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Used Jubilees, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10c accepted as 1c each in payment for stamps from my approval sheets. Mrs. Albert H. Hall, 30 Mount Pleasant St. North Cambridge, Mass.

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Bargains are my approval sheets at 50% off. Send for a selection. Price list free. W. C. Wells, 122 mt Elliott Av., Detroit, Mich

Stamps given away! Send us the names of three collectors, who have not over 1,000 varieties, and 4c for postage and we will send you free a packet stamps cat. at 40c A. N. Estes & Co., Spring Hill, Tenn, Maury Co.

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The Dirigo Stamp Company
A Philatelic Story.

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

Author of "Philatelia," "Harry's Stamps,"
"The Fatal Stamp," etc.

Chapter IV

Charlie hurried out to the pigeon loft the next morning and found that one of the birds Ed had taken had returned. He found a message, written on onion skin paper, tightly rolled and secured to one of the bird's tail feathers. It was quite brief and had evidently been written and sent the evening before

Winston Tues. eve.

"Charlie: Just arrived. We have already found the stamp Co. They are three jolly girls. We are invited to call on them this evening and talk stamps. You bet we're going. Expect another pigeon about 10 A. M. tomorrow. Ed.

Perhaps the reader has already guessed that the "three jolly girls" Ed mentions as composing the "company" and the three they met on their way to Winston were identical.

The next pigeon arrived on time and we will let Ed tell the story of their visit to the girls.

Winston, Wednesday morning

Dear Charlie:— Well we went to see the girls I spoke of last night and we had a splendid time. We called at the house of Miss Laureta Lewis Payne and the others Misses Nellie and Fanny Pegg, were there.

We have decided that both companies will retain the name of 'Dirigo' and work together without quarreling as seemed likely before we came here.

We have arranged to have the correspondence of the two firms carried

on by means of pigeons. The Pegg girls, who are cousins and live together have a lot of pigeons which will be used to carry our messages to them, and my pigeons will carry their messages to us. We will ship on the nine o'clock express fifty of their pigeons to you. You had better ship fifty of ours on return train. We will be home tomorrow evening. Yours, Ed.

Charlie received the fifty pigeons and sent one back with this message:

North Lynne, Wednesday

Birds arrived O. K. I send fifty in return addressed to N. & F. Pegg, Charlie Burdee.

Thursday evening Ed and Will reached home drenched to the skin by a heavy rain which was the beginning of what is known as the Rosevalley flood.

The next day, at noon the word went forth that the great dam was breaking, and the boys hurried out in time to see the great wall of iron and stone give way and the water go rushing down the valley.

This story will be continued next month. For 25c we will give you this paper one year and a copy of the popular philatelic novel "Philatelia" as premium. To those mentioning it we will send, free, the preceding chapters of "Dirigo Stamp Co.

FROM THE POST OFFICE.

The Visitor-- My man what are you in the penitentiary for?

Prisoner-- Collectin' stamps.

The visitor-- Collecting stamps? Why what is wrong in that?

Prisoner-- Nothin', but dey said I ought to have took the canceled ones only.

This paper until Jan'y 1898 for 25cts.

The First prize Article.

Stamps and Stamp Collecting.

By JOHN REGINALD HOOPER.

Continued from last month.

The whole civilized world once looked upon stamp collecting as a "crazy school-boy whim." Now it is a science participated in for pleasure and profit by some of the greatest and most enlightened people on the globe. Those who denounced it saw the day when they would have liked to crawl into a knot-hole and pull the hole in after themselves. I have seen the scoffer and derider of twenty-five years ago "come in under the roof" after years of indecision. Stamp collecting waxed strong and flourished in the land.

Then the philatelic papers and societies sprang up. I remember my astonishment, twenty odd years ago, when I was told and actually seen men-collectors. To me it had all been a "boy's dream." The name given to it "stamp craze," died out, and in its place sprang up the more euphonious title of "philately." In a paper partly devoted to stamps and partly to coins, which the writer published in 1877—20 years ago—I advised the hobby or pursuit of stamp-collecting to be named "timbroy philly," but, after a lengthy discussion both in England and America, "Philately" won the day! And I am not sorry.

