

information relative to the particular country they represent. But the general rule of most countries is to give either the portrait of the reigning sovereign or the arms of the nation on their stamps.

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THERE are three candidates for the Presidency of the A. P. A., J. K. Tiffany, C. H. McKeel and H. E. Deats.

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IN our last number we commented on the fact that Mr. R. C. H. Brock's collection had been placed for sale with the Bogert & Durbin Co., of Philadelphia, and stated that Mr. Gilbert Harrison, of Yorkshire, England, had been advised that he would have an opportunity of a private selection from U. S. envelopes before they were offered for sale. It seems this was true in case the collection was to have been sold at auction, but from the July number of Bogert & Durbin circular we learn that the entire collection of U. S. envelopes, and the revenue stamps of the United States, which are divided in three sections, documents, match and medicine and tax stamps, also the collections of U. S. proofs have been sold in their entirety to our leading collector of American stamps, Mr. Hiram E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J. While this will undoubtedly be a disappointment to Mr. Gilbert Harrison, and perhaps other collectors who expected to get pickings from the collections, it is a matter of congratulation to American Philatelists that the collection should remain in this country and pass into the possession of such an earnest Philatelist as Mr. Deats. The other portions of Mr. Brock's collection will be sold at public auction during the coming season.—*Philatelic Journal of America.*

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### GRILL VS. EMBOSSING.

There has been a tendency of late years among philatelic cataloguers and writers to do away with the old familiar term "grill," and to use the word "embossing," to designate the small punctures on some of the U. S. and Peruvian stamps. We think it would be much better to stick to the old word as being distinctive and not liable to be misunderstood. An embossed stamp is one like the early Portugals or the U. S. envelope stamps, the same word should not be used to describe the entirely different features of a stamp known as a grill.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

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### A STAMP FRAUD.

Anchor Stamp Co. is a new name which C. E. Fuelscher, of St. Louis, is using. We have seen one of their price lists in which they advertise U. S. at about 50 per cent. below other dealers, for instance, the Executive set, \$12, Justice complete, \$12, etc., etc., and as they cannot supply them at this price we would advise our readers not to send money in advance in the opinion of catching a bargain, as you will be greatly disappointed if you should get the following answer: "Yours with \$—received, but we are sorry that we cannot supply the set of stamps you order, but we enclose a lot of approved sheets and trust that you can select the value for them."—*Post Office.*