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Kindly send your name

For above address Eben S. Martin,
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and send for these at once.

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1890 U.S. 9 var. used 1c to 15 incl.	.12
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Jubilee stamp with each order

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This paper one year
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Scott's 58th. Catalogue
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All stamps in good condition and sent postpaid.

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Leon V. Cass,

C.P.S., 236 Mc Grawville N.Y.

The Philatelic Advocate.

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NO. 1.

The Mysterious Stamp:

WILLIAM O. KNIGHT.

Speaking about stamps in connection with superstition and nonsense, that reminds me of my experience with postage stamps and now, even the mention of stamps arouse feelings in me, not unlike the red cloth and highly colored suits and trappings of the matador (bull-fighter) do to the wild and uncontrollable bulls which rip, roar and tear about in the Spanish bull pits

Gentlemen, you need not smile. I have seen the rag thrown in front of the bull, coming at full speed at the wide awake matador with head up in the air snorting and tearing the ground viciously, with one burning desire to tear, demolish and carry ruin and death in its track; that's the way I felt exactly, gentlemen. I was completely sold and when I think of it I want to engage an attendant for fear I shall ask some one to hold me up, rob me, then help him to kick me out into the street. Don't ask me why I do not instantly see the beauties of stamp collecting. I am full of it clear to the end of my hair. We were a lot of first water enthusiasts and all worshipped at the shrine of the Goddess of Philatelia.

We were off on a six weeks jaunt through the south, and in Jacksonville at the St. Charles hotel, we met the jovial, whole souled, rather impulsive and eccentric Capt. Wilson, for a long time, commander of the "Goodrich"

one of H. M. Ships running from Calcutta to Liverpool. He was put on the retired list, pensioned, and now spends his time in careless indolence. He gradually worked his way into our affections and we began to feel that our crowd was incomplete without old Cap. In the evenings we sat on the veranda, watching the merry bathers sport about, in the foaming deep, smoke cigars and toll about those escapades we so delight to speak about.

It was the captain who was up for a story to-night. We were speaking of the many advantages of stamp collecting, which gave the Captain a subject for the following interesting narrative.

"Gentlemen!" he began, "It was evening in Calcutta in '67 and I was commander of the Goodrich in the Queen's service. We were to leave that night, for Liverpool, and you know none on board have time to fool when we are about to start. I was up in my stateroom, preparing the books when the first mate wrapped at my door and said that a native downstairs wanted to see me on important business. I knew I had no time to waste on a native and told the mate to tell him I could not see him.

The mate left, but returned in a few minutes with the intelligence that the fellow would not leave the ship until he saw the Captain. I can't get the fellow to leave and what am I to do about it. What I said, when I heard this need not be repeated. I had the

native sent to my room. He was a striking, young and handsome looking fellow with coal black hair and eyes and a clear cut expression with a sharp look about him that I did not exactly like. He greeted me in the usual native fashion, calling me Sir Capitaine. I asked him what he wanted and told him to be quick about it. "Sir Capitaine" he said in a low tone, "I have news; when you left home, you remember your wife complained of feeling ill, now she has pneumonia, and what is more, is on her death-bed; wait another message, the stamp tells me your brother, chief officer at the Custom house at Belfast, was seriously hurt, wait, the stamp now turns blue, the money you invested in America is lost wait, it turns green, not only that but it tells me—

"Not another word." I yelled, then was speechless, all the while I looked at the fellow in blank amazement; how could this man become acquainted with these startling facts. Was this a divine illumination from Heaven, was I in a hypnotic state, although the Svengalis method was unknown in those days and a person was considered to possess occult powers who was able to mesmerize, as it was then called, or did I lose my mind, or what was it. I knew my wife was ill when I left home my brother was officer at Belfast and I had invested in American stocks. Gentlemen, I cannot describe my feelings, I walked up and down my state room, a picture of hopeless despair, when I heard the Hindu say. "Sir Capitaine look, the stamp changes color, "What do you mean?" I said, feverishly.

Concluded in our next.

The Perforation Gauge.

BY LEON V. CASS.

Although I do not collect, or advise the collecting of minor varieties in all their details, I am of the opinion that all collectors should thoroughly understand the use of the perforation gauge and millimetre scale, and it is my intention to describe the use of the perforation gauge in this article.

