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FIRST TRANSACTIONS.

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

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

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

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

DRESS MADE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

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

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

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

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

STAMP FRAUDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CITY PRESS."

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

J. W. PALMER.—*City Press.*



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JANUARY.

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

THE PALMER MUSEUM,

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OUR KING AND QUEEN.

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

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

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH RUTH PALMER.

Died February 27th, 1886.

And from thy grave, O mother dear,
Thou speakest yet what I may hear,
Who wear thee in my heart.

We are but shadows, one and all,
Who come like shadows on the wall,
And so depart. —J. W. P.

THE KING AND QUEEN

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

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

THE EDWARD VII. MEDAL

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

MARCH.

1	S	
2	M	Pope Leo born, 1810
3	Tu	Sir J. F. Stephen born, 1839
4	W	
5	Th	Thames Tunnel opened, 1845
6	F	Artemus Ward died, 1867
7	S	First Prayer Book issued, 1549
8	S	Postage Stamps introduced into Germany, 1850
9	M	German Emperor William I. died, 1888
10	Tu	H.M. the King married, 1863
11	W	Benjamin West died, 1820
12	Th	Bank issued £1 notes, 1797. £5 Bank of Eng. notes first
13	F	Discovery of Uranus by Herschel, 1781 [issued, 1793
14	S	King Humbert born, 1844
15	S	Viscount Melbourne born, 1779
16	M	Queen Victoria created Empress of India, 1876
17	Tu	St. Patrick's Day
18	W	Communist insurrection, Paris, 1871
19	Th	Lucknow taken, 1858
20	F	Sinking Fund established, 1786
21	S	Warning issued by J. W. Palmer, '88, to colls. concern-
22	S	Albert Way died, 1874 [ing Laureated Head, N.S.W.
23	M	National Gallery opened, 1824
24	Tu	H. W. Longfellow died, 1882
25	W	
26	Th	Duke of Cambridge born, 1819
27	F	Postage Stamps first issued Ionian Isles, 1857
28	S	Duke of Albany died, 1884
29	S	Albert Hall opened, 1871
30	M	Don Carlos born, 1848
31	Tu	Slave Trade abolished in England, 1806

OUR DEBTORS.

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

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

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

THE KING'S RECOVERY.

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

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

THE CORONATION MEDAL

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

MEDALS.

SPECIAL CORONATION OFFER.

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

THE NEW STAMP: A CHILD'S COMMENT.

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

THE PRESS.

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

APRIL.

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

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

EDWARD VII. MEDALS.

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

THE SONG OF THE SANDWICH MAN.

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

MAY.

1	F	Issue of the Mulready envelope, 1840
2	S	Thames Embankment opened, 1868
3	S	Jamaica discovered, 1494
4	M	Local Letter Post established in Vienna, 1772
5	Tu	Ex-Empress Eugenie born, 1826
6	W	Postage Stamps first issued, 1840
7	Th	Robert Browning born, 1812
8	F	Monarchy restored, 1660
9	S	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	M	Petition against forged stamps prep. by J. W. Palmer, '84
12	Tu	Sir Charles Barry died, 1860
13	W	Suicide of King of Bavaria, 1886
14	Th	
15	F	German Emperor Frederick died, 1888
16	S	Penny Postage Jubilee Celebration at Guildhall, '90;
17	S	Revised New Testament issued, 1881 [issue of Jubilee
18	M	New Eddystone Lighthouse opened, 1882 [post-card
19	Tu	W. E. Gladstone died, 1898
20	W	Postage Stamps adopted by the Sandwich Islands