

Press Review.

The January American Journal of Philately is largely devoted to U. S. stamps. The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors has reached the United States and treats of the general issues down to 1875. An instalment of Mr. Luff's valuable work on U. S. stamps deals with the issues of 1861-66. The beautifully clear illustrations give a good idea of the *premieres gravures*.

With the December number of the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* appears a supplement containing a catalogue of all the adhesives, envelopes and cards issued during 1897. The list covers 32 double column 8vo pages. At this rate fifty years more will add 1600 pages to our already rather bulky catalogues. We pity the general collector in 1948. Canada and Newfoundland have not made the largest contribution to the total issue. China may be credited with 29 new adhesives, Ecuador with 35, Salvador with 41 and Zanzibar with 36.

We always find something interesting in *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies*. An article in the December number exposes about two dozen approval sheet frauds. We notice two whose acquaintance we have made to our sorrow. These are S. H. Rosenfield and Robert T. Harris.

The *Herald Exchange* for January does not contain as much reading matter as usual. The Chicago notes contain an interesting sketch of the late Mr. Hesing.

The interesting contents of the *Home Worker* are presented in a very attractive form.

The December *Lone Star State Philatelist* opens with Historical, Postal and Philatelic notes about Cyprus. It promises a surprise in next number.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is unreviewable in our limited space, it contains so much and of so good a kind. Mr. Hopkins' Review is sprightly and just. The notes from the centres are

a strong feature. Mr. Severn's criticisms on the advertisements keep the advertisers stirred up to try their best. And solid articles are interspersed among the lighter matter.

We have received No. 1 of the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, from Valetta, Malta. It is quite creditable for a first number.

The *Monthly Bulletin* of the Postal Card Society of America is small, but good, and of considerable value to those who make a specialty of postal cards.

The *National Stamp Collector* is the organ of the National Stamp Exchange. The January number contains some short articles of value.

We must confess to not having read the December issue of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*, as our knowledge of Dutch is, to say the least, limited. We are afraid the editor of the *N. T. v. P.* is not much better versed in English. He reads "Halfpenny" on our new $\frac{1}{2}$ stamp. The journal contains 17 large $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ inch pages of reading matter, well printed and freely illustrated with good cuts. The only pity is it is—Dutch.

The January *New York Philatelist* contains two noticeable articles, the best being on "The Historical Associations of French Stamps."

The *Perforator* is unique. When it comes we sit down for an enjoyable half hour. Mr. Chapman has succeeded in giving it a character distinctly its own. It is full of news and full of sunshine.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for January is the best number yet. The *Inside History* of the *Advocate* reveals energy and perseverance that demand the highest praise.

We think the *Philatelic Bulletin* improves steadily. The issue for January contains matter of considerable interest.

Messrs. Baumbach's paper, *Die Post*, contains at least one valuable article