As my readers doubtless all know stamps are now issued, and nearly always have been issued, perforated by machines. These machines are made to cut an exact number of perforations or holes in a given length of paper, measured according to the metric system.

For convenience, the space of two centimeters or twenty millimetres has been taken as the basis of this spacing and so, stamps which are said to be perforated 12, have 12 perforations to the space of two centimeters. In like manner, stamps perforated 8, 9, 10 etc. have 8, 9, 10 etc. perforations to the space of two centimeters. The best perforation gauges come on transparent celluloid and contain a millimetre and centimeter scale, besides the parallel rows of circular dots for the measurement of perforations. Each of these rows is two centimeters in length and each row contains a given number of dots evenly spaced.

Applying the edge of the stamp to the proper row, the points of the perforations of the stamps, lay exactly within the interstices between the printed dots and the number of dots which the row contains, is the exact number of perforations the stamp contains within the space of two centi-

meters and will agree with the number given in the catalogue, for the stamp measured. Besides the millimetre scale is useful in many ways such as measuring watermarks, grilles, etc. There is another use for the perforation gauge dottings which I do not think is generally known. Frequently perforated stamps, which are more valuable unperforated are clipped of their perforations and sold for genuine unperforated stamps. The revenue stamps of the U. S. are often treated in this manner.

Now is the time the perforation gauge comes in. The revenue stamps are perforated 12 and some one wishes to sell you an unperforated copy worth 8 or 10 dollars, you see a nick at some corner of the stamp and three or four irregular nicks along the edge of the stamp. Apply the row on the gauge designed to measure stamps perforated 12, to the stamp and see if the dots in this row correspond with the nicks in the stamp, if so, you may be very sure the stamp is a clipped perforated stamp worth little or nothing and your gauge has saved you from being, "taken in" to use a slang phrase and you will find that the perforation gauge will in many ways, help you in classifying and identifying your stamps.

If you haven't a good gauge get one—they are not costly—and you will find it of great value. If you have a gauge and do not know of its uses—by the way I had a gauge for nearly a year before I became acquainted with its use—I trust you will try it for yourself and you will soon find out its good qualities.

Hamilton Notes.

The new issue is gradually appearing here in small instalments. One at a time, the various denominations appear and up to date of writing (Dec. 16th.) the following denominations have been seen here $\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 6 and 8 cent.

There is a big demand at present for unused stamps of all countries, especially British Colonials. Dealers are wisely laying in a stock of these stamps, while they last.

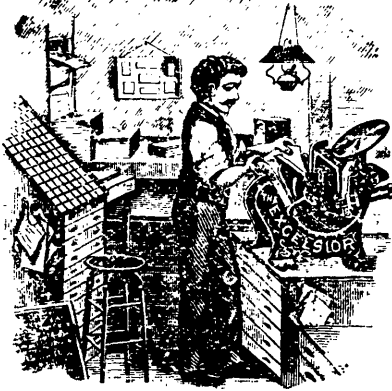
The newly organized local branch of the D. P. A. is proving a boon to Hamilton collectors. Three meetings have already been held, and the society is in a prosperous condition with a large number of members.

One of the stamp vendors in this city has a peculiarity in a sheet of three cent stamps. The stamps are perforated directly in the centre so that the white space between the stamp comes in the centre of the stamp as torn from sheet.

The Hamilton Post Office has adopted an electrical contrivance for stamping letters, and your correspondent was shown the working of it recently.

By the use of this machine, the work, which has previously occupied the attention of three or four can now be done by one. The operator simply feeds the machine which, cancels and throws out the letters. The new cancellation is a Union Jack with date at left hand side in circle.

The Star Stamp Co have opened an American Branch for the convenience of their many American customers at 170 Mariner St. Buffalo N. Y.



Inside History of the Advocate.

BY THE PUBLISHERS.

Fifteen months ago, in a room 9 x 11 three young men with a 5 x 8 inch press and about \$40 worth of type, issued the first PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

The above is the history of the ADVOCATE in a nutshell.

On Sept. 4 1896, circulars were mailed to various dealers and collectors announcing that the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE would shortly appear and on the 6th. of November, the first number appeared printed one page at a time.

