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**(Late of 281, Strand, W.C.)**

*Note, it is a double-fronted shop and Covent Garden end.*

# THE LANGUAGE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

WHAT is the language of postage stamps? We have heard of the language of flowers, we know the language of the eye, and we have felt the language—if it is possible to feel a language—of the list, but what is the language of the postage stamp? Is it possible to talk sweet nothings by means of stamps, or to carry on a conversation by the medium of a few impressions of the Queen's head? It would seem so, for we read that a language of postage stamps, instead of flowers, has been invented by a practical person. Thus, when a postage stamp is placed upside down in the left corner of the letter, it means, "I love you;" on the same, crosswise, "My heart is another's;" straight up and down, "Good bye, sweetheart, good-bye;" upside down in the right hand corner, "Write no more;" in the centre of the top, "Yes;" opposite at the bottom, "No;" on the right-hand corner at a right angle, "Do you love me?" in the left-hand corner, "I hate you;" top corner on the right, "I wish your friendship;" bottom corner on the left, "I see & your acquaintance;" on a line with the surname, "Accept my love;" the same upside down, "I am engaged;" at a right angle in the same place, "I long to see you;" in the middle of the right-hand edge, "Write immediately." This is all very pretty, but who could carry it all in his head? Of course the rules might be printed, and then they would be all right and comfortably easy to interpret—but the matter is capable of much greater extension. The aforesaid code only applies to penny stamps. A fresh set of rules and sentences might be gained on the same positions by using stamps of different value. Thus a halfpenny stamp struck on the top right-hand corner would stand for "Look out, the old man is coming." Placed in the left bottom corner it would signify, "My big brother Will saw you kiss me last night, and he is waiting in the lane with a big stick and a bull dog." A three-halfpenny stamp in the first position might be read, "Oh, my beautiful damsel, come at once. The old folks are going to the theatre." In the second place it might signify, "Don't come near me any more. Ma is so angry, but never mind; look at me quickly when you see me at church, and I will try and fall behind." It will thus be seen that quite a little romance might be arranged with stamps of different value.

MEN WHO HAVE EARNED SUCCESS.



FATHER OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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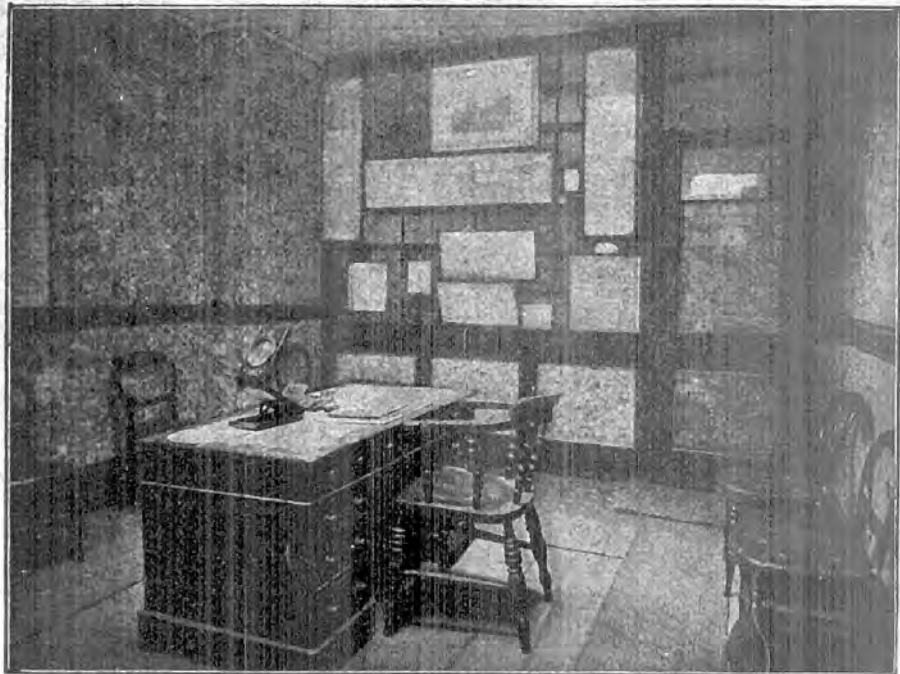
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## THE FIEND OF FORGERY.

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The editor of this ALMANACK has given an attention to the whole matter of forgery, which, while it may be almost tiring to readers by repetition, nevertheless has been, and is, eminently useful, and if for some time dealers and collectors may be lulled into false safety, a fresh discovery of the enemy causes a sensation, much less, and universal doubt. It is one of the mysteries of human nature that people of skill will go wrong, and find delight



