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For the Quaker City Philatelist.

HOW TO ELEVATE PHILATELY.

BY YUM-YUM.

"My object all sublime"
Will be achiev'd in time—

To let them wear the shoe in my rhyme.

—*Mikado Idyl.*

It is not by publishing papers

Without capital or common sense,
Whose only stock in trade is libels,
Slang, flattering lies and bold pretence;
Puffing up their own advertisements;
Cheating those who subscribe to their trash;
Insulting (in name of Philately) all
Who'll not furnish them brains or cash.

It is not by "standard" catalogues,
Illumed with photographic phis',
With booming prices, and rare "Hub-proofs,"*
(What is there Philatetical in this?)

That never did, or that ever will,
Pay tax, or postage on a letter,
Notwithstanding testimonials
Of many, who ought to know better.

Nor is it by holding conventions,
With ringsters like political hacks,
Arm'd with "proxy votes" and "postal notes,"
Without inquiring into the facts

About those who have robbed subscribers,
Or have swindled with "rare" bogus stamps,
Ignoring all honest endeavors
Of those trying to weed out such scamps.

When collectors meet in joint action,
With honesty and friendship their guide,
Exchanging ideas and knowledge
Of the science they take so much pride,
Then there'll come a healthy reaction,
Free from brayings of critical Jacks,
No longer the prey of mock dealers,
Or what is still worse—publishing quacks.

*I wonder if they were made in Boston?

ADVERTISERS and subscribers will kindly make a note of the change in our address, which is now BOX 33, Philadelphia, Pa.

SOME OFFICIAL DECREES.

GABOON DECREE, NO. 671.

French Government Offices of the Gulf of Guinea. Office of the Interior.

We, the Governor of the French Possessions of the Gulf of Guinea, seeing the delay of the order of postage stamps for the Colony necessary for the year 1886,

Considering that there only remains in stock stamps of 15 and 20 centimes, and that to facilitate the sale for cash it is absolutely necessary to issue a series of surcharged stamps,

On the advice of the Chief of the Interior Office, we decide:

ART. I. There shall be issued by the clerks of the Interior Office a transformation of

	300 stamps of 15c. into 75 centimes.
	300 " " 15c. " 50 "
10,500	" " 20c. " 25 "
900	" " 20c. " 10 "
900	" " 20c. " 05 "

These stamps shall be put into circulation on the 1st of August, 1886.

ART. II. The Chief of the Interior Office is ordered to attend to the execution of this decision, which shall be communicated to and registered wherever necessary.

By the Governor (signed),

SABOUREAU.

Minister of the Interior (signed),

G. PRADIER.

Libreville, 31 July, 1886.

NEW CALEDONIA DECREE, NO. 655.

Relative to the transformation of postage stamps, the Governor of New Cale-

donia and dependencies, seeing the want of many postage stamps of various values of which the use is great to-day on account of the uniform rate for all countries included in the Universal Postal Union; seeing the insufficient quantity of stamps of .05 centimes, and seeing the necessity of not allowing any hindrance to the speedy expedition of correspondence,

On the advice of the Director of the Interior, it is decided:

ART. I. Until the reception of postage stamps of .05 centimes, there shall be delivered to the public at the price of .05 centimes, stamps of one franc. The stamps meanwhile shall be surcharged in black with the design here given:

N. C. E.

5c.

ART. II. A Commission composed of Treasurer, Paymaster, and of the Chief of Bureau No. 3 of the Office of the Interior, or those delegated by them, shall supervise the operation of the transformation of the postage stamps.

This Commission shall make a report of its operations, to be inserted in the report of the Treasurer-Paymaster of the transformation here ordered.

ART. III. The transformation of the stamps shall be for the benefit and to the amount needed by the public.

ART. IV. The Director of the Interior is ordered to see to the execution of this decree, which shall be inserted in the Journal and Official Bulletins of the Colony.

For the Governor, **NOUET.**
The Director of the Interior
(Signed), **L. GUAHAROU.**
Noumea, 29 June, 1886.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON DECREE.

The Governor of the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, seeing the decision of the 5th of January, relative to the sale of postage stamps in the Colony, on the advice of the Chief of the Interior, we decide:

That until the reception of postage stamps from France the letters for the interior of the Colony shall be post-paid

at the window of the post-office by the means of the P. D. before mentioned.

The Chief of the Interior is charged with the execution of this decision, which shall be communicated to and registered wherever required, and shall be inserted in the *Fueille* and in the Official Bulletin of the Colony.

For the Governor (signed),
COMTE DE ST. PHALLE.
Chief of the Interior (signed),
A. LE FOL.

