

characteristics. But there is no need of any broader speciality.

I may add, in conclusion, that Mr. Subscriber errs in his belief that specialism is growing. It is rather more on the other side. Trusting that this will turn some to the right, I thank you for your valuable space.

FOR THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

HOW I FOUND SOME "RARETIES."

BY O. ED. KLAPP.

Like all other collectors, my collection was very small at first, but as I became interested in stamps more and more, I commenced searching the "lofts and garrets", and found there stored away a few valuable specimens of the 3 cent green. Besides those there were numerous others, with some small catalogue value; these filled my stamp album pretty well, and made my collection amount to nearly one thousand varieties in all.

My interest in stamps grew less day by day for nearly two months, when I had the pleasure of visiting one of my neighboring cities. After staying there several days, my friend and I went to an old "rubbish" room which was at one time an old store room of a wholesale grocery. In this room was placed all of their deeds, documents, letters, etc. There was a scene that would wake up the dullest of philatelists, for around us on either side were bundles of letters, postals and documents of all kinds. The first thing that I laid my eyes upon was a letter dated 1849, upon which was two unsevered 5 cent brown, first issue. This was just a commencement; next I found a document with one \$5 unp. rev. stamp cat. at \$2.50, also eight \$1 stamps. We next found in an old letter a block of six unused 3 cent blue, 1869; on a box full of bank cheques we got about 7000 bank cheque rev. stamps, 200 blue and orange express stamps, a few proprietary, and last but not least, 41 2 cent orange playing cards stamps. After searching around a little while longer, I came across a bundle of unused U. S. postal cards, 3rd issue, about 350 in all. There were also several packages of stamped envelopes, mostly the 2 cent brown and carmine. After we had both been searching for several hours we went home rejoicing, and found on looking over our "treasures," that they catalogued at no less than \$80. The above is my own experience, and is actually true.

Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

The *Chicago Stamp News* for February comes to hand improved with the addition of a *Chronicle*.

The *Stamp Collector* for February comes from over the water and contains some interesting matter.

The *Collector* for February comes to hand like clockwork. It is composed mostly of official matter of the *Sons of Philately*.

The last of the new aspirants to come to hand this month is the *Royal Philatelist*, from Sterling, N. Y. 8 pages and cover.

The *Curio* comes to hand after a long absence, composed of almost all advertisements. We trust to receive its visits regular in the future.

The *Missouri Philatelist* for February comes to hand promptly. It is one of the neatest and most carefully prepared papers in America, its size considered. See adv. of the publishers in this number.

The February *American Philatelist and Collector* comes to hand very late. It contains report of the close of their voting contest, in which Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, Mo., is made the most popular philatelist in America.

The *American Journal of Philately* is the best of our exchanges, and also the most prompt. Our limited space will not permit us to review the choice contents. Published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York, N. Y.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is a valuable little paper, but would be appreciated to a greater extent if its editor would expend a small sum towards providing better paper for the same. Guy W. Green, Stormsburg, Neb., publisher.

The *Ontario Philatelist* is announced to appear from Brantford, Ont., on or about May 1. Two P. S. of C. members at the helm. W. S. Smart, editor; N. T. Johnston,