Before commenting on the paper let us say a few words concerning the originators. Mr. Weaver was the best known of the three, his advertisements having appeared in the Canadian Philatelist when he managed the Aetna Stamp Co. Messrs Starnaman Bros. were practically unknown to the philatelic world. Up to the time of announcing the ADVOCATE, the name Starnaman had never appeared in any philatelic journal, and none of

the trio had any idea of the onerous duties connected with publishing a paper.

Now for the paper itself. Our entire outfit consisted of one 5" x 8" Kelsey press and about forty dollars worth of type, all small fonts, so small in fact, that each page had to be distributed before the next could be set up. Anyone who knows anything about printing can get an idea of the labor involved, when they consider that our last Holiday Number had to be put through the press sixteen times to produce twelve pages and cover. To issue 1000 copies of that number required 16,000 impressions.

On the first two numbers we paid postal rates and on account of this our circulation was very small. We were then granted second class rates and have not issued less than 1000 copies since.

After the first number was mailed we naturally expected that we would require a larger post office box to hold the subscriptions but in this we were sadly disappointed.

Working under such difficulties, typographical errors were numerous and the result was, we were roasted by a few envious publishers, but we kept right on "sawing wood" and today we have made the ADVOCATE a success. Subscribers and advertisers have helped us to such an extent that in Oct. '97 we were enabled to purchase a large press and outfit. We have moved into more commodious premises and have added four pages to the regular issue of the ADVOCATE.

In September, 1897, Mr. Weaver was compelled to resign his position as editor owing to the increasing bus-

iness of the Ontario Philatelic Co., of which he is Secretary and Manager.

The above cut is a good illustration of our first outfit. It was purchased from The Kelsey Press Co., Meriden, Conn., who deal in presses and type at prices to suit all. They will send their catalogue on receipt of stamp.

We can recommend their presses having tried several makes we find theirs to give the best satisfaction.

Toronto Notes.

WALDO.

E. A. Marris and P. K. Moore, of Hamilton, Captain E. F. Wurtele, of Quebec, and E. L. Smiley, Boston have been in Toronto during the past month.

The Colonial Stamp and Publishing Co. of London Eng. and Chicago, have opened up business here at 24 Louisa St. and will shortly publish the "Colonial Stamp."

Toronto business men intend to try for a reduction in the rate of drop letters from 2c to 1c. We hope their efforts will be successful.

I have seen several values of Newfoundland's latest issue. The 1c yellow with portrait of Queen Victoria as on the Canada Bill stamp and the 2c red bearing the profile of the Prince of Wales.

A movement is on foot to organize a local junior stamp club. Next month I hope to be able to report that some definite action has been taken. Will all Toronto collectors who would like to see such a club organized communi-

cate with "Waldo" care of PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, Berlin, Ont.

Business has been so brisk at the Toronto general post office that it was found necessary to increase the number of mail carriers and inside clerks by six each.

Poker in the Postoffice.

"Give me three aces," said a sporting man at the stamp window of the postoffice, just before noon, a couple of days ago.

The stamp clerk passed out three 1 cent stamps.

"Now deal me a pair of deuces."

The clerk passed out the 2 cent stamps.

"I see you understand the game," said the man.

"Yep," said the clerk. "Ante up."

The man placed 7 cents on the shelf.

"My pot" said the clerk as he scooped it in.

The men smiled as they parted.

Trouble over a Jubilee Stamp.

The omission of numerals on the jubilee stamps is responsible for the following incident.

Mr. Paul Pequegnat, Berlin, Ont., sent a parcel to Switzerland prepaid with a 50c jubilee stamp. On its arrival there the postmaster claimed that the parcel was not sufficiently paid. After much trouble a party who could speak english was found and it was explained that the stamp was a 50 cent one instead of 5c as the postmaster thought.

As there are no numerals on the new Canada stamps this trouble will likely occur again.

Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and articles of noted writers carefully condensed.

By REGINALD KINNERSLY.

Philately undoubtedly is a science with some people who take delight in searching for the minutest details, for everything connected with stamps, however remotely. But for pity sake do not demand from every stamp collector that he shall treat his hobby scientifically. Some people have no use for any science whatever and there are few who really want science mixed with their pleasures. Do not specialize in one single country before you give general collecting a real good chance.—Karl Ludwig.

