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A FEW NOVELTIES.

W. H. MITCHELL.

I tell in few words what I know, Though little it may be, Trusting that others may tell more To advance Philately.

-Chase.

Newark Dispatch Post.-This post was discovered by the late Harry M. Craft in a collection in Newark, N. J., and several years of research have failed to ascertain all that we would like to know in regard to it. The Post, we have ascertained, was run by a law student, in the latter part of 1849 and the early part of '50, and, coming at that time of year, failed to get in the city directories, so that "F. J. K." is still unknown. The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, used this Post and it is authentic, beyond a doubt.

Mr. A. L. S. Mackie, of Bergen Point, N. J., has a novelty in the shape of a Local Stamp for St. Johns, New Brunswick. It is hand-stamped on a letter dated St. Johns, Sept. 5, 1855, and is round, 25mm. in diameter, "Favors" in curved line above and "Express" in curved line below. It is first marked "10" in upper right corner, "Express Mail St. Johns Sep. 6" lower left, "Province of New Brunswick" in centre, and is addressed to a prominent New York firm. The color of the handstamp is brick-red.

Some time since a gentleman sent me for inspection a frank on a 3 cent U.S. envelope, 1861. It is a small oval and b ears this inscription: "Coupe's" above, "Express" below. It is postmarked Olympia, W. T. I have been informed that it ran from Yale, British Columbia,

collector any information to throw on this "Express?"

Through the kindness of E. B. Sterling I was enabled to inspect a frank, of which the following is a description: Inside a border of serpentine lines is a row of (§) section marks above and below; the sides are composed of a row of double daggers (‡); the inseription is in four lines and reads "Spargur's-Honey Lake-Express-Paid." I am inclined to think that this Express was located in Texas and that the frank was cut from a 3 cent envelope of 1853, buff. Will any of our friends in the Southwest or extreme West enlighten us?

Among these I mention the Ledger Dispatch of Brooklyn, N. Y. Not because there is any information to impart, but this: It was understood, soon after the supression of this Post by the P. O. Department, that its proprietor, Edward Pidgeon, went to either Montreal or Quebec, and opened a similar Post there. Can any of our Canadian friends send us any information, either yea or nay?

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING, NOT MUCH OF ANYTHING, AND A GOOD DEAL OF NOTHING.

BY C. E. HUTCHISON.

It is but a little while since the public press looked down upon philately and its follower with disdain, speaking of it as "the stamp collecting craze," now, however, it is beginning to force itself more prominently upon editors and to receive more and more notice. A short while ago there appeared in the Texas Siftings a half page humorous article on stamps and the portraits they bear. The writer to Olympia, W. T., U. S. Has any reviewed briefly the stamps of Great

Britain, Brazil, France and a few other countries, cracking several good jokes on some and making many puns on others. The article showed on its face that without doubt the author must have been a philatalist as he showed considerable knowledge concerning the stamps and their history. I have also seen in several household papers and magazines a short article entitled "How Postage Stamps are Made," in which the different processes were woefully mixed. In its issue of last March the now defunct Collectors' Companion quoted from "one of the self-constituted moulders of the public morals" the grave statement that the " United States formerly issued stamps for the exclusive use of the Treasury Department and that said stamps were all green in color," and drew the inference that the author of the squib was green, very green indeed.

The Stamp World, for December, also quotes articles from two daily papers to the effect that the only use ever made of used postage stamps is to clean them and defraud the government by re-using them, and gives these papers some excellent advice. A short time ago the Paris correspondents of some London papers, presumably, from lack of anything else to say, wrote a few letters on the magnitude of the stamp-collecting craze in Paris, describing collections worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, taking two or three hundred of volumes to hold them and speaking incidentally of the numerous stamp exchanges on the Bourse where certain stamps would bring hundreds of dollars; "French stamps of 1836 sell for \pounds_{20} (\$100);" "old stamps ot Tuscany will easily bring from £5 to f_{25} ;" "the rarest stamp known is of the first issue of British Guinea and has fetched £200 (\$1000)" are fair samples of the stuff with which these letters are filled. These letters have been copied by daily papers all over this country who, no doubt, thought in their ignorance, that they had secured something highly interesting, and even been copied into a few though only a few, of our best philatelic papers whom, I should think, would know better. Within

