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## FIRST TRANSACTIONS.

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UPON first transactions new customers are requested to leave a cash deposit of 5s. if cheap sheets are required, and 40s. in the case of the rarer specimens.

While most anxious to oblige young collectors, we regret to announce that, in consequence of many recent losses, we must emphatically decline to send out sheets of stamps for selection unless the request is countersigned by a principal, tutor, master, or other responsible person.

Sheets sent out on approval have been returned in one or two instances with forged stamps substituted for the genuine specimens. We intend in future to take legal proceeding against such offenders.

In forwarding Albums and Specimens, correspondents are requested to send stamps to cover return postage, including Registration Fee. No letter will receive a reply unless stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

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## DRESS MADE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

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"I used about 30,000 cancelled postage-stamps in making my dress, and I would not make another like it for £20," writes a lady contributor.

"A few of the 30,000 were bought from stamp collectors; the majority, however, were begged from friends. The most valuable, so far as face-value goes, were a 15-cent, United States stamp, and a 25-cent, Mexican one; but some of the stamps were quite rare, and could not be replaced for anything like their face-value."

"Five weeks were spent in stamp-collecting, and three in making the dress, which consisted of a short, full skirt and round waist, with long, full sleeves. The foundation of the dress was muslin. On this the stamps were pasted, and not an inch of the muslin was left uncovered. The skirt was cut by a circular pattern, and after it was fitted the design on the front was drawn upon it in pencil. Every detail of the design was carried out accurately.

"A large Leghorn hat, covered entirely with red and blue stamps, was worn with the costume, and a pink mask, and a round fan covered with red stamps was carried."—*Pearson's Weekly*.

## STAMP FRAUDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CITY PRESS."

SIR,—As recent revelations have informed the public how easily stamp frauds may be carried out, I beg to speak of my own experiences, in which it has been my privilege to aid the authorities in defeating fraud and bringing culprits to justice. So many of these cases have come under my notice that the difficulty is in selecting from them. About fifteen years ago I could have easily made £1,000 profit out of a transaction that might have been placed beyond detection. A man called upon me with stamps of considerable value, which I bought, and afterwards the same applicant called again with more stamps to sell. I communicated with the authorities, as my suspicions were aroused, gave them all the stamps from the man then in my possession, and made an arrangement for the man to call again with more stamps. Detectives were in waiting, and the stamp-seller was found to have nearly a copperful of valuable English stamps on telegraph forms, &c., and all fraudulently obtained. He received many months' hard labour. The authorities told me I should not buy stamps on telegraph-forms, and I have never bought any since. For nearly forty years I have studied stamp-interests, and made sacrifices to advance the same, for it is a profession in which great advances have been made. In 1884 I brought through the Palmer clause, which has been of infinite use in checking crime among dealers and collectors, and, in my case, it can be truthfully averred that personal gain has not been the dominant idea, for my guidance and protection have been and are at the public service without fee or reward. I could make many remarkable revelations in regard to stamp frauds, but consider a prudent reticence desirable. On all occasions when I could aid I have communicated with the authorities. When my life up-to-date may be written it will cast such a light on postal, fiscal, dealing, and collecting points that the book will read more like romance than reality.—I am &c.,

J. W. PALMER.—*City Press.*

*Specimens have been accepted by the King, the Queen, and the people, and thousands have been spread gratuitously.*

J. W. PALMER.

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### OUR MEDAL.

This Coronation block shows the beauties of the medal we are issuing, and the *facsimile* is exactly the size of the original, which we are sending about universally. The best judges speak so highly of the medal that we are particularly proud of it.

# JANUARY.

1	S	Issue of New English Stamps, 1880
2	M	Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801
3	Tu	Gretna Green Marriages abolished
4	W	Est. of P.O. by Act to settle the Postage of Eng., Scot.,
5	Th	Edward the Confessor died, 1066 [and Ireland, '56
6	F	T. A. Neale died, 1892
7	S	Lord Kimberley born, 1826
8	S	Victor Emmanuel died, 1878
9	M	Fire Insurance expires
10	Tu	Introduction of the Penny Post, 1840
11	W	
12	Th	Earl Idlesleigh died, 1887
13	F	George Fox died, 1690
14	S	J. S. O. D. Palmer died, 1894
15	S	<i>Bric-à-Brac</i> first issued, 1878
16	M	Battle of Corunna, 1809
17	Tu	Battle of Abu Klea, 1885
18	W	German Empire proclaimed, 1871
19	Th	Isaac Disraeli died, 1848
20	F	Mersey Tunnel opened, 1886
21	S	Louis XVI. guillotined, 1793
22	S	Queen Victoria died, 1901
23	M	William Pitt died, 1806
24	Tu	C. J. Fox born, 1749
25	W	Dr. John Doran died, 1878
26	Th	Death of General Gordon, 1884
27	F	German Emperor William II. born, 1859
28	S	Battle of Aliwal, 1846
29	S	George III. died, 1820
30	M	Charles I. executed, 1649
31	Tu	Est. of a Metro. Penny Post by William Dockwra, 1680

