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## GREETING.

*To our Patrons and Friends:*

With this our initial number we present ourselves into the field of Philatelic journalism, and patiently await the verdict of the appreciative public on this our venture.

We must say, as reasons for our unexpected presence, that we are not only here to "fill a long felt want," but are even prompted by a far nobler motive, and far more important aim.

What! to fill a long felt want? Yes, our friends. We are fully aware of the number of philatelic journals (whether good, bad, or indifferent,) extant, but we are equally as fully aware of the very small fraction thereof which constitutes the few worthy of the name which they bear, and the cause which they represent, and especially is this true in Canada. Of the few, however, collectors cannot but deem any addition as a "long felt want." We are here to join the ranks of these few, and therefore claim the right of the surname.

Our foremost reason of presence, however, is due to an ardent desire to benefit philately, and an inherent love of our beautiful scientific hobby, a feeling, almost forcible in its nature, and almost natural in the true. The latter is more easily felt than described, and we will not enter into a lengthy topic,

but conclude by assuring the reader that this feeling assures us *long life and prosperity.*

We will end this in a few words, further assuring our readers that this, our first number, is in *no wise* up to our proposed standard, and is rather crude and imperfect, as is usual, but this objection, we trust, will be overcome by our promise to improve the JOURNAL monthly, and make it a leading factor among Philatelic journalism of to-day.

We, therefore, take this opportunity of greeting our friends, and soliciting their foremost patronage.

## What Shall We Collect?

BY M. S.

The above question is so often referred to by collectors of all grades, whether advanced, young or otherwise, that a few general remarks on the subject would not be out of place at this busy season of the year, when there is a general return to albums and stamps. The question is such that when treated in philatelic journalism is liable to variations, and a study of all, coupled with common sense, is a sure means to the exact answer.

If you are a *beginner*, collect only *used specimens* and of the cheaper class, as these are the only ones not liable to counterfeit, reprint, and other means of deceit specially framed for that inexperienced collector. Collect such specimens as were used *postally only*,

and such as are treated in a standard catalogue. Generalize your collection and collect only varieties of stamps, giving no attention to perforations, watermarks or shades. Adhere to these advices until you are promoted to the higher sphere of philately as a *young collector*.

If you are a *young collector*, or somewhat versed in the *art* of collecting, you may then extend your territory in the collecting field, and give your attention to both *used* and *unused*, *postage* and *revenue* stamps, and if thought necessary you may also study watermarks and perforations, and collect varieties of the same. Give your especial attention to the issues of your own country, but *be a general collector*. You may also extend your limit to higher priced stamps and, perhaps, scarcities. Do not yet collect surcharges, as they are often counterfeited, and liable to deceive the young collector's eye. You will continue in that fashion, at the same time not forgetting the side-issues of philately, which are nearly as important as itself, including journalism and philatelic socialism, until you have reached the ripe age and period of your promotion to the third and foremost stage of the *scientific collecting*, better and properly known as philately.

If you are an *advanced collector* or philatelist, the several courses of collecting are open to you, and you may make your own selection. You may either generalize or specialize, at your pleasure. You may study and collect postage, revenue, local, telegraph, envelopes, and the other score and ten variations. You may classify your stamps according to shade, perforation, watermark, etc. You may collect pairs and blocks, errors and specimens, provisionals and surcharges, proofs and essays, engravings and lithographs, impressions and albums, and, in fact, everything in connection with them. The collection of all or any of the above oddities, are optional, and you may accept some and reject others.

You have reached the stage when the collecting is your idol—in fact *your second nature*, which will forever linger with you.

Kind readers, I have attempted to outline a brief summary of the three stages of stamp collecting, and what to collect, and trust that I have not encroached upon your time without benefit.

Thanking the editor for valuable space, I will conclude, with hopes of addressing my readers at a future time.

### History of the Postal System.

BY SOCRATES.

