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WHOLE No. 6.

INTERESTING NOTES.

The new Hungarian issue of stamps comes in for sharp criticism, as being ugly and inept.

Tasmania is issuing a new pictorial series of stamps. The 1d and 2d stamps recently issued, show pictures of Mount Wellington, the highest peak in the island, and a view of Hobart.

The new Austrian stamps will be in upright rectangular form, with perforated edges, and will be printed on paper provided with safety silk threads. Stamps of the helleo values will present a portrait of the Emperor, facing to the left, surrounded by a band which will bear the word "helleo" at top and bottom, and the words "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post" (Imperial Royal Austrian Post) at the right and left. These inscriptions will be in colour on white ground in the values from 1 to 30 helleo, and in white on coloured ground in the 40, 50 and 60 helleo. The band will be broken at the four corners by labels for the numerals of value, round for the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 helleo, square; for the 10, 20, 25 and 30 helleo, and hexagonal for the 40, 50 and 60 helleo. The postage stamps of 1, 2 and 4 crowas also bear the portrait of the Emperor,

but it will be facing to the right and impressed in relief. It is to be framed by a chain of pearls and also by an oval band for the inscription, on which, on a coloured ground, there will appear on both sides the inscription "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post," and at top and bottom, also on coloured ground, the inscription "Kronen." This oval band is also interrupted at the four corners by circles, which will bear the numerals of value in white on a coloured ground. At the bottom of these stamps will appear the inscription "Eine Krone" (Zwei Kronen, Vier Kronen) on a horizontally shaded ground.

The man who has actually collected a million postage stamps lives in Dorchester, Mass. When the sister of G. H. Frost, a retired sea captain, some years ago saw the fake story that a million cancelled postage stamps would secure admission for aged women, she set him at work. Beginning in October 1890 Captain Frost has now done the job. After he learned that he was on a fruitless quest, the joy of collecting had taken such hold of him that he did not stop. Capt. Frost's spoil is thus classified: One and two cent stamps, 778,000; 3 to 15 cents, 22,000; 3 to 61 cent, Columbian issue, 8,600; 3 to 10 cent, Omaha issue, 14,500; foreign, 10,000; one and two cent stamped on-

velopes, 150,000. The stamps, which are on small pieces of the original envelopes fill 10 bushel boxes. "My friends are asking me what I shall do with the stamps," says Capt. Frost. "I am sure I don't know."

THE TRANSVAAL STAMPS.

The philatelic outlook in Africa is a reaching one. The end of the war will presumably be the annexation of both the Orange Free State and the South African Republic. That will mean that for some time those countries will be administered as English Crown Colonies, and finally given their own colonial government. Then, beyond that, comes up the further question of African federation, when all the South African Colonies will be joined into one commonwealth, after the style of the Canadian Dominion. For some years the question of African Federation has been slowly ripening for ultimate settlement, and now this war will no doubt clear the way unmistakably for an early realisation of some scheme of federation. Hence, the outlook in South Africa, from a philatelic point of view, is crowded with interesting problems that cannot fail to be of absorbing interest to the philatelist. Postage stamps mark great historical changes, they are veritable milestones in the world's history, and he who busies himself in their collection finds himself profoundly and irresistibly interested in the daily development of great events.

As to the present market, Transvaal and Orange Free State are naturally having a brisk boom. The demand for modern Transvaals has been enormous. The oldest issues have also been having a turn, but their turn will come after the modern issues have been secured and the appetite has been satisfied. The older issues people imagine they can wait for better than the modern, which they calculate are more likely to rise quickly than the already highly priced older issues. And to a certain extent they are right. But by and bye they will learn to realize how few of the older issues there are to go round and that of a necessity many will have to go short.

However, perhaps a word or two may be of service in picking up modern issues of the Transvaal. Of the 1885 issue there are various perforations. In Scott's Catalogue these are all jumbled up together. But those perf. 12½ are very scarce and should be secured as soon as possible. At double Scott's Catalogue they will be bargains. The ½d gray, Scott's No. 88, is selling at all sorts of prices, from 1s 3d to 10s and over, and is the greatest of the lot. Only the ½d, 4d, 6d and 1s are found perf. 13½.

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F. W. Wurtele of Montreal writes to play editor for the Montreal Philatelist has accused us of theft. He said in his March number that we stole articles out of his paper and inserted them in our January number. He also stated that he guessed that I either begged, borrowed or stole a copy of his paper but we would like to let editor Wurtele know that, never since the M. P. is in existence, have we had such a great desire for it as to go around begging or even go as far as stealing his paper. The editor or what'er he calls himself also states that he has never received a copy of any issue of Vol. 1 of this paper and I know that we have mailed him more than one copy of our previous issues although I do not know if they ever reached him or not but I do know that it is not likely that all SPECTATORS have gone astray and that if a person tells one falsehood, as Mr. W. has done in the March issue, be liable to tell more.

He also quotes or at least tries to quote four words from the heading of our review column says we say "since our last issue" which should really be "Since our last issue." Then again he expects us to review his paper when the last copy, we received was dated July-August 1899. Surely Mr Wurtele you are not so old that you are becoming abikish for having such awkward ideas. We do not want your stale news nor do we want to pass off your ideas for ours and I can tell you that we have just as much brain as you have and demand of you to prove

The statement that we stole your reading matter and we would like to know the name of the author of that wonderful article and which you make such a fuss.

