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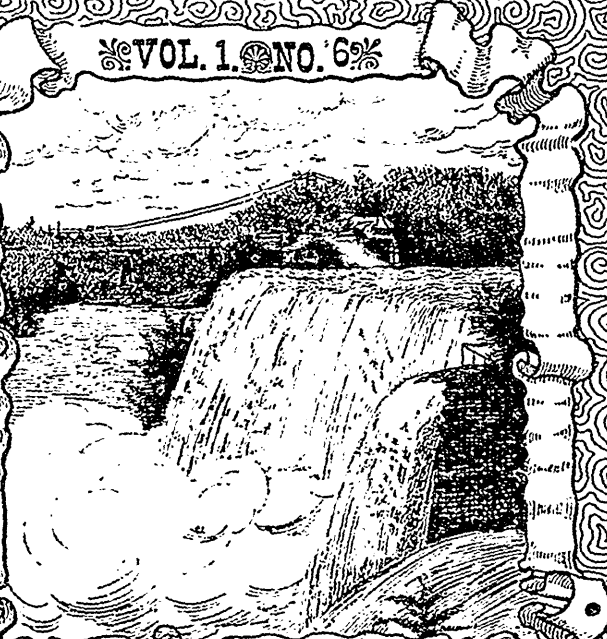
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A MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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JANUARY, 1888.

NUMBER 6.

PHILATELY TWO HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW.

WE live in the nineteenth century, and we belong to it, every surrounding, every pleasure is a member of it, and will always be associated with it; it is but natural that we should accept things as they are, without looking too thoroughly into the far future. But why should we not for once overstep the boundary of the present, and live a few minutes with our great-great-grand-children in the twenty-one hundredth century, looking into the progress of our great common pleasure, Philately.

Let us imagine ourselves carefully examining an album of that date, criticising the latest Greenland stamp, comparing the engraving of this beautiful specimen from Patagonia, with that from Ireland; let us, I say, put aside all the common sense thoughts of where we are, and undo the chains which bind down our imagination; only giving ourselves a brief respite, while the tiresome facts are gone over.

It is now only forty-five years since the first postage stamp was issued in England, and yet we find ourselves in a labyrinth of stamps coming from here and there, each month the complication grows larger and stronger, and the beginner looks forward in absolute dismay, to the 7,000 stamps behind him and the 25,000 before him. "Will it do," he says, "to buy old issues and let the new ones go? Why, yes, the older are constantly getting farther and farther beyond my reach. I will ignore the 'new comers' and confine myself to

those issued before 1860, or at least to those which are moderately old." A few years pass, he sees the "new comers" triple their former value, and again comes the question, "why did I not buy those when they were common?" Thus it goes on, a never ending stream of stamps, closing up at last as the forward ranks are conquered. Confining ourselves to figures in the rough, we find that in the year 1884, there were in all about 700 stamps, postals, envelopes and wrappers issued; let us not take this as an average, but be safe and make the common number 500; we have before us these two hundred years, making the number 100,000 without our present sum, adding this, our total shows 107,000 stamps, all different, exclusive of the thousands of varieties which are bound to come, owing to mistakes in engraving, etc., etc.; this immense number makes a complete collection impossible, and to hold the majority would take a lifetime, for example: it takes the average man about one year to collect one thousand stamps, unless he is attended with unusual advantages for obtaining them, in the shape of a large bank account, or numerous friends abroad, on this scale to collect the half, viz: 50,000 stamps, would take 50 years; 25 years, should 2,000 a year be collected, and 10 should 5,000 annually fall to his lot. Of course collections could be handed down from one generation to another, but in this great lapse of time, the number lost would be immense. these heirlooms playing

but a small part. To hold a really good collection, one should have at least one-fourth of the total number, and thus, when the Philatelist's collection reaches the enormous number of 25,000 varieties, he could lay claim to having a good collection. With these plain facts, very roughly drawn, but sufficient to illustrate my point, we will end the respite.

