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## RANDOM JOTTINGS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The American Journal of Philately for September announces the completion of The Catalogue for This work Advanced Collector. was commenced eleven years ago with little realization of the magnitude of the labor involved. Asthe compilers say, they have cause to be proud, but probably they will be poorly rewarded in a monetary sense. TELEGRAPH STAMPS AND FRANKS. -Anyone interested in telegraph stamps must be pleased with the articles which have been appearing in The American Journal of Philately from the pen of Joseph L. Rich.

They show a great deal of study. LADIES' LETTERS.—The writer in a previous article, guoted from a secular journal anent the practice of some people, ladies generall; in the matter of skipping from first to third page when writing letters, then back to second, etc. In consequence one writer classes us poor men as DENSE, another lady says SHE won't do it again, and still another takes it philosophically and laughs. The latter admits that, although it is a habit she thinks it can be called STUPID, which is one of the definitions of DENSE.

TETE-BECHE—Stamps are often put to use in an ornamental manner. During the first week in September the writer attended the Empire State Philatelic convention. Among the souvenirs given away were square cards printed in colors, with the one-penny carinine tetebeche pair of Grenada. Of course "Compliments of William A. Mc-Donnell, Charter Member, No. 1" was in evidence.

A CORRECTION.—In a previous a common thing in this country to article the writer was mistakenly made to say that there was no such place as Moline, Ind., when he in- their letters in fire alarm boxcs, etc.

tended to remark that probably no pre-cancelled stamp had appeared from that locality. Moline, Ill., has had a pre-cancelled stamp and by this time perhaps Moline, Ind., has followed suit.

UNSTAMPED LETTERS.—According to a foreign correspondent, as a result of carelessness, poor gum and other causes, quantities of letters are yearly posted in England without stamps and the value of those found lying around locke amounts to \$1,500 yearly.

MINOR VARIETIES.—From the number of varieties which daily come to hand, it would seem that as a result of the South African war enough errors in surcharging alone will be found to make a South African War Album, for them a A writer in necessity. Ewen's Weekly Stamp News gives thirty varieties of V. R. I. surcharges. There are ten values, of which there have been three printings. He gives a table showing 27 possible varieties of Puncatioh, and he already has nine of them. Then there are the different styles of types to be considered, broken letters, light and dark inkings, etc. The new 21/2d. "Orange River" on Cape also shows several varieties. If it comes to the point that 25 or 30 varieties of every stamp issued are to be considered it will drive many collectors out of the fuelperhaps.

A QUEER LETTER BOX.—In reading the report of the work of the Natal Post Office by the postmaster-general an amusing account appears of where a native servant unversed in pillar box uses was given letters to post and dropped them down the nearest drain. It is a common thing in this country to see people who consider themselves "toney" make vain attempts to post their letters in fire alarm boxcs, etc.

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## Old vs. New Issues.

#### BY JOHN PELTZ.

I cannot refrain from making some more remarks upon the above subject, since I believe that some of Mr. Brightman's remarks in the June-July issue of the "Exchange," are erroneous,

Mr. Brightman says that new issues are cheaper and less expensive than old issues. Yes, that is partly true, but the reason for this is because old issues are printed in less numbers than the most new issues. Then, too, even if we are not collecting with speculation in view, or the profit to be made out of the pastime, we wish to spend our money on stamps that will at least not decrease in value, and for this purpose we can select no better investment than the medium grade of stamps of the older issues. By investing in new issues we must not forget the chances of reprints and reissues and remainders, and note how often these affect the market and tend to lower prices. Even, although, as I have said before, we are not philatelic speculators, we at least expect that our investment in stamps instead of proving a financial loss to us, will bring in a profit to us if we should ever be forced to sell our collection for want of ready. money, or some other cause.

