



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND & FOURTH SATURDAYS IN ROOM 203 OF THE PHYSICS BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO. ALL STAMP, CARD & COVER COLLECTORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. 2:15 PM



STAMP STUDY SOCIETY

POST BOY

JANUARY 1991 "HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO EVERY ONE, HOPE 1991 TREATS

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YOU THE BEST EVER. SEEMS LIKE AGES SINCE WE WERE ALL TOGETHER, AND IT HAS BEEN A MONTH, THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, WHICH AS USUAL WAS GREAT FUN, ALWAYS FEEL SORRY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T ATTEND....THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE MISSING.

THANKS TO LOIS & DOUG WILICK FOR THEIR FIND AND THEIR GENEROSITY-- WE ARE GOING TO TRY A NEW FEATURE, WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN YOUR THOUGHTS. THE ORIGINAL ITEMS ARE FROM NEWSPAPERS SOME FIFTY YEARS AGO, ARE YELLOWED, BRITTLE AND DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TOO WELL TO COPYING. JACK BUSH HAS WRITTEN UP SOME OF THE STORIES TO GET US STARTED, BUT I THINK THEY LOSE A BIT OF THEIR APPEAL, WHEN YOU DON'T SEE THE ACTUAL FORMAT THAT THEY ORIGINALLY CAME OUT IN, SO I AM GOING TO RUN A COUPLE OF PAGES WITH COPIES FROM THE ORIGINAL COLUMNS, IF THIS PROVES TOO DIFFICULT TO READ OR YOU FLAT DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST LET ME KNOW, AND WE WILL NOT RUN ANY MORE, IF YOU LIKE IT, SAY SO, AND WE WILL CONTINUE. IT MIGHT BE FUN TO TRY AND RUN DOWN THE STAMPS MENTIONED AND AFFIX THEM TO THE ARTICLES, WHO KNOWS, IT MIGHT START A WHOLE NEW SEARCH FOR STAMPS.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A "SHOW & TELL", BRING A FAVORITE OR UNUSUAL ITEM THAT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT, OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT FROM OTHER MEMBERS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT. OUR NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 26th WILL BE A PHILATELIC AUCTION, SO GET YOUR MATERIAL OUT AND BRING IT IN FOR SALE. WE NOW KEEP 100% OF LOTS SOLD REMEMBER, NOTHING GOES TO THE CLUB, IT ALL GOES TO YOU, SO HERE IS A CHANCE TO UNLOAD SOME EXTRAS, AND PUT A FEW BUCKS IN YOU POCKET WHILE YOU ARE AT IT, SO REMEMBER - JANUARY 26th PHILATELIC AUCTION

WE WILL BE PASSING AROUND THE REFRESHMENT CALENDAR, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO TAKE A DATE, BUT CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE CALL ME, AND I WILL WRITE YOU IN, WE NEED EVERYONES PARTICIPATION IN THIS. ALSO NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO DO PROGRAMS, WHICH I AM SURE MOST OF YOU COULD DO ONE IF YOU TRIED, SO PLEASE HELP OUT WITH THAT TOO.....SEE YOU ON SATURDAY WITH A SHOW & TELL.....

(REMEMBER THIS FROM OUR PICNIC)

GRACE ELY'S BROCCOLI SALAD

APPROXIMATELY ONE POUND FRESH FLOWERETTES BROCCOLI

HALF POUND SLICED FRESH MUSHROOMS

ONE CUP GOLDEN RAISINS

SUNFLOWER SEEDS )  
CHOPPED ONION ) ADD THIS IN QUANTITY TO SUIT YOUR  
INDIVIDUAL TASTE

DRESSING:

ONE HALF CUP SUGAR

ONE FOURTH CUP VINEGAR (I USED WINE VINEGAR WHEN I MADE IT)

ONE CUP SALAD OIL

ONE HALF TEASPOON PAPRIKA

ONE HALF TEASPOON CELERY SEED

TOSS BROCCOLI, MUSHROOMS, RAISINS, ONION & SUNFLOWER SEED  
TOGETHER.

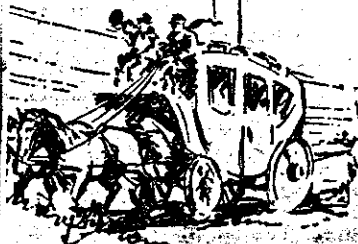
MIX DRESSING AND POUR OVER THE ABOVE AT LEAST TWO OR THREE HOURS  
BEFORE YOU WANT TO SERVE IT SO IT CAN MARINATE, TOSS OCCASIONALLY  
(I FIXED MINE IN THE EARLY MORNING, PUT IT IN A COVERED TUPPERWARE  
BOWL, AND KEPT TURNING THE BOWL OVER EVERY COUPLE OF HOURS ALL  
DAY LONG.

