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THE

PHILATELIST'S ALMANACK

And Stamp-Collector's Vade-Mecum,

FOR THE YEAR

1899.



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WHY; PALMER.

Who has devoted, year on year,
To make stamp mysteries quite clear,
Courageous, whether bright or drear?
Why, PALMER.

Who never looked for cash reward,
Who's pluck no person could retard,
Who said I ever will keep guard?
Why, PALMER.

Who said the world is very great,
The millions I must educate
In love of stamps, it is my fate?
Why, PALMER.

Who's fairly mastered ins and outs,
And who can meet collectors' doubts,
And who the gentle forger routs?
Why, PALMER.

Who says to folks on every side,
I will be your most honest guide,
A bit of conscience is my pride?
Why, PALMER.

Who feels as great a zeal to-day
As in the summers passed-away,
In stamps and all their proud array?
Why, PALMER.

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MEN WHO HAVE EARNED SUCCESS.



FATHER OF STAMP COLLECTING.

THIS LITTLE BOOK
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED TO
MY WIFE.

THE ENTHUSIAST.

No matter for another's smile,
He loves his choice collection;
And goes from page to page of all,
With high and true affection.
There is a stamp for which he sought
So very long and gaily;
He lighted on the same one day,
And it is cherished daily.
He sees far more than they who think
He's terribly misguided;
He finds a feast upon the page
Continually provided.
He has the joys he cannot speak;
They are beyond all damping,
And they succeed, upon his face,
Approving smiles in stamping.

BISMARCK!

We regret the death of the great statesman whose work consolidated a vast empire, and produced a whole gallery of stamps which tell their own tale of European change.

CHRISTMAS!

SOME people are cynical, and say that all Christmas sentiment has been swept away with the snow that used to make the festival a little more picturesque than it is now. Our fathers tell us that Charles Dickens built up the modern Christmas and made us more sentimental, if not more strictly devotional. Now, regarding the cynics, perhaps some of the snow has got into their souls and chilled them. As to Charles Dickens; Christmas inspired him, and he elevated the pure, domestic aspect, and delightfully and reverently interpreted much of the religious meaning, for he accomplished the miracle of writing beautiful sermons in stories that all folks will read, and distant be the hour for us to forget the holy toast of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, one and all."

We regard Christmas as being the most beautiful and most suggestive of festivals, and its approach sets us reviewing the year whose death it lights up with immortal glory. We review gratefully the good we have received in the grand march of the months, and we soften to the injustice or the act which has not been too kindly. We think of the good folks whose faces and voices are known to us, and who have done their best, according to their power, to show us that they desired to be practically appreciative, and to let us know their generous sympathy in our life's work. We think, too, of those thousands of unknown friends who all over the world write us nice letters, enclose remittances, ask our advice, and trust us, though we never met. The little stamps have been the means of carrying message and money to and fro, and, of course, our world-wide circle is always keen on stamps. It is well, then, at this time of the year, to send our greetings to friends, known and unknown, and to assure all that no kind word or deed can ever be forgotten. Commercial enterprise should ever be conducted on the grandest ideals of Freemasonry—that is, to do all things for the common good, and that will result in uncommon good.

In the stamp business all ages and conditions seek our aid,

and it is ever ready for the seekers, no payment being sought, the high satisfaction of knowing we can help giving a pleasure and reward no cheques can represent; though, of course, the "bank beauties" are welcome and useful.

Our hope is that when we sit down in due time, please God, to the Christmas turkey, all friends may be enjoying

THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS,

and that when the bells cheerily ring out the great fact that 1899 has dawned on mankind,

THE NEW YEAR

may bring untold brightness and blessings to all in the stamp world, and we venture to imagine the stamp world comprehends so much, there is very little left out in the cold.

ADVICE FREE.

THERE is so much for which you have to pay,
That one may in bewilderment be inclined to say,
There is nothing any one will give away.

Now, Palmer says, upon this path, please stay,
For you can come to him, or send on any day,
And all the kindness possible he will display,
In looking at one stamp, or an array.

ADVICE on all is FREE; there is no "nay."

The skill, experience of forty years upon the way—
ARE YOURS FOR NOTHING; that is Palmer's "lay."

