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The Philatelic Journal of America has "gone into" Philatelic Organization. In the May number many of the leading philatelists express their views on the subject, mostly all in favor, and deservedly.

Now that the summer months are at hand the philatelic journals will be issuing double numbers, amalgamating or suspending. We have already noted the following : The Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, The Philatelic Star and The Stamp Dealers' Journal are to be amalgamated; The Philatelic Magazine and Collectors' Companion have suspended and The Exchange, of Adrian, Mich., has issued its last number.

A certain person, who signs himself "Nagrom," furnished an article entitled "Universal Postal System" to the New York Collector for their March number and 46 lines of the article, commencing at the third paragraph, were the composition of Mr. C. E. Swope, jr., of Louisville, Ky., being part of a treatise on the Origin and Progress of the Postal Service, written by Mr. Swope and published in the TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL in May, "Nagrom" put those 46 lines in the 1885. *middle* of his little piece so Mr. Swope Mr. Swope did see them wouldn't see them. however, and everybody who saw them knows they were Mr. Swope's work, and now poor Nagrom is disgraced forever.

His right name is Morgan, but a man who plagiarizes generally hides his name and often spells it backward as this one does .--- Plain Ťalk.

## THE STAMP AUCTION.

The recent stamp auction held in St. Louis was a decided success. The attendance was comparatively small, but bids were executed for several hundred collectors and dealers who could not attend, through Messrs. Chas. Votier, of the St. Louis Postage Stamp Co., and C. H. Mekeel, of the Carson Stamp Co.

The rarities and choice lots for dealers brought good prices, as the above named stamp firms are well known to be the leading dealers in South and Central American stamps.

The catalogue did not contain any extremely rare stamps, but a collector in Germany and a member of the Dresden Philatelical Society, purchased \$107 worth of stamps for his collection.

The \$200 revenue, catalogued by Sterling for \$25 brought \$13. Lot 390, Venezuela inland postage brought \$5; and lot 391, same, next issue, \$8.75.

The sale netted over \$500, and its success has secured St. Louis a series of auction sales, to commence September 15th, and occur every two months.

Parties desiring to dispose of collections or specialties are invited to correspond with either of the above named parties, forterms, etc.

After the sale the reorganization of the St. Louis Philatelical Society was discussed with a view of its becoming a chapter of the National Philatelical Association soon to be The idea was favored by all organized. present, and a meeting will be called at an early date.—The Carson Philatelist.