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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Special Agent [Illegible] is hereby assigned to [Illegible] from [Illegible].

Very truly yours,  
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Enclosure  
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THE

PHILATELIST'S ALMANACK

AND

STAMP-COLLECTOR'S VADE-MECUM

FOR THE YEAR

❧ 1902. ❧

To Friends and Patrons great and small,  
To Stamp-Collectors one and all,  
To-day we greet them, far and near,  
And wish them now "A Glad New Year."

# MEN WHO HAVE EARNED SUCCESS.



J. W. PALMER (FATHER OF STAMP COLLECTING),  
Now of the Rosebery, West Hoothly, Sussex.

## OUR REMOVAL

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A VITAL point for our readers in the present PHILATELISTS' ALMANACK is the fact that we have removed, for a while, at least, our address and business to the—

“ ROSERY,”

WEST HOATHLY,

SUSSEX.

Readers will say that in the last few years we have been much on the move, and we have no desire or object in contradicting such a statement. As all know, in the history of the stamp, we seemed a fixture at 281, Strand, London, W.C. But London must have improvements, and the Strand being probably the most important commercial thoroughfare in any city on earth, had to be widened, and so our old place had to go. Palmer of the Strand, the stamp merchant of so many years, had to leave the address that was known to the millions who passed and re-passed 281 in the famous Strand. Still, the name was to be put up near the thoroughfare and at 7, Catherine Street, branching off the Strand, the world could secure all the advantages of the old establishment with many undoubted conveniences added thereto. However, the progression of London's improvements still tending westward, Catherine Street was in the way, and some alterations in the thoroughfare were imperative. It seemed uncertain for some time if the new establishment, No. 7, fitted up by the editor and proprietor of BRIC-A-BRAC and THE PHILATELISTS' ALMANACK for his world-wide clients, would be wanted for the new street, but the mandate came, and the stamp business of J. W. Palmer was yet again to be removed. At this juncture there were many important things needing strict thought, and Mr. Palmer's forty years before the public gave plenty to hold the mind. All who work must know that the brain cannot go on for forty years without experiencing

some changes, and a life fraught with toil and thinking must show some signs of wear and tear. Therefore, the decision was come to that, to benefit Mr. Palmer's health, the sound advice, resulting from long personal study of the ALMANACK'S editor, should be taken from the well-known and popular London practitioner, Dr. Bremner—late of Scotland—and the business should be transferred to the country address, The Rosery, West Hoathly, Sussex, long associated with the name of Palmer, and affording relief to the editor, after many toils in London. Happily, the air, surroundings, and general associations of The Rosery and its district had been found of great benefit to the editor, and business-master in his week-end visits, but, the longer stays had produced exceeding good, and it was determined to address the world from a Sussex village. The good reader must not suppose that this means isolation, because it is no such thing. The Rosery, West Hoathly, is in thorough touch with the world, postal and steam communication being excellent, and the proprietor of the the old Straud stamp business, fresh, alert, and as interested in his favourite art, can attend to all clients, wherever situated, from the quietude of the new address. His advice is still free, so that all who pay post or carriage to and fro can have every advantage of the editor's forty years' experience, which he gladly puts at the service of all, just as though he stood in the Strand or in Catherine Street. The locality makes no difference. The experience, knowledge, and resolve to aid clients are as great as ever, and, as the thousands interested in the ever-developing world of stamps know that a letter or wire will secure the best attention from the proprietor, they will be glad to communicate with him in his country establishment. In regard to the weighty point of cash settlement, not the least delay need occur, as remittance can be sent by return of post, or, if necessary, money can be sent by telegram, and we know that telegraphy makes cities and countries very near akin. Thus the removal to the Rosery, West Hoathly, Sussex, makes no difference to the clients, and while the great good is experienced by the editor in health and energies there is much to inspire gratitude.

## JANUARY.

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

**THE PALMER MUSEUM,**

**REMOVED TO**

**THE ROSERY, WEST HOATHLY,**

*But not Open to the Public*

## OUR KING AND QUEEN.

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THE PHILATELISTS' ALMANACK makes its appearance in this, the eleventh year of its publication, for the first time under OUR good KING and QUEEN. The death of Victoria will cause many changes in our stamps, as readers know, and those connected with her reign will grow in interest and value as the years go by. We shall be anticipating the new stamps which will constantly remind us of the new King, and, in this ALMANACK, we now give the expression of the truest loyalty to the son of the good Victoria, who now follows in his mother's footsteps. Our new Sovereigns have commenced well, and their wisdom will continue to be shown for the good of all. The wish of the editor is that the reign of Edward VII. and his noble wife, Queen Alexandra, may be long, prosperous, and progressive. Their inheritance is unequalled, their opportunities stupendous, and they have the faith of the untold millions over the world who look for their guidance and help for the main blessings of life under the ruling of that King to whom all earthly Sovereigns must bow.

