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### MEN WHO HAVE EARNED SUCCESS.

FATHER OF STAMP COLLECTING.

#### THIS LITTLE BOOK -

IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED TO

MY YOUNGEST SON

### JOSEPH GERALD DANIEL FREDERICK JAMIS PALMER.

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#### THE HOUSE THAT J. W. PALMER BUILT.

THE origin of the firm Palmer's, which has become a landmark in London, goes back more than half a century. If J. W. Palmer may be called the Father of Philately, his father may claim to stand to it in the relation of Grandfather, for the father of J. W. Palmer was a collector of newspaper stamps which go back two hundred years and more before postage stamps were invented. Palmer's is the largest, as it is the oldest firm in existence, and the stock now stored at 281, Strand, exceeds that of any firm in this country or abroad. On the ground floor of 281 are the long warehouses and the clerks' offices. Tons of stamps are stored in the stock-rooms. At the top of stamps are stored in the stock-rooms. At the top of the house is a huge painted sign bearing the portrait of J. W. Palener, "The Exterminator of Forged Stamps," surrounded by an appropriate device, which by day and by night (when it is lit up) advertises the oldest established firm of stamp merchants in the world to passers-by. The cry of "No Forgery," first raised by Mr. J. W. Palmer, is perpetuated "on the outward walls." It may be mentioned, in passing, that the war against forgery has been carried on at a cost of many thousands of pounds, all of which has been defrayed by this firm alone. "The largest stock in the world," and other inscriptions tell their own tales, and in the plainest of letters defy contra-diction. The kouse has recently been newly deco-rated and furnished by J. W. Palmer, who is "monarch of all he surveys," from the basement to the roof. The premises are far and away the largest occupied by any firm of stamp dealers at home or abroad -

#### THE RAREST STAMP.

THE Brattleboro' stamp-rarissimus inter raroswhich was sold by J. W. Palmer for £250, is the rarest stamp in the world. It is certainly worth a good deal more than the Mauritius. The pair of Mauritius-the penny and twopenny, bearing the words "post office" instead of the words "post paid"-are worth a little less than the single specimen of the Brattleboro'. The specimens of the Brattleboro' still extant may be counted on the fingers of one hand, and that not including the thumb or even the little finger, but the Mauritius can be numbered by the score.

#### VISITORS TO THE PHILATELICAL EXHIBITION

AT 281. Strand, will be entitled, on payment of one penny, to receive a photograph of the Chamber of Philatelical Horrors. The pennies thus collected will be given to charity. Collecting boxes are put for the purpose of receiving these contributions from visitors to 281, Strand, and it will be at their option to subscribe (a) to the Charing Cross Hospital. or (b) to the Gordon Boys' Home, or (c) to the fund for sending into the country for a fortnight's holiday the poor children of the parish. Copies of the photograph will be sent for 2d., post free to any address. "The photograph," stys a purchaser "would not be dear at a shilling." WHOSE PREMISES ARE THERE. WHICH STAND And flourish in the busy Strand, Whose name is writ on either hand? J. W. PALMER.

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2	8	Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801
3	M	Gretna Green Marriages abolished
4		Est. of P.O. by Act to settle the Postage of Eng., Scot.,
5	W	Edward the Confessor died, 1066 [and Ireland, '50
6	Th	T. A. Neale died, 1892
7	F	Lord Kimberley born, 1826
8	S	Victor Emmanuel died, 1878
9	8	Fire Insurance expires
10	M	
11	Tu	
2		Earl Iddesleigh died, 1887
		George Fox died, 1690
		J. S. O. D. Palmer died, 1894
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		Battle of Corunna, 1809
		Battle of Abu Klea, 1885
		German Empire proclaimed, 1871
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20		Mersey Tunnel opened, 1886
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	S	Defence of Rorke's Drift, 1879
	8	William Pitt died, 1806
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		Death of General Gordon, 1886
27		German Emperor William II. born, 1859
		Battle of Aliwal, 1846
		George III. died, 1820
30		Charles I. executed, 1649
31	M	Est. of a Metro. Penny Post by William Dockwra, 168
		In Memorum.
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#### FORGERY.