It seems that you are having trouble with others for having such a big "gab". Never howl before making investigations. This is all I have to say but I hope you will learn to behave after this, my lad. G. L. M.

We have received a price list of postage stamps, stamp albums and philatelic supplies, from R. S. Mason, Hamilton, Ont. Can. It consists of 12 pages and a cover, is illustrated and contains prices of stamps which every beginner or even advanced collectors can make use of. Every philatelist should have a copy.

We sincerely regret the death of our stamp paper, the Herald Exchange which after issuing 42 numbers has been consolidated with the Allegheny Philatelist. Mr. Tausig had to give up the paper as other business needed his time. The Allegheny Philatelist will now commence a German department which is to be managed by Mr. Tausig. The paper will hereafter be known as "The Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange."

The Twin-City Philatelic Association has been organized here in Berlin with Rev. R. von Pirch as president. Too much space would be required to mention the names of all the officers.

Look! Look! Look!

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that we have now adopted a new plan for payment for ad space. It is a great advantage both to us and to the advertiser. Here is the whole thing. Our regular ad rates are 25¢ per inch, now if you mail us only \$1 before the 20th of April we will mail you ad tickets good for 10 inches of ad space. Space may be used whenever desired. Remember we give \$3.00 worth of advertising for ONLY \$1.00. We give no reduction on any amount tickets taken.

REVIEW

Since our list issue have received the following philatelic journals:

NAME	1	2
Allegheny Philatelist	4	4
Auxiliary Philatelist	1	4
Bay State Philatelist	2	4
Clipper	1	4
Collectors' Companion	1	6
Evergreen State Phil.	13	3
Juniors' Collector	1	11
Nebraska Philatelist	1	10
Ohio Philatelist	1	6
Philatelic Advocate	8	2
	3	3
Philatelic Chronicle	1	5
Philatelic West etc.	11	3
Stamps (England)	6	1

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REVIEW.—Continued.

BY G. E. MUELLER.

The Auxiliary Philatelist though very small, contains some interesting information.

The Allegheny Philatelist with the March number gobbles up the Herald Exchange. Mr Tausig having found that other business needed his time, could no longer run it and do justice to both the paper and his work. Its former subscribers will not lose Mr. Tausig altogether as he will be assistant editor having charge of the German department which is to commence in the next issue. Bros. Kiefer will call their paper the "Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange." The March No contained any say amount of reading matter as well as some good ads.

Since last issue we have received two numbers of the Bay State Philatelist March and April. The latter consists of eight pages and no cover but the publishers may be excused as a big May number is promised.

The Collectors' Companion contains a history of Canadian postage stamps written by A. R. Margill and is to be continued in the March number. The Philatelic Literature Collector has been consolidated with the Companion and the editor of the former will act as associate editor of the latter.

The Evergreen State Philatelist for March contains 10 pages of ads and scarcely five of general reading matter. On the front outside cover Mr French presents us with a sketch of "Saurise on Mt. Hood from Lost

Lake." This paper has now issued 70 numbers and is becoming quite old but still looks very fresh.

In the Juniors' Collector the first article that caught my eye was "A Short talk to Juniors." It is written by H. Chapman and contains some very good advice for juniors. It is Official Organ of the U. S. Philatelic Association.

Montreal Philatelist—See editorials.

The Ohio Philatelist has now appeared in enlarged form. On the front cover appears the likeness of C. E. A. Holmes of Montreal, editor of the Mount Royal Philatelist.

The Philatelic Advocate for March contained a cut of W. Russel Brown and of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Starnaman, the parents of the publishers of that paper. There is some interesting reading matter.

The Philatelic Chronicle contains a likeness of John Starr a candidate for vice-president of the League of Michigan Philatelists, a list of bad boys and some useful reading.

Would like to exchange with more philatelic publications

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ANSWER

U. S. NOTES.

It is amusing to hear the wailings of the collectors over the proposed new issue of stamps for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, next year. The fair officials want the stamps to advertise the project, and the Post Office Department is willing to issue them, providing the expense is not too great, and the only objectors are the stamp collectors. Omaha, they complain, had blue special stamps, and we must buy them to make our collection complete. Not at all. There is no compulsion upon any one to buy stamp to put in an album. Stamps are made to pay postage on letters and packages, and the Buffalo stamps will do that. Those who do not want to buy them may purchase the ordinary kind and be happy. If the Omaha and Buffalo stamps are "mere labels" they should not be collected, and the decision rests entirely with the collector. The trouble with the collector is that he is not consistent. He wants stamps of all varieties, and he would like to have a complete collection, and yet he protests when governments issue new stamps. He thinks that after he completes his album there should be no more stamps issued, so that what he has will become more valuable. If he will persist in buying every new issue he will continue to be a victim. Why does he not check speculative issues by ceasing to buy them? That is a simple remedy.

The United States has never sold the space on the reverse side of its postage stamps for advertising purposes, in the manner that New Zealand adopted some years ago, although it is said that at different times offers of almost fabulous sums have been made for the privilege. The Government gave no ear to the propositions. After stamps are used once, of course, there is nothing to prevent one from placing ads on their back, and it is on record that one firm used this plan of advertising.

Quite a peculiar looking stamp purporting to be a scarce 5c Buchanan, was shown in Washington recently. Careful comparison with photographs make the stamp appear genuine in every detail. It is on a portion of an old letter, but uncanceled. Instead of the paper being blue or white, it is violet-brown, and of a soft texture. Nothing of its history could be learned and no one seems to care to risk much on it. F. H. W. S.

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