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A RTHUR Reginald Magill was born February 9, 1878, at Newport, R. I., and is therefore 22 years of age. His father, the late Rev. Dr. George J. Magill, was for 22 years rector of Trinity Church in that city.

The subject of this sketch first commenced a collection in 1891, but it was destroyed by fire while he was at college. He was not discouraged, and started a second collection soon after, his special favorite being the stamps of the United States, Canada, France, and Chile. He has been a small dealer for some time, but especially active for two years past. He deals principally in Canadian stamps.

Mr. Magill has written for nearly a dozen journals in all,



ARTHUR R. MAGILL.

but at present contributes only for the Weekly Philatelic Era, The Nebraska Philatelist and The Adhesive. He holds a business position in the head office for Canada of a large and old English fire insurance company. Mr. M. is the president of the Mount Royal Stamp Club of Montreal, and a member of the D. P. A. Montreal Philatelic Association, and of the L. of C. P., of which he is the librarian. He is always a happy correspondent, and particularly proud of the fact that he is a native-born Yankee.—The Adhesive.

Mr. Magill is also Montreal correspondent for THE JUBILEE, now called THE JUBILEE PHILATELIST AND MOUNT ROYAL STAMP NEWS.—A. S. BERTRAND

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Correspondence.

MONTREAL NOTES.

(BY ARTHUR R. MAGILL.)

Mr. C. E. A. Holmes, former Montreal correspondent of the JUBILEE PHILATELIST, has removed to Quebec and it is very doubtful if any more numbers of The Mount Royal Philatelist will be published.

Montreal will have two conventions next summer, as both the Dominion Philatelic Association and the League of Canadian Philatelists will meet here.

The Mount Royal Stamp Club has suspended meetings during the summer months but the Montreal Philatelic Association continues to meet semi-monthly.

Mr. Wm. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., who is review editor of The Weekly Philatelic Era, was in this city a short time ago.

Among the new things to arrive during the month was a VRI on the Orange Free State.

ILLINOIS ITEMS.

(BY SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.)

Stamp business is very dull at present and news is therefore very scarce.

Mr. Geo. C. Hartung, Chicago, who announced that he would publish a new paper called The Illinois Philatelist, states that he has given up the idea.

The Monarch Monthly is a new journal hailing from Chicago and devoted mostly to stamps. The contents are quite interesting and the make up neat. Published by The Monarch Stamp and Publishing Co., 1132 Otto St., Chicago, Ill. Subscription 50c. per year. Adv. rates \$1 per inch.

Mr. Alex. Holland, one of the most prominent collectors in New York is about to remove to Chicago.

Mr. A. C. Trask, Chicago, Ill., is now spending a couple of weeks in Canada.

Chicago branch No. 1, of the A. P. A., held a meeting in the Marquette Building on June 15 and unanimously favored C. E. Severn for a member of the Board of Directors.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, has sent out the catalogue for his next auction sale to take place in the club rooms of the Great Northern Hotel on July 14. Many fine stamps are listed in this. Two pages of the catalogue are taken up to boom the A. P. A.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

(BY D. C. EVANS.)

Nothing has stirred the even tenor of our ways this month except the announcements of four new local philatelic papers, who each declare that they and they alone are the finest and biggest papers on this globe. It was rumored here that J. J. Ellwood Lee had received their new private prop. stamps but would not let them out just yet, so acting on this, the writer journeyed up to Conshohocken, only to meet with the words that no stamp fiends are to be admitted. I learned that this was the outcome of the fact that for two weeks the firm entertained about 30 visitors daily who each in turn wanted to be the sole agent for their stamps. That speaks well for the number of collectors in their vicinity.

When the revenue law was first passed, through some neglect or other, a bank in Ambler, Pa., was entirely without stamps, so acting on the advice of the revenue man, they surcharged several sheets of stamps I. R. very similar to the surcharge of the government. This stamp is a true provisional and should receive more attention and respect than it is at present accorded.

A very fine collection, the property of the steward on the "Saale," which was burned at Hoboken last Sunday, was lost at the same time. When he realized that his treasures were on the ill-fated vessel, it was all that the cooler heads could do to prevent him from a vain attempt to rescue them.

Mr. L. P. Head showed me the new 3 cent Japan wedding stamps yesterday. He was the first Philadelphian to possess one.

I am glad to notice the fact that all of the better class of philatelic magazines are one by one eliminating city notes and are having in their place short, concise, interesting articles which are much more enjoyable than stale news.