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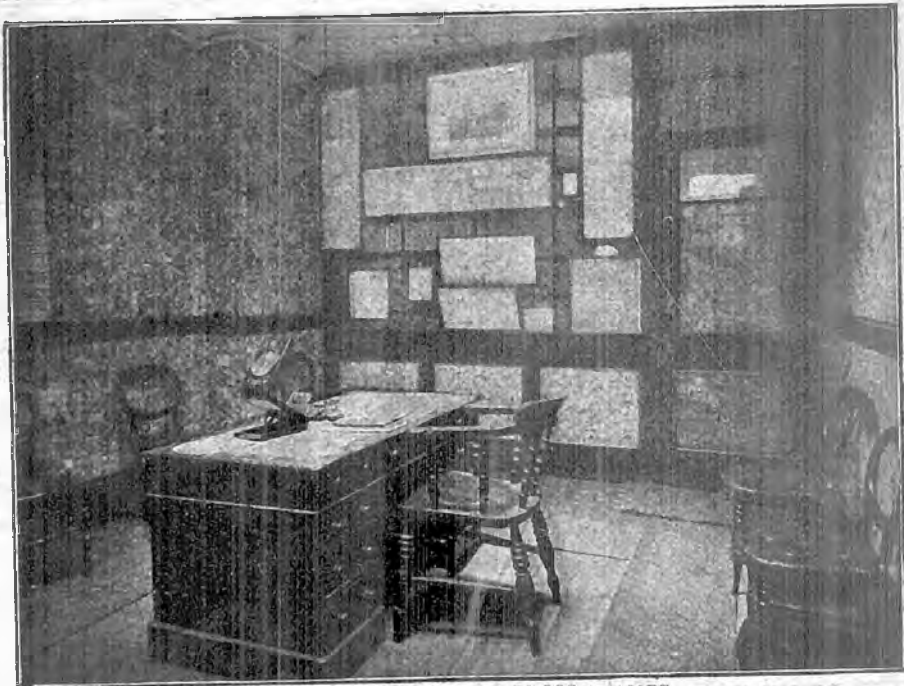
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## JANUARY.

1	Tu	Issue of New English Stamps, 1880
2	W	Union of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801
3	Th	Gretna Green Marriages abolished
4	F	Est. of P.O. by Act to settle the Postage of Eng., Scot.,
5	S	Edward the Confessor died, 1066 [and Ireland, '56
6	S	T. A. Neale died, 1892
7	M	Lord Kimberley born, 1826
8	Tu	Victor Emmanuel died, 1878
9	W	Fire Insurance expires
10	Th	Introduction of the Penny Post, 1840
11	F	
12	S	Earl Iddesleigh died, 1887
13	S	George Fox died, 1690
14	M	J. S. O. D. Palmer died, 1894
15	Tu	<i>Bric-à-Brac</i> first issued, 1878
16	W	Battle of Corunna, 1809
17	Th	Battle of Abu Klea, 1885
18	F	German Empire proclaimed, 1871
19	S	Isaac Disraeli died, 1848
20	S	Mersey Tunnel opened, 1886
21	M	Louis XVI. guillotined, 1793
22	Tu	Defence of Rorke's Drift, 1879
23	W	William Pitt died, 1806
24	Th	C. J. Fox born, 1749
25	F	Dr. John Doran died, 1878
26	S	Death of General Gordon, 1884
27	S	German Emperor William II. born, 1859
28	M	Battle of Aliwal, 1846
29	Tu	George III. died, 1820
30	W	Charles I. executed, 1649
31	Th	Est. of a Metro. Penny Post by William Dockwra, 1680

### THE PALMER MUSEUM,

As was publicly noticed in many quarters, suffered injury during the year, probably through lightning and heavy storm, and therefore was closed for alterations, improvements, and additions. The aim is ever to make it increasingly interesting, and, therefore, a certain outlay is made each year to secure rare things that may be worth adding and merit inspection. We hope, during the autumn and winter, the spring and the summer, to welcome many old friends and new ones, who will not only be pleased to see the Museum with its many curiosities, but also find attraction in the collection of Forgeries and Reprints—one of the rarest in the world.

as well as profit in defying the law. The forger is really the clever thief, and in conducting his business—this is not too strong a term—he shows an amount of scheming audacity and ability that really win reluctant admiration, for one must regret the power which is wrongly applied. It is a perversion of capacity, a journey on a wrong path frequently leading to the precipice or the prison, and both should be avoided.

Stamps hold out peculiar temptations to the forger, for the work is beautiful, easily carried on, and may be very profitable. The extent to which this temptation has been carried is best known to the few dealers and stamp students who have made the question a special one for investigation, and among these JOSEPH WILLIAM PALMER must be reckoned as the pioneer, for from the earliest days of his industry in the stamp world he saw the forger busy, and both his pocket and sympathy were touched by the unseen worker whose dishonest actions brought devastation in their train. So in writing of this vast subject of forgery, there is a long past to consider, a present to defend, a future needing provision.

It is now, and has been long, a world-wide fact that Mr. Palmer—originally in Catherine Street, then for long years in the famous 281, Strand, and now again in Catherine Street—has gathered the mightiest collection of forgeries ever known, and the interest excited by this army of pseudo-stamps is very great indeed. The forgeries number tens of thousands, and of this gigantic multitude Mr. Palmer has mounted over 70,000 in a room known as the Forgery Museum, at 7, Catherine Street, Strand, London, and till the reader sees these, the ideas concerning forgeries must be limited indeed! The bankers know more of forgeries than their customers, except the few among the latter, who are the real forgers, and they assuredly are customers the bankers do not require. The same skill intended to deceive a Coutts or a Glyn is safe to fly to stamps, because the opportunities for deception are so great, and, far more than in banking, because the innocent collectors are more easily taken in.

