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## THIS MONTH'S NEWS.

L. M. Staebler's new weekly is out. It presents the finest initial number we have ever seen. Size, 8 pages, 9x12. Terms, \$1.00 per. year. It well deserves success. Address 185½ Dundas St., London, Ont.

Another new weekly will appear from Reading, Pa., with the great C. W. K. publisher.

Several papers announce a new issue of postage 11 denominations, for the United States, to appear soon.

It gives us the Philatelic "spazzums" to read some of the articles appearing in the Collector. Bro. Miller should get on to himself and not neglect to feed his waste paper basket.

The trustees of the S. of P. are now, we are glad to note, doing their best to drive out any somniference that might happen to pertain to that enterprising society. The resident vice-presidents are to be abolished. We are not in favour of this ourselves, but this is perhaps owing to the fact that we are a resident vice-president.

It is said that Lewis Bishop is doing a little burglarizing as a branch of his regular swindling business. It is also said that F. S. Fox of Reading, Pa., was not a success in his personation of Nemises.

We have received about ten pounds

of unused stamps in pay for subs, notwithstanding the fact that "Subs, are always payable in silver."

## SCOTT'S 54TH EDITION.

The 54th edition of the Scott stamp and coin Co's., Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue has been received. As the catalogue was in press before the P. O. D. decided to continue the Columbian issue, the prices for these stamps are misleading. We notice the 1887 3 cent vermilion is put at 10 cents, and the 1890, 90 cents, is now 40 cents Nfld. 3 cent vermilion is placed at \$1.50, and the 5 cents blue rouletted jumps from 10 to 20 cents. Nova Scotia 3d. remains the same, as also does the 5 cents. The shillings go \$60 and \$75 respectively. The 8½ cents priced \$2 a year ago comes \$3 now. New Brunswick, 12½ cents goes from 20 to 50 cents, while the 17 cents takes a "slump" to 25 cents. The book is a bulky volume, and lists postage stamps, envelopes, post cards and U. S. Revenues. Next year we hope to see Canadian revenues listed.

Mr. Ernest F. Wurtele, one of our subscribers, and President of the C. P. A., desires to say that the C. P. A. society is in a sound condition. Mr. W. is in a position to know and, doubtless, he is correct, and we were in error. We thank Mr. W. for setting us right.

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EDITORIAL.

The United States of America, per the Post-Master-General, have decided to continue the Columbians issue of postage stamps for a period conering two years. This action is decidedly queer. Ex-Post-Master-General Wanamaker as good as promised that the series would be retired at the end of the year 1893—the present P. M. G. repudiates the promise given by his predecessor. Those who have invested extensively with the hope of realizing during '94 or '95 are wrathly.

The Nova Scotia Philatelist for December is to hand. We believe in originality of matter in a magazine of any pretentions, and when Bro. McKinnon is done with those two editorials he purloined, he will oblige us by returning them or at least announce that

he obtained same from Vol. I., No. 2, of this paper.

What we want now in Canada is a society having membership limited to Canadian collectors. See notice on opposite page. Canadian collectors should support such a society.

We could use some good Mss. with exchange price attached.

Written for the C. P. M.

A SPECIALIST'S COLLECTION.

BY "SPECIALISTICUS."

I will, with my readers' permission, presume that you have begun with a good catalogue, a variety of stamps and an invincible resolution to possess in the space of one year, a specimen of every stamp issued in the western hemisphere. The first thing to do is to realize the magnitude of your undertaking and to get the idea that one year is altogether too little time for the completion of your sets, so you will, after nature consideration, say three years. Now you need a good strong, unruled, strongly bound blank album. Then you need 1000 onion skin hinges. These pleliminaries wranged you need stamps—and cash

Arrange your stamps chrouologically and in sets according to catalogue. Envelopes and wrappers should be arranged with adhesives according to issue. Having "viewed the prospect o'er," you will come to be of the opinion that five years is none too long a period in which to complete, if your uncle does'nt die in the mean-time and leave a few thousands to you.