paper in Boston and a few days afterward I received the same article cut from one of the Chicago papers, sent by a friend (non-philatelic) who thought it might prove interesting to me. A letter also appeared in the Boston Globe written by a philatelist who went to the other extreme, stating that there had been only four thousand three hundred and seventysix stamps of all kinds, or thereabouts, ever issued; that the first came out in 1840, so that a French stamp of 1836 was an impossibility, and that France never issued a stamp worth over one dollar, and that the whole Paris letter was all "bosh." From this you can see that whoever wrote the letter to the Globe got slightly mixed. I should like to have that correspondent inform me how, if between four and five thousand are all the stamps that have been issued, so many of our leading philatelists can own collections of eight, ten and fifteen thousand varieties, and I know a large number of collectors who would be very glad if he could sell them the one franc vermillion of the first issue of France for a dollar.

How very often does the philatelist find things to interest him in every-day life where he least expects them. For instance, at a grand carnival in aid of a soldiers' home, given in Boston two winters ago, in the room devoted to war relics and curiosities which, if I remember rightly, was superintended by Lieutenant, now General Greely, in the showcase devoted to miscellaneous relics I found a sheet of some sixty five cent blue Confederate States postage stamps and another of about seventy-five ten cent stamps, unused and unsevered, accompanied by a label stating that they had been captured in a Mississippi Postoffice. In the same case was also a sheet of some twenty ten cent stamps unused and unsevered just as they had been torn from some bundle which had fallen into the hands of the Union army. At a fair which I attended but a short time ago, held in aid of a local G. A. R. Post, in the collection of war relics was one five cent stamp with the label attached "Confederate Postage Stamp" and not far from three days I saw it in nearly every daily it was an exceedingly curious and inter-

esting relic which I will now describe. It was a letter enclosed in a coarse vellow envelope sent by a soldier in the Union army from some place in Virginia to his father in one of the Northern States. It had taken a common three cent stamp of the 1861 issue to carry it but instead of being on the envelope the stamp was stuck tightly on the letter in*side* and a square hole had been cut in the envelope that the stamp might be seen. It had gone through the mails in this way and was post-marked "Washington" partly on the stamp and partly on the In the show-case it was envelope. accompanied by the following explanation : --

> "Without intent, when I went On a tramp, this postage stamp To my paper like a wafer. It did stick.

Now a soldier on a tramp, Can't afford to lose a stamp, So let these lines to all develope Why the hole in this envelope.

In connection with the numerous articles on "Varieties in Stamps" that have recently been going the rounds, I should like to say a little about those stamps that are found on paper with a surface colored same as the stamp.

In the United States Mr. Sterling catalogues the IC. of the 1857, '61 and '68 issue on blue surface; the 2c. 1863 and '68 on black, and the IOC. 1861 and '68 on green. I have also the 90c. 1860 and '61 on blue, the 12c. 1869 on green, and the 15c. 1869 on blue, and have seen many of the 1872 3c. on green surface. In newspaper stamps, the 1, 2, 3 and 4c. exist on black surface and I believe the 6, 8, 9 and 10c. can also be found in that condition. In department stamps Mr. Sterling gives the P. O. set on bluishblack surface, but the State, Agriculture, and War Department can also be found on colored surface papers. In revenues there are a great many, but in foreign stamps I have seen but one, the 2c. present issue Canada, on green surface. I should be very glad to hear from any one who has observed any stamps printed in this way, for I believe many more can be found.

The following story comes from one who knew and can be regarded as authen-

tic: The Postmaster at New Haven, Conn., issued the provisionals used there in 1845, that his customers might be able to mail a letter outside of office hours, as they otherwise could not do. A business man of that city, with a large correspondence, bought a lot of the envelopes one day, and, before mailing, neatly cancelled each one by writing the date across the stamp with a pen, and was exceedingly surprised when, after having saved the Postmaster all the trouble of cancelling, he was informed that they could not be sent unless there was an *uncancelled* stamp on them when they were dropped into the box.

WE congratulate the Q. C. P. S. upon the subject selected for debate at the first meeting in April, and while no doubt can be entertained of the decision, new ideas on this important matter should lead to the addition of some new names to its roll.

The Philadelphians who fail to see, can hardly afford to stand, in the light of its society, which certainly embraces among its members the most persistent and ardent philatelists in the Quaker City.