GUATEMALA.

I append to this short notice the official contract of Guatemala, not on account of its being merely the decree, but to show by their own documents how the philatelists are being recognized by the enterprising Government of the small Republic.

CONTRACT RELATIVE TO POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Secretary of State and of the Departments of Public Works duly authorized by the Decree of this date on one part, and Carlos Parker, the inventor (?), on the other, have ratified the following contract:

1. The Government shall order to be made, through the Consul of the Republic at New York, by the American Bank Note Co., or by any other house of the same standing, two million of postage stamps of the following value:

250,000	of 0.01	centavos.
150,000	" 0.02	"
500,000	" 0.05	"
300,000	" 0.10	"
200,000	" 0.20	"
100,000	" 0.25	"
100,000	" 0.50	"
100,000	" 0.75	"
100,000	" 1.00	"
100,000	" 1.50	"
100,000	" 2.00	"

2,000,000

2. The stamps shall be made conformably with instructions which shall be sent to the said Consul for this purpose; each one of the series to be different and to express equally the different values.

3. The stamps must arrive at this city

not later than the last day of June of this year.

4. Parker agrees to pay the cost of all these stamps indicated, as well as the cost of transport, assurance, etc., and for guarantee for obligation he assumes, by giving security to the satisfaction of the Secretaryship.

5. For compensation the Government shall give to Parker the stock of stamps emitted in 1884, also those of the Northern Railway that have been made good for postage by the decree of that date, when they shall have no postal value on account of the circulation of the new issue, the object of this contract.

In virtue of which, and that the contract shall hold, we have signed two duplicate contracts in the office of Secretary of the Departments of Public Works of Guatemala, the 11th of February, 1886. (Signed),

C. HERRARA,
CHARLES PARKER, C.E., M.E.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Government received on Wednesday postage stamps to the number of two millions, each having its color and respective value as follows:

250,000	of	0.01	c.	clear blue.
150,000	"	0.02	c.	brown.
500,000	"	0.05	c.	violet.
300,000	"	0.10	c.	lees of wine.
200,000	"	0.20	c.	green.
100,000	"	0.25	c.	orange.
100,000	"	0.50	c.	olive.
100,000	"	0.75	c.	rose.
100,000	"	1.00	c.	deep brown.
100,000	"	1.50	c.	deep blue.
100,000	"	2.00	c.	yellow.

2,000,000

It is not necessary to state that Mr. Parker has shown very good taste in the choice of colors, a thing which is not as easy as it seems when it involves the choice of eleven different colors which must as much as possible be distinct.

In looking at the engraving we see with pleasure that our friend Mr. Parker has omitted nothing that would be effective, and it is of the first order. The steamer, locomotive, quetzol, all are of perfectly executed workmanship. The

allegory appears to us to be in the best possible taste, for it represents the progress of the country, and the special recommendation of Mr. Parker gives us the knowledge that the idea of this allegory first originated with M., the Director-General of the post-office, Dr. Emilio de Léon.

The circulation of these stamps shall begin on the first of July next.

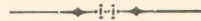
The stamps actually in circulation must be exchanged between the 1st and 10th of July next at the general post-office.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

On the 1st of July next there shall be put in circulation the postage stamps of the new issue as per decree of 11th of February. In consequence, from the 1st of next July until the 10th of the same month those who have in their possession the stamps of the emission of 1881, can present them at the general post-office to exchange them for the new stamps.

Guatemala, 19th June, 1886.



RUSSIAN DISTRICT STAMPS.

BY F. E. P. LYNDE.

Some time ago I wrote an article on these interesting stamps which was published in one of the now defunct philatelic papers, but have thought that on account of some new discoveries I have made since, that it would be worth while to rewrite an article on the whole subject. My reasons are, that I wish to place before the eyes of the intelligent readers of this paper some of the interesting points about these little-known stamps.

