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FOR THE STAMP COLLECTORS.

MR. WANAMAKER TELLS HOW BOYS MAY SECURE THE HIGH-DENOMINATION COLUMBUS STAMPS.

“HOW can the stamp-collecting boys and girls of this country procure full sets of the new Columbus postage stamps for their albums?” repeated Postmaster-General Wanamaker thoughtfully, when a question on this point was put to him the other day. “Let me see,” said he. “Of course, they can always be procured at any Post-office, but obviously there are few of our young collectors who can afford to buy them in that fashion, inasmuch as the entire series would cost \$16.26. For most of them, the only practical method will be to obtain the stamps already canceled. That will be easy enough so far as the lower denominations are concerned, but not so with the higher denominations.”

“But on what mail matter will those high-cost stamps be used?” I asked.

“The high-priced Columbus stamps,” said the Postmaster-General, “those which represent one, two, three, four and five dollars each, will be largely in demand by bankers and brokers for mailing bonds and other securities to Europe. Such valuables go in sealed packages at regular foreign-letter rates, which are 5 cents a half ounce. At that rate a very moderate-sized bundle will cost as much as \$5 for postage across the ocean. In this manner a large part of the stamps of big denominations will go abroad. American boys and girls will not get those for their albums. However, a great many of these high-cost stamps will also be used for mailing large packages at letter rates from place to place in this country. People often send big parcels containing valuable things in that way at 2 cents an ounce, sealed and registered. I dare say you know that you can transmit through the post anything you like—no matter how bulky and heavy it is, so long as you pay letter rates on it, though you cannot forward any package exceeding four pounds at the ordinary charges for merchandise. Young collectors must rely on getting the canceled stamps from parcels forwarded in this manner at letter rates.

“That does not solve the puzzle, I know,” Mr. Wanamaker continued.

“Of course, big packages sent at 2 cents an ounce, sealed and registered because their contents are valuable, do not reach every merchant or professional man. The bankers are most likely to get them, and I would recommend the boys and girls who are anxious to procure high-priced Columbus stamps to make friends with people at the banks with a view to securing possession of such coveted treasures. A good-natured cashier or teller would be very apt to find an opportunity to detach a few of the canceled stamps from bundles of securities once in a while. It is well worth trying, because these curiosities are likely to go up considerably in value on account of the difficulty of obtaining them. I suppose that dealers in stamps will not sell them cheap.”

Three billions of the Columbus stamps have been ordered to be printed. They are being made by the American Bank Note Company, of New York city, which turns out all the postage stamps issued by Uncle Sam.

When a postmaster wants stamps he writes to the Post-office Department at Washington for them. The Department sends on the order to the Government Stamp Agent

in New York, who has charge of the business of distributing all stamps. The agent draws every day upon the Bank Note Company for as many stamps as he requires to fill such orders forwarded to him from Washington. He receives them in bulk, and it is his duty to see that they are done up in packages according to the orders and mailed to the postmasters who require them. Last year the people of this country used up two and a half billions of postage stamps.

It is expected that all of the three billions of Columbus stamps will be used during 1893. If this number proves insufficient more will be ordered.

Supposing any of them are left over at the end of the Columbus year, the sale of them will be continued until they are gone. They will be just as good for mailing letters 100 years hence as they are now.

Nobody is obliged to purchase the Columbus stamps unless he chooses, every postmaster having been instructed to furnish ordinary postage stamps to anybody who asks for them. Many persons prefer the ordinary ones because they are smaller, not requiring such a big lick.

The designs for the Columbus stamps were picked out by the Post-office Department, most of them being obtained from historical paintings; but the Bank Note Company made the designs and engraved the plates from which they are printed at its own expense. Work upon them has been going on ever since last September. The engravings were the most costly ever produced in the world for postage stamps, though the printing is not so expensive as was that of the United States stamps in two colors, issued a few years ago, which had to pass twice through the press.

Inasmuch as the new stamps are distributed to postmasters only as they are required, and of whatever denomination may be asked for, it is impossible to say how many of the high-priced ones will be issued. It all depends on the demand, and how great that will be no one can tell.

