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THESE STAMPS ARE ON SEPARATE LETTERS. THEY ARE FOR SALE

A Great Find.

ONE OF THE GREATEST RARETIES
UNEARTHED IN MONTREAL.

A remarkable find was made in Montreal on December 10th, 1898. A British Guiana 2c stamp, of the first issue, one of the rarest stamps, was purchased by a Montreal dealer.

THE STORY OF THE FIND.

Monday afternoon, December 10th, a man walked into the office of Mr. R. C. Bach and said: "Do you buy old stamps?" On being told "Yes," he produced a few old letters, saying that he had some more at home. Mr. Bach asked him how much he would take for the lot. The man said that he did not know anything about stamps, but thought that a stamp so old ought to be worth something. Anyway, would Mr. Bach

give—for them? Mr. Bach said he would, and purchased the stamps. The man left his address and promised to call with the rest. And so one of the rarest stamps in existence is now the property of Rudolph C. Bach, of Montreal.

On Wednesday, December 21st, the man called again. He had with him three letters bearing 4 stamps in all, 1 pair and 2 singles. Mr. Bach also purchased these. They were the 8c green British Guiana, catalogued at \$150 each. And that is the story of a great find. A photographic reproduction of the 2c stamp will be found in this number. We intended to give full particulars, but cannot do so at present, as negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of another lot of old stamps from the same party. We will, however, do so in our next number, and will also give another illustration.

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THE MODEL STAMP COLLECTOR

BY RAYMOND S. BAKER.

In the world of philately there are so many different classes and divisions that it is a difficult matter to select a model that shall be suitable and applicable to all. The advanced collector, the specialist, the general and the occasional collector, each have their standard of excellence, their acme of perfection. He therefore, who would create a type meeting with universal satisfaction must needs attempt the impossible.

It may not, however, be a hopeless task to enumerate some of the leading qualities and attributes found in the model stamp collector, and even to make an analysis of the constituent elements of the ideal. While it is true that the great majority of philatelists are anything but models, and that a continual exhortation and improvement is not only tiresome, but comparatively worthless, yet there is a certain amount of interest in finding out from a fellow collector his conceptions of the highest and the best, even if they differ materially from our own. With this short introduction, let the model collector step forth and demonstrate his claim to this lofty title and also, with some latitude, point out the way by which others can attain to the ideal state.

He is *general* collector. But a large division of the body philatelic need not be offended, for the model stamp collector has a specialty, although he is not a specialist. There have been many battles fought on the question of generalism versus specialism with more glory and ultimate superiority to the latter. It is not the intention of the writer to inaugurate another contest as every species of collecting has a right to exist. We have reached an age of philatelic toleration, in which everyone collects just

what he pleases. Who then shall dare to assume the province of commending this branch of collecting and condemning that which happens to be dissimilar? But when it is necessary to choose a specimen which shall stand for the whole class, to form a model representative of the great philatelic division, to set forth a fitting example for the inspection of the entire world, then it is imperative that distinctions be made, and consequently the general collector is emphatically the result of our choice. The simple fact that he is international in his aims and collecting instincts, and is not monopolized by any single feature of the pursuit, is perhaps the strongest argument in his favour. To successfully represent a many sided hobby he is necessarily a collector of wide interests and all embracing sympathy. He admires alike the stamps of Canada and China, Japan or Borneo.

But the model stamp collector while essentially devoted to general collecting and making it his primary object, has nevertheless a specialty, and thus increases the security of his position as a satisfactory model. Specialism has secured such an extensive hold on stamp collecting that its claims cannot be overlooked, and he who would pose as a model among philatelists must devote no small amount of his time and attention to some particular phase of the pursuit.

Postage stamps only, will be found in the album of the model collector. He has nothing whatever to do with revenues and while not hostilely disposed towards them, considers that they are irrelevant and beneath the dignity of postal commissions. It may be argued that the general tendencies of the model stamp collector should lead him to admit fiscals

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to his patronage, but in reply to this it can be stated that limitation must come where he drawn, and consequently he is distinctly a *postage* stamp collector and nothing more. Revenue stamps are all very well in their place, and their collectibility is not to be doubted. The present craze for them however, to the exclusion of good postage, is not to be commended as it lowers the standard of philately.

The model stamp collector aims at completion, although he does not strive after it to the detriment of his general collection. His stamps are especially strong in those countries which have comparatively few varieties, and which are obtainable at an average cost. He keeps up with the new issues in good fashion, choosing those he deems valuable and authentic.

Above all things the perfect stamp collector is not a speculator. It is entirely contrary to his nature to assume such a character. While he finds a certain amount of pleasure in the financial side of the hobby, yet all ideas of gain and profit are wholly foreign to him. He buys stamps in the regular way, but has a tendency to see specimens before purchasing. He is not a "condition crank," but the contents of his album show a careful selection. While unused specimens predominate to a certain degree, yet the cancellation and the postmark are fully in evidence. As regards neatness and attention to details, he is all that can be desired. If asked regarding his real object in collecting, the model philatelist will tell you that it is pleasure and amusement, and out of this there grows a desire to know more about his stamps and almost unconsciously he makes an exhaustive study of his specimens, and for this his fellow collectors dub him a scientist. His is a labour of love, and he confines his researches, not to any particular country, but to his whole collection.

It is in the local, state and national societies that the ideal stamp collector

is found in his glory. Not only are his dues paid regularly, but he takes an active, lively interest in everything that is going on. If new members are to be secured, if an especially laborious piece of work is to be performed, or if the welfare of the society may be served in any way, the model stamp collector is immediately to the front offering to do his utmost—and he does it. In political campaigns his voice is not heard, except in exposing some flagrant abuse; but if the obligations of office are heavy and not to be envied he does not hesitate to assume the burden. He patronizes every department of the organization and induces others to do likewise. As an investigator of fraud he is persistent and strives to become by every means a "terror to evil doers." He is the real backbone of the philatelic association and stands true to it in times of dullness and adversity.

