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unguarded enthusiasm I wrote you a letter of congratulation in regard to the strike you made in getting the special stamp out.

Recent events have given me a wider knowledge of the subject and opened my eyes to the consequences which are likely to follow your gigantic blunder, I desire 'o with draw my letter and enter a protest against your making any use of the same. This need not make any difference in our friendship, but between friendship and business the line must be drawn somewhere, and I choose to draw it at the 3 A. M. special delivery. Very truly yours,

Milton Nobles.

Then I put on a special delivery stamp and sent it to a friend in Washington with a few lines of explanation and instruction. The next stormy night my friend followed my instructions, hired a special messenger at 3 A. M., who began to ring the Postmaster's door bell. First a servant came, then the Secretary, but the messenger was firm; he must see the general. Thinking that war might have been declared in Hayti, and a midnight session of the cabinet was called, the general slipped an ulster over his night shirt and went down to the door. The messenger shoved the letter into his hand and belted double quick. The obnoxious stamp has not been called in but I had my revenge on the Postmaster-general.

Exchanges Etc.

Publishers who do not find their paper mentioned here should note that we wish to X two copies with all.

March Nos. Columbian Philatelist, Trans-Miss. Stamp, Philatelic Californian, Buckeye State Philatelist.

April Nos. Evergreen State Philatelist, Home Worker, Post Office, Phil. West, Eastern Philatelist, Monthly Observer, Weekly Era, Official Bulletin, The Perforator, Herald Exchange

Omaha Philatelist, Texan Philatelist, N. Y. Philatelist, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Puck-Literaturist Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society.

We like the style of Moses B. Page's new paper "Philatelic Puck-Literaturist," but do not like the title. "Devoted to Philatelic Fools and Literature Collectors." If only those subscribed who thought themselves philatelic fools we are afraid Mr. Page's subscription list would be a blank sheet.

Up to the time of writing (Apr 29) only two of Canada's eight Stamp papers have issued their March number, Viz: Halifax Philatelic Magazine, and the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

In addition to the above we have received the following:

Philatelia, "the only philatelic novel ever written." This is a charming story combining love, tragedy, stamps and matrimony. Price 20c. Herbert Irey Watts, Winchester, Indiana, is the author.

From J. M. Bartels & Co., 439, 9th. St., N. W., Washington, D. C. their Catalogue and reference list of stamped envelopes, 1853-1897, price 50 cts. This book is indispensable to collectors of U. S. Stamped Envelopes.

American Stamp Exchange Year Book giving list of officers and members, reports of officers etc.

From Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis Mo. their 1897 Buying List. Price 10c
Auction List from Geo. R. Tuttle, 160 Nassau St. N. Y. Sale May 4 & 5.

Auction List from Wm. P. Brown, 301 Broadway, N. Y. Sale May 1.

Price Lists from Henry Gremmel, 85 Nassau St., N. Y., Moses B. Page, Muscatine, Iowa. E. F. Gambs, P. O. Box 2631 San Francisco, Cal.