

Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN, JR.

The new Cuban stamps have been received by several Cincinnatians from soldier friends in Cuba.

Stamp business is booming in Cincinnati.

The surcharged stamps of Cuba will be plentiful in a few weeks, as the soldier boys will send many to their friends, who collect postage stamps.

Stamp journals have not been very successful in Ohio. All of them have failed, take for instance the Philatella Free Lance or the Buckeye State Philatelist. Several reports have been heard as to the organizing of a company for publishing another stamp journal. It is to be published in the vicinity of Cincinnati. The report is neither affirmed or denied.

The war revenues are becoming plentiful.

The following designs are supposed to have been selected for Cuba's regular issue. The 1c, statue of Columbus; 2c, map of Cuba; 3c, statue of La Cuzana; 5c, one of the mail steamers, and the 10c, a Cuban plowing.

Another series will be issued for Porto Rico and the Philippines.

The six cent majanta has made its appearance at the Cincinnati post office.

There are still some five cent Omahas on sale at the Cincinnati post office.

Postage in Old Days.

An almanac in 1814 gives the following as rates of postage prevailing at that time. For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles 10 cents; 150 miles, 12 1-2 cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter triple. Every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters each one ounce. Every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1 1-2 cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet.

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My Reason.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I love you, old album. The reason? (Well, really, I hardly can say.

I love you as brooks love the meadows Or blue birds the beautiful May.

I love you as earth loves the sunshine, Or mountain tops love the white snow.

I love you because I am helpless, And Nature has planned my love so.

I like when the lamps are lighted, To have you close here by my side, To open your faded old covers,

Where comfort and pleasure abide. To spread out your pages before me, And see their warm colors again;

Their brightness will banish my sorrow As sunlight dispels the cold rain.

And sometimes I think, as I watch you That you have a soul of your own, Mayhap that you've changed into being

As life from the marble has grown. Perhaps that you watch for my coming

And pulsate with pleasure or pain, As life opens brightly before me, Or all of its struggles are vain.

You know all my troubles and heartaches, And all of my errors and sin;

The world sees the outward appearance, But you see the being within;

And yet you pass judgment in silence, Old album, your system is best, If men would but heed your example, This world were a haven of rest.

Off times, when aweary with labor, Your presence has brightened the gloom;

My burdens have silent departed And left a strange peace in the room.

I love for this, old companion, As over your pages I bend; Our friendship is fragrant and changeless,

And shall be right unto the end.

THE POST OFFICE.

New York Notes.

BY B. COHEN.

Beginning with this number I will endeavor each week to inform the readers of the Stamp Reporter of all current stamp topics, and philatelic events which transpire in this city.

The Brooklyn stamp exhibit closed Saturday evening, April 1st, 1899. The exhibit was a success from the start, as almost ten thousand people visited it during the two weeks. There will be a lecture by Mr. Alex. Holland, on April 28th, 1899, entitled "Stamps of Great Britain," illustrated by lantern slides.

Dealers are complaining that business is rushed and there is an enormous demand for packets, especially by boy collectors.

There is also a demand for medium priced stamps. (The Finland stamps are now obsolete, having been superseded by Russian stamps.

Mail addressed to Williams & Co., S. A., was returned to writer in this city. Cashnough has no doubt skipped and it was a timely escape. Wonder whether he left the parrot behind.

Recent visitors to this city were R. C. Bach, Montreal, E. Marks, Toronto and Dr. Evans, Westtown, N. Y.

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