LINE the poor, the forger is always with us. He is for ever doing his best to best, and the only policy which wins his faith is one to mislead his fellow-creatures, among whom his dupes are beyond calculation. There was once a blacksmith whose sparks of humour not only flew from the anvil, but shone in his speeches, for the hero of the hammer was a born orator. On a public occasion our blacksmith had to toast his audience, and his burning eloquence found vent in the dazzling point, "Success to forgery," and his wit brought down the house. That blacksmith was unfortunately giving advice which too many have followed and been more faithful to than they have to the commandments. As one looks over the annals of crime, and regrets the wasted ingenuity which has placed so many clever people in the prison-cell, in no department of questionable genius and industry is there more to excite sad admiration than among the stamp forging fraternity. Their ways are indeed wonderful and past finding out, to quote from that excellent book which forgers will not follow, or, if they do, they follow so far behind they cannot see the noble volume which gives such good advice. Forgery in the stamp trade demands the keen study of the specialist, and year after year Palmer has kept his optics on the schemes which have all been started to deceive the unwary, and often to compel the expert to give extra investigation to decide on clever falsity. The existence of dies for the production of stamps is a matter of infinite importance to us all, and Palmer, in his time, has known these dies to be in possession of people to whom he would not trust the smallest coin of the realm-that is, not a threepenny piece, and yet it is. That marvellous knight of the penny postage movement, Mr. Henniker Heaton, on the evening of May 20th, stood up in the House of Commons and asked the Secretary to the Treasury, as representing the Postmaster-General, some pertinent questions. Were the Mulready stamp, the black penny stamp, and others of the old issues, still available for postal purposes ?" A reply in the affirmative came for this. If Mr. Henniker Heaton and the Treasury Secretary like to call at Palmer's, he will be glad to show them what

	57	FEBRUARY.
1	Tu	First German Stamps issued (Bavaria), 1849
2	W	M
3	I'n	Marquis of Salisbury born, 1830
4 5	F	Sir W. Palliser died, 1882
0	S	Postage Stamps first issued in the United States, 1847
6 7 8		James Chalmers, Originator of the Adhesive Stamp,
		Jules Verne born, 1828 [bcrn 1782]
9	Tu	
		Lord Mayo assassinated, 1872
10		Queen Victoria married, 1840
10	r a	Thomas A. Edison born, 1847
12	5	Custom House burnt, 1814 Lord R. Churchill born, 1849
13	3	Lord K. Churchill Dorn, 1849
14	M.	St. Valentine
10	IU	J. Bentham born, 1747
10	W	Battle of St. Vincent, 1797
17	L'D	Duchess of Albany born, 1861
18		Capture of Trinidad, 1797
19	S	King of Holland born, 1817
20	3	Princess Louise of Wales born, 1867
21	M	Postage Stamps first issued in Russia, 1848 (Envelopes)
22	Tu	George Washington born, 1732
23	W	(24th) John Keats died, 1821
24	Th	Great Earthquake at Mentone, 1887
	F	Sir C. Wren died, 1723
	3	Prince Ferdinand born, 1861
		Elizabeth Ruth Palmer died, 1886
28	M	Postage Stamps first issued Denmark, 1851

#### "HOME THEY BORE HER WARRIOR DEAD."

THIS beautiful line comes most appropriately to our mind at this sad time, when the heart of the nation has gone out to the two mourners waiting at Osborne for their dead, and bearing their bitter trial with fortitude and resignation. The memory of Prince Henry of Battenberg will ever be cherished by the British nation, of which he had made himself one, being beloved by all with whom he was brought in contact. It will be remembered that he died as a volunteer, having loft all that were nearest and dearest to him to serve with the army of the country of his adoption. May he rest in peace.

he has done with the stamps referred to for postal purposes. Palmer has a few things which would stimulate the blood of all postal reformers. Mr. Heaton also asked if the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and the Postmaster-General had for some months past insisted that stamp dealers and others must not publish miniature and other sized illustrations of these stamps, in black or otherwise, in their catalogues? Again the Treasury Secretary gave an affirmative. Mr. Heaton was still on his feet, or not still, as he was speaking. "Did the authorities," continued the warm Heaton, "know that an illustration of the Mulready stamp was being largely distributed by the promoters of the Philatelic Exhibition, of which the Postmaster-General was were not acting in opposition to the Post Office and the Inland Revenue?" Here was a mighty mouthful! The reply was that the energetic philatelists of the exhibition were patronised by the Postmaster-General, but he was ignorant of the Mulready stamp picture being sent out broadcast, and the action of the exhibitioners was decidedly antagonistic to postal regulations. In preventing, as far as they can, the imitation of any postage stamp, whether of the United Kingdom or of any Colony or foreign country, the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue (with whom legal action rests) are governed by the reasons which led Parliament to pass the 7th Section of the Post Office Protection Act, 1884, and which led her Majesty's Government to enter into article xviii, of the Universal Postal Union Convention of Vienna, 1891. Palmer agrees with the Treasury Secretary as to the great care requisite in regard to dies. Is not the editor of this journal sending forth constantly, in clear type on good paper, exact information as to what people may or may not do in dealing with stamp dies? Yet amid all, forgeries go on, and every day some fresh illustration of the electric audacity of the forger comes to light. If members of Parliament, if the Postmaster-General, if the Treasury Secretary, if the general public, if these, if any-body, desire to see the marvellous tricks of the forging fraternity in the stamp business, let a visit be made to