How many of our young brethren in philately are acquainted with the history and reformation of our now perfect postal system? My experience has taught me that, with the exception of a few, they are not thoroughly acquainted with the same, and for their benefit I will attempt, to the best of my ability, to impart to them some inkling as regards its origination. Prior to 1784 it seems 'hat little or nothing was known or cared about the prosperity and management of the system in Great Britain, which consisted in the sender of a letter going to the mailing office with same, and paying charges in advance to the person in charge, who very frequently was not upright enough to place the charges in the right place, but, by mistake (?) removed same to his own interests. Then, also, was it a difficulty to those who had to travel many miles to reach the post office, if such it may be termed. In 1874, however, some postal reform agitators rose on a question for more speed of mail coaches, an argument which met with the obstinate opposition and indignation of the officials. Nevertheless, the former won the day, in that the speed of mail coaches was increased to six miles, and finally to eight miles per hour. The officials, though, had the satisfaction of seeing

this rate attended with a corresponding rise in revenue. Rates were then charged as to weight, distance, and whatever route the mail was sent by the officials. Next, an agitation for distance rates abolition met with a sturdy refusal from the Lords of the Treasury. Such was the system until 1815, when the revenue of the country amounted to £1,500,000 or \$7,500,000 per annum, which continued until 1836. In 1837 Mr., afterwards Sir Rowland Hill, introduced a novel doctrine of postal reform in his noted pamphlet, advocating uniform rate charges, abolition of rates as reference to distance, and numerous other minute transformations especially adapted for mercantile purposes. This proposition was considered, in the view of the officials, as utter extravagance, and it might have been, as usual, ignored, had it not been for the interception of the influential and leading commercial classes, who ignored the proposal. And so it was that, after a brief struggle, postage was reduced to a uniform charge of four pence. Not, however, until December 21, 1839, was a decree issued, and on May 6, 1840, were stamps put before the public, with a reduced uniform charge of only one penny, which has, unto this day, been maintained. The honor of the invention of the first postage stamps lies equally divided between Mr. James Chalmers and Sir Rowland Hill, and between the followers of whom there is a controversy. In 1841 stamps were introduced in the United States and Switzerland, and in three years they were common in France, Belgium and Bavaria. The reduction of charges from the beginning to the present may be stated as follows: 2/6, 1 2, 8d., 4d., and now 1d., which shows the rapid progress it has made. And, instead of mail coaches going at eight miles per hour, we have our mail cars flying at the rate of 50 miles per same period. The system has been introduced into every part of the world, until now we

have a system much to be proud of, and collectors are foremost in acknowledging their gratefulness to the toil of their ancestors.

## New York Notes.

BY R. W. A.

R. R. Bogert will be abroad for an indefinite period.

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The typographical appearance of the *Post Office* is what we call "snide." Joseph Holmes is printing it again. Robert Sneider furnishes the cuts, etc.

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New Yorkers have been anxiously awaiting something tangible from Canada in the shape of a nice, lively paper. They will, no doubt, be satisfied now.

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We hear, that a Philatelic marriage is in range, and an editor and publisher of a Philatelic magazine will be the happy recipient of the daughter of a large Metropolitan stamp dealer, as a bride. Who is the fortunate bridegroom?

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The philatelic funny man here is circulating a yarn that there is a plot among New York dealers to depose Queen Victoria and place Mr. N. F. Seebeck on the British throne. This is in order to have a fresh lot of stamps every year for all the British Colonies. Whew!

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He tells another; but it is getting to be a chestnut. He says that seven large New York dealers are to combine and form a company to be incorporated for \$500,000.00. This will entail the discontinuance of three leading monthlies to be superseded by *The Philatelic Standard*, (or is it "*Gazette*"); also that a weekly, four times as large as McKeel's will be issued. There are threats of lynching going around.

Walter Thorne, the juvenile New York dealer, no longer works for the firm who rent Box 1566. He was recently discharged, so they write me. All dealers or publishers who have accounts against him should sell out at once. His residence is Clifton, N. J.

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Auction sales are now going to be quite frequent this season. R. F. Albrecht & Co., J. W. Scott Co., R. R. Bogert & Co., and the Scott Stamp & Coin Company all have large lots of stamps on hand for disposal by that means.

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The Columbus Celebration will be fittingly celebrated in this city by the philatelists here. The New York branch of the Sons of Philatelia will hold a special meeting on the 12th or 13th, at which all philatelists from other cities, who are in New York at the time, will be expected to attend. We can promise them a good time. Among the visitors expected are: H. E. Alt-house, F. S. Fox and C. W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa.; J. D. Bartlett, of South Amboy, N. J., and probably some stampies from Baltimore and Washington.