Many collect for profit, they are dealers. Some collect for pleasure or amusement, they are collectors. Others collect for the valuable lessons learnt, and for the study as well as the pastime, they are philatelists. Now, when a writer says something I want to know first, his experience, on that alone depends the weight we must give his advice. I started actively in 1869 and have been interested in stamp-collecting ever since. In that time I

have published two monthly papers, in societies galore, and generally floated up and down with the tide year after year. The question ahead of me in nine cases out of ten is, "What should I collect?" A. says make a specialty of U.S. revenues; B. says take B.N.A. stamps. C. says Great Britain and her Colonies are the best, and so on. Don't listen to such rubbish. Take a veteran's advice:--start collecting in a general way and in time your own inclination will shape itself. That's the answer. Don't do anything you will regret in after years. Get an album and start a collection of any and all kinds you can get. Take an agency, if you have no means of your own. Every dollar's worth of stamps that you sell you can select another dollar's worth for your own album.

I know a young collector attending one of the colleges who receives during the school season a lot of sheets weekly. He goes over them, selects what he wants, then sells to his friends until he has enough to pay for all taken. Don't try to be a dealer with a small stock, there are enough already. And don't start a paper unless you have money to throw away. Support those already in the field.

If you get tired of stamps, don't sell them. Put them by-- because you will want them again sure. Never mind the bicycle craze or the gold boom. They all right-- but they have not crossed the Rubicon yet, whilst Philately has. You are in elysian fields, and rest assured all you invest in stamps wisely will not be lost. Where they go down in one value one peg they go up two in another.

But their is something growing upon Philately that mars the good feelings and eats like a canker-worm into the bond of mutual friendships established by the stamp associations. It is stamp politics. It is becoming common to see our philatelic press teeming with charges and abuse. Whether it is deserved or not, let every philatelist's motto be:--

..Confound their politics.
Frustrate their knavish tricks."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Members.

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The above will receive their membership Certificates on receipt of dues to Jan'y 1st '93 amounting to 12c.

Applications.

W. H. Schmalz, Berlin, Ont, Sec'y,
 Refs Starnaman Bros.

Sam Craig 151 Irwin Ave Alleghen-
 ny, Pa. Student, Refs W. A. Beatty
 and R. G. Widdicombe.

Fedrico C. Shenkel, Manilla Philip-
 pine Islands. Cashier. Ref F. D. Sawyer
 and L. S. Graham.

Peter Travens, Box 228, Honolulu,
 Hawaii Islands, Pattern maker. Refs
 F. D. Sawyer and L. S. Graham.

The above will be admitted to mem-
 bership Oct. 15th provided no objec-
 tion is filed, previous to that date.

1898 Convention Seat.

Hamilton, Ont. Nominated by C Bailey
 and C. S. Applegath.

Halifax, N. S. Nominated by W. A.
 Beatty and R G Widdicombe.

Polls are open for voting until Nov
 15th, thus affording members ample
 time to send in their votes.

Members in arrears are requested to
 pay up promptly.

For application blanks and all infor-
 mation address

L. S. GRAHAM, Sec'y-Treas.
 Merriton, Ont.

CARD OF THANKS.

Port Hope, Ont Sept 17, 1897

L S Graham,

Respected Sir:-

I desire to tender
 through your medium my sincere
 thanks on behalf of my son, for the
 resolution passed by the Association
 on his behalf.... I applied for his
 removal to his native province. He is
 now at Kingston, Ont.

Sincerely yours,
 Joseph Hooper.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank the members
 of the D. P. A. for my election as Att'y.
 and to wish the Association every success.

The rules of my department are as follows

On all claims collected my commission
 will be 10% of amount collected. If the claim
 is paid by stamps returned my fee will be
 taken in stamps at cash rates. Minimum
 fee 50c.

If the claim cannot be collected I make
 no fee charge but will charge only the post-
 age I have actually expended.

Members will send 2c postage with each
 claim and in making requests for infor-
 mation kindly enclose a post card for reply.

Again wishing the Association a very
 successful year, I remain

Fraternally yours,

J. Arthur Wainwright, G. W.

Attorney D. P. A.

