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TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL THISITE, AND CAREFULLY COMPARED WITH THE
VOLAPÜK EDITIONS.

*These Chronicles were revealed to the Hermit, and are now recorded for the first time
in English.*

CHAPTER VIII.

FOR Ricktap saw that he must make friends with Filats of the Antikes, for they did study and learn of the papers of the Couriers, and Ricktap would that men should believe that Jesam, his father, was the first of all Couriers, and that the Ricktap was a Prince of the line and thus did he aspire to a throne even in his old age.

2. So Ricktap, like others before him, cast longing eyes on the land of the Amerikites. For he said, "Have I not obtained with my gold honor for the memory of Jesam my father in the Great Book of the Bulls, even the GLOSSARY BRITANNIA, which is *authority* and in the strength of this he went many days.

3. Now Ricktap saw that some of the Amerikites were of weak minds and some knew not the things that were past and others were busy with other things and said, "Yea! yea!" but did not look up from their work.

4. Then there were some that did wear a glass in their eye and oft stood with their mouth agap, so when they read of Ricktap they yawned and said, "'Tis like unto the Bulls ye know."

5. So to some of these his epistles were confident and to some they were pleading, for he would fain work on their pity to accomplish his work, and still others he would upbraid for their folly in not believing him and he would say, "Shame, shame! Why will ye believe me not?" And it came to pass that many were led astray after Ricktap and much was he pleased thereby.

CHAPTER IX.

NOW Toria hath sat on the throne of the Bulls for fifty years, and great was the rejoicing and much time was spent in dancing and in various plays.

2. And like the ancient nations that made coins on great events, so the Minister of the Couriers made new papers and these papers were tinted colors.

3. So to such as believed among the Filats, or such as said they believed Ricktap, gave these papers as a reward for the faithfulness and much were they tickled thereby and by means of the Jubilee many were converted to Jesam among the Amerikites.

4. And Ricktap did spend many shekels and pieces of silver and much gold to bring men to believe in Jesam, but it is written: "Friendship cannot be bought with gold,

and it is not all that cry yea believe, but they have selfish hearts and therefore it is for what they do get that they cry yea.

5. This kind go back to old ways and are worse than before.

CHAPTER X.

NOW there dwelt in Ameri certain brave men that had not bowed to or countenanced Jesam, and these were Linda, that dwelt in a city called QUEER, and one Ameri who ived in Metrolopus, and one Chelmit, and a drawer of teeth.

2. And these men did excellent service in leading the hosts against Ricktap, for they proved that Ricktap was possessed of a spirit, and did not know whereof he spake.

3. And much was Ricktap grieved at Ameri and Linda and Chelmit, for he saw that these men were powerful among the Filats.

4. So Ricktap began to fear and much did he write those in Ameri, that he loved, for he trembled lest they should not believe, for much boodle had he given to the cause.

5. And Ricktap did not know what to do, for Chelmit began to preach openly against Jesam, and likewise so did Ameri and Linda, and many were surprised at what they made known in those days.

6. For they made plain the writings of the Elders and many scrolls did they interpret to the people; yea, they assembled all the great men and sages and placed them in one place so all could see them, and the Filats read and were amazed.

7. Ricktap sat in his palace outside the wall of Nodnol, and heard that which his steward told him concerning what had been done in Ameri.

8. So Ricktap was much grieved and knew not what to do; so he went and hid himself and for seven days did he hide and when this time was ended he saith, "I have an excellent thought," so he prepared for a long journey and for a day and a night did he go to the north, until he came to the chief seatown of the Thisites which city is known as Glocasse and he sought out the chief Courier that dwelt in that place. Ricktap gave him the "Idea that he had brought with him."

9. Then the chief Courier opened it and read therein in this wise, "That Ricktap would get out a new book, the like of which should be different from those that had gone before."

10. And Ricktap charged him strictly in that he should tell no man of the idea and that none should know that he, Ricktap, had been in Glocasse.

11. And Ricktap left much gold and precious stones in Glocasse to pay for the books, and Ricktap returned to his dwelling place.

CHAPTER XI.

SO the Thisites wrought and the books were made and in due time were sent to all the nations and many to the Amerikites.

2. Now the books were like unto the books of the months, for Ricktap sought to inveigle men's minds thereby that while reading of other things, they should be led to believe.

3. And the book was named in honor of the Queen.

CHAPTER XII.

NOW it is written that in old books that have not been destroyed, that many curious things should come to pass in the days of Toria and of Kleavegro of the Amerikites. That there should be a great congregation of Filats in the city of Shykeco by the waters of Gitche Gumees, for the waters of the lake were cool and many went unto them when the days of the year were hot.

2. Now that the prophecy might be fulfilled many Filats did gather, from all parts of the bounded countries did they come and they were assembled in Shykeco.

3. So the Filats assembled in an upper room in one of the houses, and much work did the Filats do in this year.

4. Now Ricktap had his friends among the Filats, and he had secretly informed them to do honor to Jesam at the congregation of the Filats.