## Ottawa Notes.

BY W. SABOURIN.

Mr. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., left Ottawa some time ago for Dakota. He will visit on his way St. Louis and other cities of the Western States.

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The Ottawa Government will probably give, next month, a contract for a new postal card. We need it very much, and trust that it will be larger than the previous one.

I have in my possession an envelope addressed to a party in Melbourne, Victoria. Same was sent ten months ago and it has been returned because the person could not be found. It is all covered with postmarks of different countries of the world.

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The *Ottawa Philatelist* made its appearance last week. The number contains an article on registration stamps of Canada, and another on a "Philatelist's Misfortune," worth reading. We would advise every Canadian collector to procure a copy of the above named paper. Mr. F. L. Chevrier is the publisher.

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The P. S. of C. has no official organ yet. Several philatelic papers have made offers, but none were accepted. It seems as if the society was booming . . . down. Members are complaining, and they have grounds to do so. We trust that our officers will make haste and give us, as soon as possible, something to divert our minds during the long winter months.

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On a large chart, ten feet by twelve, Mr. F. R. E. Campeau, of the Inland Revenue Department, of Ottawa, has arranged a complete collection of all the revenue stamps in use in Canada since Confederation. These include law, excise, gas and petroleum inspection, tobacco, cigar and other stamps, as the auctioneers say, too numerous to mention, and one for which a philatelist would pay a good round sum. The chart will be sent to the World's Fair at Chicago.

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The funeral of the late Eugene Peachy, of the stationery branch of the civil service, who died of typhoid fever after a short illness, took place on October 1st inst. Deceased had been very popular. There was a large at-

tendance at the obsequies. The members of the Numismatic Society, of which he was a member attended in a body. Deceased was only 31 years of age, and leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss.

## Detroit Notes.

BY ONE OF THEM.

Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, is to spend the latter part of this month in Colorado and New Mexico. We wish him a pleasant journey.

Mr. T. L. W. Porte, Exchange Manager of the D. P. S., has a very fine collection, and has also a very good library, which is his special pride.

Mr. Theo. Q. Pardee, the Librarian of the D. P. S., is a most enthusiastic collector of philatelic literature, and has quite a fine library, which he is steadily adding to.

Mr. R. S. Appleton, Secretary of the D. P. S., spent a week in Washington during the G. A. R. reunion, but lack of time prevented his meeting any collectors while there.

Mr. A. H. Kessler has left for Ann Arbor, to resume his studies at the University of Michigan. Several other Detroit collectors, we believe, are in attendance there this year, including Messrs. Bolles and Colburn.

The *Detroit Philatelist* is the leading journal devoted to philately in this part of the country. It has steadily grown in interest and favor. It has a free exchange column for the use of its subscribers, and that they appreciate, as is shown by the large number making use of it each month. It contains 16 pages and cover, is well printed, and

contains well written and interesting articles, notes, etc. The subscription price is only 25 cents for 12 numbers.

Mr. S. M. Cutler V. P. of the D. P. S., and Exchange Supt. of the M. P. A., has only been collecting about eight months, but is a most enthusiastic devotee, and has managed to gather a collection of some 4,000 varieties in that short period. Mr. Cutler is a special examiner of the U. S. Pension offices, and his duties take him out of town quite a bit, although he manages to be present at all the meetings of the D. P. S.

The Michigan Philatelic Association is experiencing a steady growth. It now has 58 members, including a most all of Michigan's most active and prominent collectors. However, we want every collector in Michigan to join. The dues are only 50 cents per year, including a subscription to the *Detroit Philatelist*, the official organ. Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe, Mich., is President, and A. H. Crittenden, 169 Twelfth St., Detroit, Mich., is Secretary. Application blanks can be secured of the Secretary.

The Detroit Philatelic Society held its 3rd regular meeting of the season on Monday evening, October 3rd. Fourteen members were present and aousing meeting was the result. Four new members were admitted. The annual election of officers was held and the following is the result: President, A. H. Crittenden (re-elected); Vice-President, S. M. Cutler; Secretary, R. S. Appleton; Treasurer, R. E. Smith; Librarian, Theo. Q. Pardee (re-elected); Exchange Manager, T. L. W. Porte; Auction Manager, W. F. Dessotell. An interesting essay on the stamps of Nova Scotia, by R. E. Smith, was listened to with much pleasure, and was very instructive. The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock, to meet again Monday evening, Oct. 17th.

