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Polynesia and its Stamps.

By PHINEAS SCRATCH.

1.— Samoa.

The Samoan or Navigator Islands are situated in the South Pacific ocean north east of the Fiji Is. and north west of the Society Group. The area of the islands is about 1,125 square miles and the population is about 36000

Apia, the chief town and seat of government, is a town, situated on the Island of Upolu, of 1,500 inhabitants. It is the official residence of the various consuls. It is here also that the successors of the great mercantile firm Goddetroy & Co., have their head quarters, these people control most of the business of the kingdom.

The government is a limited monarchy presided over by a king and a vice-king supported by a parliament of chiefs called the Malo.

The climate is very equable the Mercury never falling below 70° nor rising above 88° there is abundant rain fall and destructive storms are very infrequent.

The productions of the country are cocoanut, yam, lemon, guava, cotton, lime fruit, some tobacco, sugar etc.

The principal exports are coppa (the dried meat of the cocoanut from which oil is made) breadfruit and cotton in small quantities.

The chief articles of home consumption are maize, sugar and coffee.

There are thirteen islands in all; nine of which are inhabited. On the largest islands there are great mountains most of which are extinct volcanoes, Pango-Pango Pago-Pago on the island

of Tutuila has one of the best and safest harbors on the Pacific. Apia also has also a good harbor.

The islands were discovered by Bouganville in 1768. Since 1868 numerous petty wars have disturbed the people and caused the native population to decrease from about 40,000 in 1868 to 30,000 in 1880. In 1873 Malietoa Laupepa and Tapua (the two greatest chiefs) with the aid of the foreign residents succeeded in forming a government under their joint reign which lasted for two years when Malietoa, instigated by a secret agent of a german company made war upon Tapua and succeeded in dethroning him. Thereby making himself sole king. He chose Steinburg, the German company's secret agent, as his prime minister but on it being discovered that he had evil designs against the king, he was banished.

The Germans then swerved to the side of Tapua but failed to accomplish anything, as most of the people were loyal to the established king.

The continuation of this interesting and instructive article will appear in our next issue, the Holiday Number,

If you are not a subscriber send 25 cents for a year's subscription and your choice of the Premiums offered on page 5.

An English dealer says one collector has bought \$200,000 worth of stamps from him in twenty years.

The average sale of postage stamps at the Philadelphia Post Office is \$9,000 a day.

ST. CATHARINES NOTES.

By R.G. WIDDICOMBE.

The Ontario Philatelic Directory is at last a reality. It has been out about two weeks.

An auction sale is talked of in St. Catharines. Of course nearly all the bids would be by mail, but whether it will amount to anything remains to be seen.

Mr. J Shack of New York was in town recently.

Your correspondent had the good luck to strike a fine collection of stamps recently. It was particularly strong in U.S. with a scattering of Canadian and foreign.

Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto, announces his catalogue of U.S. and Canadian revenues to appear in January.

We all hope he will attach a correct value and not have it a mere buying or selling list.

Very little boy trade is experienced here. I believe it would pay some enterprising dealer to open up an office in town and show a full line of stamps in his window. I am of the opinion that it would attract the attention of everyone, young and old, who were passing and no doubt would start a large number collecting stamps.

Mr. W. A. Beatty asked the stamp clerk in the post office if he had heard anything about the new 2c. post card lately announced. He replied in the negative, and when shown a copy of the Metropolitan Philatelist with the same illustrated and described therein he said: "How do you fellows hear all about these things before we do?" "You are not a collector." Answered Mr. Beatty.

With the November number the

Ontario Philatelist becomes the official organ of the D.P.A.

Collectors here are in favor of the proposed Ontario Philatelic Society, if it is conducted in a proper manner.

POST CARD COLUMN.

Under this heading we will publish any question you wish to ask, which can be written on a post card, and will throw it open for our readers to answer. Answers will be published in following issue.

QUESTIONS.

How many different kinds of U. S. stamps have been issued up to the present time? G.W.

Were Canadian cents issued in 1883 and 1885? What are they worth?

Is there a paper published in the interests of coin collectors? J.H.

What sense is there in collecting different sizes of entire envelopes?

When were stamp hinges invented? Lucas.

Can anybody tell me, with reasons, why the stamps of Greece are used in the Ionian Is. Manitoba.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN SEPT. NO.

In answer to D.K. I would say that after examining about a dozen 10 ct. violet Canada I find but 2 shades.

—P.S.

In answer to Ignorance: The Seychelles Islands are east of Africa and north east of Madagascar. Spadina.

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PHILATELIC PHUNNIGRAMS.

By PHENNY PHILATELISTS.