I have just finished commiserating with a poor dealer who received a lot of unused 10c. stamps all stuck together. It is hard on the o. g. these days.

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Of the D.P.A. at St. Catherines, Ont., July 2nd & 3rd—A Large and Enthusiastic Gathering—Reports of the Officers Show That the Society is in a Healthy and Prosperous Condition—Election of Officers for the Year.

The D.P.A., as in past years, has been favored by a fair size attendance at the annual conventions, but the 5th annual convention just brought to a close at St. Catherines, Ont., was by no means an exception to the general rule. The delegates began to arrive on Saturday, 30th, and Sunday, 1st, and at the hour of the reception of delegates, Monday, July 2nd, at 11:30 a. m., some 25 members had put in an appearance. After a general all-round introduction and a hearty handshaking an adjournment for lunch was in order.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. R. D. Bremister, Johnstown, Pa., was unanimously elected permanent librarian. The convention was called to order at 2:15 p. m.

Mr. Bradley, of St. Catherines, delivered a brief address of welcome to the visitors, followed by the president's address. Mr. Wurtele, in his address, briefly outlined the condition of the Association complimenting the officers on their good work of the past year, urging upon the members the necessity of working together for one common interest and finally noting the increased membership and the satisfactory condition of the Treasury.

The reports of the officers was the next general order of business. The Sec.-Treasurer's report showed an astonishing increase of membership together with a large balance to the society treasury. Exchange Supt. report brought out the fact of the largest business in that Dept. since the inception of the society. Auction Manager reported a small deficit which however was satisfactorily explained and the Dept. is now under the able management of R. S. Mason on a prosperous working basis. The Trustees reported their investigating of fundamental dealing of a few members, together with the report of the constitution committee all of which were received and passed by the members present.

Under the heading of new business many matters of importance and interest to the society were received and discussed. Amendments were introduced to the constitution. One new office was created, that of Treas. Nominations were called for this office from the members present and voted upon which resulted in the selection of Mr. R. Brown, of Fort William, Ont., as Treas. (Note—Mr. Brown, upon his election as Exchange Supt., subsequently resigned the office of Treas. in favor of Mr. E. McGillivray, Toronto.)

After a heated discussion on the re-ignation of Mr. G. W. Starnaman as Sec.-Treas. (which was afterwards withdrawn) an adjournment at 5 p. m. was made for the members to again assemble together under the *focus of the camera*. At 5:30 p. m. a group photo of 24 of the delegates was taken when the members adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

The proceedings of the evening from 7:30 to 11:30 p. m. will not easily be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. The time was given over to general fun and jubilation, followed by a very successful auction sale, some 65 lots being disposed of. The entertainment committee had not forgotten their duties, and while the temperature was hovering around the 90°F. a pleasant surprise awaited the members. Ice cream, cake and fruit were indulged in by all present and after satisfying the inner man and singing many popular and patriotic airs the first day's proceedings were brought to a close.

The business of the morning session of the second day was given over to unfinished business and awaiting the report of the Credential Committee. After one and one half hour's confinement the committee re chairman reported the results of election as follows:—

Pres., E. F. Wurtele; Vice-Pres., F. S. Fitcher; U. S. Vice-Pres., E. S. Shove; Sec., G. W. Starnaman, accl.; Treas., E. B. McGillivray; Exchange Supt., W. R. Brown; Cont. Dict., C. Bailey, accl.; Auction Mgr., R. L. Mason, accl.; Librarian, F. J. Weaver, accl.; Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, accl.; Ad. and Sub. Agent, G. W. Hicks; Trustees, W. A. Starnaman, H. A. Chapman and A. R. Butler; Official Organ, Philatelic Advocate, accl.

Congratulations and short speeches by the officers elect (present) followed and adjournment till 1:30 p. m. for lunch.

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. After closing up the final business of the convention and remitting telegrams of congratulations, the largest, most enthusiastic and most successful meet in the history of the association was brought to a close.

Many members dispersed for their homes during the afternoon while others formed themselves into a pleasure and wheeling party and visited the many well known resorts in touch with St. Catherines.

The following were in attendance: G. S. Applegath, R. S. Mason, Hamilton; G. W. Starnaman, W. A. Starnaman, Berlin; Mr. Rene, Geo. Usher, F. Buereton, C. Wriggley, C. B. Morden, W. S. Wriggley, Chas. Bailey, W. R. Brown, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. Ely, Eglington, Ont.; Ed. Shepherd, Orillia; R. G. Widdicombe, Geo.