A PROMINENT stamp dealer remarked the other day that it was a very strange thing to him that collectors *usually* preferred to get approval sheets from some dealer who was located far from them. That his trade (his location being in New York) was larger in Philadelphia than in New York.

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MANY of our readers know something which should not be kept under a bushel, and in withholding their knowledge from the philatelic world, are surely doing their cause an injury by permitting wrong or ignorance to prevail. The thanks of all philatelists, as well as our own, are due to Messrs. Mitchell and Hutchison for their readable and entertaining articles.

MESSRS. T. COKE WATKINS & Co., inform us that they have no interest in *The Empire State Philatelist*, a statement which we make known with regret, as their efforts have done much to advance philately; and we are more than confident that under their direction *The Empire State Philatelist* would have continued solely in philately and keeping closely in harmony with the rapidly advancing thoughts of true philatelists, been as heretofore a shining light to all.

THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, in attempting to comment upon our list of new issues of 1886 (which appeared in our February and March numbers), has evidently failed to investigate the subject before publication, as we have received the highest praise for our list from the best philatelists of New York city. We could hardly expect anything else of a birds-egg and curiosity journal, however. And we need not comment on its 2000 subscriptions (?).

MR. PATRICK CHALMERS has achieved considerable notoriety in the United States by backing his father's claim, which has been done by the expenditure of much money; a useless expenditure, we fear. A Philadelphian has come to the front, and by patient research, has established the rights of an inventor of the adhesive stamp and cheap postage, who far out-dates even Patrick Chalmer's We trust that Mr. Lynde will father. continue his meritorious work until he has satisfied all philatelists of the undoubtable correctness of his statements. It is beyond dispute that the French Government paid a pension to the inventor for many years as a compensation for resigning his rights.

Our Contemporaries.

[We would like to receive two copies of all stamp publications per month, and we will be happy to send same.]

The P. J. of A. for February has been received, and is up to its usual standard of excellence. It is one of our most read-able exchanges.

Empire State Philatelist and Coin and Curiosity News received ; we don't think the change of name an improvement.

A new aspirant from the city of failures, Chicago, to hand. The initial number is is very good and we wish it success.

The Western Philatelist is redeeming the reputation of Chicago by giving us a first-class paper, and on time, too.

We have received a copy of Mr. W. Brown's Price Catalogue of U. S. and Foreign Stamps, also coin lists. It is very good and cheap. Priced stamps predominate. Price 5c.

We have received Mr. L. W. Durbin's sixteenth edition *Postage Stamp Catalogue*. It is a beauty, and everything to be desired. Price 25c.

Allow us to congratulate *The Philatelic Herald* on its ability to publish the January, 1887, number in March. In a few years they will catch up.

The Stamp is improving every number.

We have received the following papers up to going to press. Publishers accept thanks: Curiosity World, Nos. 5, 6; Mohawk Standard, Nos. 11, 12; Stamp World, Nos. 69, 70; Stamp 12, Vol. 2, No. 1; Golden Eclipse, Vol. 1, No. 1; Erdbell Mercur, No. 51; Philatelic Tribune, 17, 18; Young Barbarian, Vol. 2, No. 1; Witch City Collector, Nos. 1, 2; Philatelic Monthly, Vol. 13, No. 3; The International Philatelic Advertiser, No. 2; Western Philatelist, Nos. 2, 3; Halifax Philatelist, No. 2; Philatelic World, Nos. 2, 3; Stamp Collectors' Figaro, Vol. 1, No. 1; Germantown Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 1; Peerless Review, No. 3; P. J. of A., Nos. 23, 24 and special edition; Philatelic Herald, Vol. 4, No. 1; Philatelic Gazette, No. 32; Empire State Philatel-

ist, No. 2; Cumberland Collector, No. 10; Tag World, Nos. 8, 9; Old Curiosity Shop, No. 9; Stamp Record, No. 1; Universum, Vol. 6, No. 2; Plain Talk, No. 23: Texas Philatelist, No. 4; Buckeye State Philatelist, No. 2; Youths' Ledger, No. 16, and El Mercurio, No. 4.

Q. C. P. S. NOTES.

The new scheme of "The Q. C. P. S." worked like a charm, if the illadvised utterances of one gentleman on protection are excepted.