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## THE MUSEUM

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



## FEBRUARY.

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

## WEST HOATHLY.

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### A Sussex Picture.

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On the hillside dreaming,  
 On a day in June,  
 All the world in leafage,  
 Many a bird in tune.  
 Oh! the peace exceeding  
 Perfect quietude,  
 Here is precious sweetness,  
 Inward joy renewed.

See the landscape stretching,  
 Paths, where do they lead?  
 Pasturage so beauteous  
 In the flowery mead.  
 Cottage, garden, parkland,  
 Gently rising hill  
 Meeting bluest Heaven,  
 Sweetly all tranquil.

Dear old, quiet Sussex,  
 Charms as thine are rare,  
 You have set me dreaming,  
 Lifted cloud of care.  
 As the evening cometh,  
 Stars are seen to shine  
 O'er a world of beauty,  
 With a touch divine.

SUNDAY,

*June 23rd, 1901.*

## MARCH.

1	S	
2	S	Pope Leo born, 1810
3	M	Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839
4	Tu	
5	W	Thames Tunnel opened, 1845
6	Th	Artemus Ward died, 1867
7	F	First Prayer Book issued, 1549
8	S	Postage Stamps introduced into Germany, 1850
9	S	German Emperor William I. died, 1888
10	M	Prince of Wales married, 1863
11	Tu	Benjamin West died, 1820
12	W	Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first
13	Th	Grand Duke of Hesse died, 1892 [issued, 1793]
14	F	King Humbert born, 1844
15	S	Viscount Melbourne born, 1779
16	S	Queen created Empress of India, 1876
17	M	St. Patrick's Day
18	Tu	Communist insurrection, Paris, 1871
19	W	Lucknow taken, 1858
20	Th	Sinking Fund established, 1786
21	F	Warning issued by J. W. Palmer, '88, to colls. concern-
22	S	Albert Way died, 1874 [ing Laureated Head, N.S.W.]
23	S	National Gallery opened, 1824
24	M	H. W. Longfellow died, 1882
25	Tu	
26	W	Duke of Cambridge born, 1819
27	Th	Postage Stamps first issued Ionian Isles, 1857
28	F	Duke of Albany died, 1884
29	S	Albert Hall opened, 1871
30	S	Don Carlos born, 1848
31	M	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.

## OUR NEW COUNTRY OFFICE

has many advantages, it would be well to point out to readers. Of course, all must know that the expenses of the country are nothing comparatively speaking to the gigantic outlay imperative in a town establishment. The contrast is very great, and is full of force to the publisher of BBIC-À-BRAC. When it is considered that a country office can be conducted at an outlay not to be mentioned in the same breath as the continual disbursement for a town establishment, it stands to reason that great advantages can be given to clients by the conscientious proprietor. So, not the least inducement for old clients to continue, and new clients to commence, is that fine fact that it is now possible to buy and sell on conditions that really surpass beyond comparison any advantages that can be offered from the absolute town point of view. We make no idle assertion, we only ask to be tested, and the guarantee is given that such benefit shall accrue to ensure a fuller satisfaction than ever to every client.

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## THE PRESS.

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It is an unalloyed pleasure, every year, to convey thanks to the Press for favours which are neither few nor far between. The Editor has even been thoroughly appreciative of that ceaselessly generous motive and sympathy which have moved so many pens to assist him in making known the many ideas connected with the industry and journalism of stamps which have engrossed attention so deeply. The year 1901, commencing the century which will be

## APRIL.

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

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

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## THE POWER OF A STAMP.

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I MAY be very little,  
 And I may be very thin ;  
 But I accomplish wonders,  
 When once I do begin.  
 Just put me on that letter,  
 You'll send across the sea,  
 And offices will take it  
 When the glance is thrown on me.

If you would know my value,  
 Just try a stamp to get,  
 Where money fails to find one,  
 And you will know regret.  
 So when you see me ready,  
 About the world to go,  
 You recognise my power.  
 • And appreciation show.