In this country they are to a great extent neglected, because collectors, as a body, think they are locals in the same light as the worthless stuff from Norwegian and Danish towns, which are really made to sell to collectors who will buy. *This* is a very mistaken impression, as I will endeavor to show in the course of this article. Firstly, whereas in the Norway and Denmark locals, they are is-

sued by private individuals, in Russia it is entirely different, there they are emitted by the postmasters of the towns by *direct* authority of the Department of Posts of the Russian Government and all revenue derived from their use is turned into the Government Treasury. Their Russian name is "Zimstov" which means District Stamps, and they are mostly used in the towns away from the railroads, and to the nearest station of which they have to be carried either on horseback or in sledges; their purpose being to pay for that service, on arrival at the station. They are (letters) franchised by the regular government stamp; again they are used in large cities, the same as our city letters were charged two cents instead of three before the reduction of rates; in other words, are used for city delivery. Again some societies were allowed to have a special rate and stamp for their use, like the Society of the Red Cross of Odessa, a parallel to which may be found in the special-rate envelopes of Germany, like the "Victoria Invaliden Stiftung." Another reason for the collection of the stamps, are their curious and sometimes handsome designs and workmanship. Take, for instance, some of them which are used in towns that claim divine protection, one of them has for design a lion rampant, with a design at the top representing the hand of the Deity pointing down with the protecting finger. Two or three towns use this design in various ways, but there seems to be a doubt in the minds of the engravers or designers, as to whether the Deity has the same number of fingers as common mortals, more or less, as I have found them (the fingers) numbering three, five and six respectively. I merely cite these specimens to show the possible interest any collector of the curious in ideas will find in these stamps. Again some collectors are deterred from collecting on account of a prevalent idea that they are very costly; this is a mistake. There are about five hundred in round numbers in existence, and I think I can safely say that only about one hundred of these will cost much over from ten to fifteen cents, and most philatelists will be amply repaid for the outlay, by the fine appearance of the few pages they de-

vote to these stamps; besides making a showy appearance, they possess the quality of making any one looking over one's collection, stop to look at them, and in nine times out of ten commenting favorably thereon.

Another curious fact is that most dealers catalogue those hailing from the Levant and the Livonian ones, but leave out all the rest except the St. Petersburg, which they usually catalogue as a regular postage, when it is as much a District issue as any of the others, thus unfavorably discriminating against the rest, which have as much right to be noticed as those which have been. That this short article will awaken some interest in these little-known stamps in this country, for they are well known and esteemed in Europe, is the reason I have written it, as I think that when once begun to be collected, they will be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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JOTTINGS.

BY F. E. P. L.

I understand from one authority that the new U. S. stamps mentioned in Mr. Durbin's *Philatelic Monthly* for December, are to be both adhesive and stamped envelopes. If this is true, it is about time for the envelopes, as the die shows as much signs of wearing away as the die of November 1883 did before it was recut, and I think that collectors are to be congratulated on this, as they won't have a lot more of recuts, whose name is legion already, to bother their heads about. The color, I believe is to be dark blue, and that of the four cents, I understand from the same authority, is to be purple. It is a matter of congratulation to the Plimpton Morgan Co., who just received a short time ago the contract for another four years, to supply our patriarchal government with stamped envelopes that they have been able to invent a new water-mark. What they will do next time is a matter of doubt, if they get the contract, but collectors can rest assured that they will find some new idea to put forth.

I see by Official Circular No 2, issued

by the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, that among the hundred and sixteen members in good standing, only four are Philadelphians. This is not right, Philadelphia must not be behind hand in helping along the good work. Many, I know, hold back until they see the Association an established success, but this is not the right way to look at it. Others, because they are tired of it, or because they think that it is bound to fail, and consequently won't have anything to do with it; but I am certain that if all would go in, the Association would have a grand boom, and everything go on as merry as a marriage bell. Chip in my friends, and help the good cause along.

Another matter which was touched in our columns a short time ago, deserves some attention, namely, the innumerable hosts of so-called Philatelic papers which start up, last for one or two numbers, in fact just long enough to get some subscriptions, and then go under. Then when a good paper is started publishers wonder why no one will subscribe—because they expect to see it suspend. The writer has in his mind two that he subscribed to this year, both swindled their subscribers, after one or two numbers.

Has any one ever noticed the peculiar fact that U. S. stamps can be bought cheaper abroad than in their own country? Strange, is it not, but true. A short time ago I secured a lot of stamps from abroad, mostly U. S., 1869, at half the price that they cost in America by the lowest priced catalogue. How does any one account for it?

Another peculiar fact is how hard it is to knock into the average philatelist's brain the advantage of collecting envelopes whole. This can be easily accounted for among the boy stamp collectors, but that it should be so with the more advanced philatelic collectors is strange; yet I am willing to say that at least three-quarters of those in the United States have not a whole envelope in their collection. Why, it is so is very hard to see, but such is the fact.

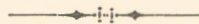
Talking of Associations of Philatelists, it is a wonder more of our advanced ones do not belong to that model association,

the "Internationaler Philatisten Verein," of Dresden. Considering the small dues, 5 marks (\$1.20 cents) a year, the advantages are certainly great. Just think! you get two papers, or rather three, worth more than the dues themselves. Card of membership every year of different design, Society report, right of exchange with other members, and many other advantages, not the least of which is to belong to the foremost Society of Philatelists in the world.