5. Now among the Filats that dwelt in the city of Shykeco, was one Skile, a son of Bovada. Now Skile was of pleasing countenance and was possessed of much wisdom.

6. So when the Filats were assembled, he rose up and stretched forth his hand, saying, "Men and brethren, behold! I show you a parable.

7. "A certain old man went into a strange land and there he beheld a maid that pleased his eye, and he sought to wed the maid, but the maid was proud and said, 'I will wed one of mine own nation.'

8. "But none young men looked on her and the old man did importune her much. Therefore she saith unto the old man, 'I will suffer with you, but I love you not.'

9. "Now I say unto you, the maid will wed the old man, because of his persistency and for fear she could never wed if she did not, and even while Skile spake the whole congregation saith: 'What have we to do with Ricktap and his doctrine?' And they saith: 'We will say we believe and Ricktap will cease to trouble us.'"

CHAPTER XIII.

I SAW an old man with hair as white as the driven snow on the mountains of Tasington, and he read in a book and the book was the book-of-the-years, and as he read, the old man became grave, for he saw that he had made many mistakes and that all that had been done in the world since its beginning.

2. For he saw that unless he believed what was told him what was done in other places, he would know but little for a man can be in but one place at one time. "Much is vanity!" exclaimed the old man and I am sore displeased with myself.

3. Then it is as it were a cloud arose and I saw him no more.

4. Now that what is written in this book are words of truth and is that which were revealed to the HERMIT in the wilderness of Axchlematon, and none shall change these words, for great is the penalty thereof. Selah.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

WE have noticed lately in one of our esteemed contemporaries advertisements of a doubtful nature, at least, if not worse. We refer to *Plain Talk*. Once before this paper published these good-for-nothing and vile advertisements, but stopped, and we had hoped to have seen the last, but once more they appear. Let us hope that this is the last.

THE *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* has come to us in a new dress, with the inside full of more than its usual valuable and interesting reading matter. Keep it up, Brother; yours is one of the papers we like to read.

WE have seen quite a good deal of adverse criticism on the Kalermaraic Chronicles now being published in this paper. We are at quite a loss to understand why. Because an independent paper in the interest of a theory now prevalent chooses to publish an article written in the form of an old chronicle ridiculing an exploded idea? Is this the reason?

IS CHARGING duty on stamps protecting American industry? If so the counterfeiters ought to have a vote of thanks engrossed and forwarded to the Treasury Department.

WE heard of several new philatelic magazines some time ago, but up to date, oh, where are they?

ST. LOUIS five and ten cents on original letters recently turned up in Philadelphia, and are now in the collection of a prominent Philadelphia collector.

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APROPOS of the American Philatelic Association ticket there have been several changes advanced as to the personnel of the candidates. Mr. Harris, we understand, has under consideration the advisability of not allowing his name to appear, owing to the fact that he is about to be absent from home for a considerable time the coming year. Mr. Harris stood the best chance apparently of any of the men proposed for the office, but in his absence THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST will press the claims of Bradford, of Ottawa, Ill.

THERE is one cause for the summer dull season that has never yet been advanced, to my knowledge, and that is the fact that the *boys* cease to take an interest in the pursuit during that part of the year. The advanced collector does not let up in the ardor of his science, but the boy does. And those collectors and dealers who laugh at the boys would do well to put this subject under consideration. If trade is poor because the boys don't collect, where will our pursuit be if the boys are not encouraged when in doubt and helped over the hard places. If our honorable brethren think that they can do without the boys let them continue in their present course, and it needs not the

wisdom of a Solomon to see what the ending will be. But if we desire to see our science reach the place it so well deserves, let us all turn in and do our best to help the boys along. Don't be a clam, come out of your self-satisfied torpor and start some beginner on the right road. **DON'T BE A CLAM.**

A BLOODS despatch stamp, somewhat similar to Type III (Scott's forty-sixth), on a letter dated, Germantown (Philadelphia), June, 1845, has just been discovered in this city. It is lithographed, on a hard white paper.

MOUNTING POST-CARDS AND ENVELOPES.

BY Q. K. QUEBOB, M.D.

I NOTICE in the April QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST, a query regarding the mounting of post-cards and envelopes entire. Having had a long and varied experience in this matter, I give the conclusions I have arrived at to you for what they are worth.

First, I must express my surprise that so few of our collectors pay attention to the collecting of cards, and I am at a loss to account for or understand it, unless it be the difficulty usually experienced in getting them into shape.

Love and covet as we may our early issues, local or general, or other early scarce or unique Governmental issues, I assert without fear of contradiction that there is no other branch of our collecting that interests, amuses or attracts the attention of those outside the folds of philately so much as a well-arranged collection of postal cards. And now speaking personally, with a well-rounded collection in all lines, I love them all. Why shouldn't I? Haven't we been partners in joy and sorrow, some of them these twenty-five years? Are we not growing old together? And the guardianship I have assumed over them naturally draws me to them; and yet, perhaps it is the natural attraction youth and beauty has to age, that draws me more closely to the cards. I sympathize more with the one, but the beauty of the other proves more attractive to me.