A. Bradley, W. A. Beatty, Mr. Johns, — Phillips, St. Catherines; D. F. Miller, Charles Robinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. N. Keefer, J. Locke, Alleghany, Pa.; R. D. Bermister, Johnstown, Pa.; S. S. Graham, Merriton, Ont., and others who were omitted from registry book.

CONVENTION CHAT.

Mr. Permister, Johnstown, Pa., was the first arrival.

E. N. Keefer had a club bag filled with pickles which he presented each member with as a souvenir (cuff button.)

R. S. Mason was indeed the convention's giant. The boys used his long reach to advantage (in swiping small and large fruit from the city park trees.)

Mr. Geo. Bradley says the convention sessions have no charms for him when his lady friends are waiting outside.

The convention was held in Wherberg Hall, Bond and St. Paul St., a very attractive room, richly furnished and an ideal room for stamp cranks.

Delegates headquarters were located at the Russell House but no free lunches were indulged in, in fact they always let you go away hungry.

The photographer, Mr. Poole, was a source of amusement in entertaining the crowd and unavoidable delay was caused by some of the boys eating too many green apples.

The St. Kits members are to be congratulated on their careful and complete arrangements. Everything went off without a hitch.

Charles Wriggley was presented with a complete churning outfit to shake up his well known Wrigley mixture with.

Mr. Russell Brown had three lady friends to support him during the departure of the Toronto contingent.

Mr. Bermister discharged the duties of chairman very satisfactorily taking everything that came his way good naturedly.

Mr. C. Bailey presented each member with a copyrighted perforation gauge, the convention souvenir.

Some of the Toronto members who were very enthusiastic about attending the meet were detained in their respective homes tucking wood and chasing grass hoppers home again. Mr. E. B. Mc and G. E. D.

D.P.A. convention badges of light blue were presented the members, while the P. C. of Toronto had special ribbons of purple and gold displayed.

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The latest name for a stamp Co. is "Bobs." This is surely a patriotic Co. and deserves support from all Britons. Their advt. appears on page 74.

Any philatelic writer wishing his cut inserted in our October number of "The Jubilee Philatelist and Mount Royal Stamp News" are requested to send as soon as possible with a short life sketch.

We publish this month a good report of the D. P. A. Convention held at St. Catherines. We are always interested in these societies and the editor has made application for membership to this great organization.

Mr. Holmes writes us from Quebec that he has moved from Montreal to a good position there.

All letters of enquiry must contain a 2c stamp for reply or their communication cannot be recognized.

With the Jubilee is now consolidated the Mount Royal Stamp News. We have bought the rights from the proprietor of the Mount Royal Stamp News. We have by this addition increased our subscription, greatly and dealers will find it to their advantage to advertise in "The Jubilee Philatelist and Mount Royal Stamp News."

As we intend taking a holiday in Sept. our No. for August and Sept. will not be quite as large as usual but we shall more than make up in our big special No. Your chief editor goes to Manitoba while the Review Editor goes down east.

Mr. Chapman's notes are meeting the approval of our readers. We are receiving congratulations from all quarters on securing this writer, also Miss A. L. Swift and Mr. Brightman.

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We must compliment the publishers of "Mekeel's Weekly" on its good appearance this No. It is a 4th of July number.

A. S. BERTRAND, Editor.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

(Continued from last page.)

One of the delegates was positive he saw a white elephant in the rear of the hotel about 3:30 a. m. on Thursday.

Mr. Keefer was very much in evidence at each session of the convention. Next time bring along a phonograph to assist you Bro. Keefer.

Warm water was the popular drink, in fact the ICEMAN was taking a dip in the canal and did not notice the heat.

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REVIEW.

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The following magazines were
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Evergreen Philatelist, Vol. xiii,
No. 72. Philately month by month.
Notes for U. S. Collectors.

The Clipper, Vol. ii, No. 7. Com-
pleteness. Philatelic Directory.

The Alleghany Philatelist, Vol.
vii, No. 34. Papering the wall.
Notes.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xiv,
No. 371. New Issues. Review.
Notes.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. ix, No.
42. Stamp Albums. Greece and
Switzerland. U.S. Minutes. Phil-
atelic Associations.

