



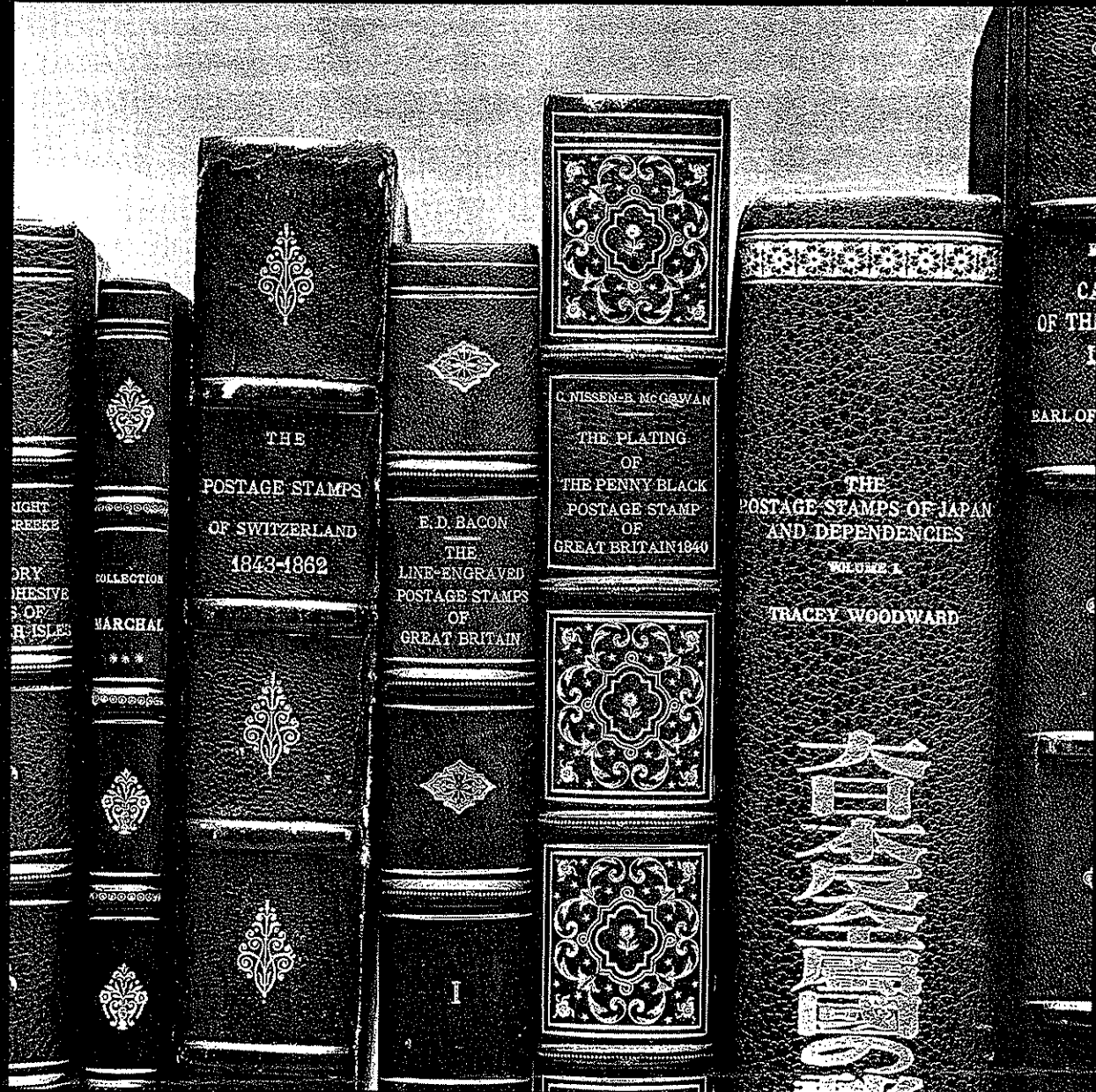
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featuring the "P.M." library, Sale Nº4622, held on 16
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For a report of the auction see PLR 4th Qtr.91, Nº153,
pp.186-191. Bill Welch reviews this auction. He
erronously attributes the initials "P.M." to a Pierre
Marchal. Actually it was the Pedro Monge Library,
consisting of all literature not pertaining to Spain
proper. Sr. Sempere made the decision for this sale.

Also see pp.207-208 for a report by Dr. Conrad Graham.



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INTRODUCTION

Pedro Monge

It is, indeed, a major philatelic occasion when an important library appears at auction. Very few such libraries have remained in private hands. The "P.M. Library", which is one of the great European libraries, was formed by a prominent professional philatelist, who began it at the beginning of this century. After his death nearly thirty years ago, the library was carried on by his son.

The strength of the library lies in the myriad facets of philately it covers. There are the pioneer works and catalogues which appeared during the infancy of philately. From these treasured incunabula, there is then the wealth of periodicals which sprung up. Specialisation has produced a mountain of works on individual subjects and countries. Some of these ensuing sections were of such depth and magnitude as to represent significant libraries in their own right. Rather than break-up such entities, it was decided to leave a number of these groups largely intact. The auction concludes with a fine array of auction catalogues, including those of prominent pre-war auctioneers from what was truly a golden era for philately.

It should also be noted that many of the books in this library have been bound by E. Brugalla, one of Europe's most prestigious bookbinders. These have been indicated by an (*) which appears after the description.