		MARCH.
1	Tu	
2		Pope Leo born, 1810
3		Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839
4 5	F	
- 5	S	Thames Tunnel opened, 1843
6 7	8	Artemus Ward died, 1867
		First Prayer Book issued, 1549
8	Tu	Postage Stamps introduced into Germany, 1850
9		German Emperor William I. died, 1888
10	Th	Prince of Wales married, 1863
11		Benjamin West died, 1820
12		Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first
13	8	Grand Duke of Hesse died, 1892 [issued, 1793
14	M	King Humbert born, 1844
15	Tu	Viscount Melbourne born, 1779
		Queen created Empress of India, 1876
		St. Patrick's Day
		Communist insurrection, Paris, 1871
19		Lucknow taken, 1858
20		Sinking Fund established, 1786
21		Warning issued by J. W. Palmer, '88, to colls. concern-
22		Albert Way died, 1874 [ing Laureated Head, N.S.W.
	W	National Gallery opened, 1824
		H. W. Longfellow died, 1882
25		T. 1. C.C. 1. 12 1. 1010
26	3	Duke of Cambridge born, 1819
21		Postage Stamps first issued Ionian Isles, 1857
		Duke of Albany died, 1884
29		Albert Hall opened, 1871
		Don Carlos born, 1848 Slave Trade abolished in England, 1806
31	"ru	Slave Trade abonshed in England, 1000
		Vis and Black Share
		YAH, Jah, Black Sheep, Do you take me for a fool?
		Yes, sir; yes, sir,
		A greenborn fresh from school. Some dealers still sell forgeries
		A stock have I in hand, But none for Mr. PALMER,
		Who lives in the Strand

Palmer's Museum, and there such revelations await the visitors, that they will never forget 281, Strand. In Palmer's Museum will be found such an extraordinary assemblage of stamps, that it may be concluded the number is more than 70,000 absolute forgeries and reprints, and if these specimens were only true, their value would be £1,000,000. A statement like this needs very careful consideration. This immense collection has been zealously made, in an arduous career, extending over thirty years, during which the most disastrous discoveries have been made, and many a mind embittered to think that such duplicity had been exercised by dealers. Palmer's Museum includes the Mulready stamp. the penny black stamp, the penny stamp and up to the £5 stamp in the present issue, and other rare and even unique forgeries. These facts illustrate the peculiar activity of those who seek to deceive their fellow-men, who mistake in stamps the shadow for the substance, the king for the beggar. Forewarned is forearmed in all life's ways, but in the fascinating paths of stamp collecting, the advice is vitality itself. Moral-Make a point of seeing Palmer's Museum. The thousands of forgeries and reprints which Palmer has collected are open to the inspection of all who may find in the suggestive display enough to cause abundant rumination in this room in the strand. As Postal affairs become more and more extensive every day, the necessity to guard public interests is increasingly manifest, and, let it be known, far and wide, near and narrow, that Palmer means death to the forger.

As I have said over and over again, the issue of these "imitation" stamps will never cease till the authorities take action, under the Post Office Protection Act. As it is, the seventh clause, for which I worked so hard and so long, is almost a dead letter, although it may be put into operation that is one consolation—at any moment. The issue of "illustrated" catalogues must be put down,

The issue of "illustrated" catalogues must be put down, to begin with, for until the dies are confiscated, and the terms of the Act enforced to the letter, there will never be an end to the troubles of Philatelists and these dangers to the Post Office authorities.