## THE PALMER MUSEUM,

REMOVED TO

THE ROSERY, WEST HOATHLY

*But not Open to the Public*

## OUR KING AND QUEEN.

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THE PHILATELISTS' ALMANACK makes its appearance in this, the Twelfth year of its publication, for the second time under OUR good KING and QUEEN. The death of Victoria has caused many changes in our stamps, as readers know, and those connected with her reign will grow in interest and value as the years go by. Our new Sovereigns have commenced well, and their wisdom will continue to be shown for the good of all. The wish of the editor is that the reign of Edward VII. and his noble wife, Queen Alexandra, may be long, prosperous, and progressive. Their inheritance is unequalled, their opportunities stupendous, and they have the faith of the untold millions over the world who look for their guidance and help for the main blessings of life under the ruling of that King to whom all earthly Sovereigns must bow.

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### THE MUSEUM

Of Seventy Thousand Reprints and Forgeries has been removed to West Hoathly, and though it is not on public view, arrangements may be carried out whereby this unique and celebrated collection may be inspected by those wishing to study so novel an exhibition. *But it must be respectfully understood that it is not now on public view.*

## FEBRUARY.

1	W	First German Stamps issued (Bavaria), 1849
2	Th	
3	F	Marquis of Salisbury born, 1830
4	S	Sir W. Palliser died, 1882
5	S	Postage Stamps first issued in the United States, 1847
6	M	James Chalmers, Originator of the Adhesive stamp,
7	Tu	Jules Verne born, 1828 <span style="float: right;">[born, 1782]</span>
8	W	
9	Th	Lord Mayo assassinated, 1872
10	F	Queen Victoria married, 1840
11	S	Thomas A. Edison born, 1847
12	S	Custom House burnt, 1814
13	M	Lord R. Churchill born, 1849
14	Tu	<i>St. Valentine</i>
15	W	J. Bentham born, 1747
16	Th	Battle of St. Vincent, 1797
17	F	Duchess of Albany born, 1861
18	S	Capture of Trinidad, 1797
19	S	King of Holland born, 1817
20	M	Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) born, 1867
21	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued in Russia, 1848 (envelopes)
22	W	George Washington born, 1732
23	Th	(24th) John Keats died, 1821
24	F	Great Earthquake at Mentone, 1887
25	S	Sir C. Wren died, 1723
26	S	Prince Ferdinand born, 1861
27	M	Elizabeth Ruth Palmer died, 1886
28	Tu	Postage stamps first issued Denmark, 1851

### In Memoriam

#### ELIZABETH RUTH PALMER.

*Died February 27th, 1886.*

And from thy grave, O mother dear,  
Thou speakest yet what I may hear,  
Who wear thee in my heart.  
We are but shadows, one and all,  
Who come like shadows on the wall.  
And so depart. —J. W. P.

## THE KING AND QUEEN

MAY be, nay, are interested in all stamp literature, and therefore we state again that BRIC-À-BRAC is the senior journal devoted to the interests of the labels that carry the correspondence of the world.

To look over the files of our journal is to discover the real romance of the stamp world, and the striking impression deepens as the volumes are perused, concerning the marvellous development of the whole system of postal communication in the reign of Queen Victoria, who never can be forgotten. Our King and Queen have seen the rise of telegraph and post, and the past achievements point to expansions which will increase the interest of their own reign. Therefore as the oldest stamp journal, BRIC-À-BRAC expresses its deep loyalty to the throne and its illustrious occupants.

## THE EDWARD VII. MEDAL

ISSUED by Mr. Palmer has been given to the children of two schools at West Hoathly, and, also, the children of High Brook School, and to many other recipients in town and country. Design and workmanship make this medal a real work of art to cherish in memory of the great Coronation. When West Hoathly and the adjacent villages were celebrating the Coronation of the King and Queen, the editor of BRIC-À-BRAC determined to issue some hundreds of the Edward Medal to the children of certain schools in the district, and they had a charming memento of the Coronation.

## MARCH.

1	W	
2	Th	Pope Leo born, 1810
3	F	Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839
4	S	
5	S	Thames Tunnel opened, 1843
6	M	Artemus Ward died, 1867
7	Tu	First Prayer Book issued, 1549
8	W	Postage Stamps introduced into Germany, 1850
9	Th	German Emperor William I. died, 1888
10	F	H.M. the King married, 1863
11	S	Benjamin West died, 1820
12	S	Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first
13	M	Discovery of Uranus by Herschel, 1781 [issued, 1793
14	Tu	King Humbert born, 1844
15	W	Viscount Melbourne born, 1779
16	Th	Queen Victoria created Empress of India, 1876
17	F	St. Patrick's Day
18	S	Communist insurrection, Paris, 1871
19	S	Lucknow taken, 1858
20	M	Sinking Fund established, 1786
21	Tu	Warning issued by J. W. Palmer, '88, to colls. concern-
22	W	Albert Way died, 1874 [ing Laureated Head, N.S.W
23	Th	National Gallery opened, 1824
24	F	H. W. Longfellow died, 1882
25	S	
26	S	Duke of Cambridge born, 1819
27	M	Postage Stamps first issued Ionian Isles, 1857
28	Tu	Duke of Albany died, 1884
29	W	Albert Hall opened, 1871
30	Th	Don Carlos born, 1818
31	F	Slave Trade abolished in England, 1806

### OUR DEBTORS.

Dear debtors, don't forget the dues  
 We have upon our pages  
 Awaiting kind remittances  
 From persons of all ages,  
 Amid engagements great and vast.

