds the record as to its advertising qualities. Just think! 594 answers for a single line ad.

Where is the All-around stamp Advertiser lately? It has failed to show up for several months.

Mr. Bradley is to be complimented on the neat appearance and typography of The Stamp Reporter.

The new 5c blue has arrived in St. Louis. This is the third time that the color has been

changed from brown to blue. The new stamp is quite attractive.

Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN, JR.

We regret very much the loss of Mr. Edwin Fisher from Philatelia. He was Vice-President of the W. P. A. He will leave for Siberia next October. He was not decided by which route is going to go. He intends to write for the daily papers in the large cities about his experience, while he is over there. He has resigned from the P. S. of A. and W. P. A. Mr. Fisher has several relatives in Vladivostock, Siberia. If war should occur with China, he intends to go there as correspondent. I am to succeed Mr. Fisher as Vice-President of the W. P. A.

Some of our most prominent collectors of the State are against the issue of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition stamps. The Exposition will be held at Omaha in 1898. The stamps are going to be issued all over the world.

Ohio collectors regret very much the death of G. B. Calman, the largest wholesale dealer in the world. He died Jan. 25th at New York City. He was also President of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

Ohio Philatelic Association at last has an official organ, "The Stamp Collectors' Figaro" that is published at Wellington, Ohio. Mr. C. B. Duffy, the Exchange Superintendent of the O. P. W., is editor of it.

The new one cent postal cards of U. S. have been put on sale at the Cincinnati Post Office.