

REVIEW.

Conducted by G. Campbell Keith,
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The following magazines were
received this month :—

Evergreen Philatelist, Vol. xiii,
No. 72. Philately month by month.
Notes for U. S. Collectors.

The Clipper, Vol. ii, No. 7. Com-
pleteness. Philatelic Directory.

The Alleghany Philatelist, Vol.
vii, No. 34. Papering the wall.
Notes.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xiv,
No. 371. New Issues. Review.
Notes.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. ix, No.
42. Stamp Albums. Greece and
Switzerland. U.S. Minutes. Phil-
atelic Associations.

Auxiliary Philatelist, Vol. ii, No.
4. Notes. W. C. Wendover. C.
W. Chase.

The New York Philatelist, Vol.
viii, No. 2. Cheer up. Philadel-
phia Philately.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News,
Vol. xiv, No. 496. Notes from
London, New York, Boston, Cali-
fornia and Chicago.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xiv,
No. 372. Miss Lillie Murray. The
State Revenue "Field." Notes.

The Evergreen Philatelist has
combined May and June No's. and
besides is taking a two months'
holiday.

The Philatelic Advocate is out a
little ahead of time this month.
August number will contain a full
report of the Convention. Edgar
S. Brightman thinks we should use
a blank stamp album. I have used
one for years and find it away ahead
of the other when complete sets
cannot be obtained. The July No.
shows that the D.P.A. is prospering.
Before another No. is issued there
will be a membership of over 500.

Mekeel's Weekly appears this No
printed in red and blue. The front
cover is surrounded with U. S. flags
with the coat of arms or shield at
the top. It contains the following
under the head of "Foolish Boys,"
taken from the Scottsburg (Ind.)
Chronicle: "Some boys won't join
the stamp club because it will cost
them 5c a month and yet they will
spend that much for candy in five
minutes, which does not do them a
bit of good."

The Reviewer of the Weekly Era,
Mr. Stone, says that I have used
his style for review. It does look
something like his style and it
is all O. K.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS.

(BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.)

No cause for worry.—To two or
three meddlesome individuals who
have quizzed me; the information is
given that I have never had a speck
of friction with a single perso con-
nected with The Jubilee Philatelist.

V.R.I.—Of course English people
generally know that the initials com-
mencing this paragraph mean "Vic-
toria, Queen and Empress." Many,
even among philatelists, who have
seen the surcharging on the O.F.S.
stamps are in the dark. Jokers
define the initials as meaning either
"very rare Indeed" or V.R.I.-eties.

Chemistry of a Postage Stamp.—
Recently I came across a copy of the
London Lancet, a high English
medical authority. It had quite a
lengthy paragraph concerning the
new ½d green of Great Britain. It
gave an analysis of the materi-
als used in the color of
the stamp, also gave the ingredients
used for making the gem and stated
that no bad results could ensue from
licking the little adhesive, so that
particular people who are afraid of
green stamps and strange gum, need
have no fear in this case.

The New Jamaica Stamp.—There
are always differences of opinion
regarding new stamps. Some don't
like the new Jamaica 1d carmine
and they must be hard to suit for it
seems to me the color is pretty and
the scenery certainly, too. It gives
a view of the Llandoverly Falls and
is of the shape of our Columbians
and Omahas.

Nothing New.—From the Metro-
politan Philatelist. It (the M. P.)
does not aim at publishing long-
winded essays on the minute differ-
ences in well known stamps or the
whys and wherefores of their issues.
All this has been published and re-
published and baked and then done
up in various highly seasoned stews.
The fair minded reader or collector
may ask if these tabooed subjects
are not as sensible as "pre-cancelled
stamps" which are very much talked
of lately in Father Scott's trade
journal.

Cancellation Not a Guarantee.—
In the Nebraska Philatelist for June
is found this sensible paragraph in
article signed with the name of
"Veritas:" "The theory that a
cancellation is a guarantee of the
genuineness of a stamp is as obsolete
as a 5c 1847, it having long ago
been shown that the forger who
has made a stamp can easily add a
post mark."

Pre-Cancelled Stamps—What are
called by the above title are receiving
considerable attention in the U. S.
lately. The cancelling mark is the
work of the printer, the name of the

place being type-set and it seems as
if "type-set cancellations" would
be the most appropriate designation.
To the writer, it appears as though
the opportunity for fraud is very
tempting, for how easy it will be
for a printer to set up the name of a
city and print it on a one-cent pos-
tage stamp, and there will be plenty
of people found who are easily
gulled.

Ladies' Letters—This paragraph
may not be very "philatelic" but
it may "go." A conundrum has
been put forth by someone who
signs himself "A man." He asks
why ladies pen letters as they do
(but men also have done it), skip-
ping from the first page of the
sheet to the third, then back to the
second, writing on said second
page vertically instead of horizon-
tally, and goes finally to the fourth,
if the letter stops there. (Those
sent me are generally written all
around the edges, criss-cross, diag-
onally, etc.) I quote the rest so
don't score me for it. "It is not
enough to say that this is the
fashion, or that it is mere habit.
There must have been some pro-
found psychological motive which
led to this fashion or habit. Per-
haps no mere man could ever under-
stand exactly what it was; but an
explanation would be of interest."

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