One member of the Q. C. P. S. has a large (?) collection of three stamps.

The Q. C. P. S. has increased its membership of late very rapidly.

QUAKER CITY NOTES.

The Germantown Philatelist is bright and refreshing. It is worth the money. Subscribe now and give the boys a chance.

A Philadelphian has lately secured a beautiful 1869 twenty-four cent inverted photo—price—(?)

Theodore Siddall has a thirty cent 1869 error—being but half printed. We understand it was bought cheap. He has been offered a very high price for it, *but refused*.

Dealers complain of too much business.

Purchasers of stamps would do well to investigate our columns of advertisements, as they can purchase with entire safety from any dealer whose card is accepted by the QUAKER CITY PHILATE-LIST.

H. Himelhoch has not been acting as a shrewd and honest *business* man should in filling an order with something which was not ordered and refusing to return the money. In regard to this he *asks*; "Do any dealers return money? We answer: Certainly, all successful and reliable dealers do if their goods are in any way unsatisfactory and not only do they do this but find a profit in it. H. Himelhoch, Caro, Michigan, distinctly states in a letter to us that he does not and will not return any cash.

Q. C. P. S. Meetings.

To Publishers. The Quaker City Philatelic Society would be pleased to receive copies of all Philatelic publications. Publishers feeling disposed to favor us, will please address all such contributions to WM. E. SCARLETT,

Librarian.

1012 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa.

MEETING MARCH 12, 1887.

Mr. Lynde offered the names of Wm. Watson, of Philadelphia, as an active member, and W. H. Warner, as a corresponding member, and they were duly elected.

The Committee on the Chalmer's Resolution reported as follows and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to send copies to all of the Philatelic Societies.

WHEREAS, The Quaker City Philatelic Society, in session assembled, has weighed the testimony advanced by Mr. Patrick Chalmers, in regard to the claims of James Chalmers as the inventor of the postage stamp, and

postage stamp, and WHEREAS, That according to the judgment of the Society they do not establish the claims advanced,

WHEREAS, M. de Valayer, in 1643-44 established successfully, a penny post in Paris, and whereas, fifty years and more before his father invented the postage label M. Chambuset established a post in Paris, and operated it with adhesive stamps very similar to those in use at present, and that if Mr. Chalmers had invented it, it is strange if he did not claim the invention, as he must have been the most modest of men not to have claimed the honor, and as Mr. Patrick Chalmers must have had very little backing to the claims not to have brought it forward long before now. Therefore be it

Resolved, That "The Quaker City Philatelic Society" do hereby resolve that Mr. Patrick Chalmers in his proofs advanced to establish his father's claim as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp has not deduced sufficiently strong reasons, and therefore we resolve that Mr. James Chalmers did not invent adhesive postage stamps.

Resolution drawn up by Mr. F. E. Lynde, Chairman of Committee.

The resolution appropriating money for the purchase of stamps at our auctions was reconsidered and laid on the table. The hour of calling meetings to order was fixed at 8 P. M⁻

Committee on Entertainment reported that the amount appropriated for the entertainment of the invited guests at the banquet had not been used and would be returned to the treasury.

As a result of the debate, it was resolved that it is not advisable to collect foreign local stamps. For next meeting, the subject offered is, "Is it advisable to collect speciaties, or to make a general collection?" Messrs. MacCalla and Good, affirmative. Harvey and scarlet, negative.

Adjourned, THEODORE SIDDALL,

Secretary.

MEETING MARCH 26, 1887.

Communications were read from the National Philatelic Society, the St. Louis Philatelic Society, Mr. E. W. Alexander and Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, Postmaster-General.

F. Vilas, Postmaster-General. The proposition to change the name of the Society as proposed was decided in the negative, as was also the debate proposed at the last meeting.

As a subject for the next meeting, it was offered, "Is the American Philatelic Association a benefit to Philately? Messrs. Richards and McAllister, affirmative. Messrs. Lynde and Hancock, negative. Adjourned,

THEO. SIDDALL,

Secretary.

Next meeting, April 8th.

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Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

Brazil.—Stamps of the value of 300 reis, blue, and 500 reis, olive, are now in use. The former has five stars in a circle; the latter a crown.

British Bechuanaland.—The ½d. is unchanged in both red and black.

Ceylon.—A new postal card has been emitted—5 cents, blue on buff.

