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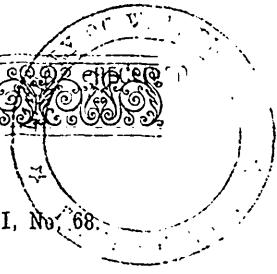
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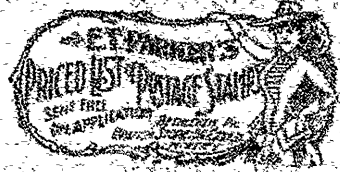
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SCOTT STAMP AND COIN COMPANY HAS LOST THOUSANDS BY SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY OF SOME OF ITS CLERKS.

After having been systematically robbed for a period covering more than two years, and after an expenditure of more than \$5,000 in fees to private detectives, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company have ferreted out a band of women conspirators, who, they allege, robbed them of between \$25,000 and \$50,000. One of the women was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon, and after making a complete confession was held for trial.

The Stamp and Coin Company is in business at No. 18 East Twenty-third street. Forty girls are employed to pack and distribute the foreign stamps and coins in which the company deals. The company carries a stock valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Gustav B. Calman is the president of the company.

Mr. Calman has been aware of the fact that the company has been systematically robbed for a long time, and has employed detectives, both male and female, who have worked in the distributing room with the employees, but without success. Recently he engaged ex-Chief of the Secret Service Drummond to try to ferret out the thieves, and the fruit of his labors was shown in the Jefferson Market

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Police Court yesterday. A week ago Mr. Calman received a letter addressed to the "J. W. Scott Stamp Company, No. 18 East Twenty-third street." He opened the letter and found a package of stamps, which he recognized as belonging to his company.

SHE CONVICTED HERSELF.

The letter was signed by L. J. Savage and referred to a former sale of stamps which had been made at a previous time. It also asked for a price on the stamps which were enclosed. Mr. Calman saw at once that the letter was intended for J. W. Scott, who had established a new business in John street, after selling out to his company. He answered the letter offering \$5 for the stamps, a price so low as to be almost ridiculous. He then turned the letter over to Chief Drummond, who went to work on the clew and learned that the letter was written by Lizzie McDermott, a woman who had been then employed by the company for only a few months, although she had worked for the company before.

Lizzie was called into the office of the company yesterday morning, and was confronted with the letter, which she had evidently addressed by mistake to the Stamp and Coin Company's office. She promptly fainted away, but after restoratives were applied confessed that she had stolen the stamps and intended to sell them to the J. W. Scott Stamp Company, of John street, but had addressed the letter wrong.

Lizzie is 20 years old and is the daughter of Roger McDermott, an old and respected fireman. She lives at 514 West Fifty-first St., is pretty and well dressed.

Another girl employed by the firm, who did not appear to be more than fourteen or fifteen years old, was brought to court and had a conversation with Justice Noorhis. It was said that she, too, was connected with the stealing of the stamps, but that she had turned State's evidence and would not be prosecuted. It was said that on her testimony several warrants were issued for other employees of the company, but this could not be verified. The girl cried bitterly all the time she was in court. It is expected that the arraignment of Lizzie McDermott will be followed by a number of other arrests.

LITTLE CHANCE OF DETECTION.

Mr. Calman said, after Lizzie was held for trial: "I hated to bring this matter before the courts, but there is nothing else I can do. The robberies have been

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systematic and have been running over a long period, and something had to be done. I lay no blame on my competitors for purchasing the stamps from my employees, for in our business we buy from all over the country, and it is impossible to tell who the people are who offer us the stamps. Any dealer might buy stamps from our employees without a suspicion that they were depriving us of our property, so of course no blame attaches to them. I suppose we have lost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 by the peculations of our employees, but I guess we have the matter pretty well located now, and the stealing will likely stop. Our girls have access at all times to our stock, and it is impossible to watch them all the time.

The fact that this girl's dishonesty was discovered through her own carelessness is rather peculiar, for had she not addressed that letter to us by mistake we might never have discovered her. The other cases have nothing to do with the case of the McDermott girl."—*New York Herald*, Aug. 9, 1894.

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ANOTHER COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

The government of San Marino is starting a little stamp speculation on its own account no doubt expecting thereby to replenish its treasury at the expense of Philatelists. Below we publish a circular received from the Commission, which will give our readers an idea of the scheme :

CIRCULAR B.