As through the world you're going,  
 A little thought on Palmer's bill  
 Be generously bestowing,  
 And give a call or send along  
 The small amount that's owing.

N.B.—If you can resist this appeal, we shall indeed despair.

## THE KING'S RECOVERY.

AFTER a tension of almost unprecedented anxiety, the King is happily on his way to full health, and, with life crowned with this blessing, long may his reign continue over the vastest empire the world has seen.

Good King and Queen, as you both reign,  
 What mighty good is done,  
*Because we have two sovereigns now  
 Where we had only one.*

## THE CORONATION MEDAL

ISSUED from our office has met with signal distinction. The Queen honoured by accepting, and Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour (our welcome Prime Minister and a minister in his prime), the Postmaster-General, Duke of Rutland; also three local schools received BRIT-A-BRAC medals, to be kept as souvenirs.

## MEDALS.

### SPECIAL CORONATION OFFER.

ALL who buy 5s. worth of stamps from our sheets will receive a fine Coronation Medal as ACCEPTED BY THE QUEEN.

## THE NEW STAMP: A CHILD'S COMMENT.

A LITTLE girl on being shown the new stamps looked thoughtfully at the effigy of the King, and then said, "Mamma, has the King sent his collar to the wash?" The remark, which would have delighted Lewis Carroll, expresses exactly the impression the bare neck of the King has made on many people.—From *Westminster Gazette*.

## THE PRESS.

It is an unalloyed pleasure, every year, to convey thanks to the Press for favours which are neither few nor far between. The Editor has ever been thoroughly appreciative of that ceaselessly generous motive and sympathy which have moved so many pens

# APRIL.

1	S	Prince Bismarck born, 1815
2	S	Cobden died, 1865
3	M	
4	Tu	F. M. Palmer born, 1860
5	W	Postage Stamps first issued Paraguay, 1870
6	Th	
7	F	Denis F. MacCarthy died, 1882
8	S	Lord Chatham died, 1778
9	S	
10	M	Gen. Booth b., 1829 [of Stamps to the British Museum
11	Tu	T. K. Tapling, M.P., d., 1891, bequeathed his Collection
12	W	Lord Rodney's victory, 1782
13	Th	
14	F	Princess Henry of Battenberg born, 1857
15	S	
16	S	Battle of Culloden, 1746
17	M	Magalhães killed, 1521
18	Tu	Primrose Day. Lord Beaconsfield died, 1881
19	W	Postage Stamps first issued Costa Rica, 1862
20	Th	Baroness Burdett-Coutts born, 1814
21	F	Petition against Forged Stamps prep. by Palmer, 1884
22	S	Shakespeare died, 1616
23	S	Daniel Defoe died, 1731
24	M	First English Prince of Wales born, 1284
25	Tu	Jeremy Collier died, 1726
26	W	
27	Th	Mutiny of the "Bonnty," 1780
28	F	Postage Stamps first issued Lagos (Gold Coast), 1871
29	S	Sir John Lubbock born, 1834
30	S	

PRIMROSE DAY. *April 19, 1881.*

"Peace with Honour."

Britannia mourns to-day her patriot son;  
 Each year grows ever grieved the more,  
 And heavier the loss his heirs deplore,  
 Grieved of that Honour which he won,  
 O! Peace with Honour which he brought to us - of you  
 Now all is changed - the sacred Peace is fled,  
 Brave laggards to the councils come -  
 For ever war the nation's portion, theirs the shame,  
 In Peace with Honour sleeps th' illustrious dead  
 England to the glory of his cherished name  
 Lovingly, as the early flowers of spring appear,  
 Dedicates the Primrose, because he held it dear - J. W. P.



to assist him in making known the many ideas connected with the industry and journalism of stamps which have engrossed attention so deeply. The year 1902 has been no exception to the rule. Thanks to our Press agents and editors sending their journals directly, BRIC-A-BRAC is quite conscious of the large co-operation afforded by the recognition of countless offices round the world. Each week from every quarter, the frigid zone, the tropical lands, the world of London, the counties of Britain, the Colonial brethren, in fact, the gigantic brotherhood of the Press, near and far, the support given merits every expression of gratitude. There is no doubt that our excellent editorial and other Press friends—for friends they are, indeed—will lend us their powerful organisation of publicity to tell our people universally that The Rosery, West Hothly, Sussex, is the address that will find the editor and staff, and that every communication will obtain the prompt and courteous consideration that our clients always have.

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## EDWARD VII. MEDALS.