## MAY.

1	Th	Issue of the Mulready envelope, 1840
2	F	Thames Embankment opened, 1868
3	S	Jamaica discovered, 1494
4	S	Local Letter Post established in Vienna, 1772
5	M	Ex-Empress Eugenie born, 1826
6	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued, 1840
7	W	Robert Browning born, 1812
8	Th	Monarchy restored, 1660
9	F	Mr. Wallace, M.P., moved for Sel. Com. to inquire into
10	S	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	M	Sir Charles Barry died, 1860
13	Tu	Suicide of King of Bavaria, 1886
14	W	
15	Th	German Emperor Frederick died, 1888
16	F	Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at Guildhall, '90;
17	S	Revised New Testament issued, 1881 [issue of Jubilee
18	S	New Eddystone Lighthouse opened, 1882 [post-card
19	M	W. E. Gladstone died, 1898
20	Tu	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
21	W	Lord Playfair born, 1819
22	Th	Grisi born, 1812
23	F	Henry Fawcett born at Salisbury, 1833
24	S	Queen Victoria born, 1819
25	S	Princess Helena born, 1846
26	M	Tuileries destroyed, 1871
27	Tu	Repeal of Corn Laws, 1856
28	W	General Grant died, 1885
29	Th	Empress Josephine died, 1814
30	F	Alexander Pope died, 1744
31	S	Machine for perforating stamps invented by Henry

[Archer, 1852]

### STAMPS.

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

## “THE QUEEN’S SADDEST HOUR”

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



## JUNE.

1	S	Charles Lever died, 1872
2	M	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	Tu	Duke of York born, 1865
4	W	Lord Wolseley born, 1833
5	Th	St. Boniface
6	F	Cyprus Stamp issued
7	S	Postage Stamps first issued, Roman States, 1852
8	S	Sir John Millais born, 1829
9	M	Charles Dickens died, 1870
10	Tu	P. O. robbery of Telegraph Stamps discovered, 1890
11	W	Money Market panic, 1866
12	Th	Rev. Charles Kingsley born, 1819
13	F	Kensington Museum opened, 1857
14	S	Battle of Marengo, 1800
15	S	Wat Tyler killed, 1381
16	M	Battle of Quatre Bras, 1815
17	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued, Tasmania, 1853
18	W	Battle of Waterloo, 1815
19	Th	French postal system founded by Louis XI., 1464
20	F	J. A. Palmer died, 1893
21	S	Longest day
22	S	Great fire in Tooley Street, 1861
23	M	Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757
24	Tu	Midsummer Day
25	W	Right Hon. H. Childers born, 1827
26	Th	George IV. died, 1830
27	F	First meeting of the Postal Union Congress held in
28	S	Coronation Day <span style="float: right;">[Paris, 1863]</span>
29	S	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	M	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.

## OUR LOST QUEEN.

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WE never can forget her,  
 Our good and gracious Queen,  
 A paragon of history,  
 No nobler ever seen.  
 She ruled a simple woman,  
 Yet greatest of her kind,  
 And made a deep impression  
 Upon the nation's mind.

"God save the Queen" our anthem,  
 For many, many years,  
 A pray'r He ever answered,  
 In smiling or in tears.  
 With marriage bells or dirges,  
 She graced the British throne.  
 And now her fine example  
 The wide, wide world must own.

She left, but in her leaving  
 Still lives that truest power,  
 Unfailing evidently,  
 Sound at this very hour.  
 Our march is ever onward,  
 Both stormy and serene,  
 And we are blest by thinking  
 Of Her—our precious Queen.

## JULY.

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

### FORGERS.

The fend 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.

## THE OLD YEAR.

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THE seasons tell their story,  
 The summer and the snow,  
 The sunrise and the sunset  
 To us they come and go.  
 And as the days are fading,  
 The year becometh old,  
 And with its age increasing  
 How much is to be told.

The first-born of the century,  
 That mighty stretch of time,  
 It is a new departure,  
 An epoch that's sublime  
 Old Year, with all the changes,  
 The story of thy page  
 Hath themes that are unending,  
 Attention to engage.

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## KING'S HEAD ON TRANSVAAL STAMPS.

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THE first stamps to be issued by the Government bearing the imprint of King Edward VII. will, it is said, be a complete set for use in the Transvaal. The pattern is understood to be a profile of His Majesty on a background of deep carmine.