It is strange how some of our leading dealers succeed in getting so much false information. I don't see why they don't sift it a little before they put so much blind credence in the report. I have several cases in my mind of which I will mention two, for instance, the £5 Great Britain, being surcharged 486 piastres, which was copied far and wide by good, bad and indifferent papers, was first used by a paper of one of our leading dealers; and now we get the knowledge of the Soldi set of Austria, being surcharged. I have it from a prominent dealer and collector of Constantinople, that this news is false. I am also indebted to Mr. Warner, the Secretary of the National Philatelic Society of New York, who is an authority on Turkish Post-offices, for the same information. The 3 soldi was surcharged two paras, on account of there being no coin or currency of two paras, now with the 5 S. etc., they would all be capable of being paid for in Turkish coin for this reason.

5 Soldi	=	20 paras	or	half piastre
10 "	=	40 "	"	1 piastre.
20 "	=	80 "	"	2 "
50 "	=	200 "	"	5 "

All of which values could be paid for in current coins, as I said before. Nor would the excuse which holds good for Germany, be good in this case, namely: to buy them in Constantinople at a reduced price and sell them in Germany for face value, for the simple reason that the value of soldi is not current in Austria.



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Advertisements for No. 2 should be in by Jan. 24th.

SPECIAL effort has been made to enter into the New Year in good shape, and we believe the present number will fully meet with the expectations of our friends and patrons.

The design for our cover was approved at the regular yearly meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co., Limited, and met with the unqualified approval of all who had seen it, and we have no hesitation in saying that it is the most appropriate cover page in use by any Philatelic Journal to-day.

Our editorial columns will be edited by Mr. H. McAllister, with Mr. F. E. P. Lynde as literary editor. Mr. F. E. P. Lynde, who is the only change in our editorial department, is a linguist of merit, and numerous translations from his pen are to be expected from the most interesting and valuable of the foreign essays of the day.

Mr. W. A. MacCalla, who has been connected with one of Philadelphia's largest publishing houses for many years, will in future manage its business inter-

ests, and can be relied upon to place the paper where it will most benefit advertisers. The success which we have had in the past is largely due to his efforts.

Generally THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST will be managed by the Board of Managers of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC PUBLISHING Co., Limited, consisting of W. H. Corfield, Geo. Henderson and W. A. MacCalla.

On the 15th of December the transfer to The Quaker City Philatelic Pub. Co., limited, was made, and the limited company formally began business with a paid-up capital of \$300, and legally authorized for a period of 20 years, under the Pennsylvania law of 1874.

We have every reason to believe that a most brilliant and successful future is assured to THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST and will spare no pains to secure this end.

You should not forget that a portion of the benefits derived are yours, as its aim and end is to advance the interests of Philately and Philatelists.

THE guarantee system to subscribers which was originated by this paper has met with great success and also with many imitators, who in some cases use our language in making it. We are pleased to see this, as each one who specially guarantees is especially bound to fulfill such contract, and it is hoped that subscribers will become more confident of receiving due return, and as this will make more subscribers, better journals can be published in the future. A careful list of each journal making such special promises will be kept by us and used in case of failure to keep to their word.

We guarantee each subscriber a copy each month (no double numbers), or subscription unearned, will be returned.

THE letter which is published in another column is a vital point in our science and deserves special notice, as the tendency, we regret to say, is ever away from the true aim of Philately, and many so-called Philatelists are of the "I've-got-more-stamps-than-Bill-Jones" style. This feeling exists in the ranks of those whose

experience and large collections should have broadened their instincts far above any feeling of this kind, and they look down, in many cases, on better men simply because they have everything he has and much more beside. Mr. B's definitions of Philatelist and Collector are the accepted ones of all true Philatelists, and we hope the definitions may remain unchanged for all time.

The term "advanced collector," however, is another thing, it is a creation of the trade to distinguish a collector who has a large collection from those who have small ones, and may be defined to mean a collector (who may be a collector or Philatelist) having over two or three thousand varieties in his collection. We doubt if the term will ever be done away with, excepting some other term, meaning the same thing, should come into use.

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QUITE a number of new journals are announced for 1887, and Philadelphia is well represented among them. We wish them all the success they deserve, and trust that their paths may not come to an unfortunate stop.

MR. F. E. P. LYNDE will hereafter conduct our exchange column, and editors or managers of the various papers are requested to send 2 copies to him if they desire to exchange with us. His address is Box 106 Philadelphia, Pa. Kindly make a note of this at once, and secure prompt attention on our part.