The model stamp collector is a missionary worker. To an earnest conception of the future of philately, he adds a generous and unselfish disposition. He hides not his light under a bushel, but seeks to extend the domain of stamp collecting by acquainting others with a fascinating and instructive recreation. It is ever a pleasure to him to show and explain his collection and any interest displayed on the part of the listener is always followed up by a direct canvas, in which the claims of stamp collecting are intelligently advocated. He has a goodly supply of duplicates and is free in their dispersion among non collecting friends. To the small boy and beginner the model Stamp collector is indeed a friend. Now matter is too trivial, no trouble too great for his consideration. Such difficulties as watermarks, shades, and surcharges are willingly explained, and his guiding hand helps the tyro to surmount other stumbling blocks. The ideal collector sees the wisdom of increasing the number of philatelists and governs his actions accordingly.

All the leading periodicals devoted to the pursuit will be found on the study table of our model. They are carefully read and are nicely bound volume for volume. While possessing an extensive philatelic library he is not a literature collector in the ordinary sense of the term. He subscribes to the current magazines and buys old journals and books pertaining to the hobby, not for the mere desire to possess them, but for the laudable purpose of instruction and self-improvement. His great knowledge of stamps obtained by ceaseless study and research, and his determination to propagate a scientific philately, lead him to make valuable contributions to the literature of the day. In the philatelic press his voice is heard on the leading questions of the time. He does not pose as a regular writer, and for this reason perhaps his productions are always well written and of high

**CANADA'S NEW STAMP,
SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND
OPINIONS ABOUT IT.**

THAT POSTAGE PLACARD

**Admiral De Horsey Utters a Protest
Against Its Motto.**

The following letter appears in the London Daily Graphic:

Sir—I read in the Daily Graphic of this day a report that the Canadian Imperial penny stamp is to be inscribed with the words "We hold a vaster Empire than has been."

If a man were to adorn his hat with the motto "I have a vaster estate than anyone else," passers-by would both ridicule him and be inclined to knock his hat off, if not his head.

Similarly the proposed inscription on the penny stamp will only excite the dislike and ridicule of other nations.

Doubtless the Daily Graphic is largely read in Canada. Pray use your influence to stop such silly braggadocio, and to induce the authorities to substitute the simple, but grand, words, "British Empire."

If the postal department in Canada has already printed these stamps with the vain-glorious motto, may I humbly suggest their obliteration and subsequent sale at (say) half-a-crown a-piece to stamp collectors, who would quickly buy

literary merit. Seclusion is not one of the characteristics of the model stamp collector but rather union and the being in touch with his fellows. Thus he is not entirely dominated by any one territorial division of philately, but is fully awake to the existence of the pursuit as a whole. He is as conversant with affairs in England and Germany as in America.

To fully describe the model stamp collector, as he is, would require a long and elaborate work. In these pages an attempt has been made to point out a few qualifications which are deemed necessary. Much has been left unsaid, but the reader can supply requisite details from his own conception of the ideal. The present standard is not too high for emulation, however, and it is a matter of satisfaction that collectors do exist who fulfil the required conditions.

them up as monuments of bad taste—so far as the motto is concerned.

Yours faithfully,

ALGERNON DE HORSEY.

Cowes, December 10, 1898

Of The Imperial Stamp.

A correspondent asks where the quotation on the imperial postage stamp is taken from. It is from Mr. Lewis Morris's "Songs of Britain," and may be found on page 181 and 182 of the volume, entitled "Song of Empire":

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power
decrease!

Whoever guides our helm of State,
Let all men know it, England must be
great!

We hold a vaster Empire than has been!

No wonder "We hold a vaster Empire than has been." On some stamps we have annexed about half of the United States. The British Isles are situated in France, while the Falkland Islands have moved to some part of South America.

There are four distinct shades of the sea on these stamps, lavender, white light blue, and Prussian blue.

The four shades can in some cases be found all on one sheet.

Speaking of the Imperial stamp, the Montreal Gazette says editorially that it is "too large for a postage stamp and too small for a wall map."

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Editorial.

1898-99.

One more year has passed, a year which leaves a record as far as stamps are concerned.

The spring of 1898 saw a general depression in the stamp trade. Stamps

went about as low as possible. Good stamps went abegging at ridiculous prices. When, however, the Omaha's and the new war revenues were issued, interest in stamps was greatly revived. Many people bought these stamps simply as souvenirs, and then became interested in collecting. The new year opens with a bright prospect for the future of our science, and we trust it will be realized.

We call our readers' attention to the coupon on page 32. If you buy a dollar's worth of goods from an advertiser in this paper, fill out the coupon and ask the dealer to sign it, then send it to us, and we will give you 6 month's subscription free. 38 coupons were redeemed from ads in the Xmas number.

Mr. W. Russell Brown has removed from Port Arthur His correspondents will please note his new address, P.O. Box 198, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Send in your subscription.

Subscribers will please note that we cannot furnish Nos. 3, 4 or 5 of the Montreal Philatelist, as they are out of print. We will send Nos. 1, 2, 6 & 7 at 10c each, or the 4 for 25c.

We call attention to the Dominion Stamp Co's adv. The Dominion Stamp Co. has a store in Montreal, and do a good counter trade. They desire to open up a good mail trade, and offer some good stamps cheap.

The Montreal Philatelist for 1 year, and the Virginia Philatelist 1 year, for 30c, or both magazines for 1 year and Robies' "Stamp Hunting" for 73c, post free.

Of all the stamp jobbing Governments, Canada takes the cake. The 2c Imperial stamp was placed on sale in London, England, almost as early as in Canada. This has resulted in considerable loss to Canadian dealers, as it was but natural to expect that they would have received the English orders. But when every dealer can buy them in London at 2c each, nobody would bother to order from Canada.

The readers of the Montreal Philatelist can always count on the latest and best Canadian news. We have a special correspondent in Ottawa, and are often informed of new issues, etc., as soon as the daily press. Take for instance, the change of color in the new envelope. We had bought 50 at the Post Office in the morning (Jan. 13th,) and at 5 p.m. we received a telegram to the effect that they were recalled. The same news appeared in the press of January 14. These envelopes will probably be very rare, how much so, cannot be said now, as it remains to be seen whether the P.O. officials and clerks in Ottawa secured quantities in the same way as they did of the 1/2c Jubilees.