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# STORIES IN STAMPS

By I. S. Klein

## SYMBOL OF THE MAILS



THE romantic past is linked with today by means of the post horn that appears on many stamps of Europe. This is the symbol of the postal service and it is used in many different ways to recall the days when its blast resounded in advance of the coach that stopped at the inn with its passengers and left a small bag of dispatches for the district.

Norway issued post horn stamps most frequently, although Germany, Austria, Danzig, Sweden, and other countries are close behind. The post horn has been modernized even to the extent of adding wings to it and using the stamp for airmail postage, as shown on the German airmail stamp below. The design has been used even as a watermark for some stamps in Finland, Norway and Brunswick.



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NEXT: Who lived "next door" to the poor?

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## "NEXT DOOR TO THE POOR"



"WHEN I'm a grownup lady, I want to live next door to poor people," said the late Jane Addams, famous social reformer and founder of "Hull House," when she was 6.

When she was grown up, Jane Addams moved next door to the poor of Chicago and did for them what no other woman ever has done. With the money she inherited from her father, she founded an institution that has been the model for similar helpful humanitarian institutions elsewhere. As the result of her work for the poor, and her valiant efforts for peace, Miss Addams, at the age of 71, received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1931. She died May 21, 1935.

And the first country to honor her in stamps was not the United States, but Turkey. The stamp is shown here, issued recently with others in connection with the International Suffragist Congress held at Istanbul.



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NEXT: What great throne room floats?

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## FLOATING THRONE OF THE ORIENT



IN the midst of oriental atmosphere in Bangkok rises a magnificent modern building—the Throne Hall of the emperor. Italian in design, material, and workmanship, this edifice has unique interest in that it floats on a layer of concrete pontoons!

When the hall was built, its enormous weight caused it to sink into the soft alluvial soil. As a result, pontoons were fitted underneath.

Around the spacious throne, surmounted by a nine-tiered royal umbrella and flanked by two seven-tiered umbrellas, is a gallery of paintings that tell the story of Siam since the first of the 19th century.

The stamp shown here pictures this Throne Room. It was planned to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the coronation of King Vajiravudh, but when the latter died in 1925 it was issued later as a regular stamp.



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NEXT: What is the living fossil of New Zealand?

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## THREE-EYED LIVING FOSSIL



CRAWLING over the almost inaccessible, rocky islands off the coast of New Zealand are small lizard-like creatures that scientists consider "living fossils"—the only surviving representatives of the Age of Reptiles, some 150,000,000 years ago.

Tuatara is what the Maoris of New Zealand call it; the name denoting the spiny characteristic of its skin. On its forehead is a third or pineal eye, which is more highly developed than other three eyes found in similar creatures. But back of that eye is a brain that is hardly larger than a pea.

When Captain Cook brought the pig to New Zealand and let it roam wild, the tuatara was almost entirely exterminated. Now the few remaining examples are under protection of the government.

One of New Zealand's latest series of stamps, the 8-penny value, illustrates this last remnant of reptilian creatures that once ruled the earth by their might.

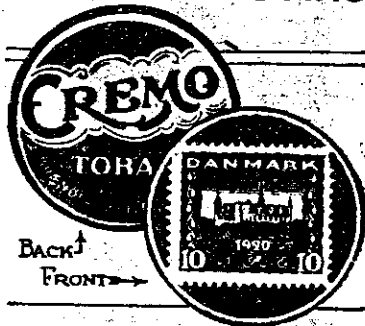
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NEXT: Why were stamps issued as coins?

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### STAMPS AS COINS



WAR, which brought on a shortage of metal and the hoarding of coins, also caused the use of stamps as legal tender. It was so in the United States during the Civil War, and it was more so in Europe, particularly France, Germany and Austria, during the World War.

Since the stamps would last a very short time if handled too often, they were put into small metal containers and covered with mica, the backs of the containers carrying advertisements which repaid the cost. Above are the front and back of such a stamp coin, current in Denmark shortly after the war. In that country, this was done more as a commercial enterprise, by which the government could profit from such advertising, than from lack of coinage.

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NEXT: What country erected the first monument to Columbus?

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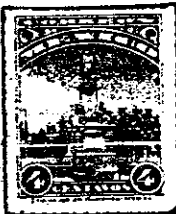
### FIRST STATUE TO COLUMBUS



NO man, probably, has as many memorials erected to his memory in the western hemisphere as has Christopher Columbus. But the distinction of being the first country to honor the discoverer of America by a statue goes to Mexico.

In the middle of the beautiful Paseo de la Reforma, the tree-lined boulevard in Mexico City which extends two miles to the Hill of Chapultepec, stands the first statue to Columbus.

The statue represents Columbus drawing aside the veil that hid the New World. Around its base are figures of famous Mexicans and Spaniards, one of whom is the distinguished Spanish Dominican friar, Bartolome de las Casas, who defended the Mexican Indians against their cruel conquerors.



The stamp illustrating this monument, and shown here, was one of a regular set of seven issued in 1923.

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NEXT: What Polish patriot was a Revolutionary hero?

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### ENGINEER OF THE REVOLUTION



WEST POINT, N.Y.

