

the stamps, among which were alleged to be the counterfeits, in an envelope, and forwarded them by registered mail to the consignors, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company (limited) of New York city, with the following letter :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 5, 1896.

Dear Sir: I have sent by registered mail the four books of French colonies, which you had sent on approval to George M. Schiller, and from which I have retained stamps to the amount of \$14.91, which amount I will remit by next mail.

Please examine the stamps very carefully, as Mr. Schiller has insinuated that some of them have been substituted or replaced by poor or less valuable specimens. Please acknowledge receipt of stamps to Mr. Schiller, and let me know at once about the matter.

This brought forth a prompt reply from the New York firm, and one which Mr. Carion and his friends consider a complete refutation of the charges made by Mr. Schiller. This communication follows :

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 11, 1896

Georges Carion, San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR: We have received your letter of the 5th, and also the four approval books of French colonies stamps by registered mail. We find your statement of account is correct, the net amount of \$14.90 having been removed.

We have looked through the books, and so far as we can remember, and to the best of our belief, the stamps remaining in the books are those which were originally there. As requested, we shall write Mr. Schiller to that effect.

In view of this exoneration of Mr. Carion, mystery shrouds the motive which prompted the charges made by Schiller and leaves, the latter in a rather peculiar position. Mr. Carion is inclined to look upon his ex-employee's action in a charitable manner, and attributes it to a hallucination.

## Review

Special attention should be paid to the advertisement of A. Loewitt of New York.

We did not know there were so many collectors in Texas until we received a copy of the "Texan Address Book," compiled by Mr. Huesinger of Santo Antonio, which will be very useful to those who desire correspondence with any of the names that appear in it. The book can be obtained for 15 cents from the above gentleman, and is worth double the price asked for it.

"The stamp collectors' handbook and directory of Michigan" has been sent us by the compiler, Mr. W. H. Kessler, jr. It contains a list of names and addresses of (1) collectors, (2) dealers, (3) publications in the state of Michigan, including portraits and short biographies of some leading philatelists. The book is very neatly gotten up and is well worth the price asked for it (25 cents), and can be obtained from Wm. H. Kessler, jr., station A., Detroit, Michigan.

We have recently received "The Souvenir and year book of the P. S. of A. for 1896," and it is a marvel of the printers' art. It contains the portraits of the officers, president and vice-presidents, and of other prominent collectors and dealers. It contains a list of stockholders, branch societies and interesting notes concerning the society. It will make a valuable addition to anyone's library, and is useful to those who are connected with the P. S. of A. It can be obtained of Messrs. Lang and Althouse, Baltimore, Md., for 25 cents, and is well worth the price asked for it.