## AUGUST.

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| 1  | F  | Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880     |
| 2  | S  | Captain Marryat died, 1848                            |
| 3  | S  | Mr. Speaker Peel born, 1829                           |
| 4  | M  | Adhesive Postage Stamp first invd. by James Chalmers, |
| 5  | Tu | Queen of Saxony born, 1833 [of Dundee, '34            |
| 6  | W  | Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844                          |
| 7  | Th | New French Issues                                     |
| 8  | F  | George Canning died, 1827                             |
| 9  | S  | Postage Stamps first issued, Roumania, 1862           |
| 10 | S  | George J. Goschen born, 1831                          |
| 11 | M  | Dog Days end  |
| 12 | Tu | M. A. M. Palmer born, 1885                            |
| 13 | W  | <i>Old Lammas Day</i>                                 |
| 14 | Th | Local Government Act passed, 1871                     |
| 15 | F  | Sir Walter Scott born, 1771                           |
| 16 | S  | Gas introduced in London, 1807                        |
| 17 | S  | Rowld. Hill scheme adopted by House of Commons by a   |
| 18 | M  | Emperor of Austria born, 1830 [majority of 100, '39   |
| 19 | Tu | Balzac died, 1859                                     |
| 20 | W  | Abergele Railway accident, 1868                       |
| 21 | Th | Battle of Vimiera, 1808                               |
| 22 | F  | King Richard III. killed, 1485                        |
| 23 | S  | Sir Astley Cooper born, 1768                          |
| 24 | S  | Massacre of Huguenots, 1572                           |
| 25 | M  | Postage Stamps first issued, Egypt, 1865              |
| 26 | Tu | Battle of Cressy, 1346. Samuel Palmer died 1899       |
| 27 | W  | Rowland Hill died, 1879                               |
| 28 | Th | St. Augustine   |
| 29 | F  | Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782                |
| 30 | S  | Battle of Plevna, 1877                                |
| 31 | S  | Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1874      |

### POSTAL REFORM

MAY still include  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. post for newspapers in London and suburbs and it will be well when the halfpenny post card can be obtained for that price.

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

## THE CAUSE AND THE CLAUSE.

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

(Section 7.) A person shall not—

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

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

## SEPTEMBER.

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



MRS. PALMER AND SON.



# OCTOBER.

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

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He comes with endless promise,  
 Just opening the book,  
 The face so young and childish,  
 Suggestive in its look,  
 We look and long for progress,  
 Our hearts must ever yearn,  
 Though effort may be fruitless  
 And bringing no return.

We welcome thee a stranger,  
 All wishing for the best ;  
 God send us many blessings,  
 With him, our latest guest.  
 The New Year asks attention,  
 And may the reign be bright,  
 And where there may be darkness  
 Let there be greater light.

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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

## NOVEMBER.

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|----|----|---|
| 1  | S  | Stamped Pos. Letter-paper ( <i>carta postale bollata</i> ) issued |
| 2  | S  | India proclaimed an Empire, '58 [by Sardinian Sts., '18           |
| 3  | M  | Mikado of Japan born, 1852  |
| 4  | Tu | George Peabody died, 1869   |
| 5  | W  | Battle of Inkerman, 1854  |
| 6  | Th | Postage Stamps first issued, Gambia, 1869                         |
| 7  | F  | Henry Fawcett, Postmaster-General, died, 1884                     |
| 8  | S  | John Milton died, 1674  |
| 9  | S  | Prince of Wales born, 1841  |
| 10 | M  | Royal Academy founded, 1768                                       |
| 11 | Tu | Martinmas   |
| 12 | W  | J. S. O. D. Palmer born, 1887                                     |
| 13 | Th | Lord Rayleigh born, 1852  |
| 14 | F  | First appointment of Postmaster-General for England,              |
| 15 | S  | William Pitt born, 1708 [1533                                     |
| 16 | S  | John Bright born, 1811  |
| 17 | M  | Suez Canal opened, 1869   |
| 18 | Tu | Charles Heath died, 1848  |
| 19 | W  | Man in the iron mask died, 1705                                   |
| 20 | Th | Lesseps born, 1805  |
| 21 | F  | Empress Frederick of Germany born, 1840                           |
| 22 | S  | M. S. E. C. Palmer born, 1889                                     |
| 23 | S  | Post-Office prosecution, 1889                                     |
| 24 | M  | M. S. E. C. Palmer died, 1893                                     |
| 25 | Tu | Postage Stamps first issued in Sarawak, 1866                      |
| 26 | W  | Marshal Soult died, 1851  |
| 27 | Th | Earl of Selborne born, 1812                                       |
| 28 | F  | The <i>Times</i> first printed by steam, 1814                     |
| 29 | S  | 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."

## AUCTIONS

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

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## THE ROYAL TOUR

OF the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York was a notable event of 1901, and served to further unite the vast English-speaking races. The consolidation of the many varied sections of the Anglo-Saxon race is proceeding apace, and the august lady and gentleman who have travelled round the world have aided in no uncommon degree.