## Personal and Pertinent

Mr. L. B. Hill, a leading Detroit collector, is one of the editors of the *Detroit Evening News*.

Mr. Alfred L. Holman, an active Chicago philatelist, is a prominent barrister of that city.

Mr. E. A. Fritz, one of Chicago's leading lights, is the owner of a large brewery at that place.

Mr. S. C. Scott, Calmar, Iowa, is employed as the cashier of the First National Bank of that city.

Mr. E. A. Holton, the great Boston stamp dealer, is also the proprietor of a leading photographic gallery.

Mr. Fred. H. Barker, Treasurer of the U. P. A., is a trustworthy employe in the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Mr. W. H. Liddicoatt, of this city, occupies the position of head master and principal of the London West School.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, President of the A. P. A., of St. Louis, Mo., besides being a milicnaire, is one of the most prominent lawyers of that city.

Mr. G. B. Calman, the leading metropolitan wholesale stamp dealer, is said to already have accumulated over \$100,000 from the business.

Mr. L. Miller, the former P. S. of C official collector, has removed to New York, where he occupies the position of buyer for the firm of Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co., piano and cabinet makers, New York city.

Mr. Jos. Ineson, a leading Canadian collector of Carleton West, Ont., was recently married to Miss Kate McRoberts, of London, Ont., at this city.

Mr. D. S. Newsome, the Librarian of the Iowa Philatelic Society, is the book-keeper and cashier of the Risser Dry Goods Warehouse, of Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. C. B. Corwin, the former editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, is a member of the large wholesale house of Stevens, Corwin & Co., of New York city.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham, New Market, N. H., editor and publisher of the *Eastern Philatelist*, is a leading printer, and an editor of a local weekly magazine.

Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., has resigned the Presidentship of the London Philatelic Society, which he had held for the last 23 years. His successor is the Earl of Kingston.

Mr. A. H. Crittenden, editor of the *Detroit Philatelist*, is the head book-keeper of the Western Union Telegraph Office of that city. He also does a rushing trade in stamps.

Lieut. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., is on a three months' absence and tour over the United States, on account of failure of health. We trust he will return perfectly well.

Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, Mich., is the leading physician, and the possessor of a great practice in his town. He also devotes his spare hours to stamp and coin collecting. He is the editor of the *Numismatist*, and a leading contributor to philatelic literature.

Mr. Ralph W. Ashcroft, the editor of the *Long Island Philatelist*, and a well known philatelic writer, acts in the capacity of private secretary to the President of the W., N. Y. & Pa. R. R. Co.

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Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ont., the possessor of one of the finest Canadian collections, and Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of C., is a member of the firm of McDougall & Robertson, barristers, etc., of that city.

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### Current Topics.

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The *Stamp*, formerly the *New York Stamp*, has been selected Official Organ of the P. S. of C. *pro tem*.

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The P. S. of A. and W. P. U. have declared against amalgamation with the A. P. A.

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It is estimated that over 600,000 persons in the whole world are interested in stamp collecting.

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The first number of the *Ottawa Philatelist*, we hear, has already appeared, but we have not seen it yet.

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Detroit stamp dealers, we learn, are endeavoring to form a stock company of dealers, with shares of \$500 each.

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There are more stamp collectors of the German nationality, both on this continent and abroad, than of any other.

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While Mr. J. D. Rice was absent from home at the A. P. A. Convention, over \$800 worth of his stamps were stolen.

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The total value of unclaimed letters and parcels in the London Post Office is something over £10,000, or \$50,000 a year.

The Shah of Persia is said to be an ardent and enthusiastic stamp collector, and possesses a number of rarities.

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It is reported that Mr. E. B. Sterling, the hero of the New Haven Stamp find, has already refused \$2,000 for his treasure. He expects to get \$2,500 for it.

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Postmaster-General Wannamaker will not respond to the demand for one cent postage in his forthcoming annual report, as it would mean an annual loss of about \$25,000,000.

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The Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., had six pages full of frauds in the June issue of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, with an aggregate loss of nearly \$1,500. Whew!