Hitherto the highest denomination of any ordinary postage stamp has been 90 cents, though stamps for newspapers—which are not good for any other purpose—run from 1 cent as high as \$60. The Columbus stamps will doubtless be bought in large quantities uncanceled for collections by people who can afford the luxury, and this will bring a profit to the Government.

The Columbus stamps are printed from engraved steel plates big enough to strike off 400 of them on a sheet with a single stroke of the press.

Each sheet then passes beneath a revolving brush carrying mucilage, by which the back of it is gummed. After this it is dried and flattened under a hydraulic press. Next it is run through a perforating machine, which is an arrangement of little wheels revolving parallel to each other and just far enough apart to make the perforations as one sees them in a sheet of stamps fresh bought. After the perforations have been made across the sheet one way by the machine, the sheet must pass through a second perforating machine for the cross perforations, the stamps being thus outlined so as to be readily torn apart. Knives cut each of the sheets into four sheets of 100 stamps each. All stamps come in sheets of 100 for sale.

They are now done and only remain to be gone over, counted and tagged in packages of 100 sheets each, before being sent out. Each package contains 10,000 stamps of course. As they are printed the sheets of stamps are carefully counted, and if one is ever so slightly defective, though but one stamp is injured or imperfect, the sheet is destroyed and carefully accounted for.

Uncle Sam pays the Bank Note Company 17 cents for every 1000 Columbus stamps.
—*St. Louis Republic.*

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

F. J. BESHEN.—Prices of back numbers will be found in the advertising columns. We do not keep binders; suitable ones can, no doubt, be bought at almost any large blank-book store.

NEW ISSUES.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

- Azores.**—We have the 75r., carmine, for Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada.
- Brazil.**—A new envelope of 200 reis has been issued. Stamp is quite as ugly looking as that on the last 100r. envelope.
- British South Africa Co.** have issued an envelope for registration: 4d., blue, 154 x 97 and 220 x 103 mm.
- Cape of Good Hope.**—Band, ½d., gray-blue on manila.
- Ceylon.**—The 24c. has been surcharged 3c. in black. The 3c. of the De La Rue type has been issued.
- Congo.**—Cards, 10c., carmine on buff, and 15c., blue on bluish.
- Costa Rica.**—We note the 1c., 2c., 5c., 10c., 20c., 50c. of 1892 have been surcharged Oficial.
- Curacao.**—Cards, 5c., brown on blue, and 7½c., carmine on rose, white reverse.
- East Africa** is reported to have an envelope of 2½a.
- French Congo.**—4000 stamps of 25c. were surcharged 15c.; 3000 were made 5c., and 2750 1fr., black, tax stamps, were changed to 10c. postage.
- India.**—An envelope of 2½a., orange on white, identical in appearance with the old 4a. 6p.
- Liberia.**—The 3c. and 6c. stamps of 1885 have been surcharged "Postage due, 3 cents" and "five cents" respectively. Surely the dark places of the earth are being enlightened.
- Luxemburg.**—We read of a proposed new issue of 7 values, 12½c. to 5fr., which was to have appeared January 1.
- Madeira.**—The 75r., carmine, for Funchal has been received.
- Macao.**—The 80r. has been surcharged 30r. in red.
- Nicaragua.**—The issue of 1893 is now in use. They are: 1c., dark buff; 2c., rose; 5c., light blue; 10c., gray; 20c., lake; 50c., violet; 1p., dark brown; 2p., green; 5p., carmine; 10p., orange. Envelopes on rose paper: 5c., blue; 10c., gray; 20c., carmine; 30c., brown; 50c., violet. Bands: 2c. and 4c., green on rose paper. Cards: 2c., blue on rose-tinted ground, and 3c., blue on green-tinted ground, buff card, also 2+2 and 3+3.
- Paraguay.**—A new issue has been prepared. A few values only have been issued we believe, but the 10c. was specially surcharged by hand stamp for use on October 12, as was also the 5c. envelope, which was made 20c. for the occasion. We understand that the stamps and envelopes remaining unsold, which had been surcharged, were destroyed; also that the hand stamps *were not* destroyed, but remained in the hands of the officials.
- Portuguese Congo.**—A new colony claims recognition. So far only the 5r., black, stamp has appeared. Others may be expected.
- Salvador.**—We have the 5, 20 and 25c., 1892, surcharged Un centavo. The new issue went into use January 1. They are: 1c., blue; 2c., claret; 3c., violet; 5c., brown; 10c., brown-ochre; 11c., rose; 20c., green; 25c., gray; 50c., orange; 1p., black. Envelopes, blue paper, 1c., blue; 3c., violet; 5c., reddish brown; 10c., brown; 11c., carmine; 20c., green; 22c., lake. Bands on blue, 2c., lake; 3c., violet; 10c., brown; 11c., carmine. Cards, all black on tinted ground, 1c., brown; 2c., 2+2c., orange; 3c., 3+3c., green on greenish card.
- Shanghai.**—We have not noted the new colors: 2c., green; 5c., red; 15c., violet; 20c., brown. Wmk. Chinese characters.
- St. Pierre and Miquelon** is surcharged diagonally on the 5c. and 20c. in one line. Each of these bears in large block type, 1-2-4.
- Tasmania.**—*Vinden's Monthly* describes a new ½d. stamp, orange, value in violet.
- Tobago.**—Registration envelope, as usual, 2d., blue.
- Victoria.**—The 9d. is now printed in green.
- Western Australia.**—The 3d. card has been surcharged 1½ in violet.

