

January 10, 1840, the first postage stamp was issued and a postal system started by which no more than a penny was paid for letters which circulated over the whole extent of the British Isles. This bold scheme surpassed the wildest hopes of the legislators.



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Herewith we present the cut of one of Hamilton's leading philatelists, Mr. Chas. S. Applegath. Mr. Applegath commenced collecting stamps when five years of age and has been an ardent philatelist ever since. He is Librarian of the Hamilton Stamp Club and D.P.A., trustee. Mr. Applegath is well known in literary circles and articles from his pen are sought after by nearly all publishers. He at present contributes articles to nearly ten different stamp Journals throughout the world. Mr. Applegath

was, up until a few months ago manager of the Star Stamp Co., of Hamilton. But owing to the death of its Sec.-Treas., Mr. R. K. Moore, the firm went into liquidation. Mr. Applegath is nominated for the office of D. P. A. Vice-Pres., and all will do well to give him their hearty vote and influence. Mr. Applegath intends going out of the business and spend all his spare time on his private collection, which is a very excellent one

#### General Points of Interest.

The American Souvenir Card Co of New York, has made an assignment. \* \* \* \*

Capt. Chas. V. Grilley of the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's Flag Ship is a stamp collector. \* \* \* \*

To print cuts of Stamps in Canadian papers appears to be against the law. \* \* \* \*

It seems by the turn of affairs that we will soon have some U. S. Colonials. \* \* \* \*

It is given on good authority that only eight of Type I and two of Type II of the red surcharge of the Newfoundland provisional were issued. \* \* \* \*

Dealers claim that at present in the United States there is a rush for the stamps of Spain and her colonies. \* \* \* \*

Although the Philatelic Messenger was allowed second class rates it failed to put in an appearance after one month of issue.