

The Philatelist Periodicals.

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Publishers desiring a notice under this head will confer a favor by sending one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, J. P., Rocky Hill, Conn., U.S.

The Philatelic Bulletin for November 25, as usual looks handsome; Old Dominion Notes by A. G. Ditz; The Stamps of Schleswig Holstein by Laeus Viridis; Canadian Notes, A Reference List of Type and Die Varieties by J. L. Kilbon; and the Press Review make a readable number.

The Illinois Philatelist is a bright little journal of small pages and narrow columns. One thing is lacking which no journal should be without, and that is the number of the pages on the corner. F. G. Snow, John Peltz, R. L. Dook and Cecil Ranson contribute, while the publisher, S. E. Moisant, is editorially breezy.

(Since writing the above, the journal has given up, owing to denial of second class rates.)

The Indiana Philatelist comes from Goshen, Ind., Vol. 1, No. 1 showing little reading matter, but it looks clean and we can expect a good journal hereafter.

The Bay State Philatelist came minus a cover for December. We should hate to believe it had dispensed with it altogether. The publisher rather amusingly calls me "the grand old man" of philatelic journalism. To be sure, I am no chicken, but am still very young in the philatelic world. Cecil Ranson gives "Advice to a Young Dealer," but he cannot be a very old dealer himself. (Keep quiet Cecil!)

Miss Amy L. Swift gives us "The Thoughts of Woman-kind" in the newly-sledged *Buckeye Philatelist* published by Paul Cline of Tippecanoe city, Ohio. Mr. Cline, although a young man, has written some for other journals. E. L. Fischer, Gerard Morrison, Leon V. Cars, J. H. Lowe and others contribute. The typography is clean, but the using of long "dashes" throughout is rather peculiar and monotonous.

The November Post Office is full of good things, some original and some reprinted.

Dr. B. A. Cattlon is an interesting writer at all times and his "Chicago Notes" and "Odd's and Ends" in the *Herald Exchange* for November and December show it. This journal has large pages like the JUBILEE PHILATELIST, and is very popular with those who make use of exchange advertisements.

In "An Interesting Error," R. R. Rufidicus tells of the \$2 value of the third issue of Canada bill stamps with inverted medallion, in the December *Philatelic Advocate*. Notes from England, by "Anglicanus" sound familiar, and unless I am mistaken, the writer is one who was once on my staff. He is an accomplished journalist. This journal will bring out a mammoth number this month (January.)

The New York *Philatelist* for November 15, published by "the only Horst," has an article, "The Trials

and Tribulations of the Publisher," in which W. M. Verbeek gives his ideas thereof. Theo. Liddoll treats of "Guam Stamps" and J. F. Farrel has a little skit about a farmer's idea of the \$1 revenue, which reminded me of "hay-seed" of his wife when she had the tea-pot aimed at him. If it was "aimed straight," it probably went somewhere else.

The bright red cover of *The Philatelic Chronicle* will attract attention and fairly force you to go further and see what is inside. "Don't You Think So?" is the December leader, by "Numisma," devoted to "cranky" styles of collecting, and righty thinks "variety" people would better fill the gaping blanks at small cost. C. E. A. Holmes, who furnishes the Montreal *Herald* with "stamp news" tells his story of "The Great Barrier Island Stamps" and gives "Canadian Notes," and the Michigan editor congratulates himself on securing this young man's services. H. L. Ambron attends to the review.

The Northwestern *Philatelist* for November has an article, entitled, "A short history of the Post Office of the United States," by Publisher Ellis. "Chicago Notes," by George C. Hartung, with "Boston Notes" and "Valuable Stamps," minus the authors' names. This journal is very readable, and if either stapled or stitched would be vastly improved.

The Juniors' Collector, from Dayton, Texas, has a strong resemblance to the *Illinois Philatelist*, being printed in the same office in Minnesota—too much like "Peas in the pod." It is well enough for several journals to be printed in one office, but a little variation in style would be commendable. Advice is given "To the Young Collector," by an anonymous writer.

The International Philatelic Review is certainly handsome and unique, and stands alone in its style and shape. The *Review Publishing Company* seem to shoulder everything in the November number, except the articles on envelopes, by George W. Loomis, no editor or publisher appearing by name.

The November and December Montreal *Philatelist* came together. This journal is published now by W. James Wurtelo, son of the manager of the International Stamp Company. This journal is official organ for the I. of C. P. and shows that this society now has 100 members. The journal suffers nothing by the change of ownership—quite the reverse.

The *Evergreen Philatelist* for December has a pertinent article, "The Softening of the Heart of the Governor of Guam," by "Veritas," and "Era" has "Notes for U. S. Collectors." Mr. Miller's "Wayside Notes" contain a paragraph which thinks we have licked enough commemorative "blanket sheets." The writer says the only stamp dealer who ever swindled him was a Simon-pure Canadian, and curiosity is evinced in the J. P. reviewer's breast as to who he means said reviewer has been well treated by Canadians, and the cases where he has lost money in Canada was by those "not to the manner born," as far as can be found out.

The Virginia "Philatelist" reached me (Dec. 16) just as I was closing up my review. It contains a new likeness of Franklin Stearns, quite nobby, with hair parted in the middle, and a sketch by "Zeta." A racy batch of editorials follow. "Lacus Viridis" concludes his article on the stamps of Parma and Piacenza; New York, Boston and Canadian letters, Lohmeyer's "New Issues" (Postal card), society reports and Mr. Paulson's lengthy but capable review, with two or three good reprinted articles make a good "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" number.

The Allegheny "Philatelist" winds up the year with a very fat number, which is, however, No. 1 of Vol. 6. Reading matter and advertisements both are very much in evidence. "Philately on a Cash Basis," by "Phil. A. Telist," has a good deal of truth in it. He also writes on "Honesty the Best Policy." Denver, St. Louis and Canadian notes are ample. In the latter Mr. Weaver makes an enquiry which has become stale privately as to the initials J. P. in connection with my review address. It has been construed into justice of the peace. "Jay Philatelist," "jag philatelist" (I never was drunk), etc. As applied to some journals it would mean "jag proof-reading" or "jag plate-matter." The journal has a puzzle and amateur photographic departments.

The Ohio "Philatelist" produces in November the features of R. L. Dook, the editor. This journal may have cause to be displeased at Mr. Stone. (Have felt that way myself.) but the intimation that Mr. Stone is a poor reviewer is hardly a just one. To use Mr. Stone's own language, I think there are "better (and worse)," but that he belongs generally in the "better" class. Be just, boys, if your fur does get rubbed once in a while.

The "Stampman" for January, 1900, comes to hand, made up of 16 long pages on blood-red paper. The publisher (the only Demetrius Washington Osgood) who, by virtue of his middle name, never told a lie, pays his respects to Messrs. Stone and Deats, whom (he knows) will not be pleased at our other change of shape. The J. P. reviewer has not indulged in any kicking against Brother O. for a long time, but a perusal of the whole 16 pages would be a trial to the eyes, printed as it is on such a color, and anyone would be forgiven for using "cuss" words when they got through. But then "it's free" even if it is a "permanent" price list—Nuff sad.

The leading article, "A Rival Attraction" in stamps (Rushoon) for November 25, treats of the fad for collecting "view cards," which it considers well enough in itself, and well thinks it undignified for anyone to be afraid of philately being hurt thereby. "Shall I collect used or unused" in the department of "Stamp Junior," has this bit of advice? "Collect used stamps, as a general thing, but in cases where used specimens are more expensive than unused, then then take unused stamps for such countries." That is to say, use your own judgment, according to the limitations of your pocket-book.