'Tis said that stamp collecting and clocks differ in this particular:- The latter serve to point out the hours and the former to cause us to forget them.
Philatelic West.

Why is a spanked boy like a used post stamp? He has been well licked.

Why do collectors buy stamps? Because they can't get them for nothing.

What does a counterfeit stamp become when put into water? Wet.

Johnny's Scheme.

Johnny Brown's father compelled him to give up stamp collecting. He had to show his father all the letters he wrote. This is one he sent to a friend asking him to buy his stamps. This is what his father read:

Dear Fred:- Father has made me quit stamp collecting. I do hate to give up collecting stamps but I intend to do as he wishes. I would like to keep on collecting "on the sly" but know he would find me out soon. Yesterday I added 50 to my collection so it makes me feel bad to quit now. I intend to try at once and get rid of them. Don't you think you could buy my old traders and get better ones for your collection

Johnny Brown.

If you will read this again beginning at the first line and read every other line you will see how his friend read the letter.

OTHER PEOPLES' GOOD THINGS.

Canada has issued a new 2c. postal card with stamp of improved design.

This is intended for foreign service to postal union countries..

Daily Stamp Item.

Sierra Leone is being afflicted with a complete new set (of which we have seen but two values) of the current Leeward Island type. In two colors of course.

Daily Stamp Item.

Dr. C. W. Evans writes from Indiana mineral Springs, Warren Co. Ind. that "There are 1000 8c. and 600 5c. Columbians for sale at this office. Collectors should beware of paying a premium on these and other Columbians which are still to be had at face.

Daily Stamp Item.

The commemorative issues of Venezuela and Uruguay have been black-listed by the S.S.S.S.

Texan Philatelist.

The most remarkable piece of surcharging on record has just appeared from Orange Free State. In a sheet of 240 stamps (1½d. on blue) there are no less than seven distinct types.

Daily Stamp Item.

I foresee a day when magic lanterns will be used, not merely for the comparison of genuine stamps and forgeries, but for the detection of almost perfect imitations.

Percy C. Bishop's "Notes from England"

Mekeel's Weekly.

The Duke of York has been elected president of the London Philatelic Society. This ought to be a sufficient answer to those who still talk and write of stamp collectors as maniacs at large.

Home Worker.

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Editorial!

Our The reader who has seen the **Future.** first two numbers of this paper will notice that this number is a greater improvement over No. 2 than No. 2 was over No. 1. That illustrates our motto: "Each number better than its predecessor." As our subscription list grows so will the paper grow in size and quality. Our aim is to become the representative Canadian stamp journal.

An We referred to the Post Card **Apology.** Column in several places last month. A large number of our readers were surprised to find that no such column appeared. We wish to apologize for the omission of this important feature of our paper. The reason it did not appear was lack of space. We will take care that this mistake will not occur again.

Thick, The following Directories etc. have either appeared or are **Fast** announced :-
and

Furious. Beard's Directory, by B. L. Beard, Montreal. Ont. Phil. Directory by R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines. Bunce's Dealers' Address Book by R. H. Bunce, Middletown, Conn. Texas Phil. Directory, by E. Heusinger San Antonio Tex. California Directory, by Facts Pub. Co., Riverside, Cal. The following directories by H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph Mo. The Philatelic, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado. Southern States, Phil. Societies and Phil. Journals. Phil. Literature Collectors' Directory by H. L. Kiefer, Allegheny, Pa.

To Our next issue will be the **Advertisers.** Holiday Number and advertisers would do well to have their ad. in it. No advance in adv. rates except for two colors. We will print ads in two colors for 50% additional.

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Our next issue will reach 3000 readers. **Toronto** Ye editor suddenly found **Dealers.** himself in Toronto on Nov. 27 and employed part of his time in calling on the leading dealers of that city.

Mr. Walter Mc Mahon has a very commodious office at number 6 Yong St. Arcade. His window is tastily arranged with sheets of stamps which attract much attention. Mr. Mc Mahon informs us that he will add another paper to the ranks of Canada's philatelic journals to be called the "Philatelic Canadian." We wish him every success.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe has a very comfortable office at 49 Adelaide St. East.

In his window are shown packets, sets, albums, coins etc. Also a full set of Columbians surcharged! What is the surcharge? "Imitation"

While I was looking over this lot a gentleman came in with some current Venezuela. He had great hopes of making a big sale. On finding that his lot was worth about 15c he decided to give them away.

Mr. Lowe published the "Toronto Philatelic Journal" in 1887-88 and the "International Philatelist" in 1893.

The corner of King and Yonge street is the busiest corner in Toronto. Just 8 doors east on King st. is the office of the Weston Stamp Co.

