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LAST month we had occasion to refer in very flattering terms to our friend the *Philatelic Advocate*. It appears, however, that we stated parenthetically, that as a paper it was not perfect. This remark seems to have ruffled Mr. Starnaman, who comes forth with a lot of badly composed rot to the effect that his paper is "more perfect than the H. P. M." Gents, we dont want to blow our own trumpet, and yet what can we do? If we did not consider the H. P. M. a better paper than the *Advocate* we would cease publication. We advise our blatant friend to scrutinize his journal closely, and see if there is a line in it that would interest any philatelist over nine years of age. We merely said it wasn't perfect, but this month we might be excused if we give a few particulars, since our enumeration of our friend's good qualities has inspired resentment in his breast. We said that up to the time our September number was issued, no readable account of the D. P. A. convention had appeared. We repeat it. The report in the *Advocate* was a good example of what might be expected from an intelligent young man of prepossessing appearance who has had his brains removed prior to the writing of the article. It remained for an American paper, the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* to publish the only readable account of the Meet. We hate to suggest it, but if someone (not necessarily a philatelist) would smother H. I. Watts in his sleep or creep up behind him and soak him with a paving stone, it would be a good thing for the *Advocate* and a relief to the community. Such stuff as "The Dirigo Stamp Co" a continued story, should be firmly and righteously placed in the Waste Paper Basket while in the Mss. state. While on the