One great error with the Press is in pointing out the differences between the genuine stamp and the forgery. Readers may say

## FEBRUARY.

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

### En 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.

this cuts both ways, and the same may be said of every subject under the sun, and, perhaps, some above it, though that is an astronomical speculation, and we are rather dealing with stamps than stars. The argument may be enforced and must receive respect that forewarned is forearmed, and that collectors placed on their guard are people put in proper position. The contention so far holds water, but, while the education in error may not be so great an error in education, we have to remember that the cautious forgers *read too*, and when mistakes are pointed out in their work, they can smile and put things right. It is far better for the stamp experts to discover the error in a forgery and thus protect the collectors; and the Press might be more careful in publishing letters which tell too much. In the past it was believed to be the best plan to publish every possible detail in war and crime. Modern usage has grown sharper by the false ideas of previous generations, and, to-day, the careful field-marshal restricts too much publicity, and the able detective does not pour all his clues into the editorial box. Put the thief on his guard, and the difficulty of capturing your bird is thereby greatly increased. The forger has never had a greater enemy than JOSEPH WILLIAM PALMER, for he has never hesitated to fight the fiend who turned his skill to improper use. He was ready with pen and purse to pursue the thief, for Palmer's experiences in the stamp world had shown him that thousands of innocent people suffered by the terrible tyrant who made the evil appear to be good. He has had to suffer in many ways for ceaseless hostility to the forger, and in other lands perhaps his life would have been in danger. For it must be known that the forgers are in all lands, and every civilised Government has been victimised by them. Governments have become wiser through their sufferings just as individuals do, or should do, and much has been done to make forgery feel its difficulties in turning its productions into coin of the realm. Restrictions in England have increased, but still need further reform.

"Never say *die!*" has been a humorous motto in *Bric-a-Brac* office for many years, and its meaning is that exact dies of stamps should not be allowed in every possible publication. Such illustrations widen the field for reprints and forgeries and lead to much

## MARCH.

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| 1  | F  |   |
| 2  | S  | Pope Leo born, 1810                                     |
| 3  | S  | Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839                            |
| 4  | M  |   |
| 5  | Tu | Thames Tunnel opened, 1843                              |
| 6  | W  | Artemus Ward died, 1867                                 |
| 7  | Th | First Prayer Book issued, 1549                          |
| 8  | F  | Postage Stamps introduced into Germany, 1850            |
| 9  | S  | German Emperor William I. died, 1888                    |
| 10 | S  | Prince of Wales married, 1863                           |
| 11 | M  | Benjamin West died, 1820                                |
| 12 | Tu | Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first |
| 13 | W  | Grand Duke of Hesse died, 1892 [issued, 1793            |
| 14 | Th | King Humbert born, 1844                                 |
| 15 | F  | Viscount Melbourne born, 1779                           |
| 16 | S  | Queen created Empress of India, 1876                    |
| 17 | S  | St. Patrick's Day                                       |
| 18 | M  | Communist insurrection, Paris, 1871                     |
| 19 | Tu | Lucknow taken, 1858                                     |
| 20 | W  | Sinking Fund established, 1786                          |
| 21 | Th | Warning issued by J. W. Palmer, '88, to colls. concern- |
| 22 | F  | Albert Way died, 1874 [ing Laureated Head, N.S.W.       |
| 23 | S  | National Gallery opened, 1824                           |
| 24 | S  | H. W. Longfellow died, 1882                             |
| 25 | M  |   |
| 26 | Tu | Duke of Cambridge born, 1819                            |
| 27 | W  | Postage Stamps first issued Ionian Isles, 1857          |
| 28 | Th | Duke of Albany died, 1884                               |
| 29 | F  | Albert Hall opened, 1871                                |
| 30 | S  | Don Carlos born, 1848                                   |
| 31 | S  | 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  
He 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.

fraud. The very colours of our stamps have been so well imitated that only very experienced eyes could decide on the genuine character of its opposite. All dies should be larger or smaller than the originals and restricted to certain publications. Mr. Palmer has sought to protect Government and people, and, therefore, he has ever kept this nefarious business of false stamps to the front, even to the point of being regarded a bore. Happily, the ceaseless agitation has done good and will continue its benefits, and recent events show that forgery is not buried, for the malefactors who have made merry over the Mafeking forgeries have stirred the whole stamp world, drawn endless articles from the press, and caused discussion in circles that know little of stamps beyond their postal or fiscal value, and this eloquent fact brings home the mighty truth—and truth is ever mighty—that still the true soldier of stamps must fight the fiend of forgery.

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## THE PRESS

HAS been thanked each month in the year for its ceaseless kindness it has extended to BRIC-A-BRAC and other publications from this office, and any incidents, movements, and public points connected with 7, Catherine Street, Strand, and its editor and staff. As one looks back over the year and sees the wondrous accumulation of Press notices from all parts of the world, the reflection is comforting that so much publicity has been secured, and the numbers of clever and busy Press gentlemen and ladies who have written us articles and noticed our movements, must kindly receive this as an expression of genuine gratitude for favours given.

