

As soon as the September number of "The Stamp" Denver, Colo. came to hand our funny man packed up his grip and started for Colorado. He said he wanted to see the man who had no fun in him. He was of the opinion that the editor of "The Stamp" must be of the same construction as the dummy that personified W. J. Kendell through Niagara's Rapids.

We are in receipt of a catalogue from Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of his Canadian Stamps, a neat little 16-page circular. Price 10 cents.

We are informed that the Toronto Philatelic Journal will reappear this month after a suspension of little over a year. We wish it success.

The re-opening meeting of the Charleston Philatelic Society will be held on Saturday, October the 15th, 1887, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the room of the Society, on the corner of Broad and Church Streets. All stamp collectors are cordially invited to attend. Gustave J. Luhn Jr., Secretary.

The mania for collecting postage stamps seems to be gaining more ground than ever in France.

There is a full blown stamp exchange here, and among the most famous collectors in France is a man who has over a million postage stamps preserved in 130 richly-bound volumes, and another who keeps two clerks employed in classifying and arranging his enormous collections.

Added to this, there are in Paris about 150 wholesale firms employed in the trade and one of the best known of these has lately offered from \$100 to \$200 for certain stamps of the year 1836. Tuscan postage stamps dated before 1860 will be paid for at the rate of \$30.00 each, while stamps from Mauritius for the year 1847 bring \$500.00, and French stamps of 1849 are quoted at \$5.00 each. Some of the numerous collectors of these curiosities evidently seem to think that they will be able to hand down to posterity faint effigies which may serve to recall fallen dynasties and overturned thrones.

The Late L. W. Durbin.

In the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin of Philadelphia, Pa., the well-known stamp importer and dealer, philately has lost one of its firmest supporters and admirers. Mr. Durbin was born in Rising Sun, Indiana, on Aug. 18th 1849, and was consequently just 38 years old. He died of consumption, from which he has suffered for some time, on Aug. 13th. He was buried at Burlington, N. J. on the 16th.

Canadian Philatelic Association Notes.

The organizing board met in Toronto during the Fair week. A meeting was held at the residence of Mr. E. G. Parker, and Messrs Greeny and Ketcheson secured the promise of the support of the leading philatelists in Toronto for the C. P. A., and among those likely to join at an early date are Messrs Morrell, Best, Parker,