## NOTES AND NOTED.

(BY AMY L. SWIFT.)

It's queer what a wee thing it takes to mystify a man. By the last number of The Jubilee I learn that he -more than one of him in helm. Of course that means a new fact is greatly exercised to know why ladies are apt to pen their letters from the first page of the sheet to the third, then vertically across the second, closing on the fourth, supposing the letter closes properly. We'll try to ease the bewildered curiousity of these dense minded gentlemen. It is presumed that the custom originated abroad where very heavy writing is in favor; the ink flowed so freely that the lines were still wet when the page was filled, thererefore to save the trouble and danger of using a blotter the writer held up the page with one hand and continued on the third page. The next page (second) was written vertically in order that the reader might see at a glance it was not the second in order of writing. Then or course the fourth was used to-close, the still wet, lastly written page, thus not needing to be laid face down. The form isn't custom, nor yet "mere habi" we have a reason for it. Feel any better now, gentlemen?

Another thing I have noticed in recent issues of this journal is the talk about our "capped" ze 1890. Mr. Pelty is undoubtedly correct in claiming that the variety with cap on the right figure is the rarest of the three forms, but a gentleman who has specialized in U.S. issues for eight or ten years, collecting nothing else, tells me he does not believe there is really any such He has exceptionally good variety. opportunities for obtaining common values and has examined thousands upon thousands without finding a single specimen with the properly shaped cap in the proper position as shown on the left figure and on both He had a full page of stamps where the right figure was marked with a blue blotch of some sort, but come to examine them closely not one had a properly formed "cap" in exactly the right position, although in some cases the variation was small. Other advanced specialists have often told me the same thing, adding that perhaps the reason Scott has left that variety unpriced is because there is doubt about its existing. These folks are about its existing. wiser than I dare claim to be and have opportunities many of us lack, so I give their opinions without

not to have listed the capped 2c envelopes since he admitted the capped adhesives to the sacred shade up-to-date, when he pictures chain-of the catalogue. The capped en- less bicycles and automobiles on his velopes are as distinct a variety as

are the capped adhesives and a good deal scarcer. They are found on the Paris opened some time ago but, 2c green; I cannot say on how many papers, but I have seen them on the white, the amber and the buff.

The assassination of Italy's ruler puts a new man at the government stamp issue very soon.

## STAMPAGRAPLETS.

(BY A. LLOYD JONES.)

Now we have two Stampic Amer-

Nuisma is still making splinters

And yet stamp auctions are not enticely over.

Philatelic debates seem to be occurring frequently.

New Zealand is zealously putting forth new issues.

Pre-cancelled stamps are quite popular all at once.

It is said the 1d English stamp was changed to green to pacify the Irish.

Some little changes were made in the second lot of the U. S. oiled paper stamp booklets.

Those expected African war provisionals are now coming to the front.

The next in new stamps will probably be something from China. Séveral countries have come down

hard on stamp illustrating. War stamps are being issued by

several Bri ish colonies.

There will be but a very few more priva e proprietary stamps issued in the United States.

Stamp speculation at present is noticeably not as rife as at one time.

France started out on her colonies by giving French Congo a whole picture gallery.

Wonder if the next Stampman will have a department conducted by the Associate Editor.

Philatelests long ago knew there was "something rotten in the state of Denma-" no, I mean Cuba.

Parcels-post conventions been established between the United States and many foreign countries.

Willard O. Wylie is writing considerable good stamp stuff for var-Greatest Barnains ious philatelic publications.

The Perforator would be better if it would change its rates of advertisements and articles.

Postal notes are quite popular in Canada. Why doesn't Uncle Sam issue some?

Well, don't you think that "Agana" on Guam stamps is but a cancellation, not a surcharge?

Wonder why Jewett didn't install It is rather inconsistent of Scott his new issue as associate editor of the Era.

Who says Uncle Sammy is not less bicycles and automobiles on his stamps.

The International Exposition at more important, the Philatelic Exhibition will open August 28th.

Grant's Monthly Philatelist is the leader among new philatelic magazines, and excels many of the old

Judging from late numbers of the Collector's Companion I'd be ashamed to even have my name on its subscription list, wouldn't you?

The U.S. 50c '79 due stamp is being much advertised at bargain prices ranging from face value to two-thirds of its catalogue value of \$2.50

Poor Keokuk Carter has our sympathy, for since Robie has dropped out of the stamp business its probable Osgood will pay considerable attention to Carter.

Give thanks! There will be no

discussion as to the spelling on the surcharged revenues for the new United States colony, for they will bear only the initials P. R.

The country that cant' put out an issue this year must have something the matter with it, for it seems as if all have been guilty to some extent.

The stamp war tax laws in the U. S. may be repealed. The repealing would make some of the odd value revenue stamps comparatively rare.

Those persons who were worrying. about there being no plate numbers on the U.S. stamp wookle's can set their minds at rest, for an ardent collector discovered some.

Don't you think it shows considerable egotism ior a writer to head his notes "Interesting Paragraphs?" In a recent issue of a stamp paper that was the title given to some notes.

Samoan stamps will undoubtedly prove a good investment, yet we don't like to see a writer brag them way up in an article and then offer them for sale in an advertisement he was allowed for the article, as was recently done in a Canadian stamp papet.

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