Are we really coming to collect for the money that is in it? It is a thousand pities if it is so. Professionalism has proven a clog on every amateur pastime. Professionalism is definable as "a pastime for financial gain." If one collects stamps with constant regard as to increased value, he comes near being a professional. He is surely no longer a collector but a speculator in stamps.—H. F. Swartz.

That part which condemns the collecting of hair-splitting varieties in fashionable stamps, is good, and is to be commended.—Ben. P. Thomas.

We are accustomed to consider the Seebeck stamps as the most flagrant example of speculative greed. But there are others; for instance, the U. S. Columbian issue was no, wholly

above the suspicion of being inspired by sales to collectors—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

When you write next time to anybody, exclusively on your own account it would be a good scheme to enclose one of those new champion postage stamps, of course you understand that I mean, one that has never been licked.—Bill Nye.

The first series of Hawaii stamps—type set numerals—were set up and printed in the government printing office mainly for the use of missionaries.—Thos. G. Thrum.

I am fondly looking forward to the day when my philatelic library will be adorned with twenty postal card albums, which number it will require to hold all the cards that are yet in the reach of postal card collectors "while there is life there is hope!"—A. Reusch.

Our advice is to collect stamps in used and unused conditions. Of course there are exceptions, as sometimes unused should receive the preference and often the reverse. No preference is the best rule to go by.—E. Byron Horn.

It may be stated as a general and demonstrable proposition that the more cultured and refined an individual the more likely is he to be drawn into the ranks of philatelia's adherent.—Augustus Thompson.

Review.

Space will not permit the mention of all the papers we have received.

The *Philatelic Messenger* contains a descriptive catalogue of British North American Stamps which is valuable to collectors. The illustrations used are the best we have ever seen of these stamps. Editorials, newsy notes, and a good article make up our new Canadian Monthly.

When Berlin philatelists undertake anything they do not give it up, for the 'Boys' Own Philatelist' appeared promptly as announced. This paper, with Mr. F. I. Weaver as manager and Mr. W. A. Lydiatt as editor, should prove a success. We wish it distinctly understood that the publishers of the *ADVOCATE* are in no way connected with the B. O. P.

The *Evergreen State Philatelist* was a little later than usual, but it was all right when it did come. The "Critic" was on hand, as usual.

Of all the papers we receive, probably the most welcome visitors are *Mekeels Weekly* and the *Weekly Era*. It is almost useless to comment on these papers here, as, in the limited space at our command, we could not do justice to them. We are sorry the Canadian Notes have been omitted so often of late.

The *Horne Worker* is so regular in appearance that we miss it if it does not reach us on the third of the month. The "Progressive Fiction" story seems to prosper, notwithstanding the "kicks" some of our writers are giving it. Miss Swift's review is one of the features of the paper.

The *Perforator* has fault to find

with the *ADVOCATE*, as usual. We wonder what difference it makes to Minnie R. Sinclair, whether we print two pages at a time or only ones long as we appear on time.

The *Stamp Reporter*, another Canadian paper, is making a very good beginning. The reading matter is all that could be desired but the advertisements of local merchants do not interest philatelists.

After a long absence, we have received *Philatelic Literature*, number four. It reports, 13 announcements, 16 births, 1 death and 2 resurrections.

The last two issues of the *Allegeny Philatelist* are a great improvement over former numbers.

The second number of the *International Philatelist* under Mr. Beardsley's management, contains 40 pages. After taking away 28 pages of advertisements, only an ordinary sized paper is left.

We have received the second number of the *California Stamp*. F. J. G. in *Canadian Notes*, thinks that a paper which discontinues publication during the dull season, is the best paper in Canada.

We also received: Price lists from *Scott Stamp & Coin Co.* 18 E 23rd St. N. Y. City and C. E. Hussman, St. Louis, Mo. Send for one and mention this paper.

Auction list of *Bogert & Durbin Co's* 94th sale of stamps. Sale takes place Jan 15th, 1898 at Rooms 67, 68 69 Tribune Building, N. Y. city.

Andrew J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass. has sent a sample of his *Eureka stamp hinges*. They are very neat. Price 10c per 1000; 3 for 25c; 10 for 70c.

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 cation.