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BRIC-A-BRAC has issued its seventh medal, and, by a very interesting coincidence, this seventh medal is that of the Seventh Edward, who succeeds to the greatest position on earth, the emperor of more millions than ever were swayed by any previous monarch.

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## THE SONG OF THE SANDWICH MAN.

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HURRAH! for good old *Reynolds*,  
 With Thompson at the head.  
 When Christmas comes to cheer us,  
 He sees that we are fed.  
 He uses pen with power,  
 And gathers money far,  
 God bless the noble editor,  
 More glory to his star.  
 Our Christmas he makes brighter,  
 Our hearts he makes the lighter.

## MAY.

1	M	Issue of the Mulready envelope, 1840
2	Tu	Thames Embankment opened, 1868
3	W	Jamaica discovered, 1494
4	Th	Local Letter Post established in Vienna, 1772
5	F	Ex-Empress Eugenie born, 1826
6	S	Postage Stamps first issued, 1840
7	S	Robert Browning born, 1812
8	M	Monarchy restored, 1660
9	Tu	Mr. Wallace, M.P., moved for Sel. Com. to inquire into
10	W	Crystal Pal. op., '54 [the merits of Rld. Hill's scheme, '37
11	Th	Petition against forged stamps prep. by J.W. Palmer, '84
12	F	Sir Charles Barry died, 1860
13	S	Suicide of King of Bavaria, 1886
14	S	
15	M	German Emperor Frederick died, 1888
16	Tu	Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at Guildhall, '90;
17	W	Revised New Testament issued, 1881 [issue of Jubilee
18	Th	New Eddystone Lighthouse opened, 1882 [post-card
19	F	W. E. Gladstone died, 1898
20	S	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
21	S	Lord Playfair born, 1819
22	M	Grisi born, 1812
23	Tu	Henry Fawcett born at Salisbury, 1833
24	W	Queen Victoria born, 1819
25	Th	Princess Helena born, 1816
26	F	Tuileries destroyed, 1871
27	S	Repeal of Corn Laws, 1856
28	S	General Grant died, 1885
29	M	Empress Josephine died, 1814
30	Tu	Alexander Pope died, 1744 [Archer, 1852
31	W	Machine for perforating stamps invented by Henry

### STAMPS.

THE more one thinks about them, the more suggestions arise. The student of stamps recognises their infinite variety, and knows what a gallery they would make. Some day in London, or some other great city, there will be a world exhibition of stamps, past and present, and those who may be privileged to look over that fine sight will have some idea what post offices mean. Stamps are a part of the world's history, and they tell more the more you know about them.

## "THE QUEEN'S SADDEST HOUR"

Was a very interesting and indeed unique picture published from BRIC-A-BRAC Office, within a few days of our great Sovereign's lamented demise, at the request of many who admired the picture and considered it would be a most touching memento of an event which stood out in the life of the late Royal widow. As the reader may suppose, the picture related to the death of the Prince Consort, December 14th, 1861, and the general points in it were indeed a pictorial record of true value. The publisher, one of the loyalest of subjects—and, as BRIC-A-BRAC every month for years, and the ALMANACK for eleven years, prove, for ever venerates the name of Queen Victoria—had not the slightest anticipation that the picture, taken from a photograph in the possession of the Palmer family for years, would experience any objection in high quarters. So great expense was gone to in the engraving of the picture and its publication, and copies were submitted to the new King. The latter, in his always courteous way, desired that the publisher would withdraw the engraving from public sale, and as soon as this intimation reached BRIC-A-BRAC Office, the editor took measures to withdraw every copy into private view, and to do this he put himself to endless inconvenience and great expense, his commercial sacrifice being far greater than many would imagine. His one idea was to satisfy the King that no stone should be left unturned to get every picture back, and hold the entire lot in the sanctity of complete privacy. The editor attended to the whole matter with untiring energy and perfect conscientiousness, that Edward VII. might know his protestations of loyalty and goodwill were not merely life-services. As the editor valued the approval of the late Queen, so was he desirous to show her son that he would spare no trouble to meet his desire, and, therefore, he can say now in public that as far as was in his power all copies of the picture were recalled, and no one can get from the BRIC-A-BRAC Office, or any other source it can influence, a copy of the remarkable engraving known as "The Queen's Saddest Hour." Perhaps in the unfolding of the future the picture may secure public attention, but be it now recorded that under the King's special desire the suppression of the engraving is as complete as care, outlay, and enterprise could accomplish.

