

STAMP COLLECTING

"PICTORIALS"



There is no doubt but that an occasional issue of Pictorials stimulates stamp collecting, but when new issues come on the market as frequently as they have during the past few years, and especially in the past year, it is no longer possible to collect stamps leisurely. It is necessary to be always on the jump to keep up with these new issues. It is almost becoming laborious to keep abreast of the times in procuring all of the new issue as they come out, to say nothing of the necessary investment.

Warnings have been sounded from time to time on the possible ultimate effect on stamp collecting of so many new issues. An article in a recent issue of "Stamp Collecting," by W. E. Fynden, covers the point in question. We believe Mr. Fynden's article will be found interesting and print it herewith:

"If there is one thing more than another which the new editions of the catalogues cause to stand out with marked clearness, it is that the hunt of the pictorial is in full cry. So much is this the case that one wonders how and where it will end, and whether the ultimate result will be beneficial to philately or otherwise.

"Personally, I have my doubts. Some months ago, in an eminently sane letter which appeared in the columns of 'Stamp Collecting,' Colonel McMahon emphasized the point that 'the stamp's the thing.' That observation is as true as it was opportune, for it served to remind us that other considerations were insidiously creeping into stamp collecting, and were introducing so many side lines that the hobby was in danger of becoming a sort of Clapham Junction of activities. And it is a truism to say that a number of divided interests have not anything like the force of a few concentrated ones.

"As I see the present craze for pictorials, there are two, if not three, real dangers ahead. The first is that it will widen the breach between philatelists and stamp collectors, and that, if it continues, the time must come when the two have little or nothing in common. The second is that this craze for pictorials will inevitably wean the collector from his stamps as stamps, and that will mean that so long as he gets a nice picture well produced he will be quite satisfied. And the third is the distinct possibility of a vicious circle being set up.

"Indeed, I am not at all sure that the vicious circle has not already begun. Let us face the facts. Much of the present craze is due to collectors taking pictorials because of their artistic attractions. So soon as countries realize this state of affairs—as I believe they are beginning to

realize it—they will start turning out pictorials, which in due course will be swallowed up to be supplanted by yet more. And so it will go on. Far be it from me to decry the aesthetic side of stamp collecting, but if the position which I have visualized is even a remote possibility, I think that the sooner we apply ourselves to Colonel McMahon's clarion call the better.

"Look at this matter how you will, there is no getting away from the fact that the craze for pictorials is being followed by a spate of such issues, which, because the craze still continues, will be eagerly snapped up. And then, no doubt, there will be more pictorials; and then —?

"As I have said, the hunt is at present in full cry, and not being a seer I am unable to say how long it will last before the kill comes; but that it will come, sooner or later, I have no shadow of doubt. Probably it will continue throughout this season, because, at the moment, there is no sign of anything taking its place; after that, however, I would not like to hazard a guess.

"For those who are interested in these stamps and who have been following my notes of the past twelve months, it may be instructive to look at present-day prices and compare them with those which were prevailing when I first advocated purchase of pictorials. So far as memory serves me, my strongest tips have been in respect of Antigua, British Guiana, Canada, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, certain issues of Newfoundland, and Sierra Leone.

"Now let us have a look at what the 'Regent' catalogue says about these. Last year the Antigua Tercentenary set were quoted at 11s. 6d.; this price was altered in the first supplement to 21s. Today those self-same stamps figure at 27s. 6d.—a very substantial advance, even on the interim quotation. Only the \$1 value of the British Guiana set has moved to any appreciable extent, but as this has risen 50 per cent., there is nothing much to grumble at.

"Canadian pictorials have scarcely moved at all, despite their undoubted popularity, but, of course, supplies of Canadian stamps are always on the large side. On the other hand, the handsome Falklands commemorative set have risen sharply, and look like going higher still. The £1 value has gone from 24s. 6d. to 40s.; the 'Regent' prices for the shilling values strike me as being low.

Most of the Montserrats are now quoted at nearly 50 per cent. over face, and will exceed that figure before the season has gone very far; but the Newfoundland prices, while higher than those of last year, are clear evidence of the easing up which has taken place in connection with this colony. As for Sierra Leone, when the 'Regent' went to press it was too early for the publisher to give much indication of the appreciation which has already begun to manifest itself, and except for a normal advance in the 1932 pictorials, no change has been

KNOW YOUR WORLD

NICE

(By Central Press Canadian)

Descriptive—Nice, capital of the department of Alpes-Maritimes, France, is delightfully situated on the Mediterranean at the foot of the Alps and the western extremity of the Riviera. It is famed as a resort for health seekers. The population is 218,549.

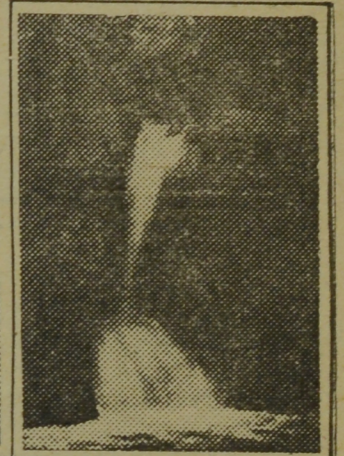
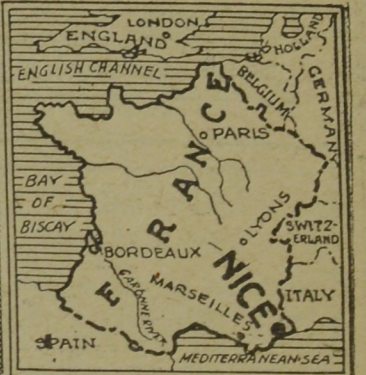
Historical—The city dates from the fourth century, B.C. It was called Nicaea by the ancients. It must not be confused with the Nicaea of Bythnia in Asia Minor, commonly believed one of the sources of the Nicene Creed, ancient formula of the Christian faith. During the middle ages, Nice belong to Provence, finally passing to Savoy. In 1792 the French took it, but it was returned to Sardina after the fall of Napoleon. It became a part of France again in 1860. The city suffered severely from an earthquake in 1877.