The Press is a mightier power every year, for the pen is always drawn when the sword is sheathed. When journals, right round the world, across all seas, keep their eyes on 7, Catherine Street, Strand, London, and are pleased to give their readers our views and information about stamps, we feel sure that the good feeling so universally manifested, is a recognition of the methods we employ to keep the stamp world in a healthy condition, regulate markets, protect the public, benefit collectors, and increase general intelligence in regard to the labels, which are a part of our very life and render civilisation countless favours. Our hats off to the Press of the World,

## THE WAR.

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THE year that ends the century has points which distinguish it in a thousand ways, for we have had in it the continuance of a war whose influence will be felt for many centuries. In a way, no other conflict was ever like the one that has taught Kruger and Steyn, as leading and mis-leading figures in it, a lesson of Great Britain's real strength which they and all our enemies needed. The wide world thought when the two men mentioned made the greatest mistake of their lives that the conflict would be brief. Well, there was much to learn, and much to unlearn. When flies attack the lion there may be considerable annoyance, but the former will suffer in the long run, for the fight is unequal and the stronger must prevail. It was simply insanity on the part of the Boers to fight us, and when the historian reviews the question, there will be severe condemnation for those who brought about so sad a fight. Great Britain has risen in her might as nation never rose before, and the wondrous assertion of practical sympathy from the colonies and other English-speaking districts proved a demonstration to astonish mankind. *We have staggered the world, not Kruger*, as he boasted in the long ago, yet really recent, manifesto. What a thought it is, that the greatest moving army ever known went across the thousands of miles of the sea and trod a continent the most difficult, in many respects, for an army, and with a strange foe who had violated most of the canons of civilised hostility. Owing to this gigantic experience, Britain to-day stands higher than ever, even with the glories of a Nelson and the splendour of a Wellington to beautify the historic page.

We are the great colonising force and South Africa has claimed our lives and our treasure. Therefore, by all conditions which men regard as fair, by the dictates of common sense, our supremacy in Africa was not to be questioned. Old political points and Majuba Hill—what an echo the name seems to-day—gave the Boers and the Orange Free Staters wrong impressions; but, in the long run, when the people see the real advantages they gain by association with ourselves, they will recognise that the war-cloud has its silver lining. The conflict has shown that heroism in our men is undying, and that Tommy Atkins is still the finest fighting soldier in the world, and by "Tommy Atkins," we include all who fought under Union Jack and Standard, for the editor is no absent-minded beggar. South Africa, with the new century, commences a fresh life, and Lord Roberts has gone out as one who was to teach all mankind the sterling character of British bravery and the glory of British justice, even inclining to help the weak. In connection with war, stamps ever come to the front, and these will tell much



to the coming generations, for the stamps used before the war will be cherished as mementoes. The siege stamps will be prized more and more, and the fresh issues under British rule will mark the new departure in South Africa, after a fight which reflects infinite credit on our country.

Our heroes sleep in the distant land,  
Their death was beautiful and grand.  
They died in the cause we have at heart,  
And their glory never can depart.

Our men left home and fatherland,  
They crossed the sea to a distant strand.  
They endured, they never uttered complaint.  
And the hero we must regard as a saint.

We shall welcome peace and her pleasant smile,  
And the soldier back to his native Isle.  
And may there be peaceful beating of drum,  
In the century now about to come.

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## STRAND IMPROVEMENTS

IN the year 1900 moved a pace or moved many paces. To the editor of this ALMANACK the great changes in the East Strand have been so wonderful that people who knew the place once, on re-visiting it, would scarcely know it. The old house, associated so long with the name of Palmer, the historic 281, the home of the old Unity Club, the place in which the ancient Holy Well was dug, has disappeared, and one day, amid all the traffic of the Strand, we watched the falling walls within which we had known so many years, and seen the stamp interest grow, beyond the old limits. Some day the real history of philately will be written and then the house of Palmer, 281, Strand, will fill a striking chapter. The year's progress, and, indeed, while some may not mark so many changes, the end of this century, sees London present many fresh pictures.

An American who studied London a few years ago, declared, during the visit he paid last summer, that the few years of his absence had brought about tremendous improvements in the metropolis. And the old Strand has had to change, and the metamorphosis will be memorable when all improvements are completed. Catherine Street will see its changes too, but of these the world will hear more when the century is a little older, for now the authorities have commenced, after the many years' waiting, they will prosecute improvements with augmented vigour.

## APRIL

1	M	Prince Bismarck born, 1815
2	Tu	Cobden died, 1865
3	W	
4	Th	F. M. Palmer born, 1860
5	F	Postage Stamps first issued Paraguay, 1870
6	S	
7	S	Denis F. MacCarthy died, 1882
8	M	Lord Chatham died, 1778
9	Tu	
10	W	Gen. Booth b., 1829 [of Stamps to the British Museum
11	Th	T. K. Tapling, M.P., d., 1891, bequeathed his Collection
12	F	Lord Rodney's victory, 1782
13	S	
14	S	Princess Beatrice born, 1857
15	M	
16	Tu	Battle of Culloden, 1746
17	W	Magalhaens killed, 1521
18	Th	
19	F	Primrose Day. Lord Beaconsfield died, 1881
20	S	Postage Stamps first issued Costa Rica, 1862
21	S	Baroness Burdett-Coutts born, 1814
22	M	Petition against Forged Stamps prep. by Palmer, 1884
23	Tu	Shakespeare died, 1616
24	W	Daniel Defoe died, 1731
25	Th	First English Prince of Wales born, 1284
26	F	Jeremy Collier died, 1726
27	S	
28	S	Mutiny of the "Bounty," 1789
29	M	Postage Stamps first issued Lagos (Gold Coast), 1874
30	Tu	Sir John Lubbock born, 1834

PRIMROSE DAY. April 19, 1881.