It has been announced that the money order charges between the United States and Canada have been reduced to the domestic rate. Formerly the minimum charge on a money order from the U.S. payable in Canada was 10c., now it is only 2c. We, therefore, make a request. In sending subscriptions, please send it by money order, and deduct the cost from your remittance. In other words, send a post office money order for 23c. Canadian subscribers please remit by postal note, if possible.

The Boston Stamp Book has suspended publication. All subscriptions will be filled by the Eastern Philatelist.

REVIEW.

Lewis Robie's "Stamp Hunting" has at last put in an appearance here, and is having quite a sale in Montreal. We are afraid it would jar Bro. Robie's nerves, however, if he heard what some of those who read it say, which is, putting it mildly, "a good fish story." However, the book is quite interesting, but instead of naming the last chapter "The greatest find of all," Robie should have put it "The greatest 'sell' of all.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain contains the prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition, to be held in Manchester next July, and amongst several interesting articles, is one describing the stamp collection in the Postal Museum, at Berlin.

The Virginia Philatelist for December, presents the features of Dr. Mark W. Peyser, of the V.P.A. Mr. Patterson furnishes some pithy Canadian notes. A very descriptive article on the postage stamps of Japan, is now running in the V.P.

The Philatelic Bulletin would do good to get some other Canadian correspondents. Most of the Canadian notes in the December No. are copied from the M.P., and the writers are not gentlemanly enough to state where they get their information.

The Postal Card Reporter, published by Mr. A. Lohmeyer, 922 Gilmor st., Baltimore, is a very interesting paper for card collectors. A very good article on the "Congo Free State" is reprinted by us in this No. Card collectors can secure a copy of the P.C.R. free by addressing Mr. Lohmeyer.

"Stamp Talks" Xmas number appears neat and prompt. A full history of St. Louis stamps and several other articles, make up a good number.

Messrs. Williams & Co.'s price list has been sent us by J. F. Dodge, and is well worth reading. We would like to hear, however, from any publisher who has been paid for his ads. by Williams & Co. They have not kept their agreement with us, anyway, and not only that, but there are several Montreal collectors who sent

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We acknowledge receipt of the following: "Weekly Philatelic Era," "Boston Stamp Book," "Lake State Stamp," "Herald Exchange," "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies," "Ph. Bulletin," "Perforator," "Canadian Philatelic Weekly," (Toronto and Berlin,) "Ph. Advocate," "Ph. Messenger," "American Collector," "Columbian Philatelist," "Evergreen State Philatelist," "International Philatelist," "Texan Philatelist," "Lone Star State Philatelist."

From abroad: "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," "Melita Philatelic Chronicle," "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser," "Stamps," "Le Timrophile Ganlois," "L'Aurore Philatelique," "Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique," "O'Collectionador de Sellow," Brazil, "Le Revue Postale," "L'Annonce Timrophile," "Le Timrophile Belge," "Porto Philatelist," "La Revista Postal," "Bueneos Ayres," "Die Post," "Int. Offerten Blatt," "Offerten Blatt Fur Briefmarken Sammler," "Wegreiser fur Sammler." Bulletin Mensuel Ph. Francaise.

We are in receipt of No. 1, vol. 1 of "The Stamp Tribune" edited and published by Mr. S. P. Lev, Harriman, Tenn., Mr. Wm. M. Verbeck, of Ballston, Spa., is associate editor. Mr. Verbeck's portrait appears in this number. The S. T. is well printed, and gotten up, and we wish it every success.

"La Carlolina Postale Illustrata," published by D. Giovanni Gussoni, Milan, Italy, is really a work of art. A beautiful colored cover, and 16 pages of well printed reading make up a nice initial number.

The Michigan Philatelic Weekly is the latest. It is very poorly printed, and as it does not even give the publisher's name or address, intending subscribers would be at a loss to whom to remit. A very curious fact is, that the review, said to be conducted by Mr. H. I. Watts, is exactly the same, word for word, as that in the "Stamp Tribune" which is conducted by Mr. Verbeck.

The Herald Exchange for January has a good article on Tasmania, by Amy L. Swift. On their editorial page, the management says they shall start a Protective Bureau, describing swindlers and their methods, etc. In the same number they run the ad of the Bohn Stamp Co., of very questionable reputation.

The Toronto Canadian Philatelic Weekly having died, the Berlin original and only one presents us with a so called "Midwinter Special" of 8 pages and cover of which 5 are advertisements, one devoted to themselves, one gives a review of the press of '98, while the remaining, one is the only one having a semblance of Philatelic reading matter. Why not give us some good reading instead of a picture of Berlin's duck-pond, or reservoir, (we cant quite make out which it is) on the cover.

The Philatelic Advocate issues a fine January Number of 60 pages. G. W. Starnaman continues his interesting Pithy Philatelic Points Raymond S Baker contributes a good article on early stamp papers. Under U. S. Jottings, which by the way, are mostly a rerash of notes copied from other papers, are some senseless remarks about the M. P. which could well be applied to the party that wrote them.

A DECIDED NUISANCE,

A nuisance which is daily increasing, is the tampering with rare stamps on the covers by some Post Office officials. Only recently the writer received 2 packages from Newfoundland which had thus been tampered with. Some person had attempted to tear off the stamps and failing to do so, had spoiled them by tearing them in a dozen places. Another Montreal collector received a letter from St. Helena, but the stamps were spoilt in the same manner.

Owing to a combination of circumstances we were unable to get out a December number. Subscribers lose nothing thereby, as we enter all subscriptions for 12 numbers from date of receipt.

Some Stampagraphs

BY A. LLOYD-JONES.

Everyone is expecting something fine in the two cent commemorative stamp of Canada, and judging from descriptions they are not likely to be disappointed. Four expert engravers were brought from New York city to design the stamp, and the result is that the Postmaster-General of Canada is accused of violating the alien labour law.