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STARNAMAN BROS,
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Editorial.

Happy New Year. With this number the ADVOCATE begins its second year. We wish to thank our subscribers and other friends who have helped us in the past and solicit a continuance of your valuable assistance. We have added to our staff some of the best philatelic writers of the day. We have also greatly increased our facilities for turning out a better printed paper and hope next month to present a better paper in every respect.

We will issue a special Holiday No. in Jan'y which will surpass all previous efforts. There will be no advance in advertising rates, but we will make a special offer in next number. If you are interested drop us a card for copy of next number; or see premium list on another page, select your premium and send in your subscription.

We feel sorry for the Editor of the "Halifax Philatelic Magazine." We were unaware that his eyesight was bad until he gets off the following re. D. P. A. Convention "No readable account of the convention has yet appeared." The reports in the ADVOCATE and the "Perforator" were as readable as could be made from the proceedings. We have a pair of leather spectacles we might loan the editor, but we use them when we receive a H. P. M. to see if we can find something not written by the editor himself. The editor of the above paper in his review of this paper, says, "As a paper it is not perfect." We never claimed to be perfect but we do claim that we are more perfect than the H. P. M. which issued a four page sheet in July, nothing in August, and for Sept. 8 pages all without cover.

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Press Notes.

A. Herbst has bought out Mr. Beringer's interest in the New York Philatelist and intends to make some great improvements in the near future.

H. D. Ruehlman will issue a philatelic journal shortly.

J. Roy Zwick announces the "Lake State Philatelist" for Oct.

The "American Collector" has sold out to the "Columbian Philatelist."

L. S. Graham promises the Ontario Philatelist in Oct.

W. A. Lydiatt will not issue the Boys' Own Philatelist at present.

We have seen a new Canadian journal, the Stamp Reporter, announced. We have not yet received a copy but judging by press reports, it is about up to the average of beginners.

The ADVOCATE was the first monthly out with report of A. P. A. convention.

See Prize Contest on next page.

Personals Irving E. Patterson, late of Guelph, Ont., has moved to 42 Howard St. Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Fred Brighton has moved to Berlin thus adding another collector to our already large number.

Mr Bailey informs us of his removal from Toronto to Kaukauna, Wis. He will be greatly missed by the Toronto collectors as he was always first and foremost in anything pertaining to the advancement of Philately.

The following is taken from "Meekel's Weekly Stamp News," of St. Louis, Mo.

"We were the first to apply the word 'enterprising' to the publishers of the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, and their every number gives indication of the appropriateness of the term....(Re A. P. A. convention.) All U. S. Monthly magazines outdone by the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE, published at Berlin, Ontario."

When an old established and influential journal like the "Weekly" speaks of us in this manner it ought to convince every collector that he should subscribe to this paper.

We have a surprise in store for our subscribers by which we hope, more than ever to deserve the name of "enterprising." Watch next month's issue.

Green Stamps Don't Go.

Since the article on page 34 was in print the following special has been received from Washington.

Washington, Sept. 17. The attention of the Treasury Department has been called to the fact that the Universal Postal Congress recently in session here, agreed on a scheme of colors for postage stamps to be used by all nations in the Postal Union. The color of the two-cent United States stamp, as agreed upon, was carmine, so that the proposed change to green will not be made.

CASH PRIZE CONTEST.

Prize: \$5.00 Cash.

We want a design for our front cover, and in order to have it please our subscribers we will leave the design to them.

What we want.

The design must be $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide by 4 inches high and must contain a "Union Jack," the "Stars and Stripes" and the following words, arranged according to the fancy of the designer "The Philatelic Advocate. A monthly for Stamp Collectors. Vol.... No...., Whole No... 25c per Year. Starnaman Bros., Editors and Publishers, Berlin Ont." and space for the month.

The design must be made on white paper with black ink. (India ink preferred.) The neatest and most artistic design will win \$5.00 cash.

Conditions.

The only condition is that competitors must be either a member of the D. P. A. or a subscriber. If you are not one of the above send 25c for a year's subscription.

Contest closes Nov. 15th 1897.