Cochin China.—Another provisional 5 centimes has been made for 2c. French Colonies, issue of 1881.

Grena la. — The 1d. now has the inscription "Postage and Revenue," instead of "Postage."

India.—The 4 annas and 6 pres. green, with "India Postage," is now in use.

- Macan.—Stamps of the new type of Portugese Colonies are being prepared.
- *Mauritius.*—It is said that the 50 cent stamp has had its color changed to orange.
- Mexico.—The following envelope stamps have not been noted as yet: 4 centavos, red. 5c., blue; 6c., brown; 12c., bistre; 20c., green.
- *New Republic.*—Stamp of the value of 6 pence and I shilling are announced. They are printed in lilac on buff.
- Perak.—A I cent card is in use, made by surcharging the card of Straits settlements.
- South Australia.—A couple of high values are said to have been issued, viz.: 2 shillings and 6 pence, lilac, and 5 shillings, rose.
- *Timor.*—A series of stamps of the new type of Portugese Colonies are in preparation.
- *Transvaal.*—A provisional 2d. has been made by surcharging the 3d. lilac with the new value.

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]

J. G. M.—The stamp spoken of (Ceylon 25 and 28 cents profile of Queen in octagon) were mentioned in Vol. 1, No. 7.

ADRIAN, MICH., March 28, 1887.

Publishers Quaker City Philatelist.

DEAR SIRS: Will you allow me the use of a small space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks in regard to the A. P. A.

It seems to me that the members are not receiving much benefit if any from it as yet. It would seem that if there was any benefit to be derived from it, it is about time it commenced (and there are certainly a good many benefits to be derived if it is properly managed). In the first place I think that the trustees made a mistake in trying to start a separate paper; thus far we have received very

little news from our 2x4 sheet, and the March number is sixteen days late now. My idea is to put the official organ in the hands of some one that has had some experience in philatelic publishing, our present editor may be a good enough man for the place, but would it not be much better to let some one of the leading philatelic papers take hold of it and combine their paper with the official sheet? Such an offer has been made I believe, by one of the leading journals. There too is the exchange department. I have tried it and the postage on the books eats up all the advantages which are very few as yet, as most of those that send out sheets mark their stamps at and above catalogue prices. If some good, sound work is not put in in some direction it would look as though there would not be many new applicants for membership, my idea concerning the official sheet is that the trustees open bids for the publication of the official organ. Let all the members of the A. P. A. join hands and do something, for surely we have a good foundation laid for a grand association in the cause of philately.

I would be glad to hear from any of the members on this subject.

Very truly yours,

EDW. J. STEBBENS. [We think Mr. Frasier fills the place. —ED.]

To the Editor of the Quaker City Philatelist :

DEAR SIR: It is with great interest I have watched your exposure of frauds of all kinds.

Without doubt you have done more to put a stop to crooked transactions of both dealer and collector than any other paper. You have my thanks and I think those of all honest people. But I wish to draw your particular attention to a fraud which you have not mentioned as yet.

This is the stamp changer, or, in other words, the one who will take stamps off sheets and put others on in their place.

These I consider the most cowardly of all frauds. The one who will steal a sheet and stand the consequences has pluck enough that if turned in the right direction, will make a good man. But the changer is a sneak, and always will be one.

I have met with a number of these of late. One, a man, and a printer and publisher at that, after receiving a circular saying all sheets were made up to sample and could be duplicated by ordering the number of the sheet, deliberately changed stamps to the value of 38c. He made the same excuse as most changers do—that is, he let another party have the sheets to look over and did not notice it when they were returned. I have two other sheets before me just returned from an agent with 41c. changed.

He has taken a 5 reis Timor, unused, and put on a 1c. used Luxemburg, 1882 issue, in its place.

A 5 reis Cape Verde 1877, unused, and put on a 12 ore Sweden.

A 1k. Russia, unused, and put on a used 2c. Canada, present issue.

In nearly all cases of changing the agents do not sell a single stamp, and, on this account, when full sheets are returned, I fully expect to find some of the stamps changed.

So far I have never lost a cent through these frauds, because I sit down on them (if you will allow me to use the expression), and then they are perfectly willing to pay up and explain it was some one else did it.

I will end by asking a favor of you, and that is, that THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST sits down on them and thus exterminate them all at once.

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