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Scott's 53rd edition Catalogue has been announced to appear shortly. It will consist of over 400 pages, and over 3,500 illustrations. The price has been advanced to 50c.

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It is expected that the stamp exhibit at the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893, will consist of over \$500,000 worth of stamps, contributed to by the leading dealers and collectors.

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Mr. E. P. Newcomer, Pres. of the Iowa Philatelic Association, and a well-known Philatelic writer, is said to be afflicted with rheumatism and in a helpless condition. We trust that he will have a speedy recovery.

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The busy stamp season has already commenced, and dealers expect it to be superior to any of its predecessors. Not to be behind time, you must advertise. The *time* is NOW, the *place* is THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

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Editorials.

Kind reader, are you favorably impressed with our first number? If so, you may oblige us by tendering us your full support to make this journal a success. We have, as far as possible, tried to make our first number the first of a successful volume, and it is for you to say as to whether we have accomplished it or not. We have introduced everything possible for an initial number, in order to make it the more acceptable. And we do by no means yet halt. Our future aim will be to develop this new-born journal into the excellence of perfection, and make it not only *the* journal in Canada, but also a leader in the world. The journal will be of especial attraction to our Canadian collectors, but will also be made interesting to our border friends. To that end we are making provisions for contributions and newsy notes from our leading contributors and philatelic centres. We are very sorry, indeed, that we are unable, for various reasons, to don a coat in the form of a cover, as was our intention. We will, however, make amends by donning an especial attractive one when we do, which will be within a few months. In the meantime, if you are a collector, do not fail to subscribe. It is only 20 cents *now*, but may be increased soon. We guarantee you twelve numbers. If you are a dealer, a trial ad. is solicited. Circulation from 1,000 to 3,000 copies monthly guaranteed. Ad. rates are very low and within the reach of all. You are all, therefore, requested to subscribe and advertise at once.

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We hear, with regret, of the result of the amalgamation proposal. The W. P. U. has declared against it, and the P. S. of C. did not think it worth its while to decide this momentous question. This, we presume, is due to either the lack of progressive attain-



ments of these, or to the lack of mental qualities of perceiving the utility of the accomplishments of the scheme. To one of these we must account for the result, as the scheme was originally endorsed by the wisest of our realm as beneficial to philately, and we do not, therefore, account the failure to the instability of the scheme. We favored it, and do so still, as we believe that it would be a step in the right direction to benefit philately by more prominence and consideration in the non-collecting world. This we conclude from the fact that there is strength in union, and a large body, whether governed by the A. P. A. or any responsible body, would be a greater credit to us than a dozen smaller ones. Thus we can not but much condemn the decision, and trust that the smaller societies will also awaken to the fact and make amends.

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Another fraud exposed.—We have long wondered that it was never remarked by either journal or society that Thos. O. Pardoe, jr. the irresponsible boy, of Ingersoll, Ont., was a fraud all through his brilliant (?) career as an *advertising dealer*. His name, we are informed, had been contained in the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* several times, and yet not once did any journal dare doubt the reliability of his *great offers and wonderful bargains* (?) A short time ago we had occasion to remark and wonder at his bargains (?) to an editor and publisher of a philatelic journal, who, in return, informed us that if the offer were genuine, he would buy any amount of his advertised goods at the prices, but that he was a fraud of the deepest dye, etc., and yet the journal of the same publisher was adorned with the frequent advertisements of the same fraud. What a mockery of "accepting ads. from reliable sources only," and at the same time adhering to "money before anything else."

The U. S. post office department has announced its intention of issuing a special set of stamps in honor of the Columbian celebration, to be in use only during 1893, at the end of which time the stamps of the present issue will again return into use. This will cause another increase in our collecting field, and, strange to say, the adversaries of the "Seebeck issues" seem to be rejoiced at the idea. Whether the 30c. and 90c., of the present issue, will be succeeded by 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 stamps, according to the resolution at the last A. P. A. convention, it has not yet been decided, but if they do, there will necessarily be a rise in these issues, and dealers are already preparing for an emergency, by increasing their stock of these. Such is the way our dealers prosper.