Republic of San Marino, Secretary's Office.

The Commission of the Palazzo Principe & Sovrano, gives note that, on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Palace and the installation of the new Regents, there will be issued the following Commemorative Postage Stamps ; viz : Of ONE LIRA, Of FIFTY CENTIMES, OF TWENTY-FIVE CENTIMES, and a POST CARD of *Ten Centimes*, with a stamped progressive number.

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CONVENTION WEEK.

The week beginning Aug. 20th was a momentous one to Philatelists, as during that week three of the largest Philatelic societies on the continent held their annual meetings at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The attendance at all of them was fair, and everything was as it should be, harmonious.

THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The American Philatelic Association opened its ninth annual meeting in the parlor of the Cataract House at 10 o'clock a.m., Aug. 21st, the following officers and members being present : Jno. Tiffany, President ; H. E. Deats, Vice-President ; Alva Davidson, Sec.; N. W. Chandler, Treas.; E. Doebelin, International Sec.; Geo. W. Rode, C. P. Krauth, Trustees ; C. H. and G. D. Mekeel, St. Louis ; P. J. Kranz, Toledo, Ohio ; L. M. Lang, Baltimore, Md.; J. F. Beard, Muscatine,

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After the meeting was called to order the President appointed Messrs. C. H. Mekeel, C. E. Severn and P. M. Wolsieffer as committee on credentials, and Messrs. Lang, Beard and Kranz on standing rules. The reports of the various officers were then read and referred to their proper committees.

The most interesting report was that of the Superintendent of sales and exchange, Mr. G. D. Mekeel showing that during the 10 months of his management \$4,028.20 had been sold from exchange books, besides a large amount of business in the purchasing department.

The President then read his annual address which was listened to with much pleasure, and we trust profit by those present.

During the afternoon session the result of the election for directors for the coming year, was announced as follows: J. K. Tiffany 285, A. Davidson 290, W. C. Stone 280, N. W. Chandler 280, E. Doeblin 280, and Messrs. Rode, Krauth and Stauffer were chosen for trustees.

The following places were nominated for the 1895 convention: Asbury Park, N. J., Staten Island, St Louis, Detroit, Clayton. On the vote being taken it was

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found Clayton, N. Y. was the choice of the convention. The 2nd Tuesday in August was chosen for the opening of the next convention.

On the second day the following new faces were noticed : G. T. Loomis, Attica, N. Y.. O. E. Klapp, St. Paris, Ohio ; R. L. Heustis, Mobile, Ala.

The announcement was made that the board of directors had met and that the following would comprise the officers for the coming year: J. K. Tiffany, President ; A. Davidson, Vice-President ; W. C. Stone, Sect.; N. W. Chandler, Treas.; E. Doeblin, International Sect.; G. D. Mekeel, Supt. purchasing and sales ; J. A. Wainwright, Collecting Agent ; Dr. G. N. Campbell, Literary-Ex.; H. E. Deats, Librarian. The business of the convention being now over it was adjourned *sine die*.

S. OF P. CONVENTION.

The Sons of Philately opened their annual meeting in the same room as the American Philatelic Association had met in at 10 a.m. Thursday morning, and one session was sufficient to transact all the business of the society. It was noticed that although the attendance of members was fair there was not one officer present.

Mr. C. W. Kissenger was chosen chairman and filled that position in a very efficient manner. Owing to someone's blunder no election was held and the representation was so small that no business of importance could be transacted.

The Constitution was found to be very faulty and Messrs. Wolsieffer, Ketcheson and Kelland were appointed a committee to revise same.

Clayton, N.Y., was the place chosen for the next Convention.

P. S. OF A. CONVENTION.

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President Kissenger in the chair. Most of the officers were present and the reports from same were very encouraging.

Denver, Colo., was chosen as the next place of meeting.

NOTES.

The American Philatelic Association banquet at the Hotel Kaltenback was a decided success, about 40 ladies and gentlemen being present. Short addresses were given by Messrs, Davidson, Krauth, Kissenger, Lang, Mott, Doebelin, Wolsieffer, Ketcheson, Severn, Quackenbush, Rode, Kranz, Stone, Chandler, Gurdji, Beard, Fritz, Deats, C. H. & G. D. Mekeel and the closing address by President Tiffany.

