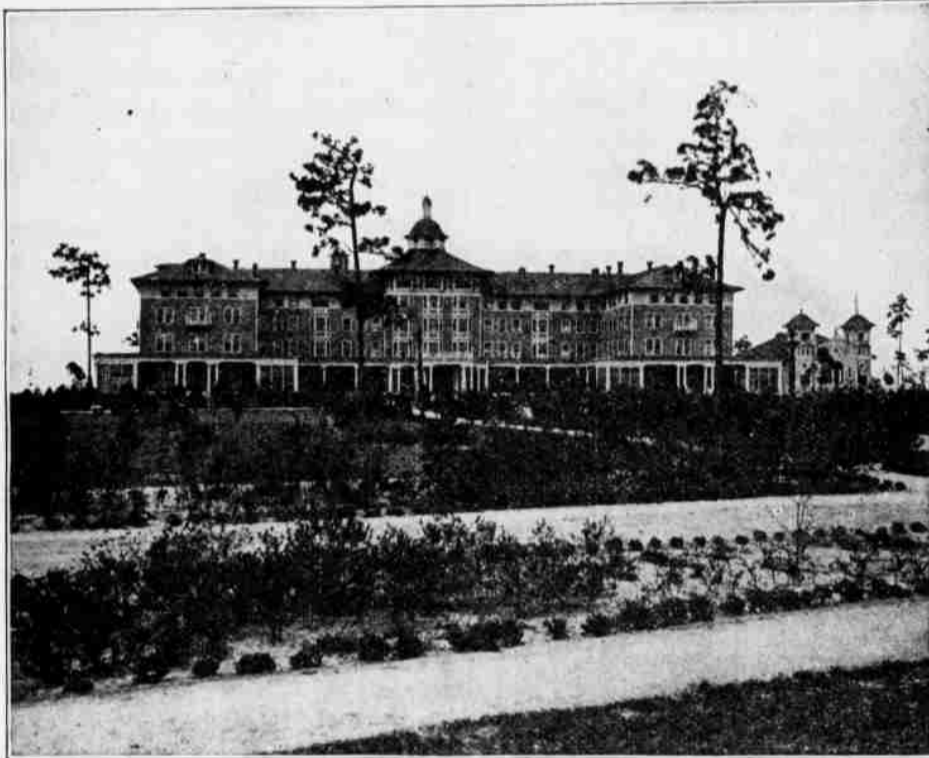


THE CAROLINA

PINEHURST, N. C.



The Carolina is a magnificent four-story building completed in 1900. The interior is a model of elegance, with appointments calculated to suit the most luxurious tastes. The hotel accommodates four hundred guests and is provided with fifty-four suites with bath. The cuisine and table service are unsurpassed.

The house contains every modern comfort and convenience, including elevator, telephone in every room, sun rooms, steam heat night and day, electric lights, and water from the celebrated Pinehurst Springs, and a perfect sanitary system of sewage and plumbing.

H. W. PRIEST, Manager.



The Berkshire,

PINEHURST, N. C.

The Berkshire has all modern conveniences for health and comfort; running water from the celebrated Pinehurst Springs, bath rooms, steam heat, open fires and electric lights. The guests apartments are comfortable and home-like and the public rooms are large and attractive.

J. A. SHERRARD, Manager.

Mrs. C. C. STEVICK,

Masseuse and Manicurist,

Is located in Pinehurst for her Fifth Season. Appointments may be made by mail.

OLD DOMINION LINE

Direct Connections with all Southern Resorts.

STEAMERS large and fast, operated over a most picturesque route, offer the maximum of comfort and enjoyment. Cuisine and service of the highest class.

DAILY SAILINGS at 3 p. m. from Pier 26 N. R. New York, for Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Pinners Point and Newport News, connecting for Pinehurst, Petersburg, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Washington and entire South and West.

For complete information address,

OLD DOMINION LINE, 81-85 Beach St., N. Y.



WATCH FOR OLD STAMPS

Many of the Rare Varieties are Worth Thousands of Dollars.

Stamps That are Attached to Folded Letters are Apt to be the Most Valuable.



EXAMINE carefully all old letters and papers before burning up or throwing away," advised a New York stamp dealer to a Sun correspondent recently, "for there's many an apparently worthless piece of paper that bears a stamp which would bring in open market hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars.

"There are plenty of the old postmaster stamps still in existence, for instance, as there were a great many of them originally issued, and it has not been so long ago, say fifty-five years, when they were

none of them was used on envelopes, but all on letters.