The owner of the album of the year 2085, being obliging and proud of his collection, points out to us the different varieties, commencing with the United States. Showing us a peculiar stamp, value 3c, color blue, 1869 issue, he relates his experience in obtaining it. In an old collection of letters belonging to his great-great-grand-father, he found an envelope with this identical specimen placed in one corner, upon inquiry, he finds it to be a great rarity, only seen in one album out of a hundred; saying, "I have been offered \$10.00 for it, but refused;" passing on, he points out a 3c. War Dept., explaining, that it was a kind of local, which he could not find the origin of; he supposed it must have been used in transmitting letters from the field of battle, in the times gone by. Pointing proudly to a half-penny green, English stamp, 1880 issue, he tells us that it is a specimen of the kind used when Great Britain was a monarchy; going farther on, he successfully points out his new issues, until turning to Canada, he shows a 3c. red, saying, it was supposed to belong to a set issued when Canada was under the Dominion of Great Britain, and that there is a celebrated Philatelist who owns the 2c. green, besides the 3c., for the both of which he was offered \$15.00 by a Mr. Blank, of Philadelphia. So he goes on patiently answering all our questions; at last, coming to the end of his somewhat small collection (I believe he said he had 15,000) we leave, much impressed and enlightened about the stamps these old times in 1880, when they only had about 7,000 different stamps to boast of.

Going from there to a dealer, we find that the demand for stamps is so great, that he is kept constantly importing thousands of stamps at a time. He tells us that the number of stamp journals grew so great in 2040, that a grand consolidation was made in America, taking in one hundred different papers. Showing us a volume of some 100 pages, he tells us it is the monthly edition of the "United American Philatelist," having a circulation of 150,000 per month.

Now let us drop back to the century we are fated to live in; let us re-fasten the moorings of our imagination and go back to our paltry 7000 varieties which, nevertheless, suffice to amuse some 2,000,000 Philatelists. These rather extreme sketches may appear entirely imaginary. It may seem absurd that there will be 100,000 stamps, yet upon looking into the present increase, it will be found to be true. Even then, I made no allowance for the vast increase of population, and the corresponding increase in letter writing. We have no conception of what will happen in the future to stop such growth, such as an International issue, etc., and so all calculations must be based on a stand, that we can only suppose to be correct. There is no doubt, however, that should the present state of things continue, my figures would be dwarfed in comparison with the reality. The value of the stamps of this date, is of course, also only approximate, for all valuations are not set by precedent, but by the valuation, the owner himself determined upon.

We can, however, rest assured, that our pleasure in collecting stamps will be shared by all coming generations, and that Philately will exert as beneficent an influence on our grand-children, as it does on ourselves.
—E. S. P.

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U. S. Revenue Stamps.

The collecting of Revenue stamps, I think, has in the past been neglected. The various purposes for which they were issued are not so generally known as one might suppose. I will not dwell on the common Internal revenue stamps but let us look at the Document stamps. Each set was intended for an express purpose that for which it was designed. We often meet with rare revenues in private stamp collections for they are of historical value, as they played an important part in the late war.

State revenues are so high priced that collectors get discouraged in trying to get a complete set. So as yet these stamps are comparatively unknown to the majority of collectors although they came into existence in 1862. California has the largest number of varieties, 284 in all, mostly State tax stamps. But let us return to the general issue of revenues. Take the set of seven perforated Document stamps, second issue of July 1864 for example. First is the Bill of Lading, used and made for shipment bills. This stamp is worth but 3c. Next comes Certificate catalogued 3c. Contract is next used for written contracts and agreements, this is worth 4 cents. Next in order is Foreign Exchange, quite scarce; followed by Inland Exchange, quite common, worth but 2c. Power of Atty is next in order, and last but not least is Proprietary, and is worth nearly \$1.00 to any Revenue collector. This closes the 10 cent line of the second issue of document stamps issued in 1864 by this government. They were blue with various borders with head of Washington in oval. Greater care was taken in the manufacture of these stamps, especially the higher values. Document stamps cover all forms of business transactions on legal paper. The second issue in July 1864 were all perforated and ranged in value from 1 cent to \$200 and a full set would be a fortune in

itself to any collector of Revenue stamps. Revenue stamps when placed in an album should be pasted on a piece of white paper and lines in red, blue or green ink should be drawn around the borders, which add beauty to their appearance.

