

revenues except from some reliable dealer. In regard to the Grilles, we would merely mention that they are very poor imitations, being made by a sharp instrument of some kind, and composed of a number of lines crossing each other at right angles.

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The growth of the P. S. of C. has astounded outside societies. In the history of Philately no society has made such rapid growth—an average increase of 75 members per month since its organization, and still no sign of a slack of the interest taken in it by outsiders. Philatelists all over the continent are recognizing the fact that unless they are members of *Canada's great Society* they are behind the times. Our advantages are many and our dues are small. Other societies charge their members heavy dues, and what benefit do they get from it? None whatever! it is used in an endless variety of ways, none of which benefit the collector, and therefore it is money wasted to join such organizations. The dues to the P. S. of C. are but 25 cents per annum, and many real benefits are derived from this small investment. Our exchange, purchasing and collecting departments are the best in existence. All matters are attended to in a business-like manner, and all the officers are in earnest, and spare no time nor expense for the advancement of the National Society. Our incorporation papers are already carried through, and the seal of the judge has just been placed on the papers, making us the most firmly established collectors' society in America.

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We join our brother publishers in strongly advocating a united advance in the subscription price of first-class philatelic magazines. Such a move must come, sooner or later, and the sooner the project is completed the better. It is better for the collectors to support one good paper, at a reasonable rate, than to have a half a dozen worthless papers at the same price. Now, no active and true Philatelist would surely refuse to pay \$1.00 or even \$2.00 for a first-class magazine. If publishers got reasonable prices like the above, it would greatly improve the class, size and matter of our stamp journals. Publishers could afford to have better matter, etc., and in the end the collector would be getting more for his money than at present. Further, there is but one solid and feasible plan for the proper completion of the above, and that is: that all publishers of first-class magazines (none of these small aspirants) shall form a *Philatelic Press Association* for the control of the above. It is also important that only A 1 magazines be admitted. Other matters of great importance to the publishers could also be controlled by the association, such as:—The protection against advertising frauds, and the prosecution of the same. Further, a register of first-class authors may be kept; this may furnish some material aid to editors in the selection of MSS., as no second-

class authors whatever will be admitted to the register. Any magazines outside of the association will have small chances of success. This fact, we believe, will tend to discourage the multitude of small, useless papers published by every famous (?) collector in the country. We should like to see this matter pushed through at once, and with that object in view we desire to enter into correspondence at once with the editors of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Philatelic Era*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Southern Philatelist* and the *Brooklyn Philatelist*. No time should be lost, and if possible we should like to see this plan completed before the 1st of February, 1892.

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The movement to secure the abolishment of "The duty on Stamps" seems to have fallen through, for a certain large St. Louis firm, who had charge of the same, have not of late mentioned the fact, and we presume that they have given it up because of the difficulties presented by the same. We trust it is not dropped for good.

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Our wholesale list, which was promised to be issued for December, has been delayed owing to a heavy rush of Xmas trade at our printer's. Now, however, work will be begun on same at once, and we expect to be able to place it in the hands of wholesale patrons before January 15th.

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TO COLLECTORS.—Our retail price list is to be issued immediately after our wholesale list. It will be equal to the largest ever issued, and will consist of 32 large pages, uniform in size with this journal. The prices will all be rock-bottom, and the list will cover a most complete range of single stamps, sets and packets. Send for a copy.

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Dealers, we make a specialty of the Wholesale Mixtures advertised on another page. To introduce them and to get every dealer to give them a trial, we will insert a 1 inch ad. free for every dealer who orders \$3 worth or more of them. We make this offer for one month only, for, after the mixtures have been given a trial, they will sell on their own merits. *One trial solicited.*

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Dealers, we invite a fair trial of our advertising columns. Our rates are very reasonable when it is considered that we circulate only among the best class of buying collectors. To collectors who desire to dispose of their duplicates, and dealers wanting a cheap and paying advertising medium, we would recommend our exchange department; the rates are low, and one ad. therein will pay far better than a displayed advertisement in the average journal. Try it.