BICYCLES.

THE bicycle has become such a standing institution, yet such a going concern, it can afford to have enemies. Still, the useful wheel requires organisation, and it must contribute something to the national exchequer. I propose a

tax upon the wheel—say, five shillings annually. This tax would, of course, include registration, and the cyclist should not travel without the licence. The name and address of the owner should be on every machine, as in the case of vehicles, except wheelbarrows, and they would not be stolen so much if the same attention were bestowed on them. Doctors, in many instances, inveigh against the cycles; but, without question, they have come to stay, and their regulation is imperative. To all who move about in vast cities, it is evident the cycle adds a fresh peril to the traffic, and, while I am no alarmist, and believe in the prudence of most riders, there are awful “scorchers” and others who are not fit to mount a decent machine and ride in crowded streets.

THE POSTMAN.

HE is a man of letters,
 Though no volume may he write;
 He's with you in the early morn;
 He turns up late at night.
 He brings you news of every kind;
 You know his little knock;
 As regular upon the door,
 As working of the clock.

His visits are quite uniform;
 And uniform he wears;
 Some people he makes angry,
 Though others say their prayers.
 But whatever be his mind;
 His failures or successes;
 No orator in all the land,
Delivers such addresses!

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 Iddesleigh died, 1887
- 13 F George Fox died, 1690
- 14 S J. S. O. D. Palmer died, 1894
- 15 S *Bric-à-Brac* 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 Defence of Rorke's Drift, 1879
- 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, 1886
- 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

OUR CHEAPNESS.

THE force of cheapness can no further go—
Attractions high and prices very low.

A STRAND IMPROVEMENT

that does not interfere with the London County Council, is the unprecedented reduction in the price of stamps, which we have made in view of our establishment—281, Strand—passing away, with the widening and improvement of the historic thoroughfare. We simply ask you to call and see the countless bargains we have to suit every purse—even the empty one, for no genuine appeal is ever made to us by a true lover of stamps without obtaining attention. The poor collector can come to us and quickly enrich his treasured stamps; the boy with his pence will find a guide, philosopher and friend in us; and the prince or the millionaire with thousands to spend, can have such a field for selection, and see such varieties that their expensive tastes can be met. When a family have carefully studied the world of stamps for half a century, as have we, under circumstances providing every advantage, the privileges and bargains we can offer are simply unique in character.

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 Eighteen Ninety-nine,
 And may it bring the fuller light
 Akin to the divine.

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 [born 1782]
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 of Wales 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.

RARE INDIAN MISPRINT.

IN FACT, THE RAREST OF ALL MISPRINTS.

READERS will undoubtedly have come across my letters on this striking misprint, which have universally appeared in the public journals and caused endless comments.

As many readers may not file the papers, I repeat details here, and therefore state that the misprint occurred at the Karachi City Post-office, February 3rd last. Only two sheets were misprinted, of ten rows of twenty stamps each, or, in all, two hundred stamps, and of these, after the severest competition, I obtained eighty-four specimens which rise in value every day, for as the reputation spreads the enquiries are almost overwhelming, I having kept them on purpose. I may state that the upper row has a clear line at the top; the bottom row has a clear line at the bottom; the central rows have no such clear lines; the side stamps are again different, and the corner stamps are different to all the others, but all the stamps have each clearly two impressions of the Queen's head. Evidently from the manner of misprinting there were nine varieties in the two sheets, there being only two stamps of each in the four corner varieties.

Any further details may be had on applying to 281, Strand, and offers will be received for the whole lot, or any part thereof. Beyond question this misprint has given birth to an excitement among the stamp fraternity and extending to outsiders, for it is almost without precedent. In the history of misprints the Karachi sheets will be regarded as marvellous and most valuable specimens.



MARCH.

1	W	
2	Th	Pope Leo born, 1810
3	F	Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839
4	S	
5	S	Thames Tunnel opened, 1845
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	Prince of Wales married, 1863
11	S	Benjamin West died, 1820
12	S	Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first
13	M	Grand Duke of Hesse died, 1892 [issued, 1793
14	Tu	King Humbert born, 1844
15	W	Viscount Melbourne born, 1779
16	Th	Queen 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, 1848
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.