TE		APRIL.
1	F	Prince Bismarck born, 1815
		Cobden died, 1865
2 3 4	š	
4	M	F. M. Palmer born, 1860
5	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued Paraguay, 1870
6	W	
7	Th	Denis F. MacCarthy died, 1882
8		Lord Chatham died, 1778
	S	
10	8	Gen. Booth b., 1829 [of Stamps to the British Museum
12	m.	T. K. Tapling, M.P., d., 1891, bequesthed his Collection
12		Lord Redney's victory, 1782
		Princess Beatrice born, 1857
15	F	THEERS Deathlee Doll, 1001
	S	Battle of Culloden, 1746
		Magalhaens killed, 1521
18	M	
19	Tu	Primrose Day. Lord Beaconsfield died, 1881
20	W	Postage Stamps first issued Costa Rica, 1862
21	Th	Baroness Burdett-Coutts born, 1814
22	F	Petition against Forged Stamps prep. by Palmer, 1884
- 23	IS	Shakespeare died. 1616
24	8	Daniel Defoe died, 1731 First English Prince of Wales born, 1284
20	M	First English Prince of Wales born, 1284
26		Jeremy Collier died, 1726
	W	
20	110	Mutiny of the "Bounty," 1789 Postage Stamps first issued Lagos (Gold Coast), 1874
30	18	Sir John Lubbock born, 1834
00	10	PRIMROSE DAY, April 19, 1891.
		"PRACE WITH HONOUR."
1		B ritannia mourns to-day her patriot son ; E ach year grows ever grief the more.
		A nd heavier the loss his heirs deplore ; C heated of that Honour which he won.
		O f Peace with Honour which he brought to us of yore.
		N ow all is changed : the sacred Peace is fied, B ince laggards to the councils came-
		F ierce war the nation's portion, theirs the shame ; I n Peace with Honour sleeps th' illustrious dead.
		R ugland to the glory of his cheriabed name
-		L ovingly, as the early flowers of spring appear. D edicates the Primrose, because he hold it dear -J. W. P

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-	-1	MAY.
1	8	Issue of the Mulready envelope, 1840
2	М	Thames Embankment opened, 1868
3	Tu	Jamaica discovered, 1494
- 4	W	Local Letter Post established in Vienna, 1772
5	Th.	Ex-Empress Eugenie born, 1826
6	F	Postage Stamps first issued, 1840
7	S	Robert Browning born, 1812 Monarchy restored, 1660
8	8	Monarchy restored, 1660
- 9	M	Mr. Wallace, M.P., moved for Sel. Com. to inquire into
10	Tu	Crystal Pal. op., '54 [the merits of Rld. Hill's scheme, '37 ]
11	W	Petition against forged stamps prep. by J.W. Palmer,'84
12	Th	Sir Charles Barry died, 1860
	F	Suicide of King of Bavaria, 1886
14	S	
		German Emperor Frederick died, 1888
16	M	Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at Guildhall, '90;
17	Tu	Revised New Testament issued, 1881 [issue of Jubilee
18	W	New Eddystone Lighthouse opened, 1882 [post-card]
19	Th	Magna Charta signed, 1215
<b>20</b>	F	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
	S	Sir Lyon Playfair born, 1819
	8	
	M	
24	Tu	Queen Victoria born, 1819
25	W	Princess Helena born, 1846
26	Th	Tuileries destroyed, 1871
		Repeal of Corn Laws, 1856
		General Grant died, 1885
29	8	Empress Josephine died, 1811
30	M	Alexander Pope died, 1744 . [Archer, 1852]
31	Tu	Machine for perforating stamps invested by Heory
		INPORTANC NOTICE

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It may be of interest to people when are engaged in collecting a million stamps to know that Mr. J. W. Palmer is prepared to purchase them at the rate of from 10s, to \$10 per million, according to variety and condition; but he wishes it to be generally understood that he cannot undertake to purchase the common varieties of English stamps in any lesser quantities than 50,000, and all such parcels must be sent carriage paid.

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JUNE. W 1 Charles Lever died. 1872 2 Th Garibaldi died, 1882 3 F Duke of York born, 1865 456 S Lord Wolseley born, 1833 8 St. Boniface М Cyprus Stamp issued 7 Tu Postage Stamps first issued, Roman States, 1852 8 W Sir John Millais born, 1829 9 Th Charles Dickens died, 1870 10 F P. O. robbery of Telegraph Stamps discovered, 1890 11 8 Money Market panic, 1866 12 8 Rev. Charles Kingsley born, 1819 13 M Kensington Museum opened, 1857 14 Tu Battle of Marengo, 1800 15 W Napoleon I. died, 1921 16 Th Battle of Quatre Bras, 1815 17 F Postage Stamps first issued, Tasmania, 1853 18 8 Battle of Waterloo, 1815 19 8 French postal system founded by Louis XI., 1464 20 M J. A. Palmer died, 1893 21 Tu Longest day 22 W. Great fire in Tooley Street, 1861 23 Th Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757 24 F Midsummer Day 25 S Right Hon. H. Childen 26 B George IV. died, 1830 27 M First meeting of the Right Hon. H. Childers born, 1827 First meeting of the Postal Union Congress held in 28 Tu Coronation Day [Paris, 1863 29 W Lord Raglan died, 1855 30 Th Opening of the Tower Bridge, 1894

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#### PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.

