

*Philatelist* are not genuine. This surprised us, as we can scarcely believe that Mr. Kissing would go so far as to insert a portrait which he did not know to be correct.

The United States Government seem inclined to regard with favor a suggestion which has been made to number all postage stamps in the same manner as bank notes. What next? Should this be done we suppose some of our enthusiastic specialists would collect all the different numbers, and in this way collections of 1,000,000 varieties would be common.

We have received the January number of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*. The paper is improving with age, and if Mr. Muirhead sticks to it he will yet have a first-class journal. Mr. A. M. Muirhead is secretary *pro tem.* for a new organization, which is called the "*Canadian Sons of Philately*." It is intended to limit membership to Canadian collectors. The Secretary invites correspondence.

Many of our readers will be familiar with the name of Thos. O. Parloe, jr., who for some time swindled dealers and collectors from his headquarters at Ingersoll, Ont. He has at last come to grief. It seems he advertised in a Toronto paper for five young lily typewriters to fill vacancies which never existed, and asked from each a fee of 25 cents, and the many letters which he received containing this amount were left unanswered. He has now gone to pay a visit of fifty days to the jail.

In another portion of this issue we present specimens of the illustrations which are being used in our Handbook No. 5, "The Postage Stamps of the United States." The book has been under way for the last three months and is almost completed and will be mailed by the 31st of this month. The illustrations used in this work have all been made by the half-tone process, and consequently at great expense. It will be printed on the best paper that can be procured and will be one of the most useful works ever issued for the use of the American collector. The price of the book is 50 cents. Orders may be booked now and the book will be sent immediately upon publication.

We have received a copy of the 54th edition of Scott's catalogue, and noticed therein a general advance of prices. The catalogue itself is far ahead of previous issues. Many new improvements are introduced, among which is a complete catalogue of postal cards, the different sizes of perforation and many varieties of paper which were hitherto omitted are now fully listed. We cannot but commend the action of the publishers in omitting to catalogue such stuff as the errors of the Hawaiian "Provisional Government" issue. British Colonial, United States, and British North American stamps of the older issues have all advanced considerably. The catalogue on the whole is one which does the publishers credit.

## Mr. Alvah Davidson.



THE above portrait of Mr. Alvah Davidson, the general Secretary of the A. P. A., is that which appeared in the October issue of the *Canadian Philatelist*. Mr. Davidson is one of the prominent New York collectors, and is the possessor of a very fine collection and takes a keen interest in all matters pertaining to stamps. He has always taken an active interest in the American Philatelic Association, and has done much towards making the association a success. Mr. Davidson fills the editorial chair of the *Post Office*, which journal is well-known to most of our readers.

## Minneapolis Notes.

A new paper is announced to appear in Duluth during the month—*The Zenith City Philatelist*. Something above par is promised.

Geo. Achard, the S. of P. attorney, is acting as assignee for a defunct Minneapolis concern. He probably will not "get across the lake" as often as of yore.

"Billy" Barnes is expecting to spend a portion of the spring "out on the road" for his firm. He will of course *seather* all kinds of adventures.

The *Minneapolis Tribune* of the 2nd inst. reports that all the Columbians on hand at that office are sold. Can this good news be true?

One of the most interesting of the many relics preserved by the Minneapolis State Obsolete Society is the "pigeon holes" of the first St. Paul office established in the forties.

Robt. I. Mann, the newly appointed state vice-president of the P. S. of A., is endeavoring to organize a state branch of the new society.

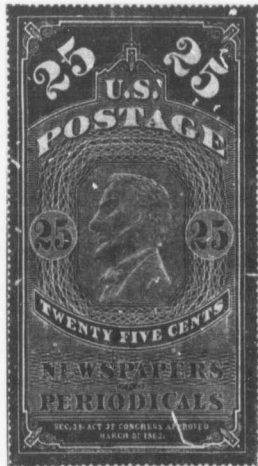
The first sale of the N. W. P. A. was held January 15th, and proved quite successful. The second sale will be held not far from March 1st.

### An Editor's Opinion.

NEWSPAPER, Jan. 15, 1894.  
MS. L. M. STAMBERG, MINNAPOLIS, CANADA?  
Dear Sir—Your dcw weekly received. It is a dandy.  
Yours truly, F. H. PINKHAM.

## Our Handbook No. 5.

The following are specimens of the superior illustrations being used in this book. See editorial note elsewhere.



The deficit in the U. S. treasury for the past year has been so great that it is expected that a tax will be placed on playing-cards, perfumery and other proprietary articles, and should a measure for this purpose pass through Congress it is not improbable that that we should see Proprietary Revenue stamps again come into general use.