W. L. BABCOCK,
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Montenegro and its Postage Stamps.

BY J. WHITTEMORE HALSEY.

Montenegro is a small European principality which in 1878 became independent after the Russo-Turkish war.

The state has been subject to repeated incursions from the Turks for hundreds of years, but never conquered.

In hostile times the people would take to the rugged mountains where in perfect security they would watch their enemies lay waste to their villages and at an opportune moment descend upon their unsuspecting foe, commit terrible slaughter and before their enemies could realize what had taken place, would seek refuge again in their native hills, impenetrable to any but themselves, thus with a mere handful of men Montenegro has held its own, till finally with other nations as allies has established its independence and is now a peaceful, prospering little country.

The total area of this state is but 3,550 square miles, and has a population of 250,000, according to the census of 1879.

Montenegro has no standing army but in case of necessity it could easily muster a force of 25,000 of the finest soldiers in the world.

The Government is a limited monarchy; executive power rests with the reigning prince. Prince Nicolas, born the 7th October, 1841, is now in power, he was proclaimed in 1860. Cetigne the capital, situated in the southern part a few miles

from the Adriatic sea, has a population of 2,000. There are 280 miles of telegraph extending through the country. Fifteen post offices execute the mail business.

There is but one set of stamps issued by the government for the use of this state, they appeared in 1874, are perforated and of the following design:—A small portrait of Prince Nicolas formed the center, this is surrounded by a wreath. Above, below, and at sides in oblongs are various inscriptions, no doubt signifying value, a small bracket in corners completed the pattern. The color and values of the series are as follows:—2 soldi yellow; 3 soldi green; 5 soldi rosso; 7 soldi lilac; 10 soldi blue; 15 soldi brown, and 25 slate. With the exception of the 3 and 10 soldi the stamps of this set are rarely met with in a cancelled condition, owing to the scant correspondence with Montenegro.

The unusual specimens are retailed to collectors by dealers who buy them in sheets from the government of this principality and from other sources, therefore counterfeits are numerous and look out for them.

This set when complete forms an interesting study, the contrast of color is good, and on the whole, Montenegro has contributed a neat little set of stamps to the collecting public.

C. P. A.

OVER 100 STRONG.

The Secretary pro-tem. has been busy issuing ballots for the election of officers, and the result will be known about the latter end of this month. For President there are two candidates, Messrs. Ketcheson and Hechler, both gentlemen of ability. For Secretary, Messrs. Leighton and Hooper were nominated. The latter has withdrawn from the contest, and although the promoter and organizer of the

C. P. A., he will remain a member. His late severe illness is the cause of his temporary retirement. Mr. Leighton will most likely be declared by the organizing Board as elected by acclamation, and no better painstaking or efficient substitute could be found. Messrs. Hart and McWhim are the candidates for Treasurer. As the Association is over 100 strong there is now no longer doubt of its success, and Mr. Hooper can well exclaim with Caesar "Veni, Vidi, Vici!"

There will be a lively fight for official organ, only four aspirants. Let the vanquished, however, still fight for the C. P. A.

Members who do not receive a ballot before Jan. 26 should apply to the Secretary.

The newly elected official organ will publish a complete list of the members with addresses.

Nearly all the offices except president and vice-presidents are contested by 2 to 6 candidates.

Notice.