THE demolition of the houses on the north side of the Strand, between the churches of St. Clement Dane and St. Mary-le-Strand, which will soon be taken in hand now that all the legal requirements have been complied with and sanction obtained, while conferring a great benefit on the public by relieving the congestion of the traffic in the narrowest part of the Strand, will remove one of the best known landmarks in that locality, the house occupied for so many years by Mr. J. W. Palmer, who is termed by collectors all over the world the "Stamp King," as there is hardly any one with a collection worthy of the name who has not either dealt with him or profited by his advice, always given freely and honestly to all inquirers. Stamp collecting is greatly on the increase, especially in the Australasian colonies, and prices have risen in proportion ; but when reading the amounts stated to have been given for special varieties the quotation, "Cum grano salis," should be remembered. the real value of a stamp being what it brings to the seller, and not what may appear in print. There are tricks in all trades.

Philately has new become a science, and has its disciples all over the globe, increasing every year, and including in its ranks the highest in the land. With many it becomes quite an absorbing passion, and the name of Palmer will be honoured by successive generations throughout all time as being really the founder of the art of Philately, and the oldest stamp merchant in the world, as father and son can between them boast of having been upwards of fifty years in the business, which is second to none.

The great secret of Mr. Palmer's success has undoubtedly been the bold stand he has always made against forgeries and reprints—the dread of the inexperienced collector—and he incurred the bitter enmity of the unscrupulous dealers by the clause known as "Palmer's," which he succeeded at great trouble and expense ingetting inserted in the Act of Parliament of 1884, under which proceedings are constantly being taken by the luland Revenue authorities to stop imitations of genuine stamps. He may well claim to be the best friend to Philately by his unswering defermination to put down by all the means in his power the sale of forgeries, being ready at all times to give a gratuitous opinion ou any specimenus submitted to him, oftentimes to the dismay of the applicant on finding his most valued stamps to be only forgeries, bits of worthless paper.

No one can possibly form any idea of the numbers of such really good forgeries in existence until they have seen what Mr. Palmer calls the "chamber of horrors," which is open daily from teu till

#### JULY. F 20 cent. French Stamp suppressed, 1850 1 2 S Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at S. Kensirgton,'90 3 S Battle of Sadowa, 1866 4 M Declaration of American Independence, 1776 5 Tu Lord Gifford born, 1849 6 W Samuel Lever died, 1868 $\overline{\mathbf{7}}$ Th John Huss burnt, 1415 8 F Shelley drowned, 1822 9 S Fire Insurance expires 10 S Abolition of Members of Parliament's privilege of 11 M Alexandria bombarded, 1882 [franking letters, 1840 12 Tu Crimea evacuated, 1856 13 W Voting by Ballot instituted, 1872 14 Th Bastille stormed, 1789 15 F St. Swithin 16 S Béranger died, 1857 8 Issue of American Five Dollar Stamp, 1862 17

- 18 M Dean Stanley died, 1881
   19 Tu Bishop Wilberforce died, 1873
- 20 W Lord Westbury died, 1873
- 20 W Lord Westbury died, 1873
  21 Tb Robert Burns died, 1796
  22 F Issue of 15 cent. French Stamp (green), 1850
  23 S Duke of Devonshire born, 1833
  24 S Window Tax abolished, 1851
  25 M Great Fire at Baltimore, 1873
  26 Tu Metropolitan Penny Post established, 1683
  27 W Bank of England founded, 1694
  28 The Armoda dispersed 1588

- 28 Th Armada dispersed, 1588
  29 F Seaham Harbour opened, 1835
- 30 S General Post Office opened in St. Martin's-le-Grand, '29
- 31 8 J. G. D. F. J. Palmer born, 1897

SOME of our correspondents having asked the derivation of the word Philately, we beg to inform them that it is composed of two Greek words-Philos-Ateles, the meaning being any communication that is franked or paid for.

dusk. The catalogued prices of the forgeries there gibbeted, like hawks on a gamekeeper's cottage, represent a small fortune, and the display speaks volumes for the integrity of the man who thus condemne them instead of selling them to the unwary. An instauce has recently occurred of a forged Mulready envelope being found with a genuine postmark on it, showing that even the post office can be deceived. American and Colonial visitors ought never to leave England without looking over this unique collection, and they will always be welcomed with that courtesy for which Mr. Palmer is proverbial.