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	Great Britain — contd.	
62	<i>The Raconteur and Philatelist</i> , Vol. II (1935-36), and <i>The Philatelist</i> , Vols. V-VII, IX, X, XII, XIV-XVII (between 1938 and 1951), bound, some waterstains, 4to.	£120
63	<i>Stamp Collectors' Magazine</i> , Vols. I-XII (1863-74), complete (publ. Stafford Smith, Bath), bound in 6 volumes, some binding faults, small 4to. A very rare and early English magazine	£250
64	<i>The Stamp Trade. A Monthly Journal for Stamp Dealers</i> , Vols. I-II (1915-16), bound, large 4to.	£50
65	<i>Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal</i> , Vols. VI-XII (1895-1902) and new series Vols. I-VIII (1923-35), bound, 4to. *	£300
	Italy	
66	Various with good runs (not complete) of <i>Revista Filatelica Italia</i> (1918-38), <i>Revista Mensile del Circolo Filatelico Italiano</i> (1918-22), <i>Filatelia</i> (1925-30), <i>Il Corriere Filatelico</i> (1920-39), <i>Rassegna Filatelica</i> , Nos. 1-7 (1925), <i>Filatelista</i> (1909-32), <i>L'Ideale Filatelico</i> (1918-21), <i>Il Bollettino Filatelico</i> (1912-31), and <i>Filatelia Scientifica</i> (1917-19), and various odd issues including <i>Il Collezionista</i> , No. 1 (1900), <i>Lo Studente Filatelico</i> , No. 1 (1920), <i>La Filatelista Italiano</i> (1898), <i>Souilla Filatelica</i> (1919), <i>Fiume Filatelica</i> (1937), <i>Il Francobollo</i> (1898), <i>Il Filatelico Italiano</i> (1916), <i>Revista del Francobollo</i> (1906-11), <i>Trinacria</i> (1895), <i>L'Annunzio Filatelico Internazionale</i> (1914-16), <i>Gazetta dei Filatelisti</i> (1912-13) and <i>Il Filatelico</i> , Nos. 1-5 (1917). Contained in 9 cartons	£100
67	<i>L'Annunzio Filatelico Internazionale</i> , Vols. I-II (1914-15), 4to.	£40
68	<i>Il Bollettino Filatelico</i> , 1914-30 (missing 1917-18, 1920, 1924, 1926-27), bound in 7 volumes, binding lightly waterstained, 4to.	£300
69	<i>Il Corriere Filatelico</i> , Vols. VIII-XVI (1926-34), bound in 9 volumes	£200
70	<i>Filatelia</i> , Vols. X (1926), XI (1927) and XIV (1930), also Vol. XII (Jan.-June 1928), bound, bindings waterstained, 4to.	£100
71	<i>La Rivista Filatelica Italiana</i> , 1920, 1924-27, bound in 6 volumes, 4to.	£200
72	<i>Trinacria, Organo Ufficiale del Circolo Filatelico Napolitano</i> , Vol. I, No. 1 — Vol II, No. 3 (Feb. 1895-March 1896), bound, 4to.	£75
	Netherlands	
73	<i>De Postzegelgids</i> , 1900 (Nov.) - 1901 (Oct.), 1905 (Jan.-Dec.) and 1915 (Oct.) - 1916 (Dec.), bound in 3 volumes, small folio	£100
	Scandinavia	
74	Various including fairly comprehensive, though not complete, runs of <i>Den danske Filatelist</i> (1923-38), <i>Filatelistiska Smeddelanden</i> (1919-32), <i>Filatelisten</i> (1916-22), <i>Jydsk Frimaerkblad</i> (1917-38), <i>Kosmofilatelist</i> (1924-26), <i>Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift</i> (1918-22), <i>Suoman Postimerkkilehti</i> (1920-31), and <i>Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift</i> (1922-28); also a good range of odd issues including <i>Finska Filatelisten</i> (1920), <i>Frimærke Tidende</i> (1913-19), and <i>Philatelisten</i> (1905)	£100
74A	<i>Nordisk Filatelist</i> , 1915-16, bound in 2 volumes, and <i>Svensk Philatelist</i> , 1919-20, bound in one volume, 4to.	£120
	Switzerland	
75	Various loose and incomplete runs, including <i>Berner Briefmarken Zeitung</i> between 1915-46, <i>La Colombe de Bâle</i> (1928-30), Fournier's <i>Le Fac-Simile</i> (1910-13, with No. 1), <i>Guide Philatélique</i> , No. 1 (Jan. 1902), <i>Journal des Collectionneurs</i> (1904-06, with No. 1), <i>L'International Revue Philatélique et Aerophilatélique</i> (1926-29), <i>Die Kurier</i> (1916-21), <i>Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung</i> between 1905-46, <i>Schweizer Briefmarken Sammler</i> (1913-15), and <i>Timbres et Cartes</i> (1904); also <i>Liechtenstein</i> (1922)	£100
75A	<i>Berner Briefmarken</i> , 1927-30; <i>La Colombe de Bâle</i> , Vol. I (Aug. 1928-Feb. 1930) *; <i>Schweizerischer Briefmarken Sammler</i> , 1913-15; and <i>Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung</i> , Vols. XXIII-XXV (1910-12); each bound separately	£150
	Australia	
76	<i>The Australian Stamp Journal</i> , Vols. VII-IX (1916-19), bound, second volume binding waterstained, small 4to.	£150
	Japan	
77	<i>The Yuraku</i> , Vol. III, Nos. 1-12 (Aug. 1916-July 1917), bound, small 4to.	£100
	Latin America	