We take pleasure in announcing that next month we purpose changing the name of the Niagara Falls Philatelist to that of the British American Philatelic Advertiser. Both Canadian and American stamp dealers have long felt the want of a reliable advertising medium. This paper will be one of the largest Philatelic advertisers published, consisting of a large number of pages, the size of the page being 12 x 9. It will have a monthly gratis circulation of 10,000 copies, and will be supplied to all active collectors in the world.

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WORTH READING.

We have decided not to change our advertising rates at present.

Collectors should examine advertisements closely, as they will find many good bargains in the way of stamps.

Every dealer should try our advertising columns, as our paper has a wide circulation among collectors. Remember you do not have to pay in advance.

We have concluded not to change subscription price at present.

Every dealer should try an ad. in the February number, when they consider the large number of copies that reach the very best class of collectors.

Philately is not a waste of time and a frivolous occupation; there are great men and students engaged in it. Princes, generals, doctors and lawyers can be mentioned.

If you are not a stamp collector, become one at once, you cannot know how interesting it is until you are fairly started.

If you receive a sample copy of the N. F. P. and do not think twelve numbers are worth 25 cents don't subscribe; but if satisfied send that small sum as early as possible.

All the Philatelic papers for Dec. are much more interesting than usual, containing a large amount of valuable information, and the majority appear in an enlarged form.

Those who have been in the habit of crowding a page of matter in an inch space will notice that hereafter we fix 50 words as our limit.

The publishers of this paper are doing all in their power to improve their magazine, and if our readers can make any suggestions, they will be appreciated and acted upon by the majority.

The number of Philatelic papers that have sprung up during the past two

months is something alarming. If this is a sign of prosperity (?) then Philately is indeed in the advance.

Collectors don't fail to see the Feb. number. It will contain several articles of special importance.

Canadian Phil. Ass. members vote for the N. F. P. as official organ of the C. P. A.

As an inducement for collectors to try their hand at writing articles in Philately we have decided to offer the following cash prizes for the best three articles received: 1st prize, \$3.00; 2nd prize, \$2.00; 3rd prize, 75 cents. Any one can compete for these prizes. All articles must be original and written on only one side of the paper and sent postage prepaid to this office. Choose your own subject, sign your full name and address, and if you want articles returned if rejected inclose stamps for return postage. In awarding the prizes we shall use our best judgment and forward the money to the winners by March 2nd, publishing their articles in the March number.

All authors should compete for the prizes offered above. Many young writers do not succeed in getting their "first attempt" published, therefore get discouraged and give it up. If "at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." "Practice makes perfect." Try for one of the prizes; it will cost you nothing.

The Postmaster-General while visiting British Columbia will endeavour to make a new contract for carrying the mails between Victoria and San Francisco. When British Columbia entered Confederation the Dominion Government stipulated that it would maintain steam communication between the two points above mentioned, and to this end for some years past the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has received an annual subsidy of about \$18,000. It is understood, however, that a number of gentlemen are desirous of starting a rival company, and if this is done Mr.

McLelan will endeavour to come to terms with them.

It has been discovered that a conspiracy has existed for many years between officials of the Montreal Court house and certain lawyers, by which the Provincial Treasury has been swindled out of thousands of dollars by old law stamps being used over again.

New Issues.

B. E. F.

Canada.—The plate of the 2c stamp has been re-engraved. The stamp is now dark green.

Ceylon.—The 4c is now rose carmine.

Columbia.—A new stamp of the value of 1c black on green has been issued.

Dutch Indies.—The 1 cent stamp has been changed to correspond to the design of the other low values. The numeral is an italic one. 1c, gray-green.

Egypt.—New postage stamps are to be issued, as a new year's gift. The designs are the same as the old set, the inscription being a little different.

Gwalior.—The 2 annas is now surcharged in black instead of red.

Haiti.—There are two new issues for this republic. They bear a head of President Solomon in an oval, Hayte and value below.