JOKES ON THE COLUMBIAN ISSUE OF STAMPS.

"GIVE me a porous plaster. I've got a lame back."

"We're just out of them, but here is a Columbian postage stamp, which answers just as well, and comes cheaper. We're selling lots of them just now. Wait a minute and I'll punch a few holes in it for you."

LANDING OF COLUMBUS.

Your tongue may cleave to the roof of your mouth
 In a strong and vise-like clamp,
 But it isn't a patching to the way it cleaves
 To the back of a Columbian stamp.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

"WHAT makes you so thirsty to-day, old fellow?"

"I had to stick one of those deucedly large Columbian stamps on the letter my wife gave me to mail."

SENATOR WOLCOTT is rapidly acquiring the title of "Funny man of the Senate" by his satire on the new Columbian stamps. He suggests that one of them would be sufficient for a chest protector. How many would it take to paste across the honorable gentleman's pie-entrance?—*The Philatelic Monthly.*

AN inquisitive critic of the new Columbian stamps has made the rare discovery that, while in the one-cent stamp Columbus is depicted in the act of sighting land, and with a clean-shaven face, in the two-cent stamp he is represented on shore and in the possession of a full beard. As the two events are recorded as having occurred within twelve hours of each other, the critic is at a loss to account for the luxuriant growth of whiskers.—*Philadelphia Record.*

A PERTINENT QUESTION.—"Papa, who was Janus?"

"He was a man with two faces, my boy."

"He didn't have as many as Columbus, did he?" queried the boy, who had been studying the new stamps.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE STUCK.

Suppose that, while we've got these stamps,
 They form a mucilage trust—
 Then heaven help us, gentlemen,
 The government would bust!

"HANDSOME ENGRAVINGS—CHEAP!"

And now the rural gentleman
 Will send his dollar down
 For "The Landing of Columbus"
 To the clever man in town.

FATAL.—"What are you crying about, Caddy?" asked Mrs. Fauntleroy.

"I—boo-hoo—started to send a valentine to 'Lizabeth, and I got one of those new stamps in the envelope by mistake; and now—boo-hoo—she says she won't go with me any more, 'cause I only love her two cents' worth!"

LOCATIONS OF PHILADELPHIA POST-OFFICE.

FROM ANDREW BRADFORD'S HOUSE IN 1728 TO NINTH AND MARKET IN 1884.