"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**hated 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—  
**F**ierce 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.

## DISTINGUISHED DEATHS

IN 1900 call for much comment, but in some cases the notice deserved would run into volumes. As Italy and England have been such close allies and the friendship of a very interesting character, we place here in our annual record our reference to the assassination of King Humbert, an outcome of anarchy to be sincerely deplored. The late king had the good of his people at heart, and the terrible death inflicted on him caused a thrill of anguish to pass through millions. The death points to the necessity of controlling the journalism and general literary efforts of the Anarchists which so influence younger readers, and, in reviewing all circumstances, it is striking how young are most of the assassins. This proves that older heads can stir them to awful crimes. Many of these have stained the century, and we must hope that a better understanding and clearer views of the political conditions will incline those in power to be perfectly just to the people, and the latter to recognise that working in harmony is best for all. Italy may be assured that England is with her in her sorrow.

In marvellous contrast to King Humbert's end was the peaceful demise of Mrs. Gladstone. Her life was part and parcel of that career which helped to shape our century, and it was felt that when William Ewart Gladstone went, his wife would soon follow. Now they sleep together in the Abbey, all the more sacred because they are beneath its roof.

A perfect pair are sleeping there  
 In Death's divinest dream,  
 In peace at last, all fever past,  
 With love's immortal beam.

Lord Chief Justice Russell took one of the leading parts in our great legal world, and death gave him verdict and put him to rest.

Lord Roberts—our great commander, the military apostle of South Africa—has known a sorrow that won him more hearts than even his victories. His splendid son died so distinguished a death that the Victoria Cross was awarded to the father, who now wears it as a memorial of a precious life sacrificed for Great Britain. This one death adds a dignity to the terrible conflict that has made South Africa better known than it ever was before to the wide world.

General Symons proved another victim to the conflict, and we lost in him a true soldier and an honest gentleman.

General Wauchope's death brought general sympathy, and in Scotland the grief was profound.

## MAY.

1	W	Issue of the Mulready envelope, 1840
2	Th	Thames Embankment opened, 1868
3	F	Jamaica discovered, 1494
4	S	Local Letter Post established in Vienna, 1772
5	S	Ex-Empress Eugenie born, 1826
6	M	Postage Stamps first issued, 1840
7	Tu	Robert Browning born, 1812
8	W	Monarchy restored, 1660
9	Th	Mr. Wallace, M.P., moved for Sel. Com. to inquire into
10	F	Crystal Pal. op., '54 [the merits of Rld. Hill's scheme, '37
11	S	Petition against forged stamps prep. by J.W. Palmer, '84
12	S	Sir Charles Barry died, 1860
13	M	Suicide of King of Bavaria, 1886
14	Tu	
15	W	German Emperor Frederick died, 1888
16	Th	Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at Guildhall, '90;
17	F	Revised New Testament issued, 1881 [issue of Jubilee
18	S	New Eddystone Lighthouse opened, 1882 [post-card
19	S	Magna Charta signed, 1215
20	M	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
21	Tu	Lord Playfair born, 1819
22	W	Grisi born, 1812
23	Th	Henry Fawcett born at Salisbury, 1833
24	F	Queen Victoria born, 1819
25	S	Princess Helena born, 1846
26	S	Tuileries destroyed, 1871
27	M	Repeal of Corn Laws, 1856
28	Tu	General Grant died, 1885
29	W	Empress Josephine died, 1814
30	Th	Alexander Pope died, 1744 [Archer, 1852
31	F	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 one 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.

War teaches many lessons, and both sides of the opposing forces see virtues which probably they discounted before. So here we give an appreciative reference to General Joubert, our foe, yet in some respects our friend; and in him the Boers lost one they could ill spare, while we saw depart no mean commander and an "enemy" we were bound to respect.

Other deaths mark the year, and to all lost workers appreciative memory is due.

## "REYNOLDS'S" NEWSPAPER

SAW its jubilee in 1900, and this fact has a great bearing on democratic matters. Our chief concern here is the extra effort of humanity exercised by Mr. W. M. Thompson since he took the editorial chair, and his sympathies were drawn out to the brethren bound in boards, in other words, the poor sandwich men, whose lives now have the light of hope so long denied. In 1900, Mr. Thompson banqueted the penniless fraternity, and he took them to the seaside in the summer, when Henry C. Jones, Esq., the popular solicitor, did his best to make the holiday at Herne Bay a memorable one. In these days we are increasingly inclined to humanitarianism, and this feeling, religion, emotion, or whatever you like to term it, is spreading in all classes. This will do much to soften circumstances which cause much bitterness, and we encourage the thoughtful, practical editor of *Reynolds's* in the noble work of kindness to the poor.

