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A MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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BOIESTOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

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IN OUR

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27. 100 varieties foreign, good value	—
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PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

Since the last MESSENGER appeared, we have been deluged with offers of Canadian stamps of the Jubilee and first maple leaf issues. Not being engaged in the wholesale business, we are already overstocked in some of the values and do not want any more of those values even in exchange.

We will, however, accept the stamps mentioned below, at the prices quoted, in payment for subscriptions and advertisements only, and only to the amount of \$2 from one person. All stamps must be perfect, lightly cancelled and well centred.

Jubilee Issue.

- ½c. black, unused, 15 cents each;
- 2c. green, used. 10 cents per 10;
- 5c. deep blue, unused, 6 cents each;
- 5c. deep blue, used, 35 cents per 10;
- 6c. brown, used or unused, 40c. each;
- 8c. violet, used or unused, 10c. each,
- 10, 15, 20 50c. and \$1.00 at face.

1st Maple Leaf Issue.

- 2c. purple, used, 25 cents per 100;
- 5c. dark blue, used, 6 cents per 10;
- 6c. brown, used, 5 cents each;
- 8c. orange, used, 20 cents per 10;
- 10c. plum, used, 6 cents each.

For the current Canadian stamps we will allow the following prices in exchange for advertising until further notice: 2 cents, 10c. per 100; 2 cents Imperial, 25c. per 100; 5 cents, 5c. per 10; 6 cents, 10c. per 10; 8 cents, 8c. per 10; 10 cents, 25c. per 10; 15 cents (1882-93), 5c. each; 20 cents, 8c. ea.; 50 cents, deep blue, 20c. each. Not more than \$1.00 worth of current Canadian can be accepted from one person.

The following prices will be allowed for used Omaha stamps. Per 10: 4 cents, 15c.; 5 cents, 20c.; 8 cents, 35c.; 10 cents, 20c. Each: 50 cents, 25c.; \$1.00, 50c.; \$2.00, \$1.00.

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U. S., 1898 (Omaha), 1-50c, set of 7 . . .	\$o 50
U. S., 1893 (Columbus) 1-50c. . .	1 00
Belgium, 1867-7, 5, 10, 20c, all 3 with coupon . . .	05
Bolivia, 1897, 5, 10 20c, large size used (3) . . .	15
China, 1897, 20c used . . .	20
" " 30c used . . .	30
" " 50c used . . .	50
" " 1.00 used, already obsolete . . .	1 00
Bulgaria, 1896, Jubilee, set of 4 . . .	12
Equador, 1856, Jubilee, set of 7 . . .	50
Greece, 1856, Olymp. Games, 11 to 1 dr, set of 9 . . .	35
Guatemala, 1886, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 cts.(5) . . .	1-75
Hawaii Republic, 1894, complete (6) . . .	50
Hawaii, 1896, Official, complete (6)* . . .	1-75
New South Wales, unpaid, 1/2-1 (5), cat. 59c . . .	25
Portugal, 1875, 9 different . . .	03
" " 80, 150, 200, the three . . .	25
Portuguese Indies, 1878, 144-11, (5)* . . .	12
Macao & Timor, 1898, 1/2-1 avos (6)* . . .	12
Angola, 1898, 2 1/2-25 reis (6)* . . .	12
All other Colonies from Cape Verde to Zambesi the same . . .	
Tonga, 1877, 1/2, 1, 2 (beauties 3)* . . .	12
Trinidad, 1898, Jubilee, 2d . . .	08
Samoa, 1895, 2 1/2 on is carmine . . .	12
Salvador, 1895, postal packet stamps, beautiful complete set, diamond shaped (5)* . . .	40
" " 1897 postage, complete (12)* . . .	40
" " postage due " (8)* . . .	40
" " off cial " (12)* . . .	40
" " envelopes " (5)* . . .	15
" " wrappers " (4)* . . .	12
All other Seebeck adhesives per complete set . . .	40

W. SELLSCHOPP & CO.,
 118 Stockton Street,
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THE PHILATELIC MESSENGER

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Entered at the Postoffice at New York, N. Y., Post Office as Second Class Mail Matter.

Written for the MESSENGER.

PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

(Continued from last month.)

Local societies can either be independent of or dependent on our state or national societies. Perhaps a branch of the latter would be preferable, but this is a matter by itself.