Mr. Brightman expects that the bulk of new issues now put forth will in ten years' time have greatly increased in value. There are some issues now put forth prin ed merely for portable needs and not solely for collection that will go up in price, but those that are merely issued for sale to stamp-collectors, and which are unneccessary as regards postal requirements, will never attain a high price as compared to many necessary issues. They cannot rise in value as the market is usually "Austria and Hungary, 1898 U.S.

soon flooded with these stamps. With regard to Mr. Brightman's statement that unused Columbians will soon rise in value and sell much over face value: Here lies a fallacy as any one can see who has had experience. In the first place the Columbians are now practically a drug upon the market; even now hne copies of the higher values are selling unused below face value. Many collectors and speculators are still hoarding up hundreds of dollars worth of unused Columbians waiting for a rise in value, but which, alas, will probably never come. And n w there are some collectors who still hope for an advance in value, unused, but this can never be until something occurs that will lessen the number of unused copies now in the hands of dealers and collectors. The \$1.00 Columbian was successfully cornered some years ago and brought six dollars; it was considered a scarce stamp and the collector who possessed one was thought lucky. Since then, however, it has begun and continues to decrease in value. The catalogue value for used copies is \$2.50, but at the Clotz auction sale, held in New York, Jan. 13, beautiful lightly canceled 1900, specimens sold from 95c to \$1.20 each. The \$2.00 Columbian brought \$1.25 against a catalogue price of \$1.85, which stamp some years ago sold for four dollars each. Some of the dollar-values above \$2.00 brought higher prices in used than in unused condition; as for instance a perfect copy of the \$3.00 Columbian sold for \$3.75 unused, and \$3.85 used. Are the above not good arguments to fully prove my statements?

In my article in the June-July "Exchange" I stated it you remember, that such issues as the 1900

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regular issue, 1899 Japan, etc., were really necessary and called for I neglected to explain my issues. reason for this belief; here it is: The issues for Austria and Hungary were necessary on account of a change in the currency and the issues for U. S. and Japan were called for on account of a change in color to conform with U. P. U. regulations.

In passing we note the following and state it here. We are glad to notice the failures of some issuedfor-collectors issues, and which proved a pecuniary loss to the governments issuing them. In 1898 Grenada issued a 2½ pence stamp to commemorate the discovery of that island by Columbus. The colonial authorities of Grenada have since announced that of the 500,000 stamps printed, less than half have been sold up to the present. ln 1898 Portugal issued a set of eight values, from 21/2r to 150r, to celebrate the discoveries of Vasa de (or da) Gama. The printing of the stamps and postal cards cost 63,-900,000 reis, or \$50,000 in our money and the sale only yielded 63,-400,000 reis, making a loss of 500,-000 reis cr \$4,000 in U.S. money. We only hope that a few more such failures as the above will occur to stamp issuing governments whose object is to manufacture stamps solely for sale to stamp collectors.

This will tend to teach them a costly but deserved lesson and serve as a little check upon issuing more stamps; for instance, the above two countries have not again tried their hand at issuing stamps since the great loss they have sustained with their last issue.

There are many collectors who intend to collect new issues and are doing so, and for the benefit of these I would say: If you must col-

condition only,—postally used, This is all right, for in mind you. collecting them in used condition you do not add any direct money into that country's treasury, and if therefore the issue should prove a . failure to that country there would be less chance for another issue soon.

In conclusion let me add I have never had any intention of offending Mr. Brightman, if I have done so, in writing on "Old vs. New Issues" In fact I believe him a gentleman who wrote as his conscience dictated. I wrote as mine did.

## London Notes.

#### BY W. F. DICK.

Although the Phitatelic section at the Paris Exhibition has been a great success, it will without doubt result in a loss to the promoters. A large number of valuable premiums were awarded in the shape of 33 gold medals 61 silver and 80 bronze as well as two grand-prix. It has been a fine advertisement for philately.

With reference to Miss Swift's smart little sayings and reasons why ladies almost invariably write on the front page of a sheet of paper, then on the back and afterwards open it, it may interest her to know that I have had several conversations with ladies on this subject but several of them do not hold with her reasoning. I coul! not gather, however, any definit explanation beyond the statement that it was force of habit. Miss Swift appears to be very much down on the male sex. What have we done to offend her?

It is reported that a speculator has bought up the entire stock of 12 lect new issues collect them in used | Hawaii to the value of  $\pounds_{1000}$ . It

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is however not advisable to immediately rush in for these stamps as from past experience they will doubtless be obtainable in a few years' time at or under face value.

