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DAILY REVIEW.

By S. B. HOPKINS.

There have been so many newcomers in this field of philatelic literature of late that we have decided to devote a whole column to them in this issue and call attention to some of their merits and demerits.

One of the smallest of these babies has the longest name, *Trans-Mississippi Stamp*. But it is a lusty infant, and we expect great things of it hereafter. It is edited by Mr. F. B. Woolston and published by Mr. C. R. Pyburn, one of its avowed objects in life being to secure the 1898 conventions for Omaha, its place of publication. "Omaha is the place for the conventions in 1898" is about the most prominent inscription on the cover. Type-work and paper will pass muster, but the binding is very inferior; in fact, the cover is merely stuck on and the inside pages are not bound at all.

The contents stack up about as follows: Convention minutes of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, meeting minutes of the Keokuk Philatelic Society, a very amusing "Stolen Child," some excellent editorial paragraphs on the most interesting topics of the day, and a department of reviews conducted by Mr. W. B. Hopson.

We left out Mr. Rhone's "Notes on English Stamps," because we are going to take them up in detail and comment on them. They are the only thing in the number we have any fault to find with.

"The current issue of England are all found in lighter shades of color. This is due to the ink being of a different shade, and not to fading." Lighter than what? The last statement may be so, but wouldn't it be rather difficult to substantiate it?

"England has used, postally, between 1853 and 1882, thirty-five varieties of revenues." And there are 49 listed in the 56th edition catalogue; but perhaps Mr. Rhone does not consider that bluish paper forms a distinct variety. In which case he ought to say so.

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