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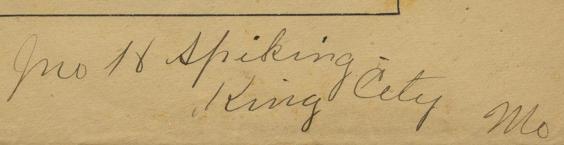






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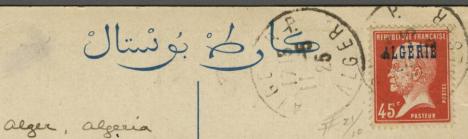
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A serious crisis has arisen in the affairs of the American Philatelic Society, and your earnest and prompt attention is respectfully called to the following matter.

The Board of Directors of our Society has voted that your President bring to the attention of each member of the Society a bill introduced, by the request of a certain commer-

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The Board of Direct each of the members indiviaid. If you are not perso once to your own Congress ment added, and if the an the unamended bill is direct collectors of this country, if the fortain commercial interests.

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As you know, our Society through a special committee, called the Lookout Committee, and appointed solely for this purpose, has been trying for several years to obtain legislation to permit, under proper supervision and regulation, the illustration of *United States* stamps. The illustration of foreign stamps is now apparently permitted under sufferance, although the law as it now stands prohibits the counterfeiting, photographing or illustrating of all stamps, both U. S. and foreign. The bill introduced, as you will note by the final phrase, will, if passed, most definitely exclude the very privilege of illustrating United States stamps for which we so long have worked.

The Lookout Committee and the Board of Directors have made an earnest but so far an unsuccessful attempt to have the bill amended so that it might meet the wishes of our Society, by adding the words "now valid and legal for postage or revenue," at the end of the bill. We feel that you will agree that the unamended bill is definitely unsatisfactory to us, but that we should be satisfied for the present at least, if the above amendment is made.

We believe that the passage of the unamended bill will be a most serious blow to the collecting of United States stamps, because, without illustrations, the publication of much needed articles and handbooks is practically impossible.

Your prompt action may help to avert the threatened injury to our hobby. May we count on your personal aid?

Signed, Carroll Chase,

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 14, 1921.

Mr. Ackerman introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

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- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That sections 161, 172, and 220 of the Act entitled "An
- 4 Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the
- 5 United States," approved March 4, 1909, are hereby
- 6 amended by adding the following: "Provided, That nothing
- 7 in said section shall be construed to forbid or prevent the
- 8 printing or publishing illustrations of postage or revenue
- 9 stamps from plates so defaced as to indicate that the illus-
- 10 trations are not adapted or intended for use as stamps, or to
- 11 prevent or forbid the making of necessary plates therefor for
- 12 use in philatelic or historical articles, books, journals, or
- 13 albums, or the circulars of legitimate publishers or dealers
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