## JUNE.

1	Th	Charles Lever died, 1872
2	F	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	S	Prince of Wales born, 1863
4	S	Lord Wolseley born, 1833
5	M	St. Boniface
6	Tu	Cyprus Stamp issued
7	W	Postage Stamps first issued, Roman States, 1852
8	Th	Sir John Millais born, 1829
9	F	Charles Dickens died, 1870
10	S	P. O. robbery of Telegraph Stamps discovered, 1890
11	S	Money Market panic, 1866
12	M	Rev. Charles Kingsley born, 1819
13	Tu	Kensington Museum opened, 1857
14	W	Battle of Marengo, 1800
15	Th	Wat Tyler killed, 1381
16	F	Battle of Quatre Bras, 1815
17	S	Postage Stamps first issued, Tasmania, 1853
18	S	Battle of Waterloo, 1815
19	M	French postal system founded by Louis XI., 1464
20	Tu	J. A. Palmer died, 1893
21	W	Longest day
22	Th	Great fire in Tooley Street, 1861
23	F	Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757
24	S	Midsummer Day
25	S	Right Hon. H. Childers born, 1827
26	M	George IV. died, 1830
27	Tu	First meeting of the Postal Union Congress held in
28	W	Sir H. Lawrence born, 1806
29	Th	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	F	Opening of the Tower Bridge, 1894

### THE TWO P'S.

P stands for Postage  
 And PIONEERS well;  
 Both go together  
 As all folks can tell.  
 The improvement of postage  
 Our PIONEER has sought,  
 And seen his suggestions  
 To right issue brought.

P stands for PIONEER,  
 Well known everywhere  
 The Postage befriends him  
 And gives him a share  
 Of all its abundance,  
 For not a post goes  
 But PIONEER's famed name is  
 'Neath somebody's nose.

## THE CORONATION.

IN nineteen hundred and two,  
 Our Empire crowned its King,  
 And millions rejoiced the while,  
 Like birds upon the wing.  
 The mightiest empire in the world,  
 Developed by our lost Queen,  
 Entered upon a new career,  
 The greatest ever seen.

Edward the Seventh as a King,  
 Possesses endless power,  
 And in the Abbey old and grey,  
 There came his greatest hour.  
 His mother he remembered then,  
 In an increasing light,  
 For she was all the world to him,  
 All gentle in her might.

May Edward VII. be granted strength,  
 To meet his mighty task,  
 A thousand ways, unnumbered points,  
 For his attention ask.  
 And in maturity of thought,  
 He wears the wondrous crown,  
 Which through succeeding centuries  
 To him is handed down.

May King and Queen be granted all  
 That they may want to guide,  
 As they will seek to aid the land,  
 And rule it side by side.  
 So bless them, Lord, in word and deed,  
 In greatness and renown,  
 The earthly symbol be to them  
 A type of heaven's crown.

# JULY.

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|----|----|--|
| 1  | S  | 20 cent. French Stamp suppressed, 1850                   |
| 2  | S  | Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at S. Kensington, '90  |
| 3  | M  | Battle of Sadowa, 1866                                   |
| 4  | Tu | Declaration of American Independence, 1776               |
| 5  | W  | Lord Gifford born, 1849                                  |
| 6  | Th | Samuel Lover died, 1868                                  |
| 7  | F  | John Huss burnt, 1415                                    |
| 8  | S  | Shelley drowned, 1822                                    |
| 9  | S  | Fire Insurance expires                                   |
| 10 | M  | Abolition of Members of Parliament's privilege of        |
| 11 | Tu | Alexandria bombarded, 1882 [franking letters, 1840       |
| 12 | W  | Crimea evacuated, 1856                                   |
| 13 | Th | Voting by Ballot instituted, 1872                        |
| 14 | F  | Bastille stormed, 1789                                   |
| 15 | S  | <i>St. Smith's</i>                                       |
| 16 | S  | Béranger died, 1857                                      |
| 17 | M  | Issue of American Five Dollar Stamp, 1862                |
| 18 | Tu | Dean Stanley died, 1881                                  |
| 19 | W  | Bishop Willerforce died, 1873                            |
| 20 | Th | Lord Westbury died, 1873                                 |
| 21 | F  | Robert Burns died, 1796                                  |
| 22 | S  | Issue of 15 cent. French Stamp (green), 1850             |
| 23 | S  | Duke of Devonshire born, 1833                            |
| 24 | M  | Window Tax abolished, 1851                               |
| 25 | Tu | Great Fire at Baltimore, 1873                            |
| 26 | W  | Metropolitan Penny Post established, 1683                |
| 27 | Th | Bank of England founded, 1694                            |
| 28 | F  | Armada dispersed, 1588                                   |
| 29 | S  | Seaham Harbour opened, 1835                              |
| 30 | S  | General Post Office opened in St. Martin's-le-Grand, '99 |
| 31 | M  | J. G. D. F. J. Palmer born, 1897                         |

## FORGERS

The fiend is always with us. He says in certain noble records, "The poor ye love always with you." The same can be said of the forger. Only stamp experts know the activity, the endless ingenuity, the wonderful cuteness of the forger. He is everywhere. His ability is stupendous, and his profits are frequently commensurate. Palmer would not dare to tell all he knows, but the forger knows that J. W. Palmer is always defeating his pretty little pines.

## THE OLD YEAR.

GOOD-BYE, old year, we've trod together  
 The rough and smooth—and all sorts of weather  
 You brought in your mysterious train,  
 With pleasure mingling with our pain;  
 Farewell, old friend, thou seekest rest.  
 And Fortune smile upon thy quest.