Auxiliary Philatelist, Vol. ii, No.
4. Notes. W. C. Wendover. C.
W. Chase.

The New York Philatelist, Vol.
viii, No. 2. Cheer up. Philadel-
phia Philately.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News,
Vol. xiv, No. 496. Notes from
London, New York, Boston, Cali-
fornia and Chicago.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xiv,
No. 372. Miss Lillie Murray. The
State Revenue "Field." Notes.

The Evergreen Philatelist has
combined May and June No's. and
besides is taking a two months'
holiday.

The Philatelic Advocate is out a
little ahead of time this month.
August number will contain a full
report of the Convention. Edgar
S. Brightman thinks we should use
a blank stamp album. I have used
one for years and find it away ahead
of the other when complete notes
cannot be obtained. The July No.
shows that the D.P.A. is prospering.
Before another No. is issued there
will be a membership of over 500.

Mekeel's Weekly appears this No
printed in red and blue. The front
cover is surrounded with U. S. flags
with the coat of arms or shield at
the top. It contains the following
under the head of "Foolish Boys,"
taken from the Scottsburg (Ind.)
Chronicle: "Some boys won't join
the stamp club because it will cost
them 5c a month and yet they will
spend that much for candy in five
minutes, which does not do them a
bit of good."

The Reviewer of the Weekly Era,
Mr. Stone, says that I have used
his style for review. It does look
something like his style and it
is all O. K.

G. C. KEITH

RANDOM JOTTINGS.

(BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.)

No cause for worry.—To two or
three meddlesome individuals who
have quizzed me; the information is
given that I have never had a speck
of friction with a single perso con-
nected with The Jubilee Philatelist.

V.R.I.—Of course English people
generally know that the initials com-
mencing this paragraph mean "Vic-
toria, Queen and Empress." Many,
even among philatelists, who have
seen the surcharging on the O.F.S.
stamps are in the dark. Jokers
define the initials as meaning either
"very rare Indeed" or V.R.I.-eties.

Chemistry of a Postage Stamp.—
Recently I came across a copy of the
London Lancet, a high English
medical authority. It had quite a
lengthy paragraph concerning the
new ½d green of Great Britain. It
gave an analysis of the materi-
als used in the color of
the stamp, also gave the ingredients
used for making the gem and stated
that no bad results could ensue from
licking the little adhesive, so that
particular people who are afraid of
green stamps and strange gum, need
have no fear in this case.

The New Jamaica Stamp.—There
are always differences of opinion
regarding new stamps. Some don't
like the new Jamaica red carmine
and they must be hard to suit for it
seems to me the color is pretty and
the scenery certainly, too. It gives
a view of the Llandoverly Falls and
is of the shape of our Columbians
and Omahas.

Nothing New.—From the Metro-
politan Philatelist. It (the M. P.)
does not aim at publishing long-
winded essays on the minute differ-
ences in well known stamps or the
whys and wherefores of their issues.
All this has been published and re-
published and baked and then done
up in various highly seasoned stews.
The fair minded reader or collector
may ask if these tabooed subjects
are not as sensible as "pre-cancelled
stamps" which are very much talked
of lately in Father Scott's trade
journal.

Cancellation Not a Guarantee.—
In the Nebraska Philatelist for June
is found this sensible paragraph in
article signed with the name of
"Veritas:" "The theory that a
cancellation is a guarantee of the
genuineness of a stamp is as obsolete
as a 5c 1847, it having long ago
been shown that the forger who
has made a stamp can easily add a
post mark."

Pre-Cancelled Stamps—What are
called by the above title are receiving
considerable attention in the U. S.
lately. The cancelling mark is the
work of the printer, the name of the

place being type-set and it seems as
if "type-set cancellations" would
be the most appropriate designation.
To the writer, it appears as though
the opportunity for fraud is very
tempting, for how easy it will be
for a printer to set up the name of a
city and print it on a one-cent pos-
tage stamp, and there will be plenty
of people found who are easily
gulled.

Ladies' Letters—This paragraph
may not be very "philatelic" but
it may "go." A conundrum has
been put forth by someone who
signs himself "A man." He asks
why ladies pen letters as they do
(but men also have done it), skip-
ping from the first page of the
sheet to the third, then back to the
second, writing on said second
page vertically instead of horizon-
tally, and goes finally to the fourth,
if the letter stops there. (Those
sent me are generally written all
around the edges, criss-cross, diag-
onally, etc.) I quote the rest so
don't score me for it. "It is not
enough to say that this is the
fashion, or that it is mere habit.
There must have been some pro-
found psychological motive which
led to this fashion or habit. Per-
haps no mere man could ever under-
stand exactly what it was; but an
explanation would be of interest."