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,
281, Strand. —*City Press.*

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 Beatrice born, 1857
15	S	
16	S	Battle of Culloden, 1746
17	M	Magalhaens killed, 1521
18	Tu	
19	W	Primrose Day. Lord Beaconsfield died, 1881
20	Th	Postage Stamps first issued Costa Rica, 1862
21	F	Baroness Burdett-Coutts born, 1814
22	S	Petition against Forged Stamps prep. by Palmer, 1884
23	S	Shakespeare died, 1616
24	M	Daniel Defoe died, 1731
25	Tu	First English Prince of Wales born, 1284
26	W	Jeremy Collier died, 1726
27	Th	
28	F	Mutiny of the "Bounty," 1789
29	S	Postage Stamps first issued Lagos (Gold Coast), 1874
30	S	Sir John Lubbock born, 1834

PRIMROSE DAY. *April 19, 1891.*

"PEACE WITH HONOUR."

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 fled,
 S ince laggards to the councils came—
 Fierce war the nation's portion, theirs the shame
 I n Peace with Honour sleeps th' illustrious dead.
 E ngland to the glory of his cherished name
 L ovingly, as the early flowers of spring appear,
 D edicates the Primrose, because he held it dear.—J. W. P.

INDIAN STAMPS!

PHILATELY AND CASHMERE.

THE Cashmere Durbar have determined, we understand, to dispose of their old stock of State stamps, which were left in the local treasuries when the Imperial Post Office amalgamated the Cashmere with the British Indian postal systems. A State agent has been appointed for the sale of these stamps, among which are a limited number of the old circular issues. The catalogue prices of some of these stamps is fairly high, while the State has priced them at figures much below their average cost if purchased through dealers. The news may prove of interest to stamp-collectors, who will presumably be protected from the substitution of forged Cashmere stamps, which are, we believe, pretty plentiful in many of the large bazaars in India.—*Times of India*.

AS TO FORGERIES.

In the celebrated Stamp Chamber at 281, Strand, open to the world, there are specimens of

FORGERIES

enough to startle anyone. There will be found the forged "Mulready," also the £5 English stamp, and various other specimens all indicating the busy brain and deft hands of the nefarious artist.

GOVERNMENTS

should exercise all care about dies, for revenues are cheated beyond official detection or knowledge.

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	Magna Charta signed, 1215
20	S	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
21	S	Sir Lyon 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, 1846
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 NEW JACK HORNER.

LITTLE Jack Horner
 Had a big book,
 And in his own corner
 He had good look ;
 Pages on pages,
 Stamps, such a lot,
 For it was an album
 From Palmer's he'd got.

"I don't want plums."
 He said, "stamps are my style,
 Palmer's are beauties,
 There's no denial.
 I'll sit in my corner
 And go through them all,
 'Tis better than playing
 With bat or with ball."

ONE MILLION POUNDS

would be an insufficient cheque to buy the

SEVENTY THOUSAND FORGERIES

and reprints in Palmer's Museum, 281, Strand, London, if they were only genuine Stamps reflect the character of man. The bad stamps show the evil thoughts and cheating disposition. The good stamps speak of honesty, and give suggestion of pure motive. There is plenty of good in the world, thank God, and, without doubt, there is an abundance of evil. If you want ideas of the wickedness—the clever wickedness of mankind—spend an hour in Palmer's Chamber of Forgeries. There around you are the tens of thousands of stamps, silent yet eloquent of human mendacity, and Palmer's ceaseless work to defeat it. We should like it

JUNE.

1	Th	Charles Lever died, 1872
2	F	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	S	Duke of York born, 1865
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	Napoleon I. died, 1821
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	Coronation Day [Paris, 1863]
29	Th	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	F	Opening of the Tower Bridge, 1894

THE TWO P'S.

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

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

understood that there is no room like it in the world. Palmer conceived the idea long ago, and as he found the dear little forgeries, and reprints bob up, like waves of the sea, he took them into his net, and the "stamp haul" is something to stir thinking, wonder, and amazement.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

OUR articles in our *Bric-à-Brac* of February and March 1897, anent the stoppage of the importation of forgeries, have unexpectedly borne fruit of a most important character, and we have now hopes that the importation of the forgeries of stamps "made in Germany" and elsewhere will soon come to an end.