Turning our attention to state societies, these we must all admit are indispensable. These societies bring much new material forward and open up many obscure localities, which never could have been accomplished by any other means. A philatelist takes more pride in his own state society than in the national

societies, therefore it is evident that he will work more diligently to procure members for the former. It is also evident that many unknown collectors are thus introduced to membership; but here again the majority of the members hail generally from the most important cities, and many are already members of other societies.

Branches of the state society are also suggested where four or more collectors are resident in one place. These will bring closer together the collectors residing in rural parts of the state. But these meetings are in most cases uninteresting. A little exchanging of both stamps and "yarns" is done, each member trying to outdo the rest in relating how his grandfather has an old trunk full of letters in the garret, and what he would do if he could only get permission to search the trunk, etc. This is a very good theme, but not the brand to keep life in a flourishing society. Stamp matters are of secondary importance with many of the members. But I am certain that if they had the same opportunities that our city collectors have to converse with many other collectors, our country adherents would be less backward and they would find philately much more interesting.

Local societies in country towns are a decided failure. They are inaccessible or uninteresting to a visitor. The members are reserved and not for advancement. Either all the members are in a trance, or some one member has a "clinch" on the other members and, to protect his interests, he guards against any intrusion from outside collectors; this is selfishness pure and simple, and any person that calls himself a philatelist, who would adopt these means to keep another collector in the dark, is damaging his own reputation. A collector's sense of duty

should prompt him to relieve his fellow collectors of any hardships they may experience and to do all in his power to enlighten them.

(To be continued.)

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

A correspondent writes from Trinidad under date of November 5th:

"The undermentioned single and double postal cards, having become obsolete, remaining unsold at the expiration of six weeks from this date, will, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, be forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, viz.: Single postcards, 1st d. and 2d.: double postcards, 3d. and 4d.—October 10, 1898."

We are indebted to Messrs. Williams & Co., of Lima, for information as to the following new Peruvian issues:

- Unpaid.*
- 5 soles, light green
- 10 soles, lilac
- Wrappers.*
- 1 centavo, green (old type)
- Postcards.*
- 1 centavo, violet
- 2 centavos, red
- 3 centavos, greenish gray
- 4 centavos, brown

These cards each bear a view. There are 40 varieties in all.

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The cat. value of the 30c. black, o. g., unused, and the 5c. Columbian, o. g., unused, is—well you know about what it is. Send me 75c. silver and a stamped envelope, and you can have them. Is that not cheap?
N. B.—To the first, tenth and fifteenth purchaser, I will give the above two stamps free.—A good saving on hand.
Address,

W. M. Waterbury, Ithaca, Michigan.

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On Omaha Exposition Stamps and Exhibit by sending for FREE copy of the Philatelic West and Omaha Philatelist, Superior, Nebraska. Subscription, 1c per mo. Free X col. Ads. pay; 25c per inch, cash with copy. Organ of largest Soc'y in West; only paper left of over 20 in state. Free sub. for names of 25 act. collectors not on our list, if postage is sent for reply.

1000 Stamps.

Finely mixed, 50 to 100 varieties in a packet, for 25c.

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HENRY A. CHAPMAN,

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Have You any Stamps to Sell or Trade us?

Write us if you have. Collectors in foreign countries sending from 100 to 5000 stamps of their country will receive cash or equal value in trade. Correspondence solicited. Write for our price-list. It's free. Approval Sheets 50% off. Fine U. S. rev. cheap.

ALWIN KNISPEL STAMP CO.,

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Is not needed when a bargain like this is offered. Every one sending for my fine approval sheets of Foreign and Colonial and agreeing to remit at least 20c. net gets a good stamp FREE, while every fifth gets a rec. Canada Special Delivery unused.

Many stamps are marked below catalogue and 50% discount is allowed.

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4 cents 4 cents 4 cents 4 cents 4 cents

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Your subscription to the **Stamp Reporter**, a fine monthly stamp journal.

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Copy for ads. must reach us before the 5th day of each month to insure insertion. Positions on front page and next to reading matter will be given to advertisements first received. When such position has been assigned, it may be retained as long as the ad. is paid for in advance.

REMITTANCES.

Unused current stamps of any country are accepted in payment for subscriptions and advertisements up to \$1.00. Amounts over \$1.00 may be remitted in bank notes, or by postal notes, post office or express money order.

Address all communications to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,

BOJESTOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

We will exchange two copies with all philatelic publications. One copy should be sent to the publisher, Bojestown, N. B., and the other to the review editor, Mr. Raymond S. Baker, "The University," Sackville, N. B., Canada.