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## THE WAR.

OUR hope must be for its conclusion this year, but, whatever the fortunes may be, Britain will see it through and maintain its power. It is better for mankind for Britain to rule in South Africa, and, in the next generation the Boers will be friends and brothers of the great people whom they now understand more completely than before.

## DECEMBER.

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

## CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS, festival divine,  
 The crown of all the year,  
 We think of thee for many days,  
 Associations dear  
 Are congregated round thy name,  
 And have a deepening hold,  
 For in thy kindly eyes a tale  
 Of tenderness is told.

As years increase, the memory  
 Hath still a greater store,  
 The inward gaze reads other days  
 Of records evermore ;  
 There come the faces of the past,  
 That rest beneath the green,  
 And Christmas bells remind us all  
 Of dear friends now unseen.

But round the fire come other guests,  
 The children and the youth,  
 To whom the fairy tale appears  
 Embodiment of truth ;  
 So past and present mingle in  
 The light that Christmas brings,  
 And smiles arise to bless our eyes,  
 While Hope the angel sings.

It is man's duty to rejoice,  
 For God hath made him so,  
 Though tears will fall the lot of all  
 And shadows speak of woe.  
 But Christmas cheers the lowliest heart,  
 And asks the welcome warm  
 Which all can give, and joy shall live,  
 With never ending charm.

## OUR LOST QUEEN.

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THE first year of the Twentieth Century was to prove a wonderful one indeed, for the British Empire, and the chronicler, in addressing the public in **THE PHILATELISTS' ALMANACK**, feels he will be simply doing his duty by paying tribute to the memory of the noblest Queen that ever adorned the throne of England. No pen can ever do justice to the record of her life, and in the limits of our pages no adequate attention can be accorded. But, in writing for 1902, an annual publication dealing somewhat with history, as does this **ALMANACK**, the lost Sovereign of the British Empire is an object of deepening veneration. First and foremost comes the great fact that Queen Victoria was a *good* woman, and perhaps that qualification comprehends the highest praise. In casting back the eye on the centuries flown, we see monarchs of infinitely varying types from the best to the worst, but, without doubt, no example can surpass the splendid life of Queen Victoria. In the dull days of January, 1901, she was nearing the end, though her people as a whole were not aware that her health had failed, and the mighty activities of her life were virtually over. She who had taken so much and so comprehensive an interest in her own nations, and the world generally, was to receive the rest needed by the white-haired monarch whose name stands so high in all the story of the Nineteenth Century. It were idle to attempt a wholesale touch of her career, and we think it best to do with one or two details which may please our readers. One of the chief points in the dead Queen's character was the intense regard she had for the welfare of her subjects, and the attention she could extend even to the most insignificant of her subjects. Coming to the work which is the leading point in this **ALMANACK**, we may say that for many years Queen Victoria graciously appreciated many publications and loyal manifestations from the **ERIC-A-BRAC** office, and the kind letters sent at her command over a series of years were always welcome, were carefully preserved, and are now held in absolute

eneration. All great characters can attend to minute points, and our late Queen was ever ready to give a kindly thought to anything she deemed worthy of support. Stamps are connected with her name and life as with no other female name on earth, and the publications from this office being in the interests of stamps in the widest sense, our work has been constantly associated with her beloved name. She left an example that her good son Edward VII. is extremely wise in following, and he surely couldn't have no finer record for his imitation. Queen Victoria sleeps, and yet the voice from the tomb at Frogmore comes unmistakably to us, and its teaching is that in all ways we should try to do our best for each other, as is the will of the ONE who made us.

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## THE HALFPENNY CARD

FOR that price is still unobtainable, and the wonder rises as to its attainment. The question has been asked repeatedly as to its production for an appreciative public, but, as yet, no adequate reply comes. Farthing postage for printed matter is still a *desideratum*, and the years go by as we ask for it to be given. However, both are worth asking for.

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## "TALENT."

THIS most interesting monthly has steadily won its way and makes an impression wherever read. Its originality is something to please all. In the issues for February and March there were articles and pictures relating to the Editor of BRIC-A-BRAC, the Forgery Museum, and other points, and all were touched on in that genial and bright manner which characterises the well-known Editor of *Talent*, Mr. Edwin Drew, from whom the journal is obtainable, at the Office, 37, Caversham Road, Kentish Town. The price is threepence, and one feature alone, "The Showman's Stories," will afford genuine amusement to those who wish for a series of narratives altogether out of the common.



## THE PENNY POST.

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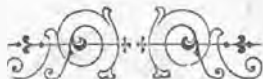
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