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Survey of articles etc. on the postage stamps of the German States appearing in the periodical literature of the year 1897 and of monographs on the same topic published in the same period of time

[Uebersicht der in der zeitungsliteratur des jahres 1897 über die postwerthzeichen der Deutschen Staaten enthaltenen aufsätze etc., sowie der über diese in dem gleichen zeitraum erschienenen monographien]

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After I prepared the following compilations for the years 1894-1896 for the **Post** and its regular supplement **Die Philatelistische Literatur**, the **Philatelist** and its editors decided to publish them from then on under the heading "Philatelic Literature". Even though the great majority of the readers of this Society journal might not find this kind of survey particularly interesting, I still hope that those who are more than simply mechanical collectors will find it welcome, even if only to have the possibility of quickly locating the places where they can find information on some question or other. Possibly my surveys may also help to increase the love of philatelic literature and its collection, and prompt the reader to start collecting a library.

Similar things have often been done, but this sort of compilation does not imply that the various sources are of equal value. Conversely, new numbers sometimes contain similar, maybe even identical, material.

I would gladly avoid this, as I think it a shortcoming, but these surveys have to be made over the course of a year by entering the journals as they appear, so that the above shortcoming cannot unfortunately be avoided without very much further work, as it would mean constantly referring back to earlier journals.

I have retained the alphabetic sequence and again conclude with a longer section of articles of general interest. I begin with:

Translator's note: the remaining part of the article consists of references, which have not been translated.

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