78	The outstanding assembly including Argentina with good runs of <i>Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina</i> (1894-1935, with No. 1), <i>Revista de Correos y Telegrafos</i> (1937-40), <i>Revista Postal y Telegrafica</i> (1909-18 with No. 1), and issues of <i>El Filatelico Argentino</i> (1917), <i>El Coleccionista Argentina</i> (1893), <i>El Coleccionista</i> (1904-06, 46-47), <i>Corrier Filatelico</i> (1939-47), <i>Centro Filatelico Cordoba</i> (1927), <i>Buenos Aires Postal</i> (1894), <i>Argentina</i> (1926-35), <i>El Filatelista</i> (1920-21), <i>La Hoja Filatelica</i> (1930), <i>La Filatelica Argentina</i> (1922-31), <i>Filatelia</i> (Buenos Aires 1901-03, with No. 1), <i>El Rosario Filatelico</i> , Nos. 1-2, 6 (1893), <i>El Filatelista Sud-Americano</i> (1893-96), <i>Patagonia Filatelica</i> (1925-26), <i>La Noja Filatelica</i> No. 1 (1917), <i>La Revista Postal</i> (1898), <i>La Valija Postal</i> (1905-06 with No. 1), <i>Revista Filatelica de la Sociedad de Comerciantes en Sellos Postales de Buenos Aires</i> (1927-29), Bolivia with <i>Revista Filatelica Boliviana</i> Nos. 1-3 (1933-34), Brazil with <i>O Sao Paulo Philatelico</i> (1913-16), <i>O Piaui Philatélico</i> (1918), <i>O Philocartista Brasileiro</i> (1905), <i>O Philatelico</i> (1925-29), <i>O Echo Philatelico</i> (1915-17), <i>O Maranhão Philatelico</i> (1916), <i>O Correio Philatelico</i> (1918), <i>O Brazil Philatélico</i> (1904-14), <i>Brasil Turista</i> (1919), <i>Bolatin da Sociedade Filatelica Paulista</i> (1926-38), <i>Brasil Philatelico</i> (1924-28), <i>Brazil Philatelico</i> (1893), <i>Paraiba Filatelica</i> (1938-48), <i>Paysandu Filatelico</i> (1924), <i>Philatelia</i> (1915-23), <i>Rio Grande Filatelico</i> (1931-34), <i>Uniao Philatelica</i> (1918), <i>Universus</i> (1915-16), <i>UPAS</i> (1919-20) and <i>Vera Cruz</i> Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 (1915-16), Chile with <i>Semanario Filatelico</i> (1916-17), <i>Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile</i> (1900-01), <i>Chile Filatelico</i> (1901, 23-29 and a few others to 1953), <i>Noticias Filatelicas</i> (1909), <i>Revista Filatelica</i> (1918), <i>Revista Filatelica Chilena de Valparaiso</i> Nos. 1-3 (1924), <i>Correo Filatelico</i> (1903), <i>Tarapacá Filatelico</i> Nos. 1-11, 13, 15-17 (1909-10) and <i>Valparaiso Filatelico</i> (1 Mar. 1899), Colombia with <i>Colombia Filatelica</i> (1924-28), <i>El Coleccionista</i> (1904-05, with No. 1), <i>El Eco Filatelica</i> (1915-16), <i>El Heraldo Filatelico</i> (1887), <i>El Progreso Filatelico</i> No. 1 (1887), <i>La Union Postal</i> Nos. 1-3, 5-6, 9 (1905), <i>La Revista Filatelica</i> (1888), Costa Rica with <i>Costa Rica Filatelica</i> 1911 with No. 1 (1933-37, 1945), <i>Costa Rica Postal</i> Nos. 1-2, 6 (1894-95), <i>El Correo Postal</i> Nos. 1, 3-5 (1906), Cuba with <i>Archivos</i> (1919), <i>Cuba Filatelica</i> Nos. 1-4 (1905) and second series Nos. 1-19 (1914-17), <i>Cuba Carto-Filatelia</i> (1912), <i>El Coleccionista</i> (1915-16), <i>El Correio de Cuba</i> (1900-01), <i>Habana Filatelica</i> Nos. 1, 2, 4 (1924-25), <i>La Filatelica en Cuba</i> (1917-24 with No. 1), <i>Revista del Circulo Filatelico de Cuba</i> (1910-14 with No. 1), <i>Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Cubana</i> (1902-05 with No. 1), <i>Revista Filatelica de las Antillas</i> (1929-30), Dominican Republic with <i>Bulletin de Correos y Telegrafos</i> (1894), <i>El Correo Filatelico</i> No. 1 (1911), <i>El Filatelico</i> (1886), <i>El Filatelico Dominicano</i> (1904), <i>Filatelia</i> (1912), <i>Revista de Canges</i> (1920), <i>Revista Postal Dominicana</i> (1905), <i>Santo Domingo Postal</i> (1903), <i>El Estudiante Filatelico</i> Nos. 1-5 (1911), Ecuador with <i>Ecuador Filatelico</i> Nos. 1-2 (1911), <i>El Ecuador Filatelico</i> (1886), <i>El Porvenir Postal</i> (1906-07), <i>Guayaquil Filatelico</i> Nos. 1-4 (1905-06), Guatemala with <i>El Filatelista Centro Americano</i> (1921), Mexico with <i>Aurora</i> (1906), <i>El Filatelista Mexicano</i> (1891), <i>El Monitor Filatelico</i> (1893-96), <i>Jalisco Filatelico</i> (1906), <i>Mexico Postal</i> (1892-93), <i>La Revista Filatelica Mexicana</i> (1911), Panama with <i>Revista Filatelica de Panama y Zona del Canal</i> (1924-25 with No. 1), Paraguay with <i>Revista del Centro Filatelico del Paraguay</i> (1924-26), Peru with <i>El Peru Filatelico</i> (Chiclayo, 1917-20), <i>El Filatelico del Peru</i> (1893), <i>Filatelia Peruana</i> Nos. 1 and 3 (1924-25), Puerto Rico with <i>El Noticiero Filatelico</i> (1901-05), <i>La Filatelica Antillana</i> (1892-93), <i>Puerto Rico Filatelico</i> (1911-12), Uruguay with good run of <i>Revista de Centro Coleccionistas del Uruguay</i> (1920-39), also <i>Uruguay Postal</i> (1908-10), and Venezuela with <i>Caracas Filatelico</i> (1894-95), <i>Venezuela Filatelica</i> Nos. 1-5 (1921) and <i>Venezuela Postal</i> (1892-94). A marvellous opportunity. Contained in 7 cartons	£1,000
79	<i>Le Brésil Philatélique</i> , 1915-17, bound in one volume, and <i>O Sao Paulo Philatelico</i> , 1914-15, bound in one volume, 4to.	£120