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The Countries of Southern and Equatorial Africa.

BY EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

Everyone has heard the story of the rich ship owner who received a letter from one of the captains of his great fleet of merchant vessels, saying that his boat had undergone a very dangerous experience, and had been in great jeopardy but at last succeeded in putting into port. The wealthy, but ignorant plutocrat, thereupon got a map of the world and after searching half an hour, disgustingly said that he couldn't find "Great Jeopardy" on any map in the atlas, and if that captain of his couldn't tell him where it was, he would be immediately discharged.

By giving this anecdote I do not mean to insinuate that collectors are as ignorant of general information and geography as this ship owner—no indeed!—but there is much haziness in the minds of many concerning the exact location of a large number of stamp issuing countries, and especially is this true of the Asiatic and African nations, for there are constant shiftings of the boundary lines, and it is by no means a rare occurrence for a small country to be annexed by a more powerful neighbor. Accordingly no map remains up-to-date for many years, and a person well informed on the geography of ten or fifteen years ago would have to revise his

knowledge to keep up with the demands of the times.

Nevertheless, in spite of these obstacles, there are many cogent reasons why we should keep track of the location of stamp issuing governments, both from the obvious benefit that results from it, and also in a philatelic sense.

The present article deals with that part of Africa which seems to be least known of all. Cape Colony, the Transvaal and Orange Free State, now Orange River Colony, have been so thoroughly exploited that I pass them by, only stopping to note that British Bechuanaland is immediately west of the Transvaal, and that the two Griqualands, East and West, are situated in Cape Colony.

West of Bechuanaland and north of Cape Colony is German South West Africa, a territory large in extent but inhabited for the most part by uncivilized tribes of natives. To the west of the Transvaal, and extending up the coast more than 1200 miles, are Portuguese possessions, divided, for strictly philatelic purposes, as follows: Lorenzo Marquez (where the much desired Delagoa Bay is situated) Zambesi, Mozambique and Mozambique Company. Between these Portuguese and German possessions, north of Bechuanaland, is British South Africa, now called to help appease one man's insatiable greed for notoriety, Rhodesia.

Angola and Portuguese Congo

comprise a large area north of German South West Africa and south of Congo Free State, the largest, if not the only, nominally independent country in the Dark Continent, except the Transvaal, and that doesn't count now, Dietz to the contrary notwithstanding. East of the Congo Free State and extending nearly to the sea is German East Africa; between this and the ocean is an extending narrow strip of land nearly 1000 miles long, called Zanzibar, an English possession. North of this is British East Africa. This was formerly known as British Protectorate but the name was changed in 1890. To the north west of Lake Victoria Nyanza in this colony is Uganda with a population of 200,000. Nicaragua, Central America, has 113,000 more, besides being higher in the scale of civilization. The former presented to the admiring gaze of collectors four complete sets in the first three years after it commenced that delightful operation, keeping fully up to the record of its American rival, and yet Seebeck is a synonym for ultra speculative and Uganda conveys to the ordinary collector's mind the idea of something of fabulous wealth and altogether unattainable by us poor mortals. Oh it is a very "lamentable comedy" to see philatelists spurn the one and covet the other. Not to collect both would involve consistency, and that is really a little more than we ought to expect.

The only division remaining in that part of Africa indicated by my title is French Congo, west of Congo Free State. It is wonderful to think of all this region, which not so very long ago was practically unknown to the Caucasian, but which is now a great hive of industry where countless principalities and powers on some or no pretext, make labels by the bushel, called postage stamps, wherewith to enrich their own coffers and to deplete those of us collectors.

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NOTES AND NOTED.

(BY AMY L. SWIFT.)

Did you ever note the difference in collectors when it comes to paying the postage on their mail sendings? One with whom I have had considerable to do does not hesitate to invariably use the common 2c. on everything, no matter how many are necessary, and it is also quite apt to hurt good stamped envelopes with rubber stamped name and address applied sometimes in several places. If I expostulate I'm called to account for being too fussy. Another once had occasion to send a package on which the postage would be 43c., and wrote especially to inquire my preference concerning the stamp values to be used. That's the difference between two collectors. From Canada a ½c stamp is worth more than a 2c, but folks are not always considerate enough to remember that when writing to other collectors. Be considerate, friends, and use good values when you can without inconvenience and don't hold up to ridicule those who request you to humor their particular wants (and don't wants) in the line of stamps used on mail sent them. Some time, may be, you may have similar requests of your own to make.