Philately, at its best, is *not* a science. It is a pleasing recreation from physical or mental labor—a rest. Too many of us make it a “hobby,” and when we do this, we lower ourselves in the estimation of intelligent people. I know I speak strangely, but is it not nevertheless true?

Stamp collecting may be compared to a continued fever; usually it attacks one in his early teens. There are some premonitory symptoms, but usually the fever at the onset runs very high—periods of delirium—often periods of enacerbation. It usually runs an extended but regular course. The period of convalescence is usually long. Occasionally one never entirely recovers; the disease in these cases becomes chronic and one lingers along for years. Again, those afflicted seek the society of others similarly afflicted, which seems to have a marked effect in prolonging the disease. Job said of his physicians. “They are of no value.” So in this case, the doctors—*i. e.*, *dealers*—instead of curing, seek only in divers ways to prolong the agony.

No country seems free of the germ or *bacillus* that produces the malady; so we find it widespread over the face of the earth. The disease is highly contagious, and everywhere the characteristics of the disease remain the same.

To be sure, many are afflicted as with the measles, running a short course, never to return again, but this is due usually to the negligence of the doctor. How your correspondent has suffered none may ever know; he has too high an appreciation for your readers to harrow up their feelings by a tale of suffering and woe.

But this is a digression from what I intended to say. While the old arguments in favor of stamp collecting, its advantages in informing one of history, geography, forms of government, reigning sovereigns, etc., may apply to the young collector, they lose their force when applied to the collector of maturer years, and so it is no wonder we find our advanced collectors leaving the beaten track and seeking other “fields and pastures new,” and that we find collectors turning their attention to specialties, as the stamps of some particular country or series of countries, or a certain period or series of years;

another will devote his time to locals; another to revenues, proprietary stamps; others to postal cards or envelopes; and for many reasons, unnecessary to enumerate here, this is well and to be encouraged.

And so, without disparaging any other line of collecting, we enter our plea for the more general collecting of post-cards. It is said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and me thinks, the development of our collections henceforth will be more and more towards the beautiful. This is shown in the improved albums of to-day, which give full play for the artistic talent of the collector, by the greater demand for perfect and clean specimens, proofs, and unused as far as possible in stamps, cards and envelopes.

Postal cards, being usually low values and consequently cheap, should be collected unused. A blank-book or album should be used. My collection is arranged in scrap-books about 9 x 14, plain, durable binding and heavy colored leaves.

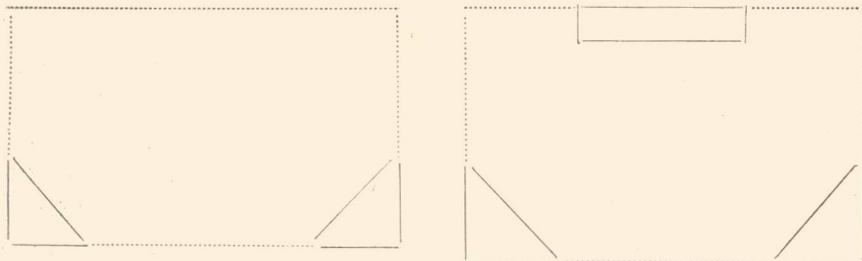
Now, in regard to mounting them, paste should *never* be used on cards or envelopes; hinges are *out of date*. My plan is this, and for the idea I am indebted to Mr. W. C. Kurzweg, of Watertown, Wis.—simply clip the corners off of an envelope diagonally—rounded, scalloped, indented, or any way your fancy choose—and use the detached corners for pockets in which to place the lower corners of your card; place the card in your album where you want it, slip in the pockets and paste them to the book. The whole is so simple, plain and convenient it is a wonder some one did not stumble on it long ere this.

In this method they are handy to exhibit, can be readily taken out for examination and replaced at will, and as the collection increases they can be transferred with no damage to the card in the least. Even in the cutting of the hypotenuse of the triangle, the color of the envelopes and arrangement of the collection, considerable artistic taste can be displayed; in fact, with me, a collection that had become almost a burden is now a joy as well as a thing of beauty, and I feel confident that a trial of this plan will remove the great objection of collectors to cards and thereby give a new impetus to their collecting. Of course, whole envelopes can be mounted in the same manner.

One thing more and I am done. Some sixteen or seventeen years ago I began collecting the smaller values of current unused stamps of different countries in squares or strips of from six to twelve, and arranged them in blocks, in blank pages of my album. They add wonderfully to the appearance of a collection, and in the time mentioned many of them have so enhanced in value, that I have been unable to resist the temptation of disposing of them, replacing them by later issues. In this you will see a source of revenue as well as of pleasure.

Some others have lately taken up the idea, especially the Pomeroy's, of Toledo, O., and I expect ere long to see dealers advertising the unused lower values in squares for such collectors as desire them.

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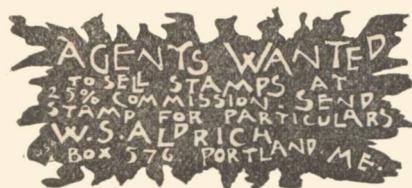
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