Points of Interest—Nice is one of the most beautiful of the southern sea resorts, with its promenades affording a view of the coast, and a fine boulevard along the sea front. The Place Massena, with its bronze statue of Massena, is one of the city's centres of life. Adjacent is the Casino. From the Casino the public garden reaches to the seaside, where there is an iron and glass pier promenade. The Promenade des Anglais is flanked by spacious hotels and villas, with gardens of orange and lemon trees and acres of flowers. There is a pyramid to the memory of Garibaldi.

Commerce and Industry—Nice exports oranges, lemons, flowers, perfumes, olives, oils and liquors. It manufactures ivory goods, furniture, silks and dyes. Marble is quarried nearby.



A beautiful garden



Les Gorges Du Loup



View of the Bay, Nice, France

shown. The prices quoted for the Abolition of Slavery set will not hold good for long, and while the fashion remains as it is they must be a good investment."

STAMP STATISTICS

According to the latest edition of Whitfield King's "Standard" Postage Stamp Catalogue the total number of stamps issued to date by the world's post offices is 58,607. Europe has given us nearly a third of that large total with 18,402 stamps. The other continents and groups return totals as follows: Asia, 10,795; Africa, 13,076; America, 10,013; West Indies, 3,380; and Oceania, 2,941.

ENGINEERING A SHOWER

One man in Britain has learned to laugh at drought. He is F. A. Secrett, of Walton-on-Thames, owner of one of the finest market gardens in the country. Whenever his plants show signs of thirst, he pulls a lever and a gentle shower of rain falls on their dusty leaves. He can conjure up anything from a Scotch mist to a cloudburst at will. The secret of this is a thirty horsepower oil engine, installed above an underground stream he discovered on his land, which pumps water into tall standpipes, ar-

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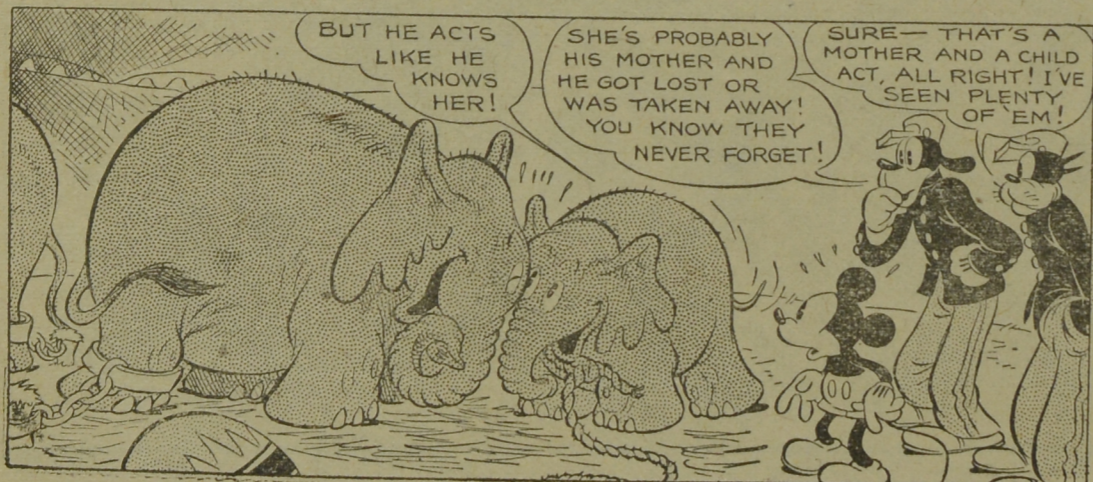
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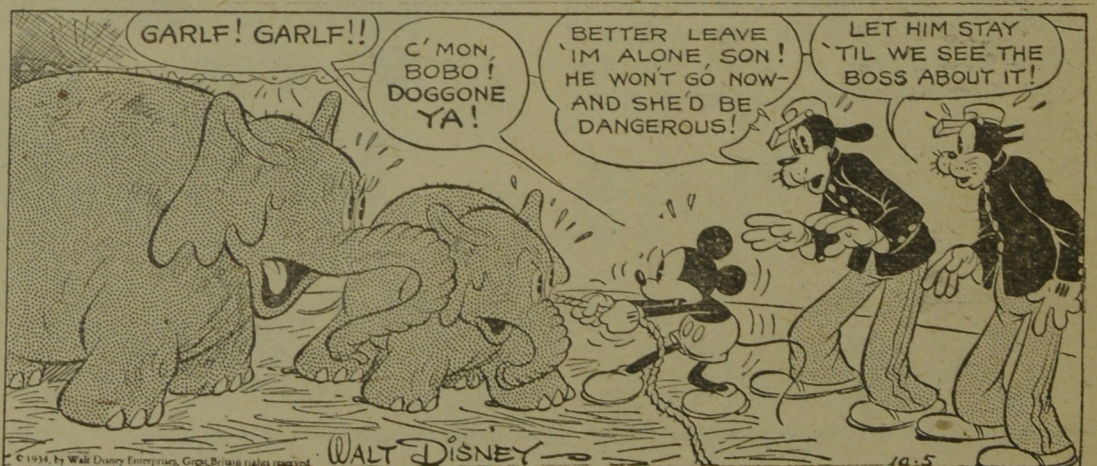
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