As "Beaver" of the Columbian
 Philatelist has taken us to task, for
 wishing our readers a "Happy New
 Year," in our October number—when
 the ADVOCATE entered its new year—
 we suppose we must not repeat it now
 We thank our readers for the support
 they have given us in the past and
 solicit a continuance of that support.
 In conclusion we wish you all the
COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Better than Ever. This was Mr. Widdicom-
 be's promise for the second
 edition of the Ontario
 Philatelic Directory.

That he has succeeded is shown by the
 copy we have just received. It consists
 of 20 pages and cover, containing a
 large list of Ontario collectors, dealers
 and publications. It also contains the
 biographies of seven of Ontario's most
 prominent philatelists, and half tone
 cuts of "Berlin's Big Three." Price
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An Apology. We owe an apology to
 our readers for the
 abrupt manner in which
 we concluded the "Dirigo Stamp Co."
 Our space would only allow us to
 publish one chapter each month so we
 decided to discontinue it. The author
 informed us that it would be impossi-
 ble to conclude it in one chapter, so
 he merely outlined it last month. In

future we do not intend to insert anything that cannot be concluded in two numbers.



Our offer of an 8c unused Canada Jubilee stamp as a premium brought in a rush of subscriptions which was even larger than we expected. We still have a large number of these stamps left and have decided to extend this offer for another month. Send now; don't delay; they are going fast. Just think of this liberal offer **an 8c unused Canadian Jubilee stamp and this paper one year for 25c**

Jots. Several advertisements reached us too late for insertion in this issue. If you don't see yours it is one of them. Copy must reach us by the 20th of the month.

AN ERROR. In Aetna Stamp Co's adv. on first page read 100 foreign, 25 do, and 25 Can. Reva, instead of varieties in each instance.

We are pleased to note the interest Canadian collectors are taking in philatelic literature. *McKeels Weekly* for Jan'y 6th contains an article, occupying over a page, by J. B. Spurr, Toronto, Ont., entitled "Are Canadian Jubilees speculative?" and another by R. W. Geary, Pinkerton, Ont., "New 'double line' varieties in Canadian stamps." Both are well worth reading.

The Standard Stamp Co. remembered us with a neat New Year's card. Thanks!

In this issue we intended to have sketches of a few prominent philatelists but were unable to procure the cuts

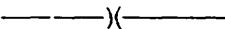
in time.

Matthew R Knight, Oak Hill, N.B. has our thanks for two fine specimens of Newfoundland's new issue.

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Librarian's Report.

Some of our members doubtless think that our library is stocked with choice philatelic literature in large variety. This report will probably surprise them more than a little.

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I consider it a disgrace to our society that after an existence of four years its library had received less than 100 donations.

Since my election, less than six months ago, I have received 105 donations from the following: C Bailey 17, L. E. Strohm 24, F. J. Garraty 4, R. G. Widdicombe 2, Starnaman Bros 6, and F. I. Weaver 52, making a total of 165 pieces now in the library.

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Editors ADVOCATE:

I have learned with pleasure that an effort is being made to establish and maintain an interest on the part of beginners; and to further facilitate matters, a society, called The Boys' Own Philatelic Association has been organized. Now, while I do not wish to in any way discourage those who have taken up this important work, would it not be of vital interest to our D. P. A. to introduce a "junior" or "boy's own" department, and in that way bind the whole philatelic interest in one compact. Those who are at the bottom of the Boys' Association are, I have no doubt, aware that a special interest should be taken in beginners, and such, I think, should be the case. I am only a beginner myself and while, I have reached the age of manhood I think I shall always be a boy, especially when an opportunity presents itself for obtaining another variety of postage stamps for my collection. But I must hasten to the

question in my mind, and it is: Will the D. P. A. now soar higher, and be so far above beginners ideas of stamp collecting, that they will have to go through a course of study and graduate from the "Boys" Association, before they are qualified for a better and more advanced one? Or will the officers and members of our good and useful D. P. A., strive to make and keep it what it should be, a source of strength for the beginner as well as for the more advanced collector?

I am of the opinion that all that is needed in the Dominion of Canada is one Philatelic Organization and that it should be kept, as far as possible, free from anything that has a tendency to create a demand for new societies. I am pleased however that the boys of philately are to have some special interest taken in their behalf, but sorry that a new organization had to be called to their assistance to do so.

Yours &c. D. P. A., 193.

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