

The Philatelic Periodicals.

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Publishers desiring a notice under this head will confer a favor by sending one copy of their journals to Henry A. Chapman, J. P. Rocky Hill, Conn.

Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer of Baltimore, Md., is one of those persons who believes in providing for emergencies. Finding that the publishers of the Standard Catalogue had no intention of publishing a postal card catalogue this fall, he began compiling the data of the last eighteen months, and in the Postal Card Reporter, No. 4, (September) he gives a list of all new issues since January, 1898, to September, 1899. He illustrates all new types and practically makes his work a continuation of the postal card catalogue published by the Scott company two years ago. He has been to a good deal of trouble in doing this work, and is reasonably justified in charging 10 cents for this particular number containing twenty pages in a unique cover. Mr. Lohmeyer sets forth the beauty of postal cards, and also believes in offering nothing about which there is the least shadow of a doubt as to its genuineness and authenticity. He says if he makes mistakes he is willing to make full amends. Mr. Lohmeyer's address is 922 North Gilmor street, Baltimore, Md.

After a "summer vacation," Stampic America for September appeared with a "yacht" cover and full of convention notes, etc. The writer has been accused of being "the power behind the throne" of this mystifying journal, but can remark, "Not guilty!"

Anyone fortunate enough to receive No. 1 of The Chicago Philatelist (Sept. 15) must have been satisfied with its appearance. Unfortunately, it had a brief existence, the announcement being made that no more numbers would be issued. Mr. Weaver's likeness and sketch appeared and several good writers had been secured. It seemed a pity to die so young, but "there are others!"

The editor of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News gets funny at times. Hear him: "There are fifteen denominations in the new set of Zanzibar; the current set of the United States consists of thirteen values. Probably no home in Zanzibar is complete without a copy of the Ready Letter Writer in its library. It was rumored some time ago, but lacks confirmation, that Browning clubs existed in that African country."

The Evergreen Philatelist, which takes a summer vacation, is once more with us. In Philately Month by Month, some comments on

current events are made by "Veritas." He criticises sharply but justly the Great Barrier Island stamp, and shows up in proper style the "gum papping," indulged in by the Havana officials, which they have gone into with a vengeance, producing sixteen varieties, in the main baits for the stamp fiend to bite at. John Peltz has an article headed "Not Minor Varieties," which is interesting. Editorials and nonsense complete the contents.

"Lacus Viridis" continues his article on The Stamps of Schleswig-Holstein, in the Philatelic Bulletin for September 25. Canadian and Dominion notes are furnished, an article headed "One Kind of Philately," the editorials, review, and society reports being of the usual nature.

A modest little journal starts from Pearl, Ohio, with September issue, called The Ohio Philatelist, R. L. Doak is publisher, and W. C. Doak, editor. Two or three timely articles appear, and we are promised good things in future.

The Montreal Philatelist for September is surprised to see the stand taken on the Great Barrier Island stamps, by some papers. This item also appears: "Our Ottawa correspondent informs us that a Philadelphia concern has bought up all the surcharged stamps remaining at Ottawa, paying therefor some \$25,000." The stamps had been pretty well circulated before, however. The editor's amusement, which was the cause of much laughter already, is expressed at the circular sent out by a publisher of a philatelic paper that he had a peculiar but exact means of ascertaining the exact number of paid-up subscribers of every publication in the country. Said publisher's August issue has been in the hands of the printer ever since "the last rose of summer" bloomed, completed, but unpaid for.

The Stamp Tribune for September announces that it has a new printer, and thinks it has improved. It suffers, however, from poor proof-reading, but then we all "catch it" in that way sometimes. The most noticeable error is where an article is headed, "Great Barren Island Stamp."

"Doing Missionary Work," by Phil A. Telist, is the first article in The Allegheny Philatelist, for September. There are Boston Notes, reports of the Detroit Conventions, New Issues, the Puzzle Page and Ecol Hector, now writes from St. Louis, under his real name of A. L. Wissmann. This journal is now the official organ of the Iron City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg.

A neat little paper (No. 1. October) is the Moline (Ill.) Stamp

News printed with blue ink. About the only error discovered is where it speaks of The New York Philatelist "a" and "e" having changed places. An amusing little yarn is entitled "Jim Haystack's Wheel." We have received letters from would-be contributors no better off as regards spelling and diction. Perhaps the reviewer who says his department is not the place for grammar would be satisfied with that kind as a regular diet.

The October American Journal of Philately thinks the quotations given in the 59th catalogue which is now in circulation in many instances too low. The publishers certainly have cut the prices all any reasonable person could expect, in view of the time, labor and expense necessary to get out such a work, but many people act as though they thought catalogues and genealogies were as easy to construct as a second or third class novel, and some have to kick anyway. It is their "stock-in-trade."

A new journal comes to hand from Wichita Kansas containing 34 pages and cover, called The Western Philatelic News. It leads off with "Our Greeting," thus, "In presenting this magazine we feel it none other than the fulfilling of our duty." Mr. Myers well takes the ground that advertisements are necessary, and shows up the erroneous idea of the dunce who wanted a stamp journal without them. There are many interesting articles in this journal, which has French and Spanish departments. Mr. Lilly is review editor. His part of the journal is marred by proof-reading, which seems too bad, as he is an elegant penman, but we must not expect perfection in any first number, and he who pays 25c. a year for this journal gets his money's worth.

Revue Philatelique (Sept. 30) as usual, illustrated with pictures of stamps, among them being five of the new Cubans, the principal designs of the Netherlands, and two sizes of the ones containing likenesses of Zanzibar's gray-whiskered sultan. The scholar who is learning the French language could well take this particular number, and, while learning be informed on stamps at the same time.

The October Philatelic Advocate leads off with "Be Steadfast," by L. A. D. Cox the animus of which is to be persistent in the collecting of stamps, and not neglect it. "United States Minutes," "Pithy Philatelic Points," "Editorial Comments," and society reports, with a liberal supply of "ads" make up 20 pages and cover, and this number cannot be dubbed "thin."