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Send us 25c **before Nov. 1 st.** and we will give you this paper until **Jan'y 1899**, a 20 word adv on the Bargain Page and your choice of any one of the following:—
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Set of 6 var. Cuba, unused, '74 to '81
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Starnaman Bros.,
Box 104. Berlin, Ont.

D. P. A. Reports.

(Continued from page 29.)

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my supporters who have elected me to the office of Librarian of our grand association, and I promise to do all in my power to fulfil the duties required of me.

The former Librarian has not yet sent me the library but I am expecting it any time.

Up to date I have received the following donations:

From R. G. Widdicombe, 2 papers.
 ,, C. Bailey, 7 "
 ,, F. I. Weaver, 17 "

From the publishers, Halifax Phil. Magazine, Sep, ADVOCATE, Sept.

I have not given names of papers donated as I intend to give a complete list when I receive the library.

F. I. Weaver, Librarian.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Two important items have been brought before the notice of the trustees since the convention.

It has been suggested that the society get out some button or pin with a Canadian stamp in the centre and the words "Dominion Philatelic Ass'n" encircling it. Something of this sort would be useful to the members for how often members meet in various parts of the country and do not know each other. This would be a means of introducing one to the other.

Another matter has been suggested by Mr Weaver, our Librarian. It is the formation of a Literary Exchange Department. It would be conducted on the same plan as the Exchange Dept., except that papers instead of stamps would be exchanged. If this department is organized we will have to elect a Superintendent or give it over to the Librarian.

Before taking action we would like

to hear the opinions of the members on these matters.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.
 Chas. S. Applegath.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Fellow members:

Having had the pleasure of meeting several members of the D. P. A. I asked them, during our talk philatelic, what they thought of the society. They all declared that the following should be kept in good running order, viz: Exchange, Library and Counterfeit Dep'ts., also that we should have an exchange page in the official organ which should be free to members. Also that the official organ should appear every month to all paid up members, which in the past I'm sorry to say has not been done. With our new officers and a good official organ I feel sure that the sun of prosperity will ever shine on our great and glorious society. And last but not least let every member do his best for the D. P. A.

Hoping that these suggestions will be looked into, I remain,

Yours for the D. P. A.

F. J. Garraty

D. P. A., 191, P. S. A 1187, P. L. S. 90

Join the D. P. A.

Don't forget! Send your vote for the convention seat, to the secretary at once. A post card will do it, but before you vote read the article on page 34.

A postage stamp illustrates the value of a good purpose. If it didn't stick to it it would never get there.
 L. A. W. Bulletin.

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Pithy Philatelic Points.

Convention Sayings, Letters and Articles from Noted Collectors and Writers, carefully Condensed.

Compiled by REGINALD KINNERSLEY.

There is quite a difference between the ordinary term "stamp collector" and the literal meaning of the word "philatelist." It is a matter of degree, yet he who views his hobby in a lukewarm and platonic light is not a philatelist in the truest sense. (J. E. Quackenbush.)

We have advertised stamps and stamp publications in Juvenile publications since 1872 and never yet felt satisfied with the results obtained. The leading stamp magazines will pay dealers much better. (F. H. Pinkham.)

A turn to the collection of revenue stamps would not only be interesting, but at same time would tend to discourage the issue of speculative and questionable stamps. Speculative issues were never known in revenues; that is, those pertaining to the purse of the stamp collectors. (E. O. Philman.)

Any collector receiving an unsolicited lot of stamps is justified in holding them until he is sent the sum of fifty cents, ten of which is for postage and registration and forty cents for trouble. (R. F. Albrecht.)

Something harsh must be done to dealers who are not satisfied to confine themselves to legitimate business methods. Mr. Albrecht's advice is the only way we can stop this nuisance. (W. Sandford.)

I think U. S. revenue checks and stamped paper should be collected the same as other stamps and also catalogued. (Frank L. Van Dermark.)

I have been sold by large dealers. There are exceptions. There are dead-beat small dealers and "square" large dealers, but as a general thing I think the small dealer makes more honest

money than the large one. (E. Palmer.)

There is much room for improvement in philatelic societies. How carelessly the application blanks are scattered around. Some people sign as a reference and send the blanks broadcast all over the country. How easy it is for a person whose standing is not very good to procure a blank submit it to the society and in nine cases out of ten is accepted. (I. E. Patterson.)