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With our second number we shall commence a new feature in the form of the photos and biographies of our leading dealers and collectors, to be known as "Our Album." This is an important feature, and one that will interest every reader, as there are many who have a special liking to know about the persons they read about. The feature will be continued monthly, and if you would like to possess the set you should subscribe at once. The photo and sketch of Mr. J. S. Robertson, barrister, of St. Thomas, Ont., a leading Canadian collector, will appear in our next number. Look out for it.

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We are informed, through the press, that the five western States of Venezuela have set up an independent government at Puerto Cabello, with Gen. Eleazar Urdaneta as dictator. This will be regretted by the "anti-Seebeckites," as it will cause, no doubt, another set of stamps, and another addition to the album. If new issues go on at this rate of speed we may soon expect a standard catalogue of over 500 pages, at a charge of 75 cents.

None can but remark the harmoniousness which prevailed during the conventions of the Sons of Philatelia, A. P. A., C. P. A. and P. S. of C., which is cognizant of the fact that philately and its devotees are constantly being promoted to a higher sphere of existence, and we trust that they may continue so for some time. With their new officers and more modern improvements we predict a successful year for each and all of the above.

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## Literary Review.

We would be pleased to exchange either one or two copies with philatelic papers, and all received will be impartially reviewed.

We are in receipt of the S. B. Bradt Co's 8th auction sale, to be held October 10th, consisting of 510 lots, the property of Mr. Chas. A. Townsend, of Akron O.

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* comes to hand weekly as regularly as clock work. There is always something attractive in its pages. All the latest news are contained, and for such it is the journal of the world. Published at St. Louis, Mo.

We have also on hand a copy of the *Revista Filatelica*, the Spanish paper published by the above concern. We do not understand that language, and therefore cannot enumerate the contents, but by appearance, however, we judge it to be good.

The *Washington Philatelist* is, as usual, sharp on time. "A Postage Stamp's Adventures," "The Pursuit of Happiness," the usual editorials and comments, and *United Philatelic Association* matter, constitute the September number before us.

The *Collector's Press* is a small 4-page and cover journal, devoted to all kinds of collecting, but more especially to philately. Typographically it is very poor, and the whole contains nothing more than a few copied notes. Published at Howard's Grove, Richmond, Va.

The *Long Island Philatelist* for August contains only 8 pages, but is nearly all filled with reading matter, editorials, "Approval Sheet Frauds," "Poor Jonathan," A. P. A. and S. of P. matter, and Phresh Phrosh Philatelists make up the number. Published at Woodhaven, N. Y.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* comes to hand, but instead of the list of frauds we find letters and correspondence concerning them. Among them we notice the names of a few old-timers, including Gus. C. Lubitz. Editorials and comments conclude the number. Published by G. W. Green, Stromsburg, Neb.

The *Western Philatelist* is improved largely by the addition of a cover, besides having an interesting review column and a breezy "Our Gossip." "Echoes from Niagara" and Canadian notes fill up the remainder of a very good number. We trust that Bro. Reimers will obtain second-class rates. Published at Auburn Park, Ill.

The *Canadian Philatelist* has donned a new cover, which improves it slightly. The contents, however, are much better than usual, with the exception of *Anti-Amalgamation*, by A Dissenter, which is opposed to our own view of the matter. "Stamp Collecting," by J. C., notes, editorials and clippings, fill up the remainder. Published at London, Ont.

The *American Philatelist*, under its new management, is already showing improvement, and the September number is a specimen worthy of the official organ of the A. P. A. As it is the first number after the convention, the whole number is filled up with the reports and proceedings of the convention. Published by the C. H. Mekeel Co., St. Louis Mo.

The *Detroit Philatelist* comes increased to 16 pages of readable matter, and cover. "Philatelic Literature," by P. Rue, is a very instructive work. "Seebeck's Speculation," by A. M. Griggs, calls for some means of excavating the "Seebeck" issues, and treats the subject excellently. H. H. Zobel contributes an interesting article on "Are the Young Collectors a Hindrance to Philately." The remainder is taken up with brisk editorials, impartial review, "Here, There and Everywhere." Canada Notes, by Nemo, California Topics, Costly Postage Stamps, and last but not least, the noted "Grills and Surcharges," by Scott, which has become a regular feature. Published at 109 Twelfth st., Detroit, Mich.

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