## H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THE year 1900 saw an attempt on the life of our popular Prince, happily ineffective, and calling forth the condemnation of the world. Belgium, within whose confines the crime occurred, failed to show that fine intelligence which should distinguish civilised nations, and the leniency extended to the boy miscreant was a mistaken policy. His Royal Highness, our Prince, is assured of the firm hold he has on national and Imperial regard, and the event which he and we shall associate with the century-end has served to deepen the affection of the land towards our mother Queen's first-born son.

## JUNE.

1	S	Charles Lever died, 1872
2	S	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	M	Duke of York born, 1865
4	Tu	Lord Wolseley born, 1833
5	W	St. Boniface
6	Th	Cyprus Stamp issued
7	F	Postage Stamps first issued, Roman States, 1852
8	S	Sir John Millais born, 1829
9	S	Charles Dickens died, 1870
10	M	P. O. robbery of Telegraph Stamps discovered, 1890
11	Tu	Money Market panic, 1866
12	W	Rev. Charles Kingsley born, 1819
13	Th	Kensington Museum opened, 1857
14	F	Battle of Marengo, 1800
15	S	Wat Tyler killed, 1391
16	S	Battle of Quatre Bras, 1815
17	M	Postage Stamps first issued, Tasmania, 1853
18	Tu	Battle of Waterloo, 1815
19	W	French postal system founded by Louis XI., 1464
20	Th	J. A. Palmer died, 1893
21	F	Longest day
22	S	Great fire in Tooley Street, 1861
23	S	Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757
24	M	Midsummer Day
25	Tu	Right Hon. H. Childers born, 1827
26	W	George IV. died, 1830
27	Th	First meeting of the Postal Union Congress held in
28	F	Coronation Day <span style="float: right;">[Paris, 1863]</span>
29	S	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	S	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.

## THE WASTE OF WATER

Is a point that has caused much controversy, and without question the water supply is yet imperfectly organised. Our suggestion is that water should be treated as gas, for at the present time it is most difficult to tell who is honest and who is the opposite. Now, surely, if the gas can be regulated to a general idea of what is used, water could receive the same treatment, as water is really more necessary than gas, and no invention or discovery will supersede it. Its use could be more carefully guarded, and the cities and towns which are supplied by companies should possess water meters. These would be a blessing and an aid to honesty.

## THE OLD YEAR.

OLD year, to most of us thy tale  
 Hath points the most unique,  
 In thee the century sees its end—  
 What lessons can we seek?  
 Thou dost complete the hundred stones,  
 Each marking out a mile,  
 The source of miracles of life,  
 Of death, of tear, of smile.  
 To all a different face thou hast,  
 Yet many ways the same,  
 And as ye die on all our hearts  
 You have unquestioned claim.  
 The last of all the mighty host  
 Our fathers welcomed when  
 The world more slowly went, and thought  
 Seemed deeper on all men.  
 The nineteenth century departs,  
 Thou art its youngest child,  
 Or *oldest one*, with wonders done,  
 As stones to great height piled.  
 How men have caused the world to move  
 Since thy firstborn began.  
 Ah! Time thou art magician,  
 Miraculous is Man!

## JULY.

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

### FORGERS.

The bend 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 every where. His ability is stupendous, and his profits are frequently commensurate. Falmer would not dare to tell all he knows, but the forger knows the Strand Stamp Merchant is always defeating his pretty little plans.



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS.

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THE writer should have *rime*,  
 Though poetry may fail,  
 And so we perpetuate a verse  
 To fit December's gale.  
 The festival of all the year,  
 Upon the writer gleams,  
 And life's austerities are cheered,  
 By happy Christmas dreams.

In many ways from year to year  
 Come change in Christmas days,  
 Last year the war brought shadows dark  
 Upon the tearful gaze.  
 And at the joyous tide again,  
 Loved faces will be missed,  
 For Africa and China both,  
 Add to the fatal list.

But 'mid all sorrows there are stars,  
 For light is never dead;  
 The midnight may be very drear,  
 Day comes when it has fled.  
 And so 'mid Christmas berries we  
 Will bury many cares,  
 And laugh beside the fire when in  
 Our comfortable chairs.

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## MRS. PALMER AND SON.

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THE ALMANACK gives a picture which will be pleasing and welcome to many. The editor of this publication in the many duties of his life owes much to the lady who has assisted in the building-up of the stamp business which has reached such colossal proportions. He is glad to acknowledge such moral debt, and must speak with rare emotion of the ceaseless aid, in great anxiety, which Mrs. Palmer gave in the summer of 1900, when illness laid him low. The dark hour often reveals the brightest virtues. The son is the youngest of our philatelists, and he already takes some interest in stamps. He is but 21 months old, so we cannot designate him a veteran in the land of labels, but he is coming on, and we put him before the reader with his dear mother. Some day he may look at this notice with rare feelings of interest.



MRS. PALMER AND SON.