If this paragraph is marked with a blue pencil, your subscription has expired. A prompt renewal is necessary if you do not wish to miss a number, as we do not continue sending the paper after expiration of subscription, and back numbers cannot always be supplied and are never supplied at subscription rates.

DECEMBER 15, 1898.

NOTES.

Want of space has obliged us to omit "Our Monthly Chat" this time.

The usual size of the MESSENGER is 12 pages. Last month it was 24 pages. Press of other work compels the publisher to reduce the size of this number and the next to 8 pages, but our average will always be 12 pages at least.

Where is it possible to find a better bargain than this paper for one year and a free exchange notice for only 15 cents? And those who take advantage of our remarkable premium offers really get both paper and exchange notice for nothing.

If our advertising rates are lower than those of any other paper of equal circulation—and they are, it is because we have adopted the rule that no advertisement will be inserted until it is paid for.

Advertising contracts are nets to catch the unwary. A publisher persuades you that his paper has about 10,000 circulation; it has probably 2500 except when he prints an extra 1000 or so of sample copies, which are distributed so loosely that four or five are often received by the same person. You sign a contract. You find it unprofitable, you are certain that the publisher has lied to you; but you read your contract and you see that you are bound hard and fast while the crafty publisher has promised little and guaranteed less. Take our advice and do not advertise in those papers which offer space at half price on yearly contracts. The paper which can afford to sell you space at 50% discount is probably then charging you 100% too much.

Most philatelic papers discriminate against the small dealer. We do not. He who buys a $\frac{1}{4}$ column from us will pay no higher rate than the dealer who buys 10 pages.

We give every advertiser the advantage of lowest possible contract rates without the disadvantages of the contract. You stop advertising when your advertisement ceases to pay you. Or when your advertisement does not pay, let us know. We will do what we can to help you. We will not hire some self-termed "expert" to blame the ad. for it.

PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

This department is conducted by RAYMOND S. BAKER, "The University," Sackville, N. B., Canada, to whom publishers of philatelic papers will please send one copy of journal to insure occasional notice.

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The Christmas number of the *Montreal Philatelist* contains thirty-two pages and cover. While not a perfect example of the printer's art, it is nevertheless neatly printed and on good paper. The opening article, entitled "St. Helena and her Stamps" by C. T. Reno, is altogether too short and is simply not handled at all. Mr. Bach, the editor, writes entertainingly in "The Romance of a 12 Pence Canada" and also contributes some interesting notes. News items, portraits and sketches of two prominent dealers and sixteen pages of advertisements complete the issue. Altogether the M. P. for December is a creditable number, but the reiterated statement of its publisher that "it equals the best and excels the rest" will doubtless be accepted with some degree of moderation.

The *Eastern Philatelist* of November presents a rather meagre supply of reading matter for the oldest stamp magazine in America. Gardner R. Kennedy begins his series of "Models," the stamp dealer being considered in this number. The requisite qualifications for business perfection appear to be, neatness, good taste, knowledge of stamps, carefulness and accuracy, honesty, enterprise, sociality, and earnest promotion of the local society. "New Issues Month by Month" is conducted by Mr. Smiley and in the words of the small boy is "simply excellent." A long editorial is devoted to the colour question which is both readable and instructive.

Henry A. Chapman chats as interestingly as ever in the *Herald Exchange*. In his "Puritan Paragraphs" he makes it his task to entertain the reader and he generally succeeds. We would like to see Mr. Chapman try his hand at higher work, requiring greater art and constructive ability. The *Herald Exchange* consists largely of notes and comments of which B. A. Cottlow contributes a valuable share.

The *Virginia Philatelist* is the most beautiful magazine published and what is even better its literary contents correspond to the outward appearance. The holiday number is especially fine; clearly printed on excellent paper with artistic cover design in colour, it is a philatelic journal of which not only Southern but all collectors may well be proud. There is but one criticism we would make and that is that all comments, notes and news items be omitted or relegated to the back of the paper, and that their place be taken by the stable well written articles which editor Dietz knows how to secure. Thus the *Virginia Philatelist* will assume more of the characteristic of

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is the way we prefer to clear our large stock of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile and Panama, and we make the unusually liberal offer of

DOUBLE VALUE

of stamps desired (basis Gibbons or Scott) in exchange for the stamps we keep from selections sent us on approval (this may appear remarkable to you, though never-the-less a fact, as we purchased great quantities of these stamps *at our own price* and so can afford to do it);

BUT

we and our clients here, being advanced and medium collectors, need only rare and medium stamps, in perfect condition. Common stamps are taken only when they occur in *good sets*.