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Near and Far East		
Afghanistan		
213	Meyer, F. <i>Afghanistan: seine Post und seine Postwertzeichen</i> . Vienna, 1879. 23 pp. 4to. Rare early work	£25
China		
214	Oldfield, Capt. H. R. <i>The Stamps of the Treaty Ports of China</i> . London, 1927; also <i>Postage Stamps of Manchukuo</i> (c. 1940); Dr. W. Rosenberg, <i>Local Posts of China</i> (Shanghai, 1940); and S. A. Pappadapulo, <i>China and Treaty Ports Catalogue</i> (Shanghai, 1935)	£80
Japan		
215	Ichida, Dr. S. <i>The Dragon Stamps of Japan 1871-72</i> . Tokyo, 1959. Limited edition. 4to	£100
216	Ichida, Dr. S. <i>The Cherry Blossom Stamps of Japan 1872-76</i> . Tokyo, 1981. Limited edition and author signed. 313 pp. 4to	£120
217	Ito, Dr. Yoshimo. <i>1 Sen Blue, Native Paper</i> . Japan Philatelist Club, n.d. 269 pp. 4to	£50
218	Woodward, T. <i>The Postage Stamps of Japan and Dependencies</i> . 2 Vols. Shanghai, 1928. Limited edition No. 43 of 100. 573 pp. Full calf gilt. large 4to. A magnificent set. Photo 15	£1500
Persia		
219	Schuller, F. <i>Die Persische Post und die Postwertzeichen von Persien und Buchara</i> . Vienna, 1893. 95 pp. 4to	£100
Saudi Arabia		
220	Warin, D. F. <i>The Postal Issues of Hejaz, Jeddah, and Nejd</i> . London, 1927. 130 pp. Soft covers. 4to	£75
Latin America		
221	The library (60), including R. Elicabe, <i>Contribucion al Estudio de los Sellos Postales de Bolivia</i> ; C. Jewell, <i>Colombia and her Posts 1859-1903</i> , 2 vols. (1954); C. S. Mata, <i>Catalog de Sellos Postales de Costa Rica</i> (1953); <i>Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of South America</i> , <i>Morley's Philatelic Journal</i> (1901-04); <i>Memoria Dominicana</i> various between 1888 and 1899; J. N. Luff, <i>The Stamps of Panama</i> (1905); <i>Sentencia . . . en la Supuesta Falsificacion des Estampillas</i> (Asuncion, 1912); P. Rodriguez, <i>Catalogo de Sellos de Puerto Rico</i> ; and Postal Congress books with <i>Continental Sudamericano 1910</i> and <i>1911 Montevideo</i> , and <i>Panamericano 1926 Montevideo</i>	£300
222	A selection (14) with strength in Chile including <i>Gaceta Filatelica de Chile</i> , Nos. 1-18 (1934-36) bound in one volume; J. Carreras y Bulbena, <i>Primeros Emisiones de los Sellos de Correo de Chile</i> (1903); T. Aguirre Mercado, <i>Les Timbres du Chili</i> (1910); J. De Voss, <i>Via Panama</i> (1978); and <i>The Yucatan Affair</i> (1974)	£100
Argentina		
223	The valuable collection (34), including C. Carles various volumes (6) on postal archives, codes, jurisprudence and rates published between 1895-97; R. Carcamo, <i>Ha. de los Medos de comunicacion y Transporte en la Republica Argentina</i> , 2 viks. (1893); W. J. Cochrane and H. A. Spowart, <i>The Rivadavia Stamps of the Argentine Republic</i> (1923) *; A. Deluca, <i>Sellos Postales y Telegraficos Argentinos</i> , 2 vols. (1941) *; Marco del Pont, <i>El Correo Maritimo en el Rio de la Plata</i> (1913) *; R. Elicabe, <i>Contribucion al Estudio de los Sellos Postales Argentinos</i> 3 vols.; V. Kneitschel, <i>Catalogo de los Sellos Postales de la Republica Argentina y Buenos Aires . . .</i> , 2 vols (1958) M. Rettaroli, <i>Sellos Postales Argentinos</i> (1931), and <i>Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina</i> (1898) *. The more important works handsomely bound in quarter calf	£600
Brazil		
224	The selection (10), including Paul Ayres, <i>Catalogue de Carimbo</i> (1937, author signed); F. Napier, <i>The Stamps of the First Issue of Brazil</i> (1923, limited edition of 200 copies); E. Heinze, <i>Alt Brasilien mit einer Tafel Abbildungen</i> (1919); Dr. M. de Sanctis, <i>Carimbo e Marcas Postales no Brasil</i> (1927); and <i>Relatorio de la Soc. Filatelica Paulista, 1919-21</i>	£250
Chile		
225	A selection (15), including A. Echeverria y Reyes, <i>Disposiciones Vigentes sobre Correos y Telegrafos</i> (1888); Ossa Borne, <i>Reforma Postal en Chile</i> (1897); W. Haworth, <i>Chile. An Outline of the Postal Issues 1766-1919</i> ; S. Jean, <i>Les Timbres du Chili</i> (1910); <i>El Franqueo Previo y la Correspondencia Multada</i> (1899); <i>Guia Postal de la Republica Chile</i> (1875); J. Galvez, <i>Los Primeros Sellos de Chile</i> (1964); Krause and Philippi, <i>Die Postwertzeichen der Republik Chile</i> (1920); and Walters, <i>Notes on the Gillet Lithographs</i> (1923, with plates)	£200
Cuba		
226	A selection (17), including J. M. Andreini, <i>Puerto Principe. An Interesting Issue of Stamps in Cuba</i> (1904); R. R. Garcia, <i>El Correo Aero en Cuba</i> (1937); <i>Catalogo Guia . . . Cuba ay Puerto Rico</i> (1st edition, 1897-98); J. Guitierrez Hernandez, <i>Catalogo Descriptivo de los Sellos de Cuba 1855-1913</i> (1914); <i>Revista Filatelica Adelante</i> (1921-28); and <i>Reglamento Organico del Cuerpo de Comunicaciones de la Isla de Cuba</i> (1890)	£250
Mexico		
227	A selection (13), including J. Schatzkes, <i>The Cancellations of Mexico 1856-74</i> (1983); C. J. Phillips, <i>The Stamps of Mexico 1856-72</i> (1917); Linn, G. W., <i>The War Stamps of Mexico</i> (1917) and <i>The White and Green Seal Issues of Sonora</i> (1916), and E. Aguirre specialised catalogues (4) published between 1918 and 1928	£100
228	Aguirre, E. <i>Los Timbres Provisorios de Campeche</i> . Mexico, 1914. No. 116 of 200, specially bound *. 4to	£60
229	Bellows, W. C. <i>Some Notes on the Most Remarkable Postage Stamp Ever Issued</i> , New York, 1909. No. 9 of 100, 103 pp., specially bound *. 4to	£60
230	Smeth, P. and Fayolle, M. de. <i>Les Premières Emissions du Mexique, 1856-74</i> . Amiens, 1935; also the companion catalogue by Fayolle (1936; 58pp.). *	£100
231	Wilson. <i>The Postmarks of Mexico, 1856-72</i> . Birmingham, 1927; author signed. 75 pp. 4to	£50