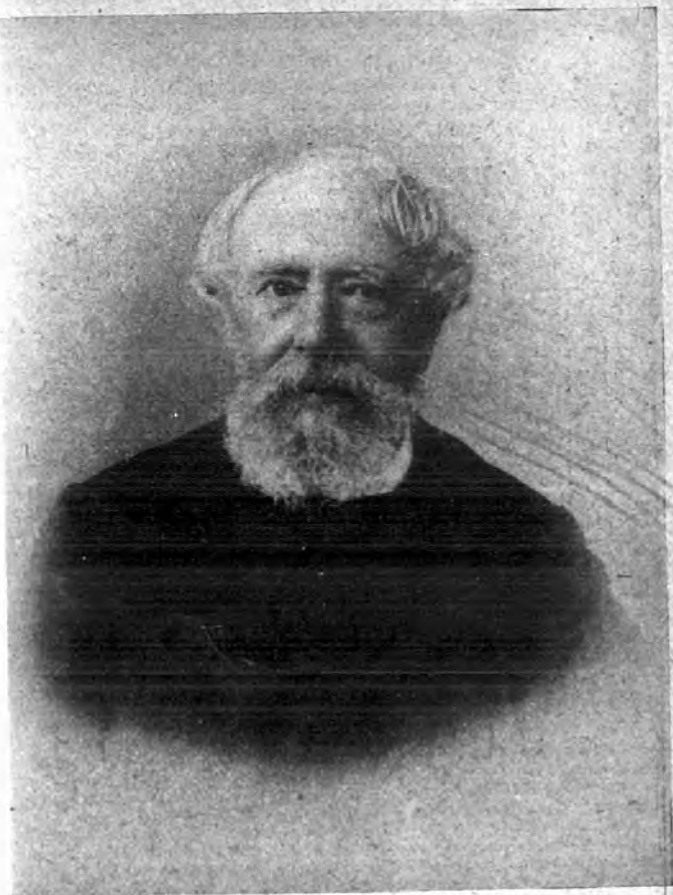
# AUGUST.

1	Th	Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880
2	F	Captain Marryat died, 1848
3	S	Mr. Speaker Peel born, 1829
4	S	Adhesive Postage Stamp first invd. by James Chalmers,
5	M	Queen of Saxony born, 1833 [of Dundee, '34
6	Tu	Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844
7	W	New French Issues
8	Th	George Canning died, 1827
9	F	Postage Stamps first issued, Roumania, 1862
10	S	George J. Goschen born, 1831
11	S	Dog Days end
12	M	M. A. M. Palmer born, 1885
13	Tu	<i>Old Lamma Day</i>
14	W	Local Government Act passed, 1871
15	Th	Sir Walter Scott born, 1771
16	F	Gas introduced in London, 1807
17	S	Rowld. Hill scheme adopted by House of Commons by a
18	S	Emperor of Austria born, 1830 [majority of 100, '39
19	M	Balzac died, 1850
20	Tu	Abergele Railway accident, 1868
21	W	Battle of Vimiera, 1808
22	Th	King Richard III. killed, 1485
23	F	Sir Astley Cooper born, 1768
24	S	Massacre of Huguenots, 1572
25	S	Postage Stamps first issued, Egypt, 1865
26	M	Battle of Cressy, 1346. Samuel Palmer died 1899
27	Tu	Rowland Hill died, 1879
28	W	St. Augustine
29	Th	Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782
30	F	Battle of Plevna, 1877
31	S	Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1874

## POSTAL REFORM

MAY still include 1d. 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 LATE MR. SAMUEL PALMER,

(See p. 25.)

## SEPTEMBER.

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

## THE LATE SAMUEL PALMER,

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THE famous compiler of the Index to the *Times* died August 26, 1899. By his able and conscientious work he made himself distinguished in a line in which he has never been equalled. The *Times* had existed many years before Samuel Palmer conceived and ultimately began to execute his idea of giving the world an index to the chief journal, which embodies the passing history of our land, and gives important light on the world in general. As a journalistic student and expert—the terms are not contradictory—he saw the want of the world, and the many volumes of the index make a memorial of the famous compiler, constituting a monument itself. The work continues, and will be associated with the name of Palmer for centuries to come. It is something to be connected with a great paper, and when the connection, as in the case of the late lamented Samuel Palmer, is one of pride and distinction, it is well to speak of the worthy dead, and to acknowledge that moral debt their labours have caused to be made. A very faithful and graphic portrait of the late compiler is given in this almanack, and will no doubt be cherished by many who regard his career as one of the most practical associated with that high journalism which is exemplified in the *Times* as in no other paper. Mr. Palmer was born December 6, 1817.

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## PRINCE ALFRED.

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THE shadow upon the Royal Family in 1900 was deep, for the Queen, our most Gracious Majesty, the Empress of India, lost her second son, known among us all as Prince Alfred, the Sailor Prince. Years ago he was a most prominent and popular personage, and almost idolised by the public. He passed away in dramatically sudden manner, and many memories were revived when the news came here. The Queen has had much to bear, beyond common experience, in this final year of the nineteenth century, and her increasing years add to the burden of her woe. All loyal subjects must hope for consoling light in the path of so true and noble a woman.