Mexico.—There is a new 5 and 10c on bluish-white paper, ruled with blue lines, 10 m m. apart, Perf. 6. The official stamp has been changed to bistie olive, perf. 13½. A new envelope has also appeared, 10c red. Size 142 by 58 m m., with the value priceo 25c, frank in green with the inscription "Para curtas 1 oz. a los Estados Unidos exclusivamente blow."

Norway.—A returned letter envelope, size 166 by 123 m m is announced by "Der Philatelist."

Perak.—The 2c stamp is now surcharged with a heavy letter P which is 8 m m high.

Poonch.—The ½ and 2 annas exist on batonne laid paper, ½ annas, red on green; 2 annas, red on green.

Puttialla.—The ½ anna has been surcharged Service in small letters, and the 2 annas in large letters. ½ Anna, red and green; service in black. 2 annas red and blue; service in red.

Roumania.—The colors of the postage due set are to be changed. We hear of the 10 bani being printed in green.

Swèden.—The 3 ore and 1 kroner now have the post hour on the revenue.

Senegal.—The 20c French Colonies has been sur-charged 10 in some six or eight styles of type. The 4c has also been seen with the value raised to 10c by a sur charge.

Saint Lucia.—Two newsbonds of the value of ½ penny dark green on Manilla, and 1 penny carmine on manilla have been added to the postal supplies of this island.

Tolima.—A 2 centavos, rose lilac, similar in design to the recent 2½c, has been issued.

United States.—A new set of newspaper and periodical stamps for this country with values running from an eight of a cent to about a hundred dollars, is one of the probabilities of the near future.

Venezuela.—The new stamps have appeared. They are lithographed and differ very little from those they supersede. Perf. 11½. 5 centimes, gray green; 25 centimes bishe; 25 centimes orange (escuelas).

EXCHANGES.

[Under this head will be issued Notices of Exchange for Stamps, Coins, &c. Exchanges must not exceed Thirty words, and must be written on a separate sheet of paper. All notices must reach us by the 25th of each month to insure insertion in next issue.]

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I will send 10 Tin Tags for every Revenue Match, or Medicine sent me, except cigarette stamps. Charles W. PEUGH, Kossuth, Ind.

100 well mixed U. S. Stamps, 15 varieties, for 100 mixed of any country of British America; 12 different tin tags for every stamp not in my collection. C. D. OLIPHANT, Box 385, Mount Holly, N. J.

Birds eggs with datas and a Scotts International stamp album for coins, minerals, curiosities and amateur publications. Send for list of other articles. A. H. BEERS, 600 E. Pratt street., Baltimore, Md.

20 cents worth of Foreign Stamps from my approval sheets for every mineral not in my collection 2 x 2. An Indian Arrow Head or 2 sea curiosities for every mineral 1x1½. Will P. ARNOLD, Shannock, R. I.

I will give 15 different Philatelic papers, valued at more than thirty-five cents for a year's subscription to any Philatelic that cost not less than fifteen cents. GEO. H. YOUNG, Portsmouth, Richarde, Hve.

Wanted—Stamp World, Nos. 23 to 46 inclusive, and numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 13 of "Stamp and Coin Gazette"; good exchange in stamps and papers for above papers; send lists and circulars. M. G. BITTING, 2022 Jessup street., Phila., Pa.

I have 120,000 U. S. Stamps. Some rare 1851 to 1870. Also 250 3c grilid 1870, 2,000 unpaid and 10,000 other rare U. S. stamps to exchange with Foreign Dealers and collectors. All kinds Canadian stamps wanted. Bill, Law, Revenue, Postage, Register, etc F. N. MASSORH, Jr., Hanover Centre, Indiana.

Stamp Dealers Directory.

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Davis, M.—Table Rock, Niagara Falls, Ont. Second hand International Stamp Albums for sale.

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10 Var. U. S. Locals, unused	15
1 Set Northern Mutual Telegraph 4 var unused	25
1 Set B. & O. Telegraph 1, 5, 10, 25c	10
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