Since the year 1728 until the present time the main or general Post-office of Philadelphia has been located as follows:

- 1728—Andrew Bradford's house, Second street.
- 1734—In Second street.
- 1737—At Franklin's house, Market street.
- 1771—Foxcraft's house, Market street near Fourth.
- 1775—Front and Market streets, Goddard's Constitutional Post at Coffee House.
- 1782—Front street, below Market, east side.
- 1784—Corner Front and Market streets.
- 1785—Corner Front and Chestnut streets.
- 1791—No. 36 South Front street.
- 1793—College, Fourth street, below Arch.
- 1794—No. 34 South Front street.
- 1797—Twelfth street, below Market.
- 1798—North side Market street, first house west of Eleventh.
- 1799—No. 27 South Third street.
- 1799—Upper end of Market street.
- 1800—No. 27 South Third street.
- 1816—Chestnut street and Carpenter's Court.
- 1827—Northeast corner Chestnut street and Franklin Place.
- 1834—Philadelphia Exchange.
- 1854—Jayne's Building, Dock street below Third.
- 1862—Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth.
- 1884—Chestnut, Ninth, and Market streets.

GLEANINGS.

THE stamps of Hawaii may boom in price. Reason—annexation to the United States.

CANADA is about to issue a new letter card, postcard and adhesives—20, 50 and 1.00. Colors not decided on yet.

THE two new U. S. special delivery stamps, two sizes, large and small; the large one, color orange red, to distinguish it more readily from the 1c. blue Columbian stamps; small one (color not stated), profile General Sherman.

AN 1854, 8d., unperforated New South Wales, catalogued at \$15, sold recently in London for \$35 at auction.

THE following prices were realized at a recent English sale:

Great Britain, 4d. carmine, watermarked small garter, unused..	\$35 00
Cape of Good Hope, 4d. <i>wood block</i>	9 50
Scinde Dawk, <i>red</i>	125 00
New Brunswick, 6 pence, <i>unused</i>	8 75
Canada, 6d., unperforated.....	6 25

London Philatelist is authority for the following: Labuan stamps are obsolete, those of North Borneo being employed in the place of them; that only 5000 of each value of the Labuan were printed on *unwatermarked* paper.

THE Columbian issue of envelope stamps will be placed on sale at the first class Post-offices on or about March 1, as will also the new International postal card.

SCOTT catalogues the 1869, 24c., color, green and *black*. Albrecht, green and *purple*. Are they not both wrong? Colors are green and *lilac*.

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WORD CONTEST.

(See Advertisement.)

We have received so many answers to our "Word Contest," and complaints as to the time being too short, we have therefore decided to make the closing date **May 1**, and prizes will be awarded not later than **May 15**. The **May** number will contain the names of all successful competitors. As this contest will be decided strictly upon its merits, and all have an equal chance, we have no doubt the lengthening of the time will induce many to join in the contest who would otherwise not have done so. Remember it only costs the subscription price of this paper, 25 cents, to enter the contest, and if you are already a subscriber nothing at all.

FOURTH CONVENTION OF PHILATELISTS.

The German-American Philatelic Association "Germania" held its Fourth Annual Convention on January 14. Members were present from various States and from Canada and Mexico. Honorary President Philip Heinsberger, Jr., welcomed the visiting members, and then President Frederick Heinsberger delivered his annual address, in which he reviewed the philatelic work of the Association during the past year.

The Association has 553 active members in this country, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

Librarian F. Philips said that the library had considerably increased in philatelic and curio literature, and contained samples of nearly all the stamp papers issued in the world. In October, 1892, there was opened an annex for numismatic and curio collectors, and this department had 45 members. Dues \$1 per annum.

The following officers were elected to succeed themselves: *President*, F. Heinsberger; *Recording Secretary*, A. Schumacher; *Treasurer*, H. Hermann; *Librarian and International Secretary*, F. Philips. The new Board of Trustees consists of D. E. Hazen, of Thonotossassa, Fla.; Emil Y. Rall, of Savannah, Ga.; and Clive Scott, of Central City, Neb. President Frederick Heinsberger's office is at 9 First avenue, New York city.

ALAMO CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The above is the name of the largest, oldest and best Society of its kind in the South. Its sales and exchange departments are recognized as being the best managed departments in the country.

At the end of February the Society will issue its First Annual Bulletin, to consist of about 100 pages. This will be the first Society in America to undertake to issue such a publication, which will be similar to the Bulletins issued by several European societies.