IN thanking Messrs. Durborow and Henderson, for their careful and accurate attention to the advancement of this journal during the past year, we would express the hope that we may from time to time receive such favors as they may be inclined to send, as their interests are no doubt still with THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST.

SKINNER is said to be traveling with a dime museum show in Maine.

NOTE our new address, Box No. 33, Philadelphia, Penna.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

PHILA., DECEMBER 17, 1886.
To the Editor of the Quaker City Philatelist:

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly inform me, and all others who may be in doubt, through the columns of your valuable paper, "What is an *advanced collector*?" I have frequently heard of the thing, and will be glad to be enlightened about it.

There are stamp collectors and philatelists, coin collectors and numismatists,

but except among so-called philatelists, I have never heard of "advanced collectors." Surely all those who collect stamps can be divided into two classes as well as collectors of coins, etc. Why should there be a third division? If one collects stamps simply to see how many he can get, he is nothing more or less than a "stamp collector," whether he takes into his net used or unused, cheap or rare stamps, it is all one to him. But he who makes his stamps a study, in order to learn all that he can, not only about the paper and printing, but about the history, geography, etc., of each country, is a "Philatelist." What are the qualities of an "advanced collector?" It seems to me that the two main divisions cover the whole sphere of Philately, and if this is the case, why should a meaningless phrase be used?

Yours very truly, B.

Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

Bulgaria.—The 5 stotinhî card is now printed green on white.

Grenada.—The 4d revenue, as well as the 3s and 2d, has been surcharged, "Postage 1d."

Nepaul.—These stamps are now printed on rice paper.

Paraguay.—The colors of the unperforated set of official stamps are as follows: 1 centavo, orange; 2 centavos, violet; 5 centavos, red; 10 centavos, brown; 7 centavos, green; 15 centavos, blue; 20 centavos, carmine. The colors given last month were of the perforated stamps.

Straits Settlements.—The 5 cents claret has come to hand surcharged "Three Cents."

Tonga.—This is an island south of New Zealand. Stamps are being prepared with the head of the king in an oval, "Tonga" above. The set will be as follows: 1 penny, pink; 2 pence, purple; 6 pence, blue; 1 shilling, green.

United States.—The new postal card is now in use. The color of the 4 cents is likely to be changed to purple, and

new dies of the 1 and 2 cent envelopes prepared at an early day.

U. S. of Colombia.—A new 5 centavos, blue, is now in use, bearing the bust of Bolivar in an oval.

Victoria.—The 2-penny envelopes now bear the words "Stamp Duty" within the oval containing the head.

G. C. P. S. Meetings.

MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 1886.

The meeting was called to order by President Durborow, with the following members present: Abbott, Corfield, Durborow, Henderson, Henkels, Jeanes, McAllister, MacCalla, Osborne, Scarlett, Siddall.

The bill for rent was duly approved and paid.

Mr. Charles Gallagher was proposed for active membership by Mr. Durborow.

Mr. Robert C. H. Brock was proposed for honorary membership by Mr. MacCalla.

The Executive Committee reported favorably on the new members and they were elected unanimously.

A Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Henderson, Durborow and Corfield, was appointed for the obtaining of new members.

Mr. Corfield was appointed Assistant Auctioneer, on account of his meritorious abilities for such office displayed at the previous meeting.

MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 1886.

Mr. Durborow called the meeting to order with the following members present: Chiles, Durborow, Henderson, Henkels, Jeanes, MacCalla, McAllister, Siddall, Scarlett, Lynde, Schaefer, Pierce and Harvey.

That inevitable bill for rent was again approved and paid.

Mr. MacCalla read a communication from Mr. Hanes, Superintendent of Exchange A. P. A., requesting him to use his endeavors to establish a branch exchange in this city. There being only four members in good standing in this city, it was necessary to have two more,

whereupon Mr. Lynde offered to make up the six if any other member would join him. Mr. Pearce immediately joined him. They will formally apply for admission and before long a branch of the Exchange Department of the great A. P. A. will have been established in the Quaker City.

The Committee on New Members read a circular that had been prepared by them, and it was resolved that a number of them be printed and distributed.

The resolution adopted some time ago, excusing any member for one quarter's dues for each new member brought in the Society, was rescinded.

Resolved, That the name of Mr. Watson be stricken from the roll.

WM. E. SCARLETT,
Secretary.

Editors' Basket.

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[The matter for this department was unavoidably crowded out of this issue].

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