One of the most interesting stamp: that has ever been issued is that recently brought out by the Fins in opposition to the Russians who have decreed that henceforth only Stamps are to be used in their country. The stamps are large square shaped and totally black with the exception of the Finnish arms in one corner, the value being expressed on the back of the stamp. After being in use a few days the Russians prohibited their being employed and even if the Russian stamps fully frank the letter they are always returned to sender when this stamp is affixed as well. They are naturally very rare in a used condition and even unused are difficult to procure. I obtained a few from a friend just returned from Finland and he informs me that the greater part of the nation are in mourning on account of the cruel way in which they have been treated by the Russians, their little liberty that was granted them in years gone by now being denied them.

Two of the specimens of the Cape of Good Hope wood block were sold at auction last week, realizing 45 and 55 pounds each; both were very indifferent specimens. At the same time a U. S. 1869 inverted centre, fetched  $\pounds 22$ .

The Strand where all the principal London dealers have their premises has been all astir lately, what with Mafekings Orange Free State and Transvaal V.R.I. and trade in these is at present very brisk.

I have just received a letter from a correspondent in South Africa, in reply to my inquiry for the above stamps, in which he says that O.F.S.V.R.I. are fetching 60s, the set up to 5s. in Cape Towr, and also states that several of the values are already obsolete and advises the purchase of a set without delay.

Although it has been announced that all Finnish stamps were to be withdrawn and Russian substituted, it is now stated that this will be the case, but the Finnish currency will be still employed. It may also be of interest to note that the Finnish people are very much enraged with the Russian Government on account of this and as a result have issued a stamp of their own, but the Russians declining to recognize it have returned all letters franked with same to the senders and the stamp has now been placed off nearly all the notepaper of the various commercial houses as a protest and is of course not procurable in a used state, the color is almost black.

It is stated that the Mafeking besieged stamps have been very extensively forged and the Stamp. Collectors Fortnightly in proof gives an illustration of four of these stamps all postmarked but undoubted forgeries. A complete set of these stamps realized in auction last week the sum of £39, at the same time the Mafeking monkey which sounded a bell whenever a big shot was fired by the Boers realized £44.

A new 2 franc French stamp has been issued provisionally until the design has been fixed for this value, this stamp is in appearance very much like the 4c. and may be easily mistaken for such as was the case in a club to which writer belongs, when this stamp was marked in a sheet at 4c. and passed by a dozen members without recognitson. It is stated that it will only be issued for a few weeks. The new stamp will be of a larger size,

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Colonel Baden-Powell has again been besieged but this time with letters from philatelists asking for Mafeking stamps, he has been obliged to reply through the medium of the press that no more of these are on hand for sale.

The new English 1s. stamp has appeared and is a mixture of the old one and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp. The price of this stamp is never likely to be very cheap firstly on account of id postage and again the Queen will not live forever. The 10d English is another stamp that will never be very cheap and same cannot be obtained in this country under 1d each and are seldom seen marked at this price; on the Continent they may however be possibly obtained cheaper.

It is amazing how few people have made a speciality of China as it is a decidedly interesting country although some of the stamps may have been issued as a speculation on the part of the Government, at "all events good collections of this country will sell very well at the present time.

Business is very quiet at present, most people being away on holidays but auctions are commencing next month and the coming fall will doubtless be celebrated with many new adherents to the ranks of philately, the daily newspapers having given such prominence to the South African War stamps and V.R.I. on Orange Free State that people are giving up looking upon stamp collecting as a mere schoolboy's fad.

Messrs. Hamilton Smith Co. have just sold Mr. Castles' collection of unused Europeon for the enormous sum of £30,000, his used collection was recently sold for £2,400, and his collection of Australian realized £10,000 some years ago.

To commemorate the 25th year stamp trade.

of the existence of the Philatelic Postal Union, Levi Berland has issued a stamp. So far the only value that has appeared is the 5c. The design is by no means handsome, it being a female pointing to a heap of letters and holding on to a telegraph post. At first sight this stamp might easily be confounded with one of those exhibition labels issued in Belgium etc.