## OCTOBER.

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



## THE DUKE OF NORFOLK

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LEFT the General Post Office and went to the front, anxious to be of use in the South African conflict. He was succeeded by Lord Londonderry. During the year there have been points showing less perfect working in the postal system; but we trust that all objectionable circumstances will be put right in 1901.

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## AMONG LITERARY PEOPLE

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CONNECTED with the Strand was Mr. Gibson, of *The Lady's Pictorial*, who died in 1900. A good neighbour, and public spirited man, whose name is associated with that splendid journal which is so welcome to the homes of refinement and enlightenment.

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## LICKING STAMPS

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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.

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## THE PENNY POST.

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OH! little stamp, on letter stuck,  
 You carry o'er the sea  
 A message to dear friends afar  
 Remembered still by me.  
 How wonderful it is to think  
 The stamp so low in price.  
 May take the words to put the heart  
 In perfect paradise.

## NOVEMBER.

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

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ON Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's visit to Ireland, and the reference to the attack on the Prince of Wales, may be had at 3d. each. The entire proceeds go to help the sufferers by the war, and we trust that our enterprise in publishing will add to the benefits of those who need assistance.

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## THE PARIS EXHIBITION,

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WITH all its grandeur, failed to attract the world as anticipated, and without doubt, the disturbed condition of the nations was antagonistic to the essential interests of the enterprise. Exhibitions need peace and millions of minds really devoted to their attractions and to their teaching—for all exhibitions should teach.

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## PENNY POSTAGE

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HAS seen its rise and development in the last century and the expired decade was to witness its spread over the ocean, so that now a penny will carry a letter many thousands of miles. Such a triumph in economical communication is indeed a modern miracle, and the Penny Stamp is an apostle of peace.

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## EMPIRE DAY.

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IN the BRIG-A-BRAC for March, 1900, the following suggestion was made: That there should be an annual Imperial Holiday, say, on Her Most Gracious Majesty's Birthday, May 24th, to celebrate the grand union of Britannia and her offspring; and steps might be taken at once to make arrangements for the first occasion in May. This idea should not be lost sight of, for it bears on the wonderful reign of Queen Victoria, and, singular to say, the almanack contains no actual holiday specially associated with the Queen's reign. Surely our great Empire will take up the point first published in BRIG-A-BRAC.

## DECEMBER.

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|----|----|--|
| 1  | S  | Princess of Wales born, 1844                 |
| 2  | M  | Queen Adelaide died, 1849                    |
| 3  | Tu | Rowland Hill born, at Kidderminster, 1795    |
| 4  | W  | Richelieu died, 1642                         |
| 5  | Th | Postal Service organised at Nuremberg, 1570  |
| 6  | F  | Postage Stamps first issued in Zurich, 1840  |
| 7  | S  | General Sir Redvers Buller born, 1839        |
| 8  | S  | F. M. R. Palmer born, 1881                   |
| 9  | M  | Earl of Clarendon died, 1674                 |
| 10 | Tu | Post-Office prosecution, 1890                |
| 11 | W  | Archbishop Denison born, 1805                |
| 12 | Th | Robert Browning died, 1889                   |
| 13 | F  | Dr. Johnson died, 1784                       |
| 14 | S  | Postage Stamps first issued in Belgium, 1849 |
| 15 | S  | Imperial Stamp of New Germany issued, 1871   |
| 16 | M  | A. de Fourcroy died, 1843                    |
| 17 | Tu | Oxford Mich. Term ends                       |
| 18 | W  | U.S. Slavery abolished, 1862                 |
| 19 | Th |  |
| 20 | F  | John Wilson Croker born, 1780                |
| 21 | S  | <i>St. Thomas.</i>                           |
| 22 | S  | "George Eliot" died, 1880                    |
| 23 | M  | Samuel Parkes died, 1825                     |
| 24 | Tu | Thackeray died, 1863                         |
| 25 | W  | <i>Christmas Day</i>                         |
| 26 | Th |  |
| 27 | F  | Postage Stamps first issued in Brazil, 1843  |
| 28 | S  | Lord Macaulay died, 1859                     |
| 29 | S  | W. E. Gladstone born, 1809                   |
| 30 | M  | Postage Stamps first issued in Naples, 1858  |
| 31 | Tu | 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. You cannot end the year better than remember the lesson, "It costs you nothing."

## THE OLD CENTURY.

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WITH this tenth issue of the Almanack the century ends, and take it altogether, perhaps, the declining century is the most remarkable of the whole Christian series. Its significance to Great Britain and its miraculous expansion, and, consequently, the influence on the wide world, has been beyond precedent. The most conspicuous circumstance for us is the reign of Queen Victoria, Empress of India, which has now eclipsed all rivals, and increases daily in interest. We are quite safe in saying the portrait of Her Most Gracious Majesty has been on more stamps than that of any other monarch or personage since the world began. Of course, the history of the last hundred years will be a question for writers in the next few decades, and it is a fact that while some points may be lost in the historic estimate, nevertheless a truer perspective is obtained by the gifted writer who sees events at a greater distance in the past. Comparative history is an art.

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## STOCKBROKERS AND STAMP DUTY.

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