WEST POINT and many of the other fortifications along the Hudson are products of the engineering genius of a Polish patriot. He was Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who on Oct. 13, 1783, was made a U. S. citizen by act of Congress, was brevetted a brigadier-general, was made a member of the Order of Cincinnati, and voted thanks.

Born to wealth and prominence, the adventurous Kosciuszko came to America and volunteered for service in the Revolution. His brilliance as a military engineer won favor with General Washington.

After the war, he returned to Poland and there joined in the Revolution of 1791, that made Poland a limited monarchy. He was taken prisoner by the Russians and released in 1796, when he revisited America. He died in 1817.

Both Poland and the United States honor Kosciuszko in stamps. The U. S. issue of 1933, on the 150th anniversary of his citizenship, pictures his statue in Lafayette Park, Washington.

U. S.—1932  
Tadeusz  
Kosciuszko  
5c blue

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NEXT: What fleet animal was believed to make others fleet?

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### SWIFT-FOOTED QUARRY



A STRANGE superstition among the Bushmen of South Africa saved many a swift-footed animal from destruction. It was the belief of these savages that the food a hunter had just eaten influenced the game he was pursuing. If he partook of the meat of a swift-footed animal, his quarry would be alert and speedy, and he would be unable to run it down. But let him eat of a slow-footed animal, and his quarry would become slow and easy to kill.

For this reason, the swift springbok of South Africa was held in especial esteem by the Bushmen. Not only would they avoid eating any part of this graceful gazelle, but they would not dare touch it, lest the less agile gemsbok which they were hunting, would acquire the speed of the smaller animal. The savages believed the springbok never slept at night, and if they ate of it the hunted gemsbok would lie awake also.



The head of the graceful springbok appears on stamps of South Africa, one of which is shown here, for this country is the sole habitat of the animal.

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STAMPOSIUM ...member voices

### Scott Shortcomings

I've been collecting Canada a long time as I have visited a few Canadian cities. Then Australia was started, as I'd always wanted to go there. Closest I could get was Noumea, New Caledonia, about 350 miles. Recently I expanded to include Singapore, as a survey ship I was on was in the yard there over a month about 3 years ago. I was off every night and rode the bus into town -- I enjoyed the city, the sights, and the people.

Recently I bought some packets for these countries and relied on Scott Volume 1 to identify the stamps. It was a lot of work! They've done a tremendous job cataloging the world, but there are problems.

Some stamps have just subject, country and value. Most of the time Scott will have a careful, if convoluted, identification, but sometimes they list the set showing one stamp and the rest of the values, and it's up to you to divine if the stamp you have is in the set.

At times the task is impossible with the information given. Australian flowers are issued with common names included; Scott may give the Latin names. Or the Aboriginal cave drawings only show the subject, and Scott lists them by National Park or location, which are not available here.

Jack Bush

### Overseas Packets

Just finished 'working up' two Australian packets, same price and same number of stamps, but one from an American source and one Australian.

I saw the Australian ad and said, "Oh, what the heck," and put \$6 on my visa. In a surprisingly short time the packet arrived and contained a much wider array of stamps. There were a few high values which I didn't expect, and many complete sets -- all excellent stamps.

In addition there were many issued after the Scott '91 Volume 1 went to press so I am ahead there. All in all I was well pleased I had gone overseas!

Jack Bush

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### ATM Stamps

Removing a large block of ATM stamps from parcel wrappings was an easy job. Use a few inches of hot water in the sink, just as hot as you can stand it, and put the block in face down for a few seconds. The ATM's lift off easily, most without residual gum. Bits of gum left came off easily by rolling and 'pilling', then removing.

The plastic used in these stamps is something else -- it's thick and tough so don't worry about tearing the stamp when taking it off. And it has a sort of magnetic property built in. After cleaning, the stamps cling to each other or to any surface on which they are placed.

Jack Bush

### Stock Pages

Plastic stock pages have always sort of riled me. The clear pockets let all of the stamp show, but invariably the pockets are from 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" deep, with only a small space left between pockets to insert or remove stamps.

"Security," a dealer told me a long time ago. Phooie -- I've cut down all mine to a pocket depth of a little less than 7/8", to no ill effect. Much easier manipulating stamps!

Of course if you turned your stockbook upside down and shook it, or dropped it to the floor upside down, the stamps might drop out. I use a lot more care than that and haven't had any trouble in years.

Jack Bush

### My Favorite Stamp

Several years ago a dealer donated a small stand for a club door prize, and I happened to win it.

A 3" clear plastic square on a little base, it originally held Australia 804, the marriage stamp of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. I liked the stamp and left it on display.

A few months ago I wondered what was my pet stamp, and there was no contest. My favorite dispossessed the happy couple; now you'll see CE2, the Special Delivery 16 cent Great Seal of the United States issued in 1936. Engraved in red and blue with white space to show the seal, it is an excellent bit of design and execution. What's yours?

Jack Bush