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EDITORIAL.

Errors. Not errors in surcharges this time, but in the editor's mind errors of a nature more serious. In an editorial which appeared in our June number: "A New Standard Catalogue," about the middle of the column the phrase appeared, "of the grade of Morris's, Serrif's and Stanley Gibbon's," as the majority of our readers know should have read: "of the grade of Moen's, Senf's, and Stanley Gibbon's." No words are too strong to use against the blockhead who read the proofs.

Are you a Subscriber? If not, we would urge upon you the advantage of at once having your name placed on our books. Every subscriber who places his subscription in our hands has the assurance of 12 numbers, or his money refunded. Gradual and steady increase in both size and quality is our aim. To make the magazine attain a high standard of excellence is our determination. We have made, and shall make every effort to secure the best and most interesting reading matter that can be procured. It will be to your interest to subscribe.

Special Notice.

Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

Alamo City Philatelic Society. We have before us the Annual Report of the Alamo City Philatelic Society, which, since its organization, (April 30th, 1891), has become one of the

strongest local societies on the continent. The Annual Report for May, 1893, is a neat little book of about 60 pages, from which we obtain much information in regard to the society. Portraits of President Maj. C. E. Dutton, Vice-President A. E. Hayden, Secretary-Treasurer E. W. Heusinger, Counterfeit Detector F. Noyes, Librarian E. F. Brotze, and the Executive, Messrs. Hensel, Huberich, Stevens, Coppard, the officers for 1893, are given. The present membership is 78, composed of active, corresponding and honorary members. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month. The dues for resident members are \$3.00, for corresponding members 50 cents per year. A life membership may be had on payment of \$25.00. Should you desire to become a member you can secure application blanks and further particulars by addressing the Secretary, Edward W. Heusinger, Box 597, San Antonio, Texas.

The Canadian Journal of Philately. Canada has in *The Canadian Journal of Philately*, Philatelic journal in existence. Mr.

Fowler's venture has been a decided success, and is fully up to what it was advertised to be. The June number, which we have before us, was issued early in June, but owing to lack of space we have been unable to review it at an earlier date. Two plates are presented with the first number: one being a portrait of Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto; the other plate being the illustrations in original colors of the U. S. 1847 issue, both originals, and the Government counterfeits being shown. The colors of these stamps has been said to be far from right. The fact that these many different shades of the early U. S. stamps should be considered, and we believe that there are many specimens identical in shade with those illustrated by Mr. Fowler. This number also contains a number of articles of the highest class, which serves to show the care the editor has exercised in making his *Journal*, as it is, strictly first-class, and an honor to Canada.

Trouble with Stamps. The post office department is obliged to redeem an enormous number of stamps which get spoiled while in the hands of postmasters. In warm weather nearly one hundred packages a day of damaged stamps come into the stamp division. During the winter comparatively few are turned in. Most of them arrive from the south and south-west, where stamps find the climate most trying. The parcels received run in value from a few dollars to several hundred dollars. Their contents must all be counted. Usually they