The American Philatelic Association members had their photograph taken in Prospect Park on Wednesday afternoon.

The P. S. of A. held a banquet on Friday night at the Potter House, about 30 being present. A very enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse and short addresses.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the C. P. A.

GENTLEMEN,—My report this month is short and sweet. There are .

No applications for membership.

No new members.

No resignation.

The following is a copy of my Cash Account :

RECEIPTS.

July 31, '94, balance on hand	\$4 96
Aug. 29, '94, dues paid No. 322	1 00
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	\$5 96

EXPENDITURE—Nil.

Aug. 29, '94, balance on hand	\$5 96
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As I will not be able to attend the convention, kindly fill out your Proxies in favor of some of the other officers, or Montreal members, all of whom I expect will be at the Convention. Since my last report I have not received any new nominations so that the present officers will all be re-elected by acclamation, and there is no need of sending out ballots.

Au revoir,

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IN the July number of the *St. Martin's-Le-Grand* quarterly magazine we read:—"The report for 1893 of Mr Noel Trotter, acting Postmaster-General of the Straits Settlements, shows steady progress in all branches of postal work. There is the usual increase of correspondence to record. The total number of articles received and dispatched was 5,313,340 as compared with 5,023,340 in 1892. It may be doubted whether the return for 1894 will be quite as favorable in this respect, for on and from the 1st of March of the present year an Order in Council raised the foreign letter rate of 5 cents and the domestic rate of 2 cents to 8 and 3 cents respectively. Foreign Post Cards were also raised from 2 to 3 cents each. This alteration was rendered necessary by the continued fall in the rate of exchange. Considering the straightened condition of the Colonial finances, it is not surprising that, with 5 cents shrunk in value from 2½d. to one and one-third of a penny, the Government should have used its rights to level up the rates of postage to a closer approximation of the Postal Union unit."

WE had a very pleasant visit for a few days with one of Montreal's well known collectors, Mr. W. R. Elliott. Mr. Elliott is Major of the Highland Cadet corps of his city, and with the Corps was visiting Peterborough for some days.

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THE following is clipped from the *London, Eng., News*. A postman had long been suspected of stealing sheets of postage stamps, but the crime could not be brought home to him. One day he was found with a square foot or two of them in his possession, and confronted with his superiors. He maintained, as on former occasions, that he had bought them for his own use. "What! these?" exclaimed the chief, at the same time passing a moist brush over one of the sheets, whereupon the blood-red words, "Stolen from the General Post- Office," started out like flames upon it. It was most melodramatic, and the ingenious chemical contrivance at once brought the thief to his knees.

A curious post card has reached Strasburg from Canada. It was a piece of bark on which was pasted a piece of paper with the address, the date, and the words: "Post card of the American primeval woods post." The back contained the letter, not written, but scratched on the bark, and perfectly legible. The sender is a painter and traveller, Rudolph Cronan, who is on a pedestrian tour in Canada. The receiver is going to give the card to the Postal Museum in Berlin. —*London News*.

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STANLEY GIBBON'S *Monthly Journal* has cost its publishers \$2,300—more than its earnings during the past year and it has been decided to double the subscription price, which will now be 2 shillings. Would-be publishers should ponder well over this before launching a new stamp journal.