No matter if you know a grown man is a fraud you must not inform the public. But, if it is a poor little school boy with morals only half formed, and owes for a few stamps, then "jump on him," put him in jail and make him a criminal. (E. Drown.)

Philately is indeed mighty. It is self-sustaining. It is a rock as firmly built as that of Gibraltar. The future never seemed so bright, so alluring and so full of promise. (C. E. Severn.)

In order to advertise correctly a great deal of tact and precept is required. Unless you are a good advt. writer my advice is to engage a regular advertisement writer to do your work, if you wish to make a success of your business. (Every Paget.)

When a stamp paper of the present suspends publication its publisher feels so blue that he withdraws unceremoniously and disgustedly from the philatelic world. The only notification one has of the discontinuance of the paper is its non appearance. (I. E. Weldon.)

Nothing so pleases one as to see a collection neatly mounted on white cardboard or tinted card, arranged in odd ways. Remove all paper from the stamps, press them out perfectly flat and mount with a small hinge. (A. Williams.)

We still have room on our subscription book for a large number of new subscribers. Send in your 25c at once.

Hamilton Notes.

By C. S. APPLGATH.

The sale of the regular half cent stamp has been stopped here, except to publishers who have not second-class mailing privileges, and in that case the papers must be produced before the stamps will be sold.

The first number of the "British Colouist" will appear from this city the middle of October. P K Moore and C S Applegath will be responsible for its appearance.

It is announced that the government will not issue any more stamps until January 1st when a new design similar to the one cent stamp of the Newfoundland Jubilee series will be issued.

I am in receipt of a copy of the "Fireside Philatelist" of Pa. It consists of ten, badly printed, 2x3 pages, and contains about half a dozen lines of reading matter. The remainder being made up of startling advs. Altogether this paper is a disgrace to philately.

- - HAMILTON '98. - -

Hamilton is in the field for the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A.; and the following should convince you that the Ambitious City is the proper place to hold the meet. As the majority of members live in Ont. it is obvious that a central place should be chosen. Hamilton is very centrally situated on the main line of the G. T. Ry. and is only about forty miles from Toronto and an equal distance from Niagara and Buffalo, while Halifax is out reach of the majority of the members.

Hamilton can boast of nearly 200 collectors, therefore the members would have a grand opportunity to discuss philatelic matters.

We earnestly hope that every member will send his vote to the Secretary before Nov. 15 and be sure and mark

it HAMILTON '98.

U. S. Stamps to change color

The United States is about to change the color of a couple of her stamps: here adding two more to her almost numberless specimens. The two cent carmine stamp will be changed to green and the ten cent green will be carmine hereafter. This change will save the government about \$10,000 as there is that much difference in the cost of the two inks.

The color of the present two cent stamp (red) implies to what is done to the contents of the letter, and the color of the future two cent issue (green) will undoubtedly apply to a few, at least, of the letters which are placed under their protection.

U. N. Known.

The Plates Destroyed.

Ottawa, Sept. 10. (Special) The transitory nature of the jubilee stamps was illustrated at noon to-day by the destruction of the plates from which the stamps were engraved. The ceremony was witnessed at the building of the American Bank Note Co. by the Postmaster General, Deputy P. M. G., the Secretary of the department and by Mr. Stanton head of the postage stamp branch. This will probably cause a rise in value.

The Philatelic Exhibition.

The Philatelic Exhibition in connection with the Toronto Industrial Fair, Aug 26th to Sept 12, was a great success. Unfortunately some of the leading dealers were unable to be represented.

Mr Geo Lowe had a fine display of stamps both rare and common. He also showed a fine collection of the coins of the world. As an advertisement Mr Lowe distributed a fac simile of the famous Mulready envelope, the first postage stamp ever used. The exhibit was in charge of Mr Lowe and C. Bailey.

The Weston Stamp Co also had a grand display. Newfoundland and Canadian Jubilees were shown in abundance. Many rare specimens changed hands here. This exhibit was in charge of Messrs Wilby and Nichols.

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
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