Keep your eye out for snaps, good duplicates will always come in handy. Cultivate exchange relations with other collectors; don't be afraid to spend money if you can afford to—your good

stamps will increase in value. "Hustle considerable," and never let your interest flag. Add five more years to your time limit, and when you complete, come and read the inscription on my tombstone, and I'll come and read the epitaph on yours.

*Written for the C. P. M.*

#### DUPLICATES.

Every collector has duplicates. Some have more than others. The duplicates of some could be carried round in an envelope while many find it necessary to adopt some special method of keeping them. A book made similar to the dealers' stock book manufactured by Mr. N. Deichsbourg, of New York, is very convenient, as hinges are made unnecessary.

Many find an album, generally pocket size, just the thing to carry round duplicates in. A very convenient arrangement is made by folding back the flaps of envelopes and gumming each on to the next in order, forming a series of pockets from which the stamps may be slipped and replaced with ease. This purse-like arrangement of envelopes should be kept in a tight fitting box and will give excellent satisfaction.

Some collectors keep a bundle of small packet envelopes containing duplicates, with a description of the enclosed stamps on front of envelope. This is, however, a clumsy method. The stock book arrangement is a very good plan, but a great deal of patience is required to make one yourself, so perhaps the better way would be to spend a dollar and get one.

Duplicates are always valuable to a collector, as hundreds of other collectors can be found eager to exchange stamps. As a means for increasing one's collection I know no better way. Hoping that the above may be of some little advantage to you, I will close my humble effort.

#### THE CANADIAN SONS OF PHILATELIA.

A society bearing the above name is being organized. Membership is limited to collectors residing in Canada. The initiation fee is ten cents, the dues twenty five cents per year. Officers who are willing to work are desired. All offices are elective. Age limit of officers and other points will be settled at the initial convention, which will take place in August. A membership list is being made up, and the following gentlemen representing three papers will be pleased to correspond:—

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The Editor of the Washington Philatelist is of the opinion that Mekeel's Weekly needs an editor. The editor of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine is of the same opinion.

The latest S of P. news.—W. H. Emmet has resigned as an officer.—F. S. Fox and R. W. Ashcroft have been expelled—Kissinger's resignation has been accepted.

The philatelic "literary blacksmiths" who, monthly contribute to the "collector," did not occupy space in the Dec. number. The constitution was in possession.

The Canadian Philatelic Journal will appear on the 25th, with W. A. Beatly, of St. Catherine's, as editor, writes L. S. Graham, of Merritton, Ont

The Columbians shall be in use just two years more, and the man who had invested sat down and gently swore.

Some day we shall see "The Fraudulent Philatelist" announced with Bishop, he of the many names, as publisher. A few more suckers will then be accommodated.

#### OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARIES.

We have received the Christmas numbers of the *Philatelic Era* and *Eastern Philatelist*. Our thanks are due Mr. William Randall, of Belleville, Mich., for the first three numbers of the *Philatelic Kaleidoscope*. This is a very interesting paper containing illustrated articles and well worth the subscription price of 24 cents per annum.

The *Transcontinental Philatelist*, number 1, consists of 18 pages. Edited by E. S. Lawson, Waukegan, Ill. The quality is excellent.

The *Capitol Philatelist* for Nov. (No. 1,) comes, consisting of 4 pages. Edited by Ed. C. Ives, Springfield, Ill. Others received—*Washington Philatelist*, *Advertiser*, *Nova Scotian Philatelist*.

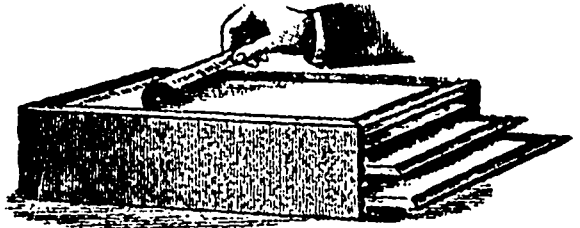
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