T. S. Clark's Advertisement

ANTIQUA, 1863. 1d. lilac rose, unused.....	50	BR. HONDURAS, 1865, same rich dark blue,	
" " 1d. vermilion, unused.....	36	" " " unused.....	80
" " 6d. green, used, star wmk.....	40	" " 1879, 4d. violet, c. c.	
" 1879. 2½d., c. c. unused, fine.....	\$3 25	" " " perf. 14 used.....	45
" " 4d blue, c.c. used, fine.....	40	BR. GUIANA, 1850, 4c blue, good color.....	\$18 00
" 1886. 4d brown, c.a. used, fine.....	25	" 1853, 5c. blue, used.....	4 00
" " 1 sh mauve, unused, fine.....	2 75	" 1862, 12c thin p. perf. 10.....	1 10
" " 1 sh. mauve, used, fine.....	3 25	" " same on thin laid paper,	
BAHAMAS, 1861. 4d no wmk., perf. 13, fine..	3 25	" " " unused perf. 12.....	10 00
" " 4d no wmk. perf. 13, trimmed		" 1867, 48c. rose, perf. 10.....	1 10
on 2 sides.....	2 00	" 1875, 24c. green, perf. 15.....	1 10
" " no wmk perf. 12, trimmed 1		CANADA, 1832, 3d. thin wove, unused v. fine..	2 50
side.....	2 00	" 1852, 3d. thick " ".....	2 00
" " 4d. no wmk. small perf. used	2 25	" 1864, 2c. pink unused, v. fine.....	1 00
" " 6d. no wmk. small perf. used		" 1859, 17c. blue " ".....	1 15
trimmed one side.....	2 00	" Off. Sealed, unused v. fine.....	1 50
" 1862, 1d. carmine c. c. unused, fine	30	" " used, " ".....	1 75
" " 6d. lilac, unused, fine.....	1 10	JAMAICA, 1863, 3d. pink, wmk., unused, fine..	1 50
" 1882, 4d. ca. perf. 12, cancelled		MONTSERRAT, 1876. 6d c. c. used, fine.....	1 75
with written date.....	25	" " 2½d. c. c. unused, fine.....	2 25
BARRADOS 1861, ½d. perf. no wmk. unused..	30	" 1884, 4d. blue, c. a. used, very fine	22 00
" 1873, 5 sh. pink, 2 fine speci		NEVIS, 1861, 1d. on gray p., per 13 unused,	
mens.....	\$6 00 & \$6 50	trimmed 3 sides.....	1 00
" 1878, 3d. violet, used, very fine..	75	" " same unused, perfect.....	2 00
" 1874, 6d orange, c. c. sideways,		" " 4d. gray p. per 13 used v. fine..	10 50
unused, fine.....	1 50	" " 6d. " " grand copy	9 00
BR. COLUMBIA. 1861, 2½d., very small tear,		" 1867, 1 sh. yell. green, white p. perf.	
otherwise very fine... ..	1 75	15, used, good.....	\$ 00
" " 2½d. pair, fine.....	3 50	" 1879: 1d. c.c. unused, fine.....	1 50
" 1865, 10 cents unused.....	1 50	" " 3½d. c. c. ".....	3 50
" 1865, 5 cents, unused.....	1 50	" 1884, 4d. c. a. used, fine.....	90
" 1863, 25 cents, unused.....	1 25	" 1883, ½d. on half of 1d. black, sur-	
BR. HONDURAS, 1865, 1d. no wmk. unused...	50	charge, used, fine.....	1 50

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FROM information we have received we believe the Canadian Government intend to do away with franking privileges entirely. We were recently shown the cover of a large package sent from one of the Departments which had been prepaid with ordinary postage stamps cancelled with a large crown.

IT requires a great deal of pluck to start a Philatelic Journal in Chicago and quite a large bank account to make it a success. Mr. W. A. WITHROW seems to think he has the necessary qualifications and intends issuing from Chicago on Jan. 1st, '95, a first-class Philatelic Magazine, so he says.

MR. H. F. KETCHESON recently found a specimen of the present issue Canada 3ct. envelope on wove paper. As the departmental specifications call for laid paper, this is certainly an error; although a large number of these envelopes were examined only one specimen was found.

THE Vienna Exhibition has awarded M. Moens a gold medal for his catalogue and other works. The funny part of it is they have asked him to forward 1280 marks to defray the cost of same.

REMEMBER I buy, sell and exchange stamps. I will trade your duplicate and give you stamps for your collection for them. I aim to please customers. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

WITH the July number *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly* completes its 7th volume and it will no longer be known by the old familiar name but will be called "*The Australian Philatelist*,"

THE Canadian Philatelic Association will hold its annual meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Montreal Sept. 8th. We trust every member who can will be present.

FROM *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly* we learn that the postage due stamps of Victoria are shortly to be changed to green with red centre,

SOME penny white Victorias of 1874 have grown yellow in a single night. Kind friends beware!—*Philatelic Journal of G.B.*

MR. D. A. Vindin of London, Eng., after 4 months trial has abandoned his stamp Journal. He found he was losing money.

THE discovery is announced of the Victoria 4d. Laurated head issue of 1863-64 on paper watermarked single line 8.

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