## THE NEW YEAR.

TIME! thou magician ever old,  
 And yet as strangely new:  
 The final hour is slowly told,  
 And as it fades we view  
 The little stranger steal in sight:  
 'Tis Nineteen Hundred and Three,  
 And may it bring the fuller light  
 Alike to thee and me.

## PEACE!

BRITAIN once more stands supreme. Her lesson has  
 been the severest of the centuries. SHE HAS WON!  
 Our revered Queen, in green age, sank to rest, and left  
 the mighty South African task to her son Edward VII.  
 Nearly the whole world condemned. But, believing in  
 herself—Britain went on, all honour to her good generals  
 and to "the soldiers of the King and Queen," the men  
 from desk and plough, from city and country, shoulder  
 to shoulder they went, and the Boer has had to bend to  
 that power which, on sea and land, is as none other.  
 The cry of triumph is in the air, but it is sanctified and  
 made nobler as we silently think of those who cannot  
 hear that cry. They are passed; they sleep beyond the  
 seas, and their lives gave us the victory. Peace to them!  
 Peace to us left to continue the task of empire.

God save the King! Bless the brave Boer and the  
 Briton both.

## AUGUST

1	Tu	Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880
2	W	Captain Marryat died, 1848
3	Th	Vicount Peel born, 1829
4	F	Adhesive Postage Stamp first invd. by James Chalmers,
5	S	Queen of Saxony born, 1833 [of Dundee, '34]
6	S	Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844
7	M	New French Issues
8	Tu	George Canning died, 1827
9	W	Coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra
10	Th	George J. Goschen born, 1831 [Postage Stamps first
11	F	Dog Days end [issued Roumania, '62]
12	S	M. A. M. Palmer born, 1885
13	S	<i>Old Lammas Day</i>
14	M	Local Government Act passed, 1871
15	Tu	Sir Walter Scott born, 1771
16	W	Gas introduced in London, 1867
17	Th	Rowld. Hill scheme adopted by House of Commons by a
18	F	Emperor of Austria born, 1830 [majority of 100, '39]
19	S	Balzac died, 1850
20	S	Abergele Railway accident, 1868
21	M	Battle of Vimiera, 1808
22	Tu	King Richard III. killed, 1485
23	W	Sir Astley Cooper born, 1768
24	Th	Massacre of Huguenots, 1572
25	F	Postage Stamps first issued, Egypt, 1865
26	S	Battle of Cressy, 1346. Samuel Palmer died 1899
27	S	Rowland Hill died, 1879
28	M	St. Augustine
29	Tu	Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782
30	W	Battle of Plevna, 1877
31	Th	Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1871

### POSTAL REFORM

MAY still include 3d. post for newspapers in London and suburbs and it will be well when the halfpenny post card can be obtained for that price.

PICTURE POST CARDS have gained in popularity and are being collected. Some are real works of art. They make postal work more picturesque.



## THE CAUSE AND THE CLAUSE.

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The famous seventh (Palmer's) clause of the Post Office Protection Act was passed into law in September, 1884, at the instance of Mr. J. W. Palmer, who spared neither trouble nor expense in order to obtain the insertion in the act of this clause, intended especially for the protection of philatelists. We give the precise terms of the clause:—

(Section 7.) A person shall not—

- (a.) make, knowingly utter, deal in, or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for any postal purpose any fictitious stamp; or
- (b.) have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; or
- (c.) make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession, any die, plate, instrument, or material for making any fictitious stamp.

Any person who acts in contravention of this Section shall be liable on summary conviction on a prosecution by order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to a fine not exceeding £20, subject to the like right of appeal as in the case of a penalty under the Acts relating to the Excise.

## SEPTEMBER.

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|----|----|---|
| 1  | F  | Palmer's Clause, P.O. Protection Act, 1884. Post-card     |
| 2  | S  | Board of Trade constituted, 1786 [reform introd., 1894]   |
| 3  | S  | Oliver Cromwell died, 1658                                |
| 4  | M  | J. Palmer, of Bath, submits to the Govt. his scheme for a |
| 5  | Tu | Op. of Severn Tunnel, '85 [system of mail coaches, 1784]  |
| 6  | W  | Sir Henry March born, 1840                                |
| 7  | Th | W. H. T. Palmer born, 1833                                |
| 8  | F  | Sebastopol taken, 1855                                    |
| 9  | S  | Thomas Watts died, 1869                                   |
| 10 | S  | Guizot died, 1874   |
| 11 | M  | Battle of Malplaquet, 1709                                |
| 12 | Tu | Postage Stamps first issued, Iceland. 1873                |
| 13 | W  | Quebec taken, 1759  |
| 14 | Th | Duke of Wellington died, 1852                             |
| 15 | F  | Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened, 1830             |
| 16 | S  | Ben Jonson died, 1637                                     |
| 17 | S  | Brighton Railway opened, 1838                             |
| 18 | M  | Dr. Johnson born, 1709                                    |
| 19 | Tu | Dean Swift died, 1745                                     |
| 20 | W  | Battle of the Alma, 1854                                  |
| 21 | Th | Sir W. Scott died, 1832                                   |
| 22 | F  | Lord Chief Justice Denman died, 1854                      |
| 23 | S  | Marshal Bazaïne died, 1888                                |
| 24 | S  | Postage Stamps first issued, Heligoland, 1867             |
| 25 | M  | Porson died, 1808   |
| 26 | Tu | Von Moltke born, 1800                                     |
| 27 | W  | G. Cruikshank born, 1792                                  |
| 28 | Th | Eugene Clemenceau born, 1841                              |
| 29 | F  | J. W. Palmer married, 1880, Covent Garden Church          |
| 30 | S  | Fiji Islands ceded, 1830                                  |