An Album W. H. Becker & Co., the Depot, leading booksellers of Berlin, recently showed a philatelic window. If you need anything in the line of albums write them Their prices are right. They also sell Japanese stamps in collections which are mounted in books made in Japan. We are giving one of these beauties Free with every subscription received before Jan 1st.

To Our Correspondents We would be much obliged if all our correspondents would observe the following:-Address all matter relative to the business department, such as subscriptions, ads., requests for sample copies etc., to the publishers and all pertaining to the literary department to the editor.

The Good Die Young We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of that bright little paper, "The Daily Stamp Item," started by the Mekeel Co. last Jan'y. It was continued up to Nov-26 th. Its daily tidings of Philatelic happenings will be greatly missed by its subscribers.

Send in your ad. for the Holiday Number now. If you are not a subscriber send 5c. for a copy of this great number.

An Addition It is with pleasure we *to our Family*. announce that we have added to our staff, as Associate Editor, R.G Widdicombe, of St. Catharines.

Mr. Widdicombe is an energetic philatelist and an able writer. Our readers may look for something interesting by Mr. Widdicombe in our next issue.

We have several interesting items by H. I. Watts, Winchester, Indiana, for next issue.

We notice a slight error in James Jaimet's adv. on page 8. Read 1,000 Hinges 6c. instead of 100 for 6c.

Are you an inventor? Read S. Hazen Bond's ad. on page 8. Mr. Bond promises us that he will give special attention to those mentioning this paper.

We have just received the following exchanges. Dakota Philatelic, Free Lance for Nov., Vol.1. No. 1 of Indiana Philatelist and Omaha Philatelist for Nov. Our space will not permit a review of these papers this issue.

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The Texas Philatelic Directory, by Edward Heusinger San Antonio Tex. This directory should be in the hands of all Philatelic dealers. It gives name and address of collectors, number of varieties in collection etc. It also contains a list of all known dealers and Publications in Texas. The price is only 15cts.

Bunce's Dealers Address book (price 10c.) compiled by R. H. Bunce Middletown Conn. is a handy book, as far as it goes, containing the address of 420 dealers in all parts of the world.

We notice though, that Canada's list is very incomplete. At least three prominent dealers, E. Marks & W. Mc. Mahon Toronto and L. M. Staebler London, are omitted.

The Stamp Collectors Handbook and Directory of Ontario by R & Widdicombe St. Catharines. This Book gives a list of the Ontario collectors, dealers, and publications. Every Philatelist should have this book. We have made arrangements with the publisher and are now in a position to offer one of these books as a premium to every person sending 25c. for a years subscription to this paper.

EXCHANGES.

September.

All Around Stamp Advertiser.

The Stamp Advertiser

October.

The Philatelic Californian

Diamond Philatelist

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November.

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Monthly Philatelic Magazine.

Weekly Philatelic Era Nov., 14, & 21.

Western Stamp

All around Stamp Advertiser

A GLANCE THROUGH THE PAPERS.

Vol. 1 no. 1 of "Stamps" presents a very creditable appearance. Very interesting is the article on "Benjamin Franklin. It gives a half page cut of the great statesman and portrays several interesting incidents of his life. His table of thirteen virtues ending up the article.

The Oct. number of Philatelic Californian is a corker both in size and contents. It opens with an article on U.S. Dep't stamps by W. N. Riddel and A. H. Weber which will prove a valuable reference

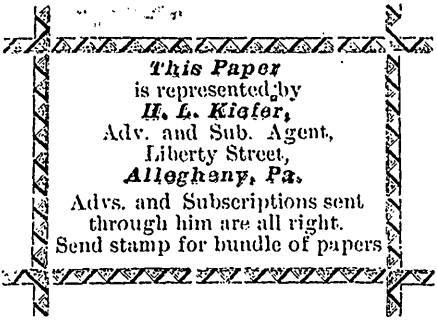
No. 2. of the Trans-Mississippi Stamp is filled mostly with readable items. The "Village Blacksmith" holds forth on the cover.

The Home worker for Nov. is the Boy Collectors' special. It contains much interesting and instructive matter for beginners.

The Western Stamp comes to hand this month in an enlarged form with cover. They promise a grand holiday no. but pages are to be smaller. We would advise them to keep the same size as many collectors bind the paper. When the papers are all shapes and sizes they do not make a very respectable looking volume.

Instead of the mammoth Nov. no. the Evergreen has only 8 pages without cover. The publisher explains satisfactorily and in Dec. the great number will appear.

It claims that it was original in getting the Nov. No. out before Oct. No. but we cannot leave it alone in its glory as the Phil. Advocate is ahead of it in that respect.



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