As has been prophesied the U.S. revenues will appear perforated, instead of rouletted. At this writing both the two cent documentary and two cent proprietary have been reported as seen in a perforated condition.

The stamp collectors are again doomed to be disappointed in the thought of the Central American States uniting, so there would be a less number of stamps issued by those prolific stamp issuing countries, as after a few weeks trial, they disbanded. This collapse of the "United States of Central America" after a few weeks existence, was not a surprise to those who are acquainted with the conditions in that section. While a union of them would be desirable for many reasons, it is almost impossible to accomplish because of local jealousies and conflicting ambitions. There have been seven attempts to form a union since the dissolution of the "United Provinces of Central America," in eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

Recently a letter was received from a New York clothing firm, that was franked with a two cent clare; U.S., issue of 1883. Wonder where the firm came across them?

The annual report of the fourth assistant Postmaster-General of the

United States, contains some interesting statistics and reading. It gives the amount spent per capita by the people of the different states. Massachusetts leads with \$2.30 per capita, New York is a close second with \$2.27 per capita. The lowest in the list is South Carolina, with 25 cents per capita. Mississippi is next to the bottom with 34 cents. Among the recommendations is one that a special strong stamped ten cent envelope of superior material, be adopted in lieu of the present system of registered letters. As many losses in the mails occur on account of the poor quality of envelopes used, an envelope of this kind will likely be issued. It also gave the size, quality and color of paper, color of stamp, and appearance of the envelope. Around the edge of the envelope was to be a red stripe. Nothing was ever seen in any stamp paper about this envelope though.

We see by a newspaper that barrels of wine, anchors, scythes, in fact all kinds of merchandise, are conveyed by the Swiss post office department. We would like to know if merchandise of this kind bears stamps.

A good illustration of the benefits of new issues is apparent in Canada. Since Canada began to issue so many stamps, the number of stamp collectors has increased rapidly, and there are now three or four new philatelic societies, and several new stamp papers, including two weeklies. The number of dealers has also increased. Of course the croakers against new issues will say all this cannot be attributed to new issues, but it seems very much as if they have been extremely instrumental in helping.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The Montreal Philatelist had a close call on the night of December 20th, 1898. Adjoining the printing establishment of L. E. & A. F. Waters, where the M. P. is printed, are the immense warehouses of S. Greenshields & Sons, D. McIntyre, and Jas. Leggatt. At 10 minutes to 12 o'clock passers by noticed fire in the

basement of the Greenshields building. Although but a minute or so elapsed from the ringing of the alarm till the first engine arrived, the building was blazing from top to bottom. At one time it looked as if the entire block would be burned out, but the firemen worked hard, and by 4 o'clock the fire could be said to

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be under control. The wall of the burning building fell outward into Craig street, which was filled from sidewalk to sidewalk with debris. The "Champion" watertower, the pride of the Montreal fire brigade, was crushed like an egg shell, and hurled against the opposite buildings, a mass of twisted iron. The

firemen on the watertower had a miraculous escape from death. The big extension ladder which stood beside the watertower with 4 men on it, was twisted round and remained standing just long enough to enable the men to slide down, before it fell with a crash. The total loss was \$1,200,000.

A PHILATELIC PARODY.

How dear to my heart are the stamps of my childhood,

When fond recollection presents them to view.

The U.S., the England, the nice old Newfoundland,

And every loved stamp which my boyhood days knew.

The wide spreading revenues and the ones that stood by them,

The Turks and the French where my eyes often fell,

The horse of '69 and the engine right by it
And e'en the rude counterfeit I thought looked so well.

That old looking counterfeit, that much valued counterfeit,

That old treasured counterfeit, I thought looked so well.

That three cornered counterfeit I hailed as a treasure,

And often at night when returned from the field

I found it the source of an exquisite pleasure

The purest, the sweetest, my album could yield.

How I grabbed my album with hands that were glowing

And first to the counterfeit the book open fell,

Then my eyes with happiness overflowing
Gazed at the counterfeit I thought looked so well.

How nice on the dirty white leaf did it look

As placed in the centre it seemed on the page,

That not a good coin collection could tempt me to leave it,

Though coins should be in it from many an age,

And now far removed from that loved old stamp book

The tears of regret will intrusively swell,
As fancy often reverts to the stamps I forsook,

And sighs for the counterfeit I thought looked so well.

That old looking counterfeit, that much valued counterfeit,

That old treasured counterfeit I thought looked so well. A. LLOYD JONES.

A Loss of Revenue.

The postal officials are in trouble. The new Mulock stamps very closely resemble some of the United States issue. A short time ago a large patent medicine concern at Buffalo, N.Y., sent into Canada a number of circulars with stamped reply envelopes enclosed. Through an inadvertence, United States 2 cent instead of Canadian 3-cent stamps were used. The cost of the stamps was not all lost, however. A great many of the envelopes bearing the United States stamps came back, the Canadian postal officials in their hurry not noting the slight difference in design in the stamps—the color being the same—and the United States postal revenue has been enriched by some hundreds of dollars, for which the Canadian postal service rendered value. A circular has, it is understood, been issued warning Canadian postal clerks to be careful in their scrutiny of the stamps on letters addressed to big advertising firms across the border.—"Montreal Gazette."

THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

We have received many complimentary letters, both from subscribers and advertisers during the last month. We heartily thank the writers, and assure them that we will always endeavour to keep our paper up to the standard. We especially thank the following gentlemen: C. A. Crane, Toronto, W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me., Will Paasch, Davenport, O. E. Jacobsen, Boulder, Col., and many others.

Private Postal Cards.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 8.—Postmaster-general Smith has issued an order admitting private mailing cards authorized by the act of May 19, 1898, into the foreign mails at one cent postage each for Canada and Mexico, and two cents for all other postal union countries. This permits the sending of any kind of card, in lieu of requiring the usual postal card, provided the size is the same as the official cards.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE INSURANCE STAMPS OF MAURITIUS.

BY RUDOLPH C. BACH.