### THE FIRST CASE.

THE Seventh—Palmer's—Clause of the New Post Office Protection Act came into force September, 1884. In October there was a Post Office prosecution for "feloniously forging and counterfeiting a die and plate and stamp." The prisoner was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. Mr. Osborne, the solicitor to the Post Office department, stated that this was the first case of the kind "that has ever occurred." He should have said that it was the first case that has ever been brought to book by the authorities. We dare hope it will not be the last.

**PEACE WITH HONOUR.**

'THROUGH a thousand extra troubles,  
Underneath the darkest cloud,  
In the tempest and the whirlwind,  
And 'mid lamentations loud,  
Britain fought, and now the darkness,  
All the horrors of the war  
Have been conquered :

*Peace has risen*

*In the sky—God's holy star!*

**TO A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY.**

AMID the pride of circumstance,  
The splendour of the scene,  
There came to us the memory  
Of our lost, gentle Queen.  
Victoria dignified the land,  
A woman, firm and true.  
And 'neath the wisdom of her sway  
The world her virtues knew.  
And it but added sweetness to  
The Coronation hours,  
To give reflection to the pride  
Of her imperial powers—  
Forgetting not Victoria's task,  
To aid the ship of state,  
And prove that woman is a power  
Of wisdom and of weight.

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- 1 S Introduction of 6d. Telegrams, 1885
- 2 M Sir Stevenson Arthur Blackwood died, 1893\*
- 3 Tu Postage Stamps first issued, Japan, 1871 [Mernel, 1646
- 4 W German Government Post started between Cleves and
- 5 Th Prince Henry of Battenberg born, 1858
- 6 F Right Hon. W. H. Smith died, 1891
- 7 S Edgar Allan Poe died, 1847
- 8 S Great Fire of Chicago, 1871
- 9 M St. Denys
- 10 Tu Oxford Mich. Term begins
- 11 W
- 12 Th Peking taken, 1860
- 13 F Palmer's system of mail coaches adopted, 1797
- 14 S Fire Insurance expires
- 15 S Prince Alfred of Edinburgh born, 1874
- 16 M Houses of Parliament burnt, 1834
- 17 Tu L. Pocock died, 1882
- 18 W Lord Palmerston died, 1865
- 19 Th Henry Kirke White died, 1806
- 20 F Lord Palmerston born, 1784
- 21 S Battle of Trafalgar, 1805
- 22 S Edict of Nantes revoked, 1685
- 23 M Postage Stamps first issued, Servia, 1866
- 24 Tu Joseph William Palmer born, 1853
- 25 W Battle of Agincourt, 1415
- 26 Th Post-Office Prosecution, 1891
- 27 F Sir G. Kueller died, 1723
- 28 S New Royal Exchange opened, 1844
- 29 S John Leech died, 1864
- 30 M Gaubetta born, 1838
- 31 Tu All Hallows Eve

**THE HOSPITAL STAMP.**

There's much to make us think in  
 Suggestions gather round. [stamps,  
 And minds may benefit with them  
 To earth's remotest bound.  
 But here's a pretty stamp which tells  
 Of charity benign—  
 Just as when clouds shall pass away,  
 The stars serenely shine.  
 The stamps in fancy take our feet  
 To wards so long and white,  
 Where sickness knows the darkened  
 And dread—the endless night, [hour

There human beings, penniless,  
 And all bereft of health,  
 Find strength anew, because we  
 Obtain increasing wealth. [stamp  
 All honour to the kindly King  
 Who thought of pretty stamps  
 For pain's great album in the light  
 Of Charity's good lamps.  
 Each stamp is surely an appeal  
 To aid a fallen brother  
 And its cement should make us stick  
 More closely to each other.

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## LICKING STAMPS

Is a matter that has occupied editors this last year, and our experience points to the prudence of not licking them. Water is plentiful, and it is easy to liquidate the back of the stamp without applying the tongue. Such a sanitary measure in avoiding stamp licking has a wider application than many people think.