The house now doomed to destruction has always been specially noticed by royalties, driving through the Strand on their way to entertainments in the City, from the taste displayed in its decoration, and on Primrose Day attracted the attention of the ever passing stream of people by the profusion of Lord Beaconsfield's favourite flower, every window being filled with them to the roof.

Mr. Palmer is an enthusiastic believer in Lord Beaconsfield, and it may not be inappropriate to end this sketch with the verses he published at his death :--

When smiling through the April showers Comes jocund Spring in bright array, Kissed by the Sun the sleeping flowers Now lit their heads along the way.

The Primrose by the river's brim Sheds its pale lustre like a star, And memory turns again to him Whose light shines on us from afar.

A Beacon that shall never cease To shed its brighter lustre round, Sleep, BEACONSFIELD, sleep on in Peace, With everlasting Honour crowned.

A recent number of "Chambers's Journal" had an interesting article on this subject.

		AUGUST.
1	M	Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880
2		Battle of Sedan, 1870
3	W	Mr. Speaker Peel born, 1829
4	Th	Adhesive Postage Stamp first invd. by James Chalmers,
5	F	Queen of Saxony born, 1833 [of Dundee, '34
6	S	Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844
7	8	New French Issues
8	Μ	George Canning died, 1827
9	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued, Roumania, 1862
10	W	George J. Goschen born, 1831
-11	Th	Dog Days end
12	F	M. A. M. Palmer born, 1885
13	S	Old Lammas Day
14	8	Local Government Act passed, 1871
15	M	Sir Walter Scott born, 1771
		Gas introduced in London, 1807
17	W	Rowld. Hill scheme adopted by House of Commons by a
18	Th	Emperor of Austria born, 1830 [majority of 100, '39
		Balzac died, 1850
	S	Abergele Railway accident, 1868
21	8	Battle of Vimiera, 1808
	M	King Richard III. killed, 1485
23	Tu	Sir Ästley Cooper born, 1768
24	W	Massacre of Huguenots, 1572
25	Th	Postage Stamps first issued, Egypt, 1865
<b>26</b>	F	Battle of Cressy, 1346
27	3	Rowland Hill died, 1879
		St. Augustin
29	M	Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782
30	Tu	Battle of Plevna, 1877
31	W	Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1874

PALMER'S MUSEUM.

Twis is the month when our "country cousins" come to tawn. Among the sights to be seen is Palmer's Mnacum. In connection with the Fhilatellical Exhibition opened by Mr. J. Palmer at 281, Strand, now on view, the exhibition, which includes a room papered entirely with forged stamps, which would be of the value of £1,000,000 if the stamps were genuine specimens, is open free to the public. A photograph of the Forged Stamp koom is sold at the exhibition for one penny, the net proceeds of the sales being given to the fund for assuring a fortnight-sholiday it the poor children of Clare Market and Drury Lane.

#### LOOKING BACK.

A CORRESPONDENT furnishes us with a cutting from the *Times* of fourteen years ago, which casts a light upon the history of philately, and throws a passing ray upon the firm of J. W. Palmer:—

"It is stated that one of the Middlesex magistrates the other day was offered, but refused to accept, £900 for his collection of foreign postage stamps; and also that an extensive collection, of 17,000 varieties, including many unique specimens, changed hands through Mr. J. W. Palmer, of the Strand, for £800; it is believed that this is the highest price which such a collection has ever fetched in England. In France, however, the mania has reached a higher pitch, for it is reported that one of the most complete collections ever brought together was sold privately for no less than £3,000."

Since those days of eighteen years ago, the era of big prices has come in all the year over. These cuttings from the press are curious, interesting, and instructive, for they show more plainly than anything else the marvellous development of stamp collecting, which has passed through the stages of "mania," and is in these days no longer a simple craze, but a sound pursuit, entitled to as much respect as that in which public esteem held any other collector-from the collector of autographs to the collector of taxes. The stamp collector has taken his place, and ranks now with the best of them. In the course of the long years in which Mr. J. W. Palmer has been engaged in collecting stamps, he has always occupied the attention more or less of the public press, and he has lived to see the newspapers turning round and changing their opinions, since stamp collecting was defined as a "mania" by the Times, and Palmer's was the butt for the satire of Mr. Panch.