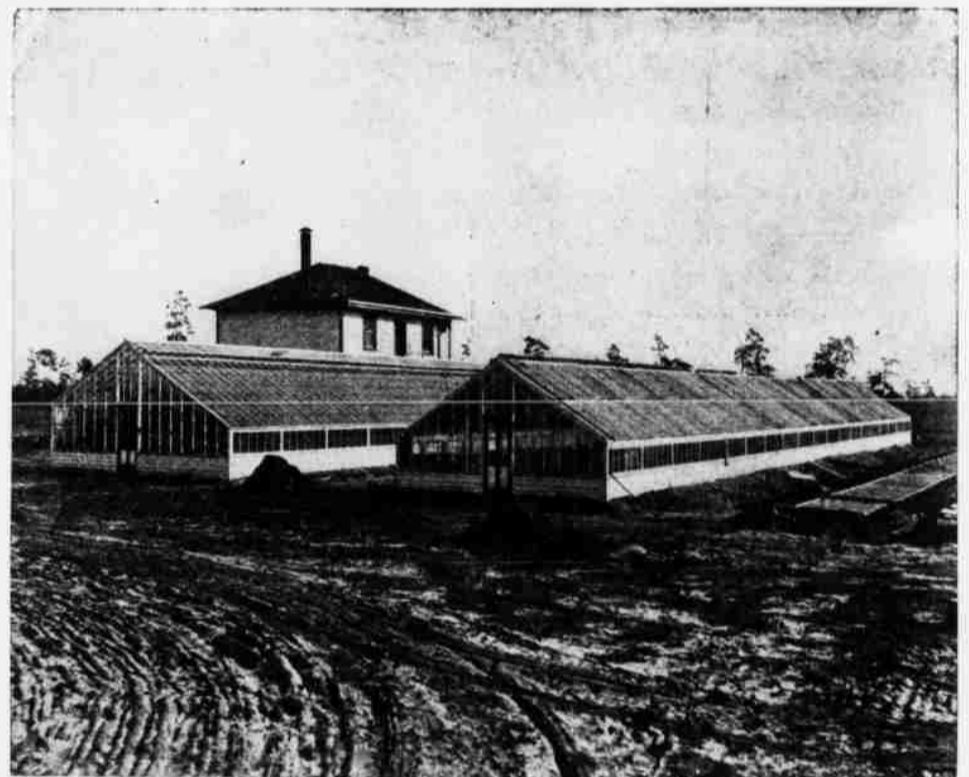
"The design of the Baltimore stamp is a box made of hair line rule, one and a half inches long and half an inch wide. In the centre is the signature, 'James M. Buchanan,' while under the name is the denomination, either 5 or 10 cents.

"There are two kinds of these stamps, in black and blue. The ten cent black is the scarcer.

"Next to this series probably comes the New Haven stamp, at the bottom of which is the signature of 'E. A. Mitchell, P. M.' In the centre is the figure 5 with the word 'Paid' directly underneath. At the top are the words 'Post Office, New Haven, Ct.' The words are all inclosed in a black border with a small curve at the corners.

"Among the rarities of this grade may also be mentioned the Lockport, N. Y., postmaster issue. This brings a very high figure, and there ought to be still some of them in the upper part of the State.

"In looking through stacks of old correspondence don't expect to see the older stamps on envelopes—that is, those stamps used previous to 1850. Envelopes did not come into use until that year, the old custom being to fold the letter, seal it, and



THE MARKET GARDEN.

in active use. Now, any one of these early issues is worth from \$300 up. Any one who has access to old files of correspondence from 1840 to 1865 ought to hunt for such stamps.

"The chief reason why more of these old stamps have not come to light is probably that they have so ordinary and unattractive appearance that a person unacquainted with their value would not waste a second glance upon them. They were very similar in most cases to the postmasters cancellation marks now in use in the post offices, with the exception that the postmaster was required to sign his name to them.

"The rarest of the whole lot of postmaster issues is the 10-cent Baltimore stamp, with the name of James M. Buchanan. One specimen of this stamp sold for \$4,400, which is the record price for a stamp of United States issue. There's no reason in the world why there shouldn't be more of these stamps packed away somewhere. In the case of this stamp

then place the stamp above the address.

"Another class of correspondence which will yield a good return if found is that used in the South during the war. The Confederate postmasters ran out of stamps and issued special ones made in their own localities, most of these set up in type and then printed on the envelopes. A good many of these envelopes were made from wall paper.

"It was the custom at that time to send a letter, with the postage to be collected from the receiver, and a good many of these Confederate stamps are nothing more than cancellation marks showing that the postage has been paid. But, no matter what was their original purpose, every one of the stamps is well worth the finding, the value of some of them running into the hundreds of dollars.

"Janitors of public buildings and postmasters are in the best positions to come across old stamps. A good illustration of this was a case of the janitor of the