The Society was organized April 30, 1891, with 8 charter members, and to-day boasts of a membership of 78. The dues are, for corresponding members, 50 cents per year, and for active, \$3 per year. Upon payment of \$25 any active member may become a life member, and be relieved of all further dues and assessments.

At the Second Annual General Meeting, held December 22, 1892, the following officers and members of the Committees were elected:

Major C. E. Dutton, *President*; Alfred E. Hayden, *Vice-President*; Edward W. Hensinger, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Charles J. Rossy, *Librarian*; Frederic Noyes, *Counterfeit Detector*.

Governing Committee—Major C. E. Dutton, *Chairman*; Edward W. Hensinger, *Secretary*; Alfred E. Hayden, Charles J. Rossy, Albert Steves, I. N. Fitzpatrick, Edward F. Brotze, Frederic Noyes, Charles N. Huberich.

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Committee on Publications.—Edward W. Hensinger, Alfred E. Hayden, F. Hensel.

Manager of the Department of Sales and Exchanges.—Edward W. Hensinger.

The meetings of the Society are held on the third Friday of each month in the Assembly Hall of the San Antonio Board of Trade.

For further information and application blanks address the Secretary-Treasurer,

EDWARD W. HENSINGER,

P. O. Box 597, San Antonio, Texas.

A REGULAR meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held at President Van Derlip's office, 3 Pemberton square, Wednesday, February 8, at 7.30 P.M.

BUSINESS.

1. Regular business.
2. Election of new members.
3. Informal auction.

The annual dues are now payable. Please remit at once to L. I. Green, Treasurer, 47 Tremont street, Boston.

REPORT OF MEETING

held at Lower Elks' Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Wednesday evening, January 11. Forty members and friends present.

It was voted to drop from membership those who were two years in arrears, and these members are accordingly stricken from the roll: Numbers 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 28, 36, 38, 43, 44, 55 and 59.

The rules were suspended, and the following were elected to membership: Charles E. Abbott, No. 72, Andover, Mass.; Elliott F. Upham, No. 73, Lynn, Mass.

Adjourned at 8.30.

Immediately following the Annual Auction took place, Mrs. H. E. Woodward acting as Auctioneer and Mr. Sanderson as Secretary. One hundred and eighty lots, total \$279.60.

A lunch was served at the conclusion of the sale.

HOWARD K. SANDERSON, *Secretary*.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST :

Sir :—By the January number of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST I see one R. F. Albrecht has a letter in which he states his side of a story. The name of Albrecht was never mentioned by me at any time in my writings. I only drew a parallel case for the edification of stamp collectors who buy at auctions. Everybody knows I write under the *nom-de-plume* of "Canadensis." I never seek to disguise that fact, R. F. A. notwithstanding. When I warned collectors to be cautious in sending in bids, I certainly took my own troubles as a guide to go by, but I was careful not to mention the firm of R. F. A., for the very reason the latter fears, *i. e.*, that it would be injurious to his business. For that reason I changed the amount of the lot from \$3.05 to \$3.50, and the number from 58 to 53. This will show that I had more consideration for them than they had for me. The facts of the case are these: I admit I made a mistake and Albrecht admits he knew of that mistake, yet he, being my agent, and supposed as such to safeguard my interests, writes me after the sale that *he was surprised* at my bid. No wonder he was astonished to receive a bid of FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS for a set of Executive "specimens" worth nothing to me, classed by others as on a par with *facsimiles*, which were *never* used as stamps and could not be in their present condition. I willingly admit that \$4 to \$5 has been received for them. But when I send bids in to dealers as well as other collectors, I expect fair play, and if they are going to take advantage of one bid to the tune of \$15.25, I can only say that philately will receive a blow that will break the "boom." Bidders' interests are expected to be safeguarded by dealers. Are they not as well, if not better, posted than collectors? Had R. F. A. not stated they were aware of my mistake by telling me they were *astonished* at the bid, I would have settled the matter. R. F. A. appears to be afraid to *publicly produce* my letter he refers to! It tells the naked truth. I have purchased hundreds of dollars worth of stamps from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Bogert & Durbin Co., Mekeel Co., Mr. A. P. Hosmer and the Bradt Co., any one of which can certify to our pleasant dealings, extending over a period of ten years, during which time I never had dispute for one cent or over one stamp. I was pleased and satisfied with their honorable dealings, and they can say that I always paid cash in full promptly. This is a question collectors are interested in, and I am willing and anxious that either a court or a philatelic body shall judge the responsibility of auction dealers as regards my case.