Looking at Literature

Christie's Auction of Library Tops \$210,000

by Bill Welch

The "P.M. Library" was sold at auction by Christie's/Robson Lowe in London on October 16. Total realization, including the ten percent buyer's commission, was £123,576, or some \$214,000.

The library, according to the auction catalogue, was formed by a prominent professional philatelist, who began it at the beginning of this century. After his death nearly thirty years ago, the library was carried on by his son. Knowledgeable literature collectors have suggested that "P.M." was Pierre Marchal, which would help explain why the rather dull title page of the name sale of his *France and Colonies* (1935) is pictured in the catalogue.

"It is, indeed, a major philatelic occasion when an important library appears at auction," the Christie's catalogue notes, adding, "Very few such libraries have remained in private hands." And, indeed, this sale was the most important offering of philatelic literature since the William Lawrence Green library was auctioned in Cleveland, Ohio, in March of 1988. Price comparisons between the two sales are difficult, however, because of the different approaches to lotting taken by the respective auctioneers.

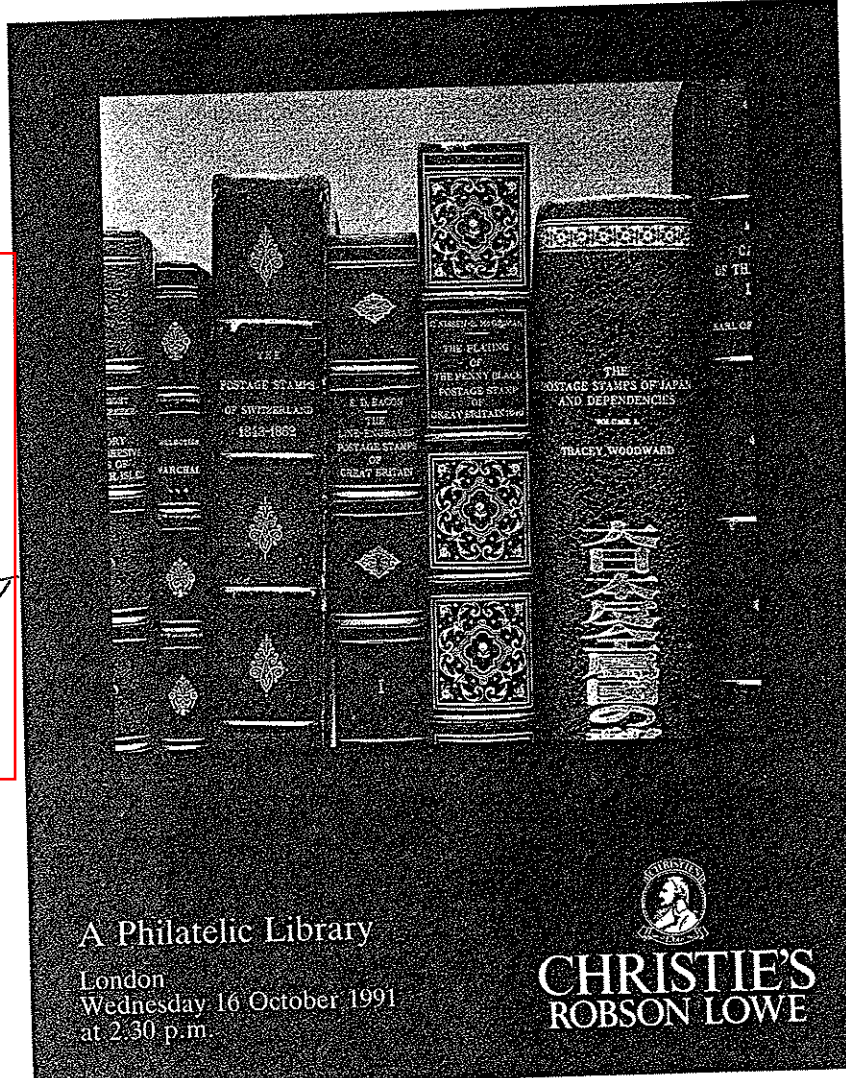
The Green library was lotted by individual handbooks or runs of journals; the P.M. library was, for the most part, lotted in large chunks. One of the most remarkable such lots was No. 144, France, "the superlative library of philatelic books and publications offered intact . . .," containing approximately 390 books or monographs and estimated at £5,000. It was one of the few lots to sell below the estimate, at £4,400, perhaps because Christie's was unable to provide a detailed listing of the contents.

Eighteen of the 311 lots in the P.M. sale sold for more than £1,000. (All prices include the ten percent buyer's commission.)


The top price — £7,700 — was paid for Lot No. 2, France.

The marvelous collection (147), including *Liste Generale des Postes de France*, 1731, 1736, 1746, 1748, 1749, 1751, 1753, 1754, 1756, 1757, 1760, 1765, 1766, 1773, 1774, 1776, 1777, 1780 and 1781-86; *Postes Imperiales Etats des Postes et Relais*, 1787-90, 1802, 1806, 1809-10, 1817, *Livre de Post*, 1819, 1823, 1830, 1832-36, 1838, 1839, 1840 (2), 1841, 1843, 1845-47, 1849, 1850; *Annuaire des Postes*, 1841, 1843, 1856, 1857, 1862, 1865, 1868, 1871, 1874, 1877, 1879,

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1880, 1881, 1897; *Description Routiere et Geographique de l'Empire Francais*, Vols. I-III (1813, with maps), *Dictionnaire des Postes*, 1754; *Dictionnaire des Postes aux Lettres*, 1782, 1802 (2 sets), 1817; *Description Routiere de la France et de l'Italie*, 2 vols. (1823); *Usage des Postes*, 1730; and *Instruction Generale sur le Service des Postes*, 1808. An important library for the postal historian.

Other postal guides also brought good prices. Lot No. 1, fifteen European guides from the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries, brought £990, against an estimate of £300. Lot No. 4, Mexico, "*Guia Postal de la Republica Mexicana, 1899-1912*, uniformly bound in 10 volumes, also Postal conventions and other official publications (28)," went for £572, against an estimate of £140.