By the Revenue Act, 1893, 61 and 62 Vict., Chap. 46, which received the Royal assent on the 12th August, 1898, it is provided as follows:—

PART I.—CUSTOMS.

(1) Prohibitions and restrictions.

There shall be added to the table of prohibitions and restrictions contained in Sec. 42 of the Customs Act the following, that is to say:—

(1) Fictitious stamps as defined for the purposes of Section 7 of the Post Office Protection Act, 1884 (47 and 48 Vict., c. 76), and any die, plate, instrument, or materials for making any such stamp.

Our readers will see the importance of the 7th clause of the Post Office Protection Act, 1884, has again been shown, and that a simple reference to this section enables the Legislature to give directions to the Customs authorities to stop at the Port of Entry as contraband all the vile trash that has so long been imported with impunity, and that both the prints and the dies from which the prints are produced are included in the section.

JULY.

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 Lever 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. Swithin</i>
16	S	Béranger died, 1857
17	M	Issue of American Five Dollar Stamp, 1862
18	Tu	Dean Stanley died, 1881
19	W	Bishop Wilberforce 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, '29
31	M	J. G. D. F. J. Palmer born, 1897

FORGERS.

The fiend is always with us. It says in certain noble records, "The poor ye have 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 the Strand Stamp Merchant is always defeating his pretty little plans.

We congratulate the authorities on their having accepted the suggestion made by us, and as we are informed that the Customs authorities are very strict in the application of the suppression directed by the section, which by this Act is extended to forged stamps and dies to make them with, we are pleased to know that the foreigners and others who have made a trade of the importation of the abominations, now stand a good chance of getting their wings cut and their stock-in-trade confiscated and destroyed by the proper authorities, and therefore that our own countrymen and foreigners are placed upon the same footing.

We regret, however, to learn that the late circular of the Inland Revenue authorities allowing illustrations of stamps to be made and used under certain conditions, is being largely made use of, and that large quantities of such illustrations are being issued.

We have for many years pointed out the abuses of the system of illustrating price-lists and trade circulars with facsimiles of stamps, and we again urge upon our Post Office officials the folly of allowing these illustrations, and thus introducing the thin end of the wedge to upset the benefits of section 7 of the Post Office Protection Act. An illustration of this has lately been prominently brought before the public notice in the discovery of the wholesale forgery of the 1s. English postage stamp, and it is impossible to say to what extent the Revenue has been defrauded by these forgeries, which we feel sure would and could never have been effected if blocks and dies had not been allowed to be made and used without protest from the Post Office officials. The forgery of the 1s. stamps has been discovered; but how do we know but that forgeries of other stamps have not been foisted upon the department? We have seen stamps of large value exactly imitated. We may instance the £5 stamp, which, not being used so frequently as those of lesser value, would easily lend itself to the base uses of the forger, especially as this stamp is generally used, at any rate, by the public in the payment for extra long telegraphic despatches and for telegrams sent abroad. We may say that we have seen imitations of the £5 stamp which it would be

AUGUST.

1	Tu	Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880
2	W	Battle of Sedan, 1870
3	Th	Mr. Speaker 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	Postage Stamps first issued, Roumania, 1862
10	Th	George J. Goschen born, 1831
11	F	Dog Days end
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, 1807
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
27	S	Rowland Hill died, 1879
28	M	St. Augustin
29	Tu	Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782
30	W	Battle of Plevna, 1877
31	Th	Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1874

SIXPENNY POSTAL ORDERS.

ENGLAND has not got every advantage yet. Jamaica can smile upon her in one respect. It has sixpenny postal orders. We could do with some. This we mean, personally, and nationally. The sixpenny order looks important! It is pretty. And we must have it.

almost impossible, without minute comparison, to tell from the genuine stamp, and as the lengthy telegrams above referred to are, we understand, generally sent at night time and hurriedly, who is to say that such imitations have not been used. The same remarks apply to stamps for 10s. and £1, which have been extensively imitated in the past.