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1	Th	Palmer's Clause, P.O. Protection Act, 1884. Post-card
2	F	Board of Trade constituted, 1786 [reform introd., 1894
234	S	Oliver Cromwell died, 1658
4	8	J. Palmer, of Bath, submits to the Govt. his scheme for a
- 51	M	Op. of Severn Tunnel, '85 [system of mail coaches, 1784
6	Tu	Sir Henry March born, 1840
7	W	W. H. T. Palmer born, 1883
8	Th	Sebastopol taken, 1855
9	F	Thomas Watts died, 1869
10	8	Guizot died, 1874
		Battle of Malplaquet, 1709
12	M	Postage Stamps first issued, Iceland, 1873
		Quebec taken, 1759
14	W	Duke of Wellington died, 1852
15	Th	Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened, 1830
16	F	Ben Jonson died, 1637
17	S	Brighton Railway opened, 1838
18	8	Dr. Johnson born, 1709
19	M	Dean Swift died, 1745
<b>20</b>	Tu	Battle of the Alma, 1854
		Sir W. Scott died, 1832
<b>22</b>	Th	Lord Chief Justice Denman died, 1854
		Marshal Bazaine died, 1888
		Postage Stamps first issued, Heligoland, 1867
25	8	Porson died, 1808
		Von Moltke born, 1800
27		G. Cruikshank born, 1792
		Eugene Clemenceau born, 1841
		J. W. Palmer married, 1880, Covent Garden Church
30	F	Fiji Islands ceded, 1830
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PLATE NUMBERS AND SURCHARGES.

The list of plate numbers of penny stamps comprehends Nos. 71 to 74; 78: 78 to

125, 127, 120 to 225. With regard to surcharges, collectors should exercise some caution in making their purchases. We particularly warm collectors against surcharges Ceylon, upside down, St. Locia, St. Vincent, Fiji Islands, and likewise against forged postmarks Mauritius.

\*. Collectors who wish to have forgeries and reprints examined are informed that although forgeries will be marked " while you wait," or if from the country, will be sent back by following post; in the case of reprints, being more difficultio detect, an oninion cannot be offered immediately.

#### NEVER SAY "DIES"!

#### SIR WILLIAM MELVILL AND MR. J. W. PALMER.

IT was stated in a stamp case that Sir William Melvill, Solicitor to the Inland Revenue Department, had authorised the use of dies—"all others except English." The statement was repeated over and over again in a variety of journals. There was only one man who could speak positively on the subject, and that one man was Sir William Melvill. To Sir William Melvill Mr. Palmer addressed himself directly. Sir William Melvill replied in these terms:

#### [COPY.]

"The Editor of 'Bric-à-Brac' is informed in reply to his letter of the 21st instant, that the witness was in error in stating that Sir W. Melvill expressed any wish or gave any authority as to the use of dies for impression in a Stamp Dealer's Catalogue, and Sir W. Melvill is informed that the witness corrected the error in his evidence given at the Police Court on a subsequent day.

"SOMERSET HOUSE, 24th May, 1892."

It is very difficult when once an incorrect statement has got the start for the truth to overtake it, and the most we can do is to give the facts, as they are stated by Sir William Melvill, and to appeal to those who have given the other version of the affair to do the same, if only out of the spirit of common fairness to the gentleman who has been so misrepresented, to say nothing of their professed desire to put down forgerics.

#### OCTOBER.

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

CAUTION TO COLLECTOR....Don't buy the 8½ green Nova Scotia, which formerly letched 30s. As there are some hundreds now in the market, and can be sold, we are told, for 2s. 6d., unneed, we advise, as we always have, to collect used stamps which have been through the post and done duty, for we don't know the next rare stamps the Government will turn out the remainders of.



THE pen is smitler than the sword, And such the weapon PALMER uses To champion the collector's cause, And keep the Post from all abuses.

#### NOVEMBER.

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

#### In Memoriam.

In loving memory of Queenie, who died on November 24th, 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."

A PRETTILY-DESIGNED medal in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has just been struck by Mr. J. W. Palmer, the foreign stamp merchant, of 281, Strand. The medal has been submitted to the Queen, and accepted by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Princess Louise, Princess Henry of Battenburg, the Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, and other members of the Royal Family. The head of Her Majesty is most artistically designed, and there is some prospect of the design being adopted for the new postage stamps.— Echo.