The Orange Free State continue to realize high prices over here, a 5s recently being sold by a well known dealer for  $\pm 5$ . So far, a very small stock is in hand here, partially accounted for by the vessel that sank some time ago off the Cape, and which contained a large number sent home by officers etc.

France has issued a 2fc. stamp similar design to the other current values. It is reported that it will only be in circulation a few weeks as they are preparing a 2fc of different design.

There are 30,000 distinct varieties of stamps in the world and their value is estimated at running far into six figures.

The 4½ English is to be printed no more, as it is now seldom required.

Mr. Robt. S. Gray a Glasgow stamp dealer and auctioneer, has been declared bankrupt and his business is now advertised for sale

## STAMPAGRAPHLETS

#### BY A. LLOYD JONES.

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J. E. WIEDLING, BALTIC, OHIO.

A most refreshing sight rather often seen is a man who really loves his collection.

Neatness in a stamp collection is a most attractive quality to either man, woman, boy or girl.

If you want to surprise yourself look up the correct pronunciation of some of the stamp issuing countries.

One reason why more women do not collect stamps is that few dealers advertise two-dollar stamps at \$1.98.

Wonder what has become of so many of the stamp papers that were announced a month or so ago.

Advice to persons about to give advice to persons about to start a stamp paper: Don't.

Instead of placing under the heading of the stamp man—"By and for D. W. Osgood," why don't he say— "Buy and from D. W. Osgood."

If you are not getting enough pleasure out of stamp collecting, strike out along some new or much neglected path.

The Scott Stamp Co. some time ago filled an order for a 10,000 variety packet. How many like packets did you say you wanted to order?

One of the things recently said in favor of a philatelic candidate was that he had been a stamp collector over twenty years, yet he was but a few years over twenty in age. Wonder if he, like Chapman, didn't have a stamp used on him for court plaster and count that the beginning of his collecting days.

Will stamp papers never get tired of publishing every once or twice in a while a dictionary of philatelic terms?

Doesn't it make you tired to see permission to look over his mail, so many state and sectional socie- for patent medicine firms are by far

ties admitting members from all over the world?

The philatelic dialect is harder to be understood by the uniniated than the golfic or even baby talk.

I wish some one would tell me the name of the stamp magazine Wm. C. Stone published, that he is always talking about.

An interesting branch of postmark collecting is that of cancellations advertising some exposition or something of that kind.

What would collectors of precancelled stamps do if some wag owning a printing press should decide to make a few varieties on his own hook?

A Missouri editor accepts subscriptions to be paid for when Bryan is elected President. Who'll be the editor of a philatelic publication to make a like offer?

It would be interesting to know what stamp would get the largest vote if all collectors were to vote for the stamp they think prettiest. What one do you really think is the most beautiful?

It is said the Pan-American stickers have started many collectors, so we expect a multitude of philatelists as a result of the Pan-American stamps.

After noticing the number of subscribers claimed by different philatelic publications the conclusion is reached that perhaps there are onehalf dozen collectors in all America who do not subscribe to any stamp papers.

If you are a collector of pre-cancelled stamps if you want to get quite a large number of varieties for nothing get a druggist friend to watch and save them for you or permission to look over his mail, for patent medicine firms are by far

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## EDITORIALS

Advts. must be in before 15th of each month.

Look up Ross' Advt. on page 4, it will pay you.

Mr. A. R. Magill has informed me that he will get out a Stamp Magazine in January 1901.

You may look for the 4c and 7c stamps now that the Laurier Government is sustained.

There will be eight Stamp papers in Canada in 1901.

As this is the first time The Jubilee took book form, I hope it will please the public at large.

A. S. BERTRAND,

## REVIEW.

The following magazines were received this month:—

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Vol. v, No. 2.

The Philatelic Advocate, Vol. ix, No. 51.—U. S. Minutes conducted by Usona.

The Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. xxiv, No. 2-

The Stamps of Saxony by Lacus Viridis.

The Princely Palm, by A. Lloyd Jones.

Review, Amy L. Swift.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xv., No. 6.—Notes from New Jersey, Notes from Australia, Chicago Notes and Canadian Notes.

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