We point these matters out with a view of showing that it is dangerous for a Government department to countenance in any way the imitation of Government stamps, and we would again urge upon the Department to follow the example of the Bank of England, who, we believe, once prosecuted in a case in which a diminutive representation of a £5 bank-note was made in enamel for a scarf-pin. This, it will be apparent, is a very long way from allowing exact representations of current stamps to be printed and scattered broadcast, and dies to be made which only require the proper coloured ink to be applied to print exact reproductions of such stamps.

THE QUEEN OF DENMARK.

Died, September, 1898.

SHE gave to us a Princess good and true,
 In whom our land the gentlest woman knew,
 And thus we must her memory revere.
 Departing in the autumn, when the sere
 And yellow leaf "bespeaks declining days,"
 Her years extended to remoter ways,
 And in the softness of maturest age
 God gently closed the royal pilgrimage.

SEPTEMBER.

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, 1883
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 Bazaine 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 EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA.

Assassinated September, 1898.

In the hour of health and life
 Came the gleam of deadly knife,
 And the woman good and dear
 Sank to end a high career.
 Noble lady, sleep in peace,
 Sorrow now has had to cease,

Resignation is sublime.
 As we think of the dark crime,
 Mighty ruler of the skies,
 Open thou our inward eyes.

COMMERCE

Has its romantic side, especially in dealing with stamps. No address can be more central than that of the Strand, London, and there, where we have flourished so many years, we have had incident on incident to testify to the romance of trade. It is something to find a gentleman, who has been familiar with our work, turning up from the wilds of Australia. He is gone but a few minutes, and a Chinese gentleman will call to look over our stock and make purchases. Then the schoolboy will enter, and his little wants must be met. A lady of the highest rank next comes to spend a small fortune, and then, perhaps, a sister in lowly life will arrive and talk of stamps in a way that must interest and demonstrate how stamps exercise their spell on all hands. It would be useless to attempt any delineation of the vast variety of mankind who find that stamps have a power of their own, and can be companions in many an hour, as well as educators in a thousand paths. The whole question of collecting has become one of higher education, taste, judgment, and care; and, as the stamp varieties increase, so must the expert be more and more the scholar, with the cultured mind, the keenest powers, and the unerring eye. We can really extend our sympathy to those who regard stamps in a common light, because it shows they have not reached that point where the mind can see these precious "labels" are signs and friends of good and great import to all men.

WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

THOUGH the primrose is ever our flower, and Beaconsfield holds our faith from the grave at quiet Hughenden, we yield to none in our admiration of the beloved statesman resting in the abbey of Westminster. In the marvellous Victorian Era the life of Gladstone has been one of the essential elements that the cleverest and most conscientious historians will adequately analyse. To-day a world in emotion pays tributes that are honourable alike to living and dead. The

- 1 **S** Introduction of 6d. Telegrams, 1885
- 2 **M** Sir Stevenson Arthur Blackwood died, 1893
- 3 **Tu** Postage Stamps first issued, Japan, 1871 [Memel, 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. Kneller died, 1723
- 28 **S** New Royal Exchange opened, 1844
- 29 **S** John Leech died, 1864
- 30 **M** Gambetta 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 dreads the endless night; [hour

There human beings, penniless,
 And all bereft of health,
 Find strength anew, because the
 Obtain increasing wealth. [stamps
 All honour to the kindly Prince
 Who thought of pretty stamps
 For pain a 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.

last few decades in England have emphasised the value of domestic purity, from the throne to the cottage, and we have been favoured with high statesmen, whose lines have been worthy of investigation, because the example on the high hills told in the low valleys William Ewart Gladstone was the life of England at its best sense applied to the home. No finer compliment can be paid him than that his political foes were private friends. The massive moral aspect of Gladstone will stand out as a gigantic rock—a rock of ages—and his example for good will be one of the purest characteristics of the Queen's Reign. It is a remarkable coincidence that Beaconsfield and Gladstone should both go on the 19th day of the month, one in April, the other in May.

Farewell, good Gladstone, thy white rose,
Will be of lasting bloom;
An emblem of the pure career,
The rest within the tomb.
The part you played in homely life
Has an undying worth.
For, after all, a nation's strength
Has in the home its birth.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It may be of interest to people who 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.

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	Prince of Wales 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
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, 1705
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 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."

THE YEAR LEFT OUT.

