

what's the difference? Does not the cancellation strike both stamp and envelope?—and is not the mark of the receiving station on the back? Thus reasons the collector. But an expert can detect the difference, smart though the forger may be differences may be detected

Watermarks, although once thought proof against the forger, have in these modern days cleverly counterfeited by means of a steel die. To detect these you will see that whilst the genuine watermark is in the substance of the paper, the forged watermark has been pressed onto the paper and shows the fact. Counterfeit grilles may be detected sometimes by measurement and by other little differences.

If this imperfect essay may be the means of causing the ejection of some forgery from some collectors album, the writers object shall have been realized

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The "Evergreen State Philatelist" and "The Philatelic Kaleidoscope"

and "Philatelic Californian" deserve success, and we hope they will get it. The last mentioned is the most instructive paper we receive.

Although, in our five months of existence, we have not been overwhelmed with success, and although subscriptions have not exactly poured in, we're gettin' on werry vell considerin' and hope to continue in that more or less blissful state.

We've scratched a great big hole in our editorial' cranium trying to think some more wisdom, but its no go, so our readers will be spared further torture till next month, for which they ought to be thankful, well be dinged if they had'nt ought to.

A PHILATELICAL LIBRARY.

BY "PHILECTOR."

The collection of literature relating to stamps and stamp collecting, has of late years become very prevalent. In 1862, as most every collector knows, the first magazine, devoted to philately exclusively, was started. Since then papeas by the hundred have been "sprung" on an unoffending and long-suffering philatelic public. It was 12 years after the advent of our first philatelic paper that John K. Tiffany of St. Louis conceived the idea of recording and collecting all papers, relating to philately. Since then the advent of new journalistic efforts has kept him busy, and many have been the addenda to his Philatelic Library Companion. Other collectors have not let Mr. Tiffany be in passion of the only philatelic library and now several are following pretty close to his heels, notably H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. Y.

Fully fourty per cent of all collectors preserve all stamp papers they receive.