# NOVEMBER.

1	W	Stamped Pos. Letter-paper ( <i>carta postale bollata</i> ) issued
2	Th	India proclaimed an Empire, '58 [by Sardinian Sts., '18
3	F	Mikado of Japan born, 1852
4	S	George Peabody died, 1869
5	S	Battle of Inkerman, 1854
6	M	Postage Stamps first issued, Gambia, 1869
7	Tu	Henry Fawcett, Postmaster-General, died, 1884
8	W	John Milton died, 1674
9	Th	H.M. the King born, 1841
10	F	Royal Academy founded, 1768
11	S	Martinmas
12	S	J. S. O. D. Palmer born, 1887
13	M	Lord Rayleigh born, 1852
14	Tu	First appointment of Postmaster-General for England,
15	W	William Pitt born, 1708 <span style="float: right;">[1533</span>
16	Th	John Bright born, 1811
17	F	Suez Canal opened, 1869
18	S	Charles Heath died, 1848
19	S	Man in the iron mask died, 1703
20	M	Lesseps born, 1805
21	Tu	Empress Frederick of Germany born, 1840
22	W	M. S. E. C. Palmer born, 1889
23	Th	Post-Office prosecution, 1889
24	F	M. S. E. C. Palmer died, 1893
25	S	Postage Stamps first issued in Sarawak, 1866
26	S	Marshal Soult died, 1851
27	M	Earl of Selborne born, 1812
28	Tu	The <i>Times</i> first printed by steam, 1814
29	W	First School Board Election, 1870
30	Th	Cardinal Wolsey died, 1530

## In Memoriam.

In loving memory of Queenie, who died on November 21th, 1893, and of Jack, who died January 14th, 1894. infant son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Palmer.  
 "To be remembered is not to die."

## AUCTIONS

Do not always realise the best prices, and clients should remember this solid assertion. In looking over prices realised, the expert sees that frequently more would be given by disposal independent of auctions. It is always well to submit property to the expert, and all may know that Mr. J. W. Palmer, of West Hoathly, will ensure the best and promptest payment.

### THE KING AND BRIC-A-BRAC.

The King, our most gracious Majesty, has been so good as to accept "The Philatelist's Almanack" for 1902, and also a number of Bric-a-brac. Such notice from the noble Edward VII. is ever appreciated, and his kindly attitude demonstrates the width of his sympathies. While Prince of Wales he was the frequent recipient of both publications, and as King his royal interest has continued. This may be taken as a compliment to all philatelists, and we are glad to acknowledge the valuable attention he has extended. His royal mother, so much lamented in every circle, was always kind to notice the publications from Bric-a-brac office, and now it is eminently satisfactory to know that her esteemed son cultivates the same sympathies which so distinguished the character of Her whose history makes us all proud.

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1	F	H. M. the Queen born, 1844
2	S	Queen Adelaide died, 1849
3	S	Rowland Hill born, at Kidderminster, 1795
4	M	Richelieu died, 1642
5	Tu	Postal Service organised at Nuremberg, 1570
6	W	Postage Stamps first issued in Zurich, 1840
7	Th	General Sir Redvers Buller born, 1839
8	F	E. M. R. Palmer born, 1881
9	S	Earl of Clarendon died, 1674
10	S	Post-Office prosecution, 1890
11	M	Archbishop Denison born, 1805
12	Tu	Robert Browning died, 1889
13	W	Dr. Johnson died, 1784
14	Th	Postage Stamps first issued in Belgium, 1849
15	F	Imperial Stamp of New Germany issued, 1871
16	S	A. de Fourcroy died, 1813
17	S	Oxford Mich. Term ends
18	M	U.S. Slavery abolished, 1862
19	Tu	
20	W	John Wilson Croker born, 1780
21	Th	<i>St. Thomas.</i>
22	F	"George Eliot" died, 1880
23	S	Samuel Parkes died, 1825
24	S	Thackeray died, 1863
25	M	<i>Christmas Day</i>
26	Tu	
27	W	Postage Stamps first issued in Brazil, 1843
28	Th	Lord Macaulay died, 1859
29	F	W. E. Gladstone born, 1809
30	S	Postage Stamps first issued in Naples, 1858
31	S	Gambetta died, 1882

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- 1 F H.M. the Queen born, 1844
- 2 S Queen Adelaide died, 1849
- 3 S Rowland Hill born, at Kidderminster, 1795
- 4 M Richelieu died, 1642
- 5 Tu Postal Service organised at Nuremberg, 1570
- 6 W Postage Stamps first issued in Zurich, 1840
- 7 Th General Sir Redvers Buller born, 1839
- 8 F F. M. R. Palmer born, 1881
- 9 S Earl of Clarendon died, 1671
- 10 S Post-Office prosecution, 1890
- 11 M Archbishop Denison born, 1805
- 12 Tu Robert Browning died, 1889
- 13 W Dr. Johnson died, 1784
- 14 Th Postage Stamps first issued in Belgium, 1849
- 15 F Imperial Stamp of New Germany issued, 1871
- 16 S A. de Fourcroy died, 1813
- 17 S Oxford Mich. Term ends
- 18 M U.S. slavery abolished, 1862
- 19 Tu
- 20 W John Wilson Croker born, 1780
- 21 Th *St. Thomas.*
- 22 F "George Eliot" died, 1880
- 23 S Samuel Parkes died, 1825
- 24 S Thackeray died, 1863
- 25 M *Christmas Day*
- 26 Tu
- 27 W Postage Stamps first issued in Brazil, 1843
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