If you have no desirable stamps, please do not send *any*; but, if you wish to do business with us, send a cash order from our price list. We have no rarities to sell or exchange, as local demand is greater than the supply. Stamps of Falkland Islands—a splendid assortment in stock—we exchange even.

ANOTHER PLAN!

We have marked our stamps at about cost in our price-list and prices range from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{20}$ of catalogue. We accept choice stamps at a fair price as cash. Our principal business with stamps, now, is selling on commission (we make very important sales) and they are the same as cash to us. If you do not want to exchange, we will buy your good stamps to any amount, when they are in perfect condition and priced reasonably. We never remit cash or stamps in advance, but you can rely on us to promptly reply *and to please you in every possible way*. It is advisable to obtain our price-list before writing; it explains every point and contains much information of value to every person interested in stamps.

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Members: The International Stamp Dealers' Ass'n, Berlin,
No. 186; A. P. A. and 20 other principal societies.

that which it purports to be, a magazine.

The most noticeable article for December is the first instalment of a series on "The Postage Stamps of Japan" by Larcus Viridis. This will in all probability be quite a valuable contribution to scientific philatelic literature. The article is well written and carries with it the aroma of personal investigation and research. Regarding the issue of 1871-72 we make the following excerpt:

"Various catalogues distinguish two complete sets of this issue: on *wove* and *laid* paper. The distinction is not justified, although specimens are found showing no trace of the laid lines, for at the time there was no native wove paper in Japan. The paper was largely made by small private manufactures and entirely by hand in forms with a bottom of thin bamboo strips, which produced the laid lines. The material of the paper consists of fibrous plant stems; it was not chopped or ground, but merely softened and mashed, hence its great strength in direction of the cellular tissue. As the texture is very porous and no sizing was used, the paper was unfit for writing with pens. One side of the paper is smooth, not by means of calendering, but by being brushed upon a smooth drying surface. All native Japanese paper of this early date shows a faint yellowish tinge, as no bleaches were used. It is important to remember the *laid* quality of the paper, as very good counterfeits exist on European tissue paper of wove texture. The paper will not tear in a straight line, while the native paper on account of its peculiar manufacture will always tear in a straight line."

A pleasing feature about the *Virginia Philatelist* is that it gives a half tone and sketch of a Southern collector every month. The editorials are bright and timely and the review

forms not the least interesting part of the journal.

At ten cents a year the *International Philatelist* is grand value. But, with a circulation of 6000 and liberal advertising patronage, we doubt very seriously whether as a *magazine* it is living up to its possibilities. The I. P. does not *pose* as an advertiser pure and simple, although it affects to a tremendous degree the appearance of that class of periodicals. The November number contains "A Mooted Question" by F. A. Lilly, in which the collectibility of United States newspaper, periodical and postage due stamps is established. A short article appears on "The Connel Essay," concerning which Mrs. A. G. Craig relates with indisputable emphasis: "When Mr. Connel received a sample of his venture he was in St. John, stopping at the Waverly Hotel on King Street, and it is a well known fact, there and elsewhere, that he wrote quite a number of letters and used his stamp. These letters passing through the mails gave the stamp all the eclat of the genuine article."

The *Evergreen State Philatelist* from the Pacific Northwest closes the year with an attractive cover. The E. S. P. is sadly in need of solid reading matter, although the versatile "Veritas" is once more in evidence. The entire contents is made up of notes and comments of which editorials form the most readable portion.

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NEWFOUNDLAND stamps and plants offered for stamps by Rev. ARTHUR C. WAGHORNE, Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. [17]

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CANADIAN COLLECTORS sending 100-150 Canadian, mixed 10-15 var., will receive 100-150 mixed U. S. 15-20 var. Canadian and U. S. stamps exchanged with foreign collectors. J. W. LA VIGNE, Box 290, Watertown, Co in.

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Advertisements are inserted under this heading at the rate of a half cent per word. A group or figure or initials is counted as one word. Minimum charge is 15 cents. Three insertions at price of two; 6 at price of 4; 9 at price of 6; 12 at price of 8. No display. Address is counted. Payment may be made in current unused stamps (well centred) of any country up to \$1.00.

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