The Mauritius Revenues form a very pretty set, but the prettiest of all are the Insurance stamps. They are very interesting, and are, with a few exceptions, inexpensive. I will now endeavour to describe these interesting stamps, and I have added their present market value, as given to me by a correspondent in Mauritius.

The first issue of insurance stamps appeared in March 1869. It consisted of the letters INCE surcharged in black on the postage stamps. Perforated 14, and w'mk'd crown and C.C. In April, 1869, one month later, this issue was withdrawn, and in its place appeared the "Internal Revenues," surcharged INCE.

In February 1878, when the coinage was changed to cents, the Internal Revenues were surcharged INCE and the new value in cents. There are two varieties of surcharge, one 9 mms high, the other 6 mms high. In June 1879, the present issue appeared. The Internal Revenues were surcharged INSURANCE, in black. These stamps are very pretty and form an attractive set.

CATALOGUE.

March 1869, surcharge INCE in black, Per. 14, W'mk. crown C.C. on:

3d rose, postage stamp.....	\$1 00
6d green " "	1 00
1 shilling yellow postage stamp....	1 50
4 shilling mauve " "	4 00

April 1869. Internal revenue stamps surcharged INCE in black, Perf. 14, W'mk. crown C.C.:

3d blue.....	\$ 50
6d "	60
1s brown.....	1 00
2s "	1 50
3s "	1 00
4s "	1 50
5s "	2 00
10s "	4 00
20s violet	10 00

Same. Watermarked Crown C.A.:

6d blue.....	\$5 00
1s brown.....	5 00
2s "	5 00

Internal revenue stamps surcharged INCE and new value in cents, in black, w'mk. crown C.C., perf. 14:

	Surcharge	
	9 mms high	6 mms high
13c on 3d blue.....	\$2 00	\$4 00
26c " 6d "	1 00	4 00
39c " 1s brown.....	1 00	4 00
52c " 2s "	2 50	5 00
1R 56c on 3s brown..	2 00	5 00
2R 8c " 4s "	3 00	6 00
2R 60c " 5s "	4 00	10 00
5R 20c " 10s "	4 00	10 00
10R 40c on 20s violet.	10 00	10 00

January 1879, value in cents, surcharged INSURANCE, in black, perf. 14, w'mk. crown C. A.:

13c orange.....	\$ 50
26c pale blue	50
39c chocolate.....	50
52c carmine.....	40
1R 56c green.....	50
2R 8c blue.....	50
2R 8c deep violet.....	3 50
2R 60c orange.....	75
5R 20c orange.....	1 00
10R 40c mauve.....	2 00

ERRORS AND MINOR VARIETIES.

There are many such, but I will just describe those in my collection. They are all of the last issue.

13c orange surcharged INSURANCE, P instead of R.

13c orange surcharged INSURANCE, inverted V instead of A.

2R 8c blue surcharged INSURANCE, C dropped out.

My correspondent informs me that while printing these stamps, the C on one plate dropped out, and it was not discovered until quite a few had been printed.

Newfoundland has issued its first revenues. We have not yet seen them, but they are said to be magnificent stamps. They were printed by the American Bank Note Co. at Ottawa.

One review editor, in reviewing the M. wanted us to devote most of our space to revenues. Sorry we can't oblige you, we would like to, though.

Revenue Collector's desiring a catalogue, can obtain Walter Morleys "Catalogue of the Revenue stamps of the British Colonies," from the publisher of the Montreal Philatelist at 60c, each.

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The new Canadian postal notes are very popular, and are used in great quantities.

Speaking of postal notes, they are printed on paper specially made for each value. The paper is watermarked as follows: the amount in large letters across the top, then "Canada Postal Note" in a half circle, in the centre a maple leaf, with the value in figures in the lower corners.

The new 2c Penny Postage stamp is the first tri-colored stamp Canada has issued.

Twenty and fifty cent Jubilee's are still on sale at the Montreal P.O.

The latest boom, the stamps of Great Britain.

Advice to "minor varieties" collectors. Get two or three hundred of the 2c "Imperial Penny Post" stamps. That will be enough to last you a year.

Special Delivery

Toronto, December 30, (Special)-Postmaster Patterson said to-day that the special delivery inaugurated last spring had been a success. "It is growing gradually in favor," said Mr. Patterson "and will continue to grow as its advantages become more widely known. In the summer we used bicycles, and during the winter we have made use of the street cars. Both means of delivery are excellent and I have no fault to find with the trolley service. When a letter is posted in the special delivery aperture, it sets off a bell which immediately draws every clerk's attention to that spot. Consequently there can be no delay in the letter leaving the office. I think that the special delivery system is being used more in Toronto than anywhere else in Canada."

Reciprocity in Postal Cards.

Washington, D. C., December 29.—The Postmaster-General to-day signed an order accepting as private mailing cards both the Canadian mailing cards, bearing United States stamps and mailed on this side of the line, and the United States cards mailed in Canada with Canadian postage. This is a result of a reciprocal arrangement between this and the Canadian Governments, looking to avoid considerable annoyance in refusing postal transmission where travellers both ways write home on cards of their own country.

2c Letter Rate.

A 2c letter rate has at last been adopted in Canada. It went into effect Jan'y 1st, 1899.

The P. O. officials say that there is a marked increase in first class mail matter since the adoption of the new rate.

The Post Office Department had only on hand about one month's supply of three-cent stamps, and when these are exhausted, no more will be issued. It is not unlikely that four-cent stamps may be issued to meet the demand for a double rate over the ordinary domestic or Imperial rate.

New 2c Envelopes.

The Department to-day issued a new two-cent envelope. The die was procured from the famous London house of De-La-Rue & Co., the making and printing of the envelopes being executed at the Government Printing Bureau. The contract between the English company and that done by the imported contract engravers from New York is markedly in favor of the Old Country product. This despatch is probably responsible for the rumor that an entire set of stamps of the regular De-La-Rue type will be issued soon. There is hardly any chance of this being true, as the Canadian Government has a contract with the American Bank Note Co.

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A RARE ERROR.

New 2c. Envelopes were Printed in wrong Color.