Lot No. 6, under Contemporary Works Relating to the Production of Postage Stamps, went for £5,280. It was:

Hill, Rowland, "On the Collection of Postage by Means of Stamps," *London and Westminster Review*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 11 (March 1840), pp. 491-505 containing specimens of the Treasury Competition essays including Whiting's "Post Office Permit," the Congreve types both standard and embossed, the Sievier essay and John Parker's letter sheet of 1838. All plates are complete and are in fine to very fine condition.

Under Catalogues, a second edition of the Berger-Levrault *Les Timbres-Poste* (Paris, 1867), bound in quarter morocco, brought £242. A second edition of Gray's *A Hand Catalogue of Postage Stamps* (London, 1863) sold for £220.

Lot 15, Moens' *Catalogue des Prix courant de Timbres-Poste* (Brussels, 1868) in quarter morocco, sold for £418. Lot 20, a second edition of Potiquet's *Catalogue des Timbres-Poste* (Paris, March 1862), brought £440.

One wonders what fabulous prices first editions would command! The gem item under Dealers' Price Lists was Lot 24.

Mahe, P., *Les Marchands de timbres-poste d'autrefois et leurs catalogues* (Amiens, 1908), containing the following part original dealers' lists bound into the text: E. Laplante, 1st edition (c. 1862), 4 pp.; F. Valette, 2nd edition (c. 1862), 34 pp.; A. Baillieu, 1st edition (1863), 43 pp.; A. Baillieu, 2nd edition (1864), 4 pp.; A. Baillieu, 3rd edition (1865), 4 pp.; Mme. E. Nicolas (1865), 8 pp.; E. Thirifocq (1866), 4 pp.; A. Potiquet, 1st edition (1862), 8 pp.; A. Potiquet, 2nd edition (1862), 8 pp. A bibliophile's rarity. 8vo.

It sold for £605, against an estimate of £250.

The Periodicals section of the sale contained a number of rare and seldom-seen titles, although many were incomplete runs and prices reflected that fact. Two complete runs of key journals brought a blockbuster price as Lot 32:

Le Timbre-Post. Journal du Collectionneur (J.B. Moens), Vols. I-XXVIII [sic] (1863-1900) complete, also *Le Timbre Fiscal*, Vols. I-V, 1874-78, bound in 29 volumes, small 4to.

These seminal periodicals sold for £4,180.

Incompleteness didn't deter the buyer of Lot 27, "a fascinating small array of exotic journals," which sold for £572 against an estimate of £120. The lot included:

The British Guiana Philatelic Journal (June, 1913), *The Burma Philatelist*, No. 1 (Oct., 1920), *The Ceylon Collectors Correspondents' Journal*, Nos. 1-3 (1915-16), *The South Sea Philatelist* (1926), *Jamaica Philatelic Society 1921 Exhibition Catalogue*, *The Penang Philatelic Society Journal* (1928-30, with No. 1), *Le Timbrophile Egyptien* (August, 1896), *Journal de la Timbrologie Egyptienne*, No. 1 (1 June 1894), *Maroc Timbrologique*, No. 1 (February 1897), *Tunis Philatelique*, Nos. 1-2 (1895), *Revue Paul Derneghi*, Nos. 1-2 (Constantinople, 1914), *Iran* (1929-33), *The Arabian Philatelist Journal Babylonia* (1931), *Les Nouvelles Philateliques* (Addis Abeba [sic], 1932), *La Guerre aux timbres surcharges de S. Tome et Principe, Acoreana*, Nos. 1-10 (1923-24), *Curacao* (1893), *The Eastern Asia Collector* (1914-15), *The Yuraku* (1915-22), and *Revista Filatelica Filipina* (1925-26). All odd issues.

No less exotic, to my mind, was Lot 29, Balkans, which sold for £352, against an estimate of £100. It was described as:

Various with runs (not complete) of *Der Banater Philatelist* (1921-26), *Filatelistka Revue* (1934-36), *The Soviet Philatelist* (1925-29), *Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* (1901-08), and *Ungarische Briefmarken Sammler* (1908-12), and odd issues with *Balkan Jugoslovenski Filatelisticki Casopis* (1919-21), *A Belyeg . . .* (1913-20), *Bohemia* (1914), *Bulgaria* (1914), *Donau Post* (1920-24), *Erste Bulgarische Briefmarken Zeitung* (1922), *Estonia* (1932-36), *Filatelisticki Glasnik* (1921-23), *Filatelistka Polski* (1919-20), *Latfil* (1929), *Levelbelyeg Tozsde* (1906), *Libellus* (1920), *Lieuvos Filatelistas* (1924), *Philotelia* (1924-36), *Philotelia Budapest* (1915-16), *La Roumanie Philatelique* (1904-05), *Revue Balkanique* (1924), *Revue Philatelique*, Nos. 1-2 (Budapest, 1905), *The Russia* (1917), *Tabularium* (1921-22), and *Tra La Filatelico* (Cluj, 1909-10).

Lot 78, "the outstanding assembly" of Latin American periodicals in seven cartons, estimated at £1,000, brought a startling £3,520. The lot description is too long to reproduce here, but suffice it to say that it contained dozens of philately's scarcest journals. Among them were such items as *El Filatelico del Peru* (1893), *Costa Rica Postal* (1894-95), and *Revista del Centro Filatelico del Paraguay* (1924-26).

Lot 91, *Maritime Mail*, which contained nineteen items, including Salles' *La Poste Maritime Francaise*, Vols. I-IX (1960), brought £1,100.

Lot 94, thirteen items about postal stationery, including D. Carl Lindenberg's *Die Ganzsachensammlung der Bruder Petschek* in two volumes, (Berlin, 1927) and Campbell and Schoeller's *Catalogue des Cartes Postales* (Paris, 1889), sold for £638, more than ten times the estimate of £60.

Lot 105, *The Work of Jean de Sperati* (London, 1955) in two volumes, sold for £418, against an estimate of £200.