Respectfully yours,

JNO. R. HOOPER.

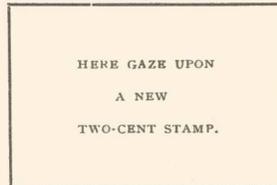
OTTAWA, CANADA, February 1, 1893.

Truth has the following regarding the Columbus stamps:

WHOSE HAIR RENEWER DID COLUMBUS USE

FROM THE TIME HE SIGHTED LAND?

TO THE TIME HE LANDED?



UPON a close examination of some of the 1c. Columbian stamps you will find that the lower part of the *B* in Columbus is made so imperfect as to lead one to believe that it is *Columrus* instead of *Columbus*.

COLLECTORS OF COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

THE attempt of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, to procure the passage of a joint resolution practically prohibiting the sale of Columbian postage stamps, might seem to have been offered directly in the interest of dealers in stamps, and while it is not at all probable that the Senator had any such intent, he certainly could not have introduced a measure which would give such cordial satisfaction to the gentlemen who have thousands of dollars invested in these little scraps of paper. Some dealers have already laid in a supply, for which they have paid out thousands of dollars, and these will not be offered for sale for years to come. Five or ten years from now some of these odd values of stamps of the issue of 1893 will bring prices four times greater than their face value, and it is not an exaggeration to say that the Post-office revenues will be swelled considerably more than \$1,000,000 this year through this issue.

Speaking of this matter, Chief Clerk Davis, of the Third Assistant's office in the Post-office Department, said: "Up to the time of Judge Gresham it was the custom of the Department to sell proofs of all the stamps which had been issued up to that time, upon the payment of their face value, but Judge Gresham had an idea that this practice might lead to fraud and to defalcations and he peremptorily stopped it, and upon this order something like \$300,000 worth in face value of old, obsolete issues of United States postage stamps were destroyed.

"One of the most surprising things in the world to me is that the most beautiful series of postage stamps issued to-day are those known as newspaper stamps. They are sold to postmasters, who use them as vouchers in turning in their returns of newspaper postage. They are supposed never to go out of the hands of the postmasters, and when they are eventually returned to the Department at Washington they are at once destroyed. These stamps run up in value as high as \$60, and many thousands of dollars might be added to the revenues of the department without any corresponding outlay and without any possible chance for fraud if some plan could be arranged by which these stamps could be sold to the public or the stamp collectors."

It is not at all likely Senator Wolcott's resolution will receive serious consideration in both Houses, and the Postmaster-General will probably continue to sell the Columbian postage stamps just as he does to-day to all who desire them up to the end of the year 1893, when they will be withdrawn from the market.

NEWS NUBBINS.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Judge now enters the philatelic arena, and produces in a recent issue an illustration labeled "A collection of foreign stamps." The picture shows foreign pedal extremities of various kinds, all of which are engaged in the act of "stamping." Taken all in all, the joke is quite good.

PERHAPS collectors may not be aware that Gus Luhn had his "little say" in the recent *Printers' Ink* controversy. It seems that Gus desired to exchange his *Seaside Thoughts* for the New York weekly, and so he wrote to the Post-office Department at Washington, asking if the exchange of the publications contemplated would prejudice the claims of *Printers' Ink* to second-class rates. Of course, the Department sent back the same old senseless, stereotyped, meaningless answer that was devised by some insane mossback in a moment of inebriety. Gus promptly wrote *Printers' Ink*, stating that he had framed his reply as an instance of the rights which American citizens enjoy under a free government. The letter was printed in full in the weekly.

ANOTHER philatelist, Beecher Ogden, also recently received notice in *Printers' Ink*. A meeting of the New York Amateur Journalists' Club was described, and Ogden's speech, in which he attributed the obtaining of second-class rates for the *Philatelist* to a favorable review of *Brook News*, was especially commented upon. Everything seems to be bringing philately to public notice in these later days.

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