Special despatch to the Montreal Philatelist.
Ottawa, January 13—The new envelope with the 2c. embossed stamp upon it has been withdrawn. The Printing Bureau has printed the stamp in purple, and as the Berne postal regulations require a domestic stamp should be red, the embossed stamp must conform to this color.

The number of these envelopes issued is very small. It is said that only Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston had them on sale. The supplies on the way to the other post offices were stopped, and returned. Only 247 were sold in Montreal. They were on sale two days only.

Chronicle of New Issues.

CANADA—

Adhesives The 2c. appears in a new shade.

2c. violet brown [numeral type].



- 2c. Imperial, black, red and lavender.
2c. " " " gray.
2c. " " " light blue.
2c. " " " carmine and Prussian blue.

The 2c. numeral type has been printed in red. Same will be issued when the present supply of the 2c. violet is exhausted.

Envelopes. The 1c. green has at last been put on sale in Montreal.

- 1c. green on white.
2c. purple on white—recalled.
2c. carmine on white.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The 2c. stamp, with the head of the Prince of Wales has been changed to Vermillion.

UNITED STATES—

Adhesives—

- 4c. red brown.
5c. light blue.
10c. light brown.
15c. olive.

Envelopes—

- 2c. carmine.

URUGUAY—

Before the completion of the supply of a 5 milésimos ($\frac{1}{2}$ c.) stamp, which was ordered locally, in order to provide for the recently reduced rate on newspapers, four surcharges had to be resorted to, in addition to the two which have been previously chronicled.

The following stamps have been drawn upon in order to supply the demand:

- 1c. Jubilee issue of 1896.
2c. blue of 1895.
5c. Jubilee issue of 1896.
7c. green of 1895.

A locally printed 5 milésimos stamp has also now appeared, and it is to be hoped that the recent flood of provisionals is at an end. The new stamp is lithographed by the Oriental Printing and Lithographing Co. of Montevideo.

Adhesive stamps. Provisional issue, Surcharged

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- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on 1c. brown violet and black of 1896.
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 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on 7c. green of 1895.
Regular issue.



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5m. carmine rose.

Another World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., November 2.—The committee of prominent citizens appointed some time ago to discuss the subject and determine in what manner the centennial anniversary of the purchase of the territory of Louisiana by the United States can best be celebrated have decided—and will make public a report—that the holding of a fair in 1903 will be the better way to honor the event, and state their conviction that such a fair can be successfully held in St. Louis.

We suppose this means another set of U. S. stamps.—Editor.

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 33. Reginald F C Robinson, Huns Valley, Man., age 22, Deputy Post Master, ref. R C Bach, R Andre, Justice of the Peace.
 34. Anthony C Merser, 30 South Street, New Bedford, Mass., age 57, agent ref. R C Bach, T M Gifford
 35. Geo C Hartung, 1629 Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill., U.S.A., age 21, Stamp Dealer, ref. R C Bach, Richard Halm.
 36. L N Miller, 310 Assiniboine Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. Stenographer, ref. R C Bach, H Wilson
 37. W H Bruce, Hartford, Conn., age 38, Notary Public, ref. R C Bach, H Wilson

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$0.30
Initiation Fee of 15 applicants @ 10c	1.50
Dues from 7 members @ 25c	1.75
	<u>\$3.55</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Secretary's Postage	\$0.94
Montreal Philatelist for January35
Postage to Foreign Members03
	<u>\$1.32</u>
Balance on hand	\$2.23

SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.

Fellow members L. of C. P.

Now that we have enough members it would be best to hold an election of Officers. Nominations will be received till Feb. 15th, and will be published in our February No. It is especially desirable to get the Exchange Department into good running order, for not only

have several members desired to buy stamps, but our foreign members have offered to send us good stamps. Mr. Henry A. Chapman has made a generous offer, to donate Philatelic Literature as soon as our library is started.

Each member should try and secure at least one new member. I will send app. blanks Post free on request.

The Society's finances are in good shape. There are no liabilities and we have the dues of 18 members to come in.

Fraternally yours,

RUDOLPH C. BACH,
Secy. Pro. Tem.

A STAMP DEALER'S REMINISCENCES.

WRITTEN FROM ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OR RELIABLE INFORMATION.

BY RUDOLPH C. BACH.

II.—HOW TO GAIN RECRUITS TO THE RANKS OF PHILATELY.

Before commencing my story, I will say that the names given are fictitious, for the reason that the parties referred to are still collectors, residing in Montreal. The events described took place in 1890.

Three boys were seated in the study of the eldest, Walter Tomkins, in ——— college, Montreal. They had been engaged in a very serious discussion, and had just reached an agreement. All were ardent stamp collectors, and they had decided to form a company, the object of which was "to deal in stamps for the purpose of increasing their own collections, to interest others in philately, and to aid those beginning in every way." They named it the Belmont Stamp Co. Walter Tomkins was president and manager; John Verner attended to the buying of stamps, etc., and Dick Brown had charge of the stock, and the placing of the advertisements of the company. They had bought up a large lot of stamps, and were already doing a large mail trade. The day our story opens, Walter Tomkins had called a meeting, and when the other two arrived, he addressed them as follows:

"As you know, one of the objects of our company is to promote an interest in philately, and to get as many recruits to our hobby as we can. Now, so far, we have done very little in this line, and I think that it is about time that we did something. An idea has occurred to me to-day, which I will explain to you presently. In the first place, Dick must

Nominations will be received for :

President,

Vice President,

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Secretary Treasurer,

Exchange Supt.

Auction Manager,

Attorney,

Counterfeit Detector.

Trustees, three, to be residents of the same city.

make up 100 packets of 50 varieties each, of common stamps. I have ordered 50 cheap albums from the News Co. at 12c. each. Now Dick and John must pretend to have an argument about some stamp. Have your argument when there is a good chance of all the fellows seeing or hearing you. Dick must shout that he knows more about stamps than you ever forgot, or something to that effect. John will answer to the contrary. Then you will make a bet that each of you can get more fellows interested in collecting than the other. Then Dick will offer a packet of stamps free. John will counter, and offer a packet and an album thrown in. Both of you must, in the meantime explain all you can about the benefits of collecting stamps, to those who accept the packets or albums. I am sure that we can interest a good many this way. What do you think?"