Under Early Works, "the fabulous collection of thirty volumes" by J.B. Moens, twenty-six of which were bound in uniform half-brown calf, commanded £4,620 — three times the estimate.

Salles Volumes I-VIII, offered in a single lot (No. 146), brought £572.

The Mirabaud-De Reuterskjold *The Postage Stamps of Switzerland, 1843-62* (Paris, 1898) in half-calf large quarto (Lot 191) brought £1,540. This is one of 150 in the English language edition.

Lot 195, Sir John Wilson's *The Royal Philatelic Collection* (London, 1952) in full crimson calf with slip case, sold for £418.

C.L. Pack's *The Half Length Portraits and the Twopence Queen Enthroned* (New York, 1923) brought £715; J.R.W. Purves' *The Half Lengths of Victoria* (London, 1953) in the original binding, £352.

Some lucky bidder paid what I consider a bargain price of £60 for Lot 213, Meyer's *Afghanistan: seine Post und seine Postwertzeichen* (Vienna, 1879).

At the other end of the scale, another lucky bidder paid £3,080 (\$5,300) for Tracey Woodward's *The Postage Stamps of Japan and Dependencies* (two volumes, Shanghai, 1928). This was No. 43 from the limited edition of 100, bound in full calf gilt. Does that price set the record for a philatelic handbook? I can't think of another one that's sold for more.

The lucky bidder on Lot 221, the library of sixty Latin American books, was the American Philatelic Research Library, at £660. The items listed in the catalogue were:

R. Elicabe, *Contribucion al Estudio de los Sellos Postales de Bolivia*; C. Jewell, *Colombia and her Posts 1859-1903*, two volumes (1954); C.S. Mata, *Catalog de Sellos Postales de Costa Rica* (1953); *Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of South America*, *Morley's Philatelic Journal* (1901-04); *Memoria Dominicana* various between 1888 and 1899; J.N. Luff, *The Stamps of Panama* (1905); *Sentencia . . . en la Supuesta Falsificacion des Estampillas* (Asuncion, 1912); P. Rodriguez, *Catalogo de Sellos de Puerto Rico*; and Postal Congress books with *Continental Sudamericano 1910 and 1911 Montevideo*, and *Panamericano 1926 Montevideo*.

Lot 223, "the valuable collection" of thirty-four Argentine works, including a number of nineteenth-century government publications, sold for £1,100.

Five works on Peru, including the 1960 and 1964 editions of Lamy-Rinck's *Perou. Etude des Obliterations Postales sur les Emissions de 1857 a 1853* (Lot 232) brought £132. E.J. Lee's *The Postage Stamps of Uruguay* (London, 1937) and the catalogue of the sale of his Grand Prix collection at Plumridge's in 1936 were Lot 234, which sold for £308.

Prices were strong for bibliographic works. The Anderson-Smith *Early English Philatelic Literature, 1862-65* (London, 1912) in fine quartered calf sold for £462. E.D. Bacon's *Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford* (London, 1911), with the 1926 supplement, in quarter calf (Lot 247) brought £990. Rare, charming — and useful — *The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society*, Vols. I-XI (1908-18) sold for a whopping £2,420. Viktor Supplant-schitsh's *Bibliographie zugleich Nachschlagebuch* (two volumes, Munich, 1892)

in half calf realized £264.

Name sales generally did well among the auction catalogues, with Caspary, Sales 1-16 (1955-58) with prices realized, bound in three volumes (Lot 270), fetching £550. The Dale-Lichtenstein, Sales 1-11 (1968-71) with prices realized, unbound, (Lot 271) brought £308. Ferrary Sales 1-14 (1921-25) with the Napier index, Addendum to First Sale, prices realized and other material, bound in three volumes, realized £1,100.

Lot 287 was Corinphila (Zurich), Sales 1-26 (1925-34), bound in five volumes, and Sales 33-76 (1947-87) unbound. It sold for £1,870. Gelli and Tani (Brussels), virtually complete auction sales between 1921 and 1932, bound in twenty-four volumes, and a number of other items from this firm, made up Lot 290, which went for £715. Lot 291, Gilbert of Paris, Sales 60-155 (1919-33) bound in thirteen volumes, not complete, and some loose catalogues, sold for £990.

Harmers of London, Sales from 1927-36, virtually complete, bound in fifteen volumes, along with 1937-70 comprising 975 catalogues including various name sales, and some other items (Lot 295), sold for £4,180.

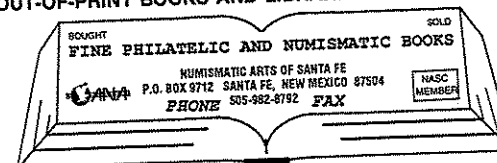
The next lot, 296, was Harmer, Rooke (London), sales from 1928-38 virtually complete, bound in twenty-one volumes. It realized £1,320.

Lot 300 was knocked down at £4,400, almost three times the estimate. It was described as:

Kohler (Berlin/Brunn/Wiesbaden), Sale 1 (1913), unbound, Sales 3-88 (1913-35) bound in thirteen volumes (Sale 33 loose, no Sale 76), also Sales 90, 94, and 126-50 unbound, and Price Lists 1-2 (1915 and 1924).

The Sekula (Lucerne), Sales 1-43 (1927-32), bound in nine volumes, realized £3,520. Shanahan's Dublin Sales 57-102 (1957-59) were sold for £1,540. The next lot, the Stock (Berlin) Sales 7-41 (1920-29) less Nos. 16 and 19, and sales for 1930-31, bound in nine volumes, also went for £1,540.

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Sale of a Philatelic Library in London

This account of the Christie's/Robson Lowe literature sale on October 16 arrived just as PLR was going to press and after the editor's report was in type. Lacking time to integrate the two, we offer them both, with thanks to Dr. Graham for thinking of us.

by Dr. Conrad Graham

It is a rare event in Great Britain to have a public auction given over to philatelic literature entirely. So the Christie's/ Robson Lowe sale on Wednesday, October 16, was a major event for those who subscribe to this journal.

As the auction catalogue introduction states, "The P.M. Library, which is one of the great European libraries, was formed by a prominent professional philatelist, who began it at the beginning of this century. After his death nearly thirty years ago, the library was carried on by his son."