MR. PALMER has a postal curiosity—that is, a shilling order without the year of issue being placed on it. This remarkable order is numbered 4711,012, and was issued at Wilton Road Post-office, Victoria Station, Oct. 12, 1891. Mr. Palmer put on the year at the back of the order out of pure pity not to see government paper wandering about with no idea as to the year of its birth. He has not changed the order, so by process of time, the percentage will wear out the value. It is the same with men as with postal orders, though nature generally puts in the “ear.”

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Good Christmas, you owe much to stamps,
And they owe much to you ;
But, there will be no quarrel, I
Am sure, about the due.
When all the letters are prepared
By pens of every kind,
Another “ head ” must be employed,
By some one else designed.
The papers with their pictures, and
The stories to delight,
Can travel as by magic in
The day or all the night ;
Can cross the ocean, shore to shore,
Unnumbered hearts to cheer,
Because the stamp salutes the eye,
All obstacles to clear.
There’s more in stamps than many think,
For they are friends of all,
And do their mission silently,
Obeying duty’s call.
The stamp is child of noble thought,
The human lot to aid ;
And with the right one on our lives
We need not be afraid.

1	F	Princess of Wales 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, 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, 1843
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

IT COSTS YOU NOTHING.

WHAT costs you nothing? The question is natural. The reply shall be equally natural. Therefore, please listen. It costs you nothing to consult J. W. Palmer on all and every stamp question. He has made it a rule of life—an axiom of business—never to charge a penny for advice. His knowledge is proverbial; he knows how many stand in need of it, and his determination has always been to guide, enlighten, and benefit without asking one penny as a fee.

THE CAUSE AND THE CLAUSE.

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.

THIS ALMANACK

may be the last issued from 281, Strand. This very announcement will impart an extra value to the publication in the eyes of many who have found and are finding our various issues of use and interest. For many years this almanack has been welcomed over the world, and we have been delighted to find friends turning up in every conceivable quarter who have patronised and appreciated this publication. It has been our study to make it thoroughly acceptable to all, and from year's end to year's end we have thought of plans to add to its attractions. As soon as one issue was completed we have laid plans for the next, though it sometimes requires uncommon effort in the January of one year to be planning for the same month in the following year. Again, to think about our Christmas article in the dog days requires some imagination, and yet it has to be done, or in the wane of the year the reader would be disappointed. Scarcely anything can more clearly demonstrate the eternal flight of time than preparing almanacks. The long list of dates looks interminable, but the days go because time never stands still. Thus there is in an almanack many lessons to be learnt, though sometimes a careless reader may deem the pages of dates anything but attractive.

We have a circle of friends in all climes who will more than cherish this almanack as the last that may bear in the stamp world the magic address—281, Strand, W.C. We have taken special pains to make our pages interesting and attractive, and we hope and trust that the present issue will indicate our care has been great, and that readers will decide our success is fully up to our best level. The stamp world is ever extending, and therefore we are carried with it as by a stream, and without doubt other and bigger efforts will go from us in the future; but now we present, with some little touch of pathos, the almanack for 1899, which year may see the last of 281, Strand, W.C.

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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 381, 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.

Alsace-Lorraine, American Locals, American Newspaper Stamps, American Periodicals, American Pony Express, Baden, Bavaria, Bergedarf, Brattleboro', Brazil, Bremen, British Guiana, Buenos Ayres, Cape of Good Hope (woodcuts), Ceylon, Columbia, Confederate States (Locals), Danube (Roumania), Fiji Islands, Germany, Hamburg (Locals), Hanover, Heligoland, Laureated Head (New South Wales), Lubeck, Mauritius (old), Medina, Mexico, Monte Video, Natal (first issue), Nevis, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Oldenburg, Papal States, Parma, Persia, Peru, Philippine Islands, Réunion, Romagne, Samoa Express, Sandwich Islands, Saxony (first issue), Sedanz, Schleswig-Holstein (first issue), Shanghai, Siberia, Sicily, Spain, Steam Navigation Company, Swiss Locals, Suez Canal, Sydney Views (New South Wales), Venezuela, Württemberg.

Collectors are advised to keep a sharp eye on specimens of stamps in this list, and in case of dubious specimens, to submit them to J. W. Palmer, who will examine them free of charge.

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