John and Dick both thought the plan excellent, but had some amendments to make. John said that at least 100 approval sheets of 1, 2 and 3 cent stamps should be made up first, while Dick said it would be a good plan to have a couple hundred of 5 and 10c. packets. After some discussion, this was agreed to. The three were to start at once getting the sheets and packets made up, and it was decided that the supposed argument between John and Dick should take place the following week.

(To be concluded in our next number)

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 15 Victor Ruggeri, Long Point, P.Q., Canada.
16 Arthur B. Spencer, 542 Broadway, New York City.
17 F. E. Moorehouse 600 11th street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
18 Treymond Babcock, Dayton, Texas.

APPLICATION.

- 19 J. Frank Howard, Irvona, Penn., age 17. Ref. Wm. Ehrich, R. L. Doak.
20 W. H. McDowell, Irvona, Pa., age 16. Ref. Wm. Ehrich, R. L. Doak.
21 Nels. T. Thorson, No. 706 So. 16th St., Omaha, Neb., age 19, ref. Wm. Ehrich, R. L. Doak.

The above will be admitted to membership by Feb. 1st, if no objections are filed with the secretary prior to that date.

DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

No. 3 H. I. Watts, Winchester, Indiana.

No. 7 P. E. A. Conrade, Mile-Run, Pa., on account of non-payment of dues.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

On hand.....	\$.66
Dues and fees.....	.90
	<u>\$1.56</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Printing of application blanks....	\$1.35
To Montreal Philatelist.....	.18
	<u>\$1.53</u>

We would be pleased to have the members and all who wish to join send for application blanks and get your friends to join. Don't be afraid to bother the secretary. But ask him any information wanted. Wishing the J. P. S. all success,

I am yours fraternally

R. L. Doak, Sec.-Treas.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Chili, Ohio, U.S., Jan. 4, 1899.

Fellow members of the J.P.S.—As our Auction Mgr., Mr. W. B. Porter has resigned that office and it is my duty to appoint his successor, I appoint Mr. Treymond Babcock, Dayton, Tex., U.S. I hope I shall have your approval. Anyone wishing to take part in that department write him. We are now entering upon a new year, and let us at once make an effort to enlarge our society. Apply to the secretary for blanks and see how many new applications you can have for the next issue of the official organ. Wishing each member a happy New Year,

I remain yours fraternally,

Wm. Ehrich, Pres.

EXCHANGE SUPT. REPORT

Fellow Members—Quite a number of the members have shown an interest in our exchange department, but I would like to see more. The condition of the Exchange up to date is as follows:

11 Books on hand valued at....	\$30.52
Amount of stamps sold from circuit	2.15
Value of stamps in exchange.....	28.37

All members wishing to place stamps on the circuit should get books, (2 for 5c) from the ex-supt. The following are the rules of the Exchange Dept.

RULES OF EXCHANGE, JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

1 Members are allowed to keep exchange books for one week only.

2 All stamps shall be marked at or below present catalogue prices.

3 Full credit shall be allowed on U.S. postage and Revenues, and 75c on \$1.00 credit on Foreign stamps.

4 A preliminary credit of half the full credit of the book shall be given. If more or less stamps than this amount are taken from the book, this deficit shall be added or subtracted from credit on book.

5 The Exchange Supt. shall be allowed 5 p.c. of Stamps taken from book in credit, to pay for his postage, stationery and other expenses of the exchange.

Fraternally,

Wm. B. Porter, Ex-Supt., J.P.S.

Fellow Members of the J.P.S.—As I feel that I cannot do my duty by the society in both the offices of Ex. Supt. and Auction Manager. I herewith present my resignation as Auction Manager. There are surely efficient members who can devote their time to this office. Wishing the J. P. S. success,

Yours fraternally,

Wm. B. Porter, Jr.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

Fellow Members,—Having been appointed as successor to Mr. Wm. B. Porter Jr., as Auction Manager by the President, I herewith submit my report, I am going to hold an auction sale in March, it will appear in the March No. of the official organ, and all members having stamps, Philatelic papers, and coins they want sold at auction send them to me at once. I hope to receive a large list. Yours for success to the J. P. S.

Treymond Babcock, Auction Mgr.,

Dayton, Texas.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following papers donated from R. L. Doak are: Young Collector, vol. 1, No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-1891; Boston S. Book, vol. 4, 1-'98; T. P. vol. 8, 4-'98; Boston S. Book, vol. 4, 2-'98; Philadelphia Stamp News, vol. 1, 4-'96; J. P. vol. 7, 2-'98; Virginia Phil. vol. 1-5-'98; Treymond Babcock, Phil. advocate vol. 5-1-1-'98; American Coll. vol. 4-4-'98; Alleghany Phil. vol. 9-1-'97; J. P. vol. 8-'98.

As this is my first report I am glad to see so many papers donated to the Society. If you have any papers, send them in. Yours fraternally,

W. C. Doak, Librarian.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

When placing your advertising for 1899, do not forget us.

It will pay you to try us, for once tried, always tried. The results will speak for themselves. Since our last number, we have been in receipt of many flattering testimonials from advertisers. They tell the story:

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Mr. R. C. Bach,

Dear Sir,—Please find enclosed ad. for January No. I received splendid results from my ad in the Xmas number. '66 answers the first week, 4 of whom repeated their orders.

Yours truly

R. F. C. Robinson.

Ottawa, Ohio, Dec, 29, 1899,

Mr. R. C. Bach,

Dear Sir,—I enclose change of copy. I was very agreeably surprised at the number of answers which I received from my last ad, and I can say that it pays well.

Yours truly,

Chas. F. Frey.

Montreal, Jan. 3, 1899.

Mr. Rudolph C. Bach,

Dear Sir,—Our 1 page ad in the Xmas No. has paid us extremely well. We received orders for over \$60 worth of sets alone, and we have gained many permanent customers through this ad.

Yours truly,

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CONGO FREE STATE.

