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Henry A Chapman

whose likeness we present is a man past fifty but is still, as he expresses it "one of the boys."

In March 1897 he began publishing that popular paper called "The Perforator."

Mr. Chapman is a member of twelve philatelic societies, being no. 222 in the D.P.A. in which he has taken more than ordinary interest. He caters to Canadian Philatelists by publishing five letters from different parts of our Dominion, besides other matters pertaining to the Queen's domain.

The Nov. no. contains illustrated sketches of Miss Amy Swift and J. W. Stowell of the Stowell Printery. This no. is a special no. commemorating Mr. Chapman's marriage which occurred 30 years ago. It contains a family group of himself, wife and son. The latter being his junior partner.

In Sept. "The Perforator" began giving illustrated sketches of lady philatelists and Mr. C. says it has done much to benefit his journal. Since then he has increased the size from 8 to 16 pages and cover.

This half-tone was especially engraved for the Pennsylvania Philatelist and was used in no other paper except ours.

Mr. Chapman is a great friend of the boys and says he would sooner have a correspondent of 17 than a dry, satirical old foggy, and believes in encouraging the boys in stamp collecting all he can.

F.I.W.

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The application blanks are now ready and I will be glad if all stamp collectors (especially juniors and beginners) would send for some and fill them out. Our society was organized to advance the cause of Philately, especially among beginners and we want every philatelist young and old to co-operate with us and work to this end. The initiation fee is 10c. yearly dues 15c. You get:—

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come and gone we will be able to make a better showing. By the way your subscription would help us greatly. Can we have it?

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 The membership of the D. P. A. is rapidly nearing the 300 mark. Get in the swim.

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 Mr. L. M. Staebler is now in Johnstown, Pa., managing the Johnstown Stamp and Pub. Co.

We are informed that the Canadian Collector will shortly appear from this city. That will make three stamp papers in Berlin.

Mr. Chas. Weaver, the popular treasurer of the Ontario Philatelic Co., is in the drug business and will shortly leave for Toronto to attend the College of Pharmacy.

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Many a man now among the lights of Philately would never have become interested had it not been for his meeting in his school days with some boy-agent with approval sheets of enticing specimens of postage stamps. To talk of doing away with the approval system is pure unadulterated nonsense. There is really little fraud. The value of approval sheets stolen is probably not one per cent of the value of all the stamps sent out that way. The race of philatelic frauds is dying out. Dealers are becoming more wary and better able to cope with the philatelic parasites. — John Devereaux Kirke.

As matters now stand it is a good thing that a large part of the boys drop off collecting every year or so, or the prices would soon get so high that we could not even afford to specialize. — H. P. Boyle.

The word "philately" has been defined as 'the love of stamps,' and necessarily a philatelist must be one who loves stamps. The person who collects with the sole object of pecuniary gain, of realizing a profit on his investment cannot lay claim to the title of philatelist, for it is a love of money, not stamps. — Roy F. Greene.

Even to many philatelists the news that a single stamp had been auctioned for \$1010 was a great surprise. Judge then of the amazement of the non-philatelic public at the reports of the sale in the newspapers. This emphasizes the fact that money spent on philately

is not gone, as it would be if spent in a luxury, but is safely invested in a class of merchandise which sells for ready cash in the auction marts of Europe and America — Lewis G. Quackenbush.

Some of our dealers have been acting as intermediary of some God-forsaken colony in the Atlantic or some never-heard-of island in the Pacific, whose ruler is desirous of replenishing his empty treasury at the expense of the philatelic world. This is worthy of nothing but the severest condemnation. For too many unscrupulous individuals are in the habit of disposing to inexperienced collectors, speculative postal issues. — Joseph F. Courtney.

There is a splendid forgery of the Nova Scotia 6 pence. It is lithographed and the original is engraved. The lozenge in the counterfeit is larger than in the genuine at the left side between "Nova" and "six-pence" containing the figure "6." The 8½c counterfeit as well as the 12½c are smaller in size than the genuine. The forgeries are perforated 14, the originals 12 — Henry Collins.

Russian rural stamps are issued by municipalities to aid the service of the Imperial posts where the districts have no regular posts. They have an official status, and are more worthy of notice than U. S., Danish or Norwegian locals. — Wm. Herrick.

The Chinese locals are midway between purely local, such as U. S., and government issues. They are not sanctioned by the government, yet they carry mail to any part of the Empire having a P.O. of its own therefore they are not exactly "locals". — Lewis G. Quackenbush.



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