I suppose it is natural for editors to try to impress the public with the value of their journal as an advertising medium, but a little care in preparing the self laudation would not come amiss sometimes. I recently noted this in a small publication: "Advertisers notice the advts. in this issue and compare with No. 1. Do you think that if their advts. didn't pay them that dealers would keep right on advertising and enlarging their advts.?"

Careful search discovered only two inch advts. and 4 tiny exchange notices in the whole paper and all but two of the entire six bore the names of people connected with the journal as agents or contributors. It is rather doubtful if dealers were much impressed by that toot from the horn of self-praise. I wasn't, anyway, and I'm not even a dealer.

I note that the Jas. G. Stickney, of \$1 Columbian-for-35c fame has an advt. in Brown's Advertiser, of Salisbury, Eng., wherein he requests from readers "100 or more stamps of their country in perfect condition" in exchange for "like number and value in U. S. and Canada." He describes himself as publisher of the "Georgia Philatelist," but I have no knowledge of any such journal being in existence. Mr. S. has not a very savory reputation among us and all foreign collectors will be wise to think many times more than twice before sending him any selection of their duplicates.

Good Varieties to Look For

(BY JOHN PELTZ.)

Having been requested by some to give more articles of this class, I will try to do so, trusting that the many readers of THE JUBILEE PHILATELIST will kindly pardon any mistakes or errors (which I assure them are unintentional) made on my part. Remember, the best of us are open to correction and I shall be glad to have anyone set me right.

First, let me mention a statement made in the June issue of the Jubilee by Henry Chapman, who, in speaking of the 1890, U. S. 2c capped, says: "The left figure 2 has the cap oftenest while it is less common on the right 2 and still scarcer which has caps on both." Probably Bro. Chapman is not aware of the following. I have heard from several well known collectors that only about a dozen caps are known to be in existence of the right cap on 2, while on the contrary to his statement I have found and heard of a great many copies of the caps on both 2's. Then, too, some years ago I found two copies of the right two capped, one of which a collector was glad to secure in exchange for a good copy of Costa Rica, No. 13, unused. And from what I have read I think this stamp is not overpriced either. I have had many letters from collectors in U. S. who wished to secure one of the right capped 2's, but as I had only one copy to exchange I could not accommodate them all. And, to cap the climax, does not the fact that Scott's 59th fails to price this stamp, indicates that it is worth a bit more than the two other varieties?

In Argentine I have found two copies of the 1852, 5c pink, with narrow "C" and lines straight in shield, unused, full gum, taken from dealers' approval sheets at 1c for each copy. These stamps are both in good condition and what appears to me to be the thin paper of the originals, although as for that matter I have never seen an acknowledged reprint of this stamp and therefore cannot tell by the texture of the paper whether it is genuine or reprint. Genuine copies are worth \$1.50, unused, with the price steadily advancing each year. In the 57th catalogue I believe the price for unused copies was then only 35c. There is another copy of this stamp, with accent on "U" of Republica, but of this I have never had the good fortune to see a copy. The price for used specimens is 75c, but unused are very rare, and are seldom seen.

Later on, in the 2868-69 issue of Argentine, we come across two types of the 3c vermilion. In the first type which is rarer than the other the ground work is formed of

horizontal lines, while the common stamp, type second, has the back ground formed of horizontal lines. Scott's 58th catalogue made a bad mistake in the prices of these two stamps, listing them at about the same price, and though this was corrected in the "Errata" in front of the catalogue, there are many dealers and collectors who, paying no attention to the "Errata" pages, sold the stamps at the original printed prices, thus suffering an unconscious financial loss.

There are several issues of Cape of Good Hope that deserve mention as being good varieties to search for amongst common issues of foreign stamps. In 1865 a set was printed, perforated 14, with outer frame around the entire design of stamps. The set comprises four values, 1p red, 4p blue, 6p dull mauve, and bright violet (a shade variety), 1sh yellow green, and blue green (also a shade). The above are work a good price. In 1871-81 the design was a bit altered in that the outer frame around the design was omitted. The stamps in this set are worth from 2c to \$6.50.

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