There were 311 lots ranging from one book to lots of 400 books or massive accumulations of journals in perhaps twelve cartons. The estimates totaled £60,000 and the realizations totaled £123,000+ (inclusive of the ten percent buyer's premium). More than ninety-five percent of the lots were sold.

The auction room was full and there were a number of collectors from the Continent, including Germany and Spain. Added to these, there also were open phones with bidding in English (American?) and French.

Some of the realizations will raise eyebrows because they are high, but they serve to confirm the great interest in philatelic literature and the strong state of the market for better items. It also will be noted that many of the items were extremely well bound, although, equally important, some also were foxed.

It will be remembered that the hammer price attracts a ten percent buyer's premium, to which is added the seventeen and one-half percent Value Added Tax on the premium. So that a hammer price of £1,000 becomes £1,117½ in actual payment (making \$1,877 at the current exchange rate of \$1.68 = £1).

The following descriptions, estimates, and realizations (prices plus ten percent buyer's premium, exclusive of VAT) will give a flavor of the auction.

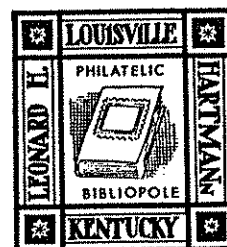
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	(in pounds)	
Gray, J.A. <i>The Illustrated Catalogue of Postage Stamps for the Use of Collectors</i> , London, 1865, 3rd edition, illustrated card covers, small 8vo.	100	242
Mann, Christian. <i>Katalog uber alle Bekannten Seit 1840 bis 1868 Ausgegebenen Briefmarken</i> , Leipzig, 1868; soft covers (loose), 12mo.	120	308
Moens, J.B. <i>Catalogue Prix Courant de Timbres-Poste</i> , Brussels, 1871, 3rd edition, 108 pp. Half calf, 8vo.	60	308
<i>The Collectors Club Philatelist</i> , Vols. I-VIII (1922-29), bound in four volumes, 4to.	200	605
Stephens, G. <i>Who Invented the Postage Stamp?</i> (c. 1880), 46 page manuscript mounted on leaves and bound, half calf, small 4to.	—	638
Stiedl and Billig, <i>Grosses handbuch der Falschungen</i> , Parts 1-45 (1933-38), Vienna	50	528
Bellars and Davie, <i>The Standard Guide to Postage Stamp Collecting</i> , London, 1st edition (1864), 100 pp., with original illustrated boards, small 8vo. .	100	418

____. ditto, 2nd edition (1865), 130 pp., with original illustrated board, small 8vo.	80	154
Moens, J.B. <i>De la Falsification des Timbres Poste</i> , Brussels, 1862, 34 pp. Quarter calf, 8vo.	150	286
____. <i>Les Timbres Poste Illustres</i> , Brussels, 1864, 148 pp. larger size, small 4to.	100	638
Lowe, Robson. <i>The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Stamps</i> , Vols. I-V. London, 1948-73	150	286
Sefi, A. <i>An Introduction to Advanced Philately</i> , London, 1926 (limited edition); also Melville, F.J., <i>Postage Stamps in the Making</i> . London, 1916. Some binding faults, 4to.	50	220
Bacon, E.D. <i>The Line-Engraved Postage Stamps of Great Britian</i> , 2 vols. London, 1920. Lightly spotted. Quarter calf. 4to.	200	528
Dendy Marshall, F. <i>The British Post Office from its Beginnings to the end of 1925</i> . London, 1926, 354 pp. 4to.	70	264
Nissen, Charles. <i>The Plating of the Penny Black Postage Stamps of Great Britain 1940</i> . London, 1922. 122 pp. + plates. Fine quarter calf, large 4to.	500	825
Tchilinghirian, S.D. <i>Stamps of the Russian Empire Used Abroad</i> . Parts 1-6 (1957-60). Soft covers, large 8vo.	150	220
<i>The Postage Stamps of the British Colonies in the West Indies</i> . Philatelic Society. London, 1891. 180 pp. + plates. Half calf, some tone spotting. 4to.	80	264
Bacon, E.D., and Napier, F.H. <i>Grenada</i> . London, 1901. 173 pp. tall 8vo.	40	121

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Letters to the Editor

P.M. Corrected

I refer to your review of "Christie's Auction of Library Tops \$210,000" in the Fourth Quarter 1991 *PLR*, page 186, concerning the sale of the "P.M. Library." You stated, "Knowledgeable literature collectors have suggested that 'P.M.' was Pierre Marchal."

Actually, the library belonged to Pedro Monge (1890–1965) of Barcelona. The current owner, Jose M^a Sempere of the Galeria Filatelica Barcelona, disposed of all literature that did not pertain to Spain proper.

What is left in this library is probably the best collection of literature on Spanish postal history in private hands. It occupies one large apartment, around the corner from the Galeria.

When S. Nathan and I were researching our book, *Philatelic and Postal Bibliography of Spain and Its Ex-Colonies, 1500–1880*, we were extended an invitation to peruse the contents of that library by Sempere.

I believe that Sempere was present at the auction.

Norman Gahl
Barcelona, Spain

Key Word Database Developed

I am a philatelist, not a collector of philatelic literature. My interest in literature is only as a source of information for my particular study area. However, I also am the librarian for the India Study Circle and, as such, I am interested in any works, books, and journals that would develop the scope and breadth of the Circle's library holding. It is in this

capacity that I receive your publication.

As the librarian, I frequently am asked "What information have you got on ...?" or "Can you help me with ...?" I find it almost impossible to supply such answers. I know we hold the necessary information, but unless I personally know of a particular reference, I am stumped. Titles of these works and articles seldom convey their content and scope.

In an effort to improve this situation, I initially am developing a key-word database of the content of articles published in the journals held by the library. We hold altogether about 5,000 issues, which usually means about twenty separate articles or snippets per issue.

The database has been designed to collate information about the journal, details of the article title and author, standard stuff: most indexes carry similar information. I have developed four additional information fields to allow an analysis to be made of the content and scope of the article. Details of these four fields are (I give the references associated with Indian philately):

1. Major topic(s) of the article — military, stationary, TPO, states. There are about fifteen of these headings. They are used singly or in combination as each article dictates.

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