#### GREAT BARGAINS.

A JOB lot of about three hundred albums, each containing several thousands of stamps, are to be disposed of either singly or together. These albums, which have remained over from our sale, may be seen at 281, Strand. To clear the lot, they are offered at the net price of £150. This is a rare opportunity for collectors to obtain duplicates for exchange, or for a dealer to acquire a large stock at extremely low prices. Owing to the re-arrangement of our stock, we have decided to offer these albums upon very low terms for the purpose of effecting a clearance.

These albums cannot be sent out on approval, nor can we undertake to furnish' further particulars; but they may be seen any day during office hours at 281, Strand, W.C.

> The Old Year departs with his burden of woes, And up comes the New Year smiling: The Old Year unregretted goes, It's welcome turned now to reviling. The Old Year sinks in deep disgrace. The New Year shows a smiling fuce. A spurious stamp the Old Year seems, It's brought us so much disaffection. Now may the New Year, which brightly beams, Add something good to our collection : And we will then forget the past, If this year's better than the last.

J. W. P.

1	Th	Princess of Wales born, 1844	Ē
2	F	Queen Adelaide died, 1849 Rowland Hill born, at Kidderminster, 1793	
3	S	Rowland Hill born, at Kidderminster, 1793	
4	8	Richelieu died, 1642	
5		Postal Service organised at Nuremberg, 1570	1
6		Postage Stamps first issued in Zurich, 1840	
7	W	General Sir Redvers Buller born, 1839	
8	Th	F. M. R. Palmer born, 1881	
9	F	Earl of Clarendon died, 1674	
0	S	Post-Office prosecution, 1890	
1	8	Archbishop Denison born, 1805	
2	M	Robert Browning died, 1889	
3	Tu	Dr. Johnson died, 1784	
4	W	Postage Stamps first issued in Belgium, 1849	
5	Th	Imperial Stamp of New Germany issued, 1871	
	F		
		Oxford Mich. Term ends	
	8	U.S. Slavery abolished, 1862	
	M		
		John Wilson Croker born, 1780	
	W		
2	Th	"George Eliot " died, 1880	
	F		
24	S	Thackeray died, 1863	i,
	8	Christmas Day	-
	M		
37		Postage Stamps first issued in Brazil, 1843	
28	W	Lord Macaulay died, 1859	
		W. E. Gladstone born, 1809	
0	F	Postage Stamps first issued in Naples, 1858	
31	S	Gambetta died, 1882	

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#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The philatelist may find a choice of seasonable gifts at 281, Strand. Albums to suit all purses, from the most moderate price upwards, and packets of postage-stamps, in which every specimen is guaranteed genuine. There is no extra charge for that. Mr. Palmer's prices are lower than any other dealer's. A box of stamp-tape is a gift that is always in season.

#### 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.

#### STAMP-TAPE AND BOX.

In philatelical circles one of the memorable succe ses of the year has been stamp-tape. Hitherto stamptape has been sold in reels, and in reels only, but Mr. Palmer is now able to offer it to his customers in a yet handier form. An elegant little box which may be conveniently carried in the pocket, is now made to contain a length of stamp-tape, and from the stamp-tape box the tape may be drawn as required . through a slit in the side of the box, as with the ordinary yard measure. The stamp-tape box should come in handy for many purposes, and where it is desired to fix things neatly together it will be found more useful than gum or pins or clips, whilst it will, with regard to the special requirements of the stamp collector, effect a considerable saving of time and trouble. No prohibitive price has been put upon the stamp-tape box, for it has been Mr. Palmer's intention to bring it within the reach of all collectors. The box, with a length of twenty-two yards of stamptape, is offered for sale at the price of 1s., or by post 1s. 2d., the charge for postage being increased, according to official rates, for orders from abroad. Tapes for refilling the boxes may be had of Mr. Palmer, according to the width required, at 6d. and 9d. a length of twenty-two yards. The box may be had separately, price 3d.

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# THE BLACK LIST.

To give some idea of the extent to which forgery of stamps has been carried, we give the names of various countries represented in the Chamber of Horrors at 281, Strand, W.C. Of course, this does not exhaust the list, which is, however, sufficient to put collectors on their guard against purchasing cheap unused sets of any of the following countries. Genuine specimens of these stamps are worth as much, in some instances, as £250 a-piece.

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