This independent and neutral State which has, during the past twelve years, augmented our collections by eighteen more or less artistic Cards, is as yet in its infancy. Situated in Central Africa, it embraces most of the basin of the Congo River from which it derives its name. It was constituted and defined under this name in 1885 by the International Congo Conference at Berlin, and was placed under the Sovereignty of the King of the Belgians as an individual, who bequeathed his rights to Belgium, and she has reserved the right of annexing the State after 1920. The area is estimated at 900,000 sq. miles, making it nearly one-twelfth of all Africa.

The chief purpose of the original formation of the State was the suppression of the slave trade, and this has been fairly accomplished. As an independent sovereignty, recognized by the powers, the Congo Free State dates from 1884. Its origin is to be found in the companies formed for trade and exploration in that region. The first of these was the African International Association, founded, in 1877. The plan of this company was to send several exploring parties into the interior from the east coast, and to erect a line of stations along their routes. In 1878, after Stanley's return to Europe, another society was formed to study the country, its native tribes, its possibilities of travel and transportation, and its commercial resources. This was called the Comité d'Etudes du Haut Congo. (Committee for the Study of the Upper Congo.) It became the International Association of the Congo. In 1879 this second association sent Stanley up the great river, and

he and his men explored much more of the country, founded stations, built roads and made over 400 treaties with native chiefs.

These treaties conveyed the sovereignty which resided in the petty chiefs, contracting parties of the one part, to the International Association of the Congo, of the other. It then appealed to the powers to enable it to combine these many little sovereignties into one independent State.

The United States led the way. The Committee on Foreign Relations reported to the Forty-Eighth Congress that the acts of cession of the native chiefs were within their rights and that the Association could lawfully accept them.

This government accordingly, on April 22nd, 1884, recognized the international Association of the Congo as a Sovereign and independent power under the title of the Congo Free State.

Within a year nearly all the European powers followed the example of the United States.

Though an independent power, this new State, from the nature of its origin, from the objects of this formation, and from its dependence upon its sponsor, Belgium, occupies a position unlike that of any other member of the family of Nations.

Its character was constituted and defined by the general act of the International Congo Conference, signed at Berlin, February 26, 1885. It was thereby declared neutral and free to the trade of all nations, though the powers reserved for twenty years the right to decide as to the freedom of imports from taxation.

(To be concluded.)

Lack of space prevents us from reproducing the entire article, which, however, will be concluded in our next number.

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General Agent für Deutschland.—Peter Müller, Cöln-Nippes.

Unsere Neue Miniatur Landkarte.

Die neue miniatur Landkarte, so nennt man hier nämlich die neue 2c. Marke, hat innerhalb einer Woche, drei farbenwechsel durchgemacht. In der ersten Ausgabe war das Meer: hell-violet colorirt in der zweiten Ausgabe war dasselbe ganz hell-blau, beinahe weiss, und jetzt die dritte Ausgabe, Preussisch Blau. Die Marke wird sehr viel criticirt. Auf manchen Marken nimmt Canada zwei drittel von Nord America ein, England hat Frankreich erobert, und sitzt schön darin; die Falkland Inseln haben sich wohl einsam gefühlt, und sind nach Argentinien übersiedelt; St. Helena hat sich über Nacht ungefähr 8 mal vergrößert. Kein Wunder dass unser guter Herr General Postmaster, Herr Mulock also getrost sagen kann, "We hold a vaster Empire than has been." (Wie haben ein grösseres Kaiserreich als je gewesen.)

Das Inland Porto in Canada ist von 3 cents auf 2c. per unze herabgesetzt. Diese Bekannt-Machung erfolgte am 1ten Januar 1899. Dasselbe gilt auf Briefen nach den Vereinigten Staaten.

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Die 2c. Marke, welche jetzt violet ist, wird in Carmin erscheinen.

Ein neues 2c. Convert ist erschienen Die Farbe ist violett. Dieses Couvert war nur 2 Tage im Cours, und wird deshalb sehr selten werden Die Farbe ist in Carmin umgeändert. Es wurden nur 247 Stück in Montreal verkauft, und es heisst dass sie nur in Montreal, Ottawa, und Kingston veräußlich waren.

EDITORIELLES.

Ein Rückblick auf das Jahr 1898 überzeugt uns, dass noch nie das Sammelthum so gut stand, wie jetzt. Das Frühjahr '98 war für Händler ein schlechtes. Preise waren sehr gedrückt, und das Geschäft flau. Im Sommer aber trat plötzlich eine Änderung ein. Ein reger verlang nach guten Marken machte sich bemerkbar, und zusehends besserte sich das Geschäft. Jetzt werden für gute Marken hohe preise Bezahlt, die auf Auction erzielten Preise zeigen nur zu gut, wie sehr gute Exemplare von raritäten in verlang sind. Wir hoffen dass das Jahr '99 für das Briefmarkenthum ein Segensreiches wird

Wie wir in der Weihnachts Nummer bereits mittheilten, nimmt unser General-Vertreter für Deutschland, Herr P. Müller, in Köln Nippes, Hatwrichstr 68. Abonnements und Annoncen für uns an; und gewährt derselbe bei Aufträgen von Mark 4.-an, 25 p.c. Rabatt in besseren Marken oder Ganzsachen. Probe Nos. versendet derselbe gratis und Franco.

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Mr. R. C. Bach, Montreal.

DEAR SIR,

Some time ago, I saw an ad. of Williams & Co. Casilla 989, Lima, Peru, South America, in several Philatelic papers. In all the ads. it said, "get our price list from J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

I wrote Mr. Dodge and duly received a copy of his paper containing the price list. I made up an order for \$5.00 and sent it to Williams & Co. but up to now have not even had a reply. I can prove sending the amount, as I sent it by money order. Now what I would like to know is this. Can I not hold Mr. Dodge responsible under the Laws of Pennsylvania? I think I can and I wish you would publish this, omitting my name. If all those who have been duped were to unite their claims, we could probably get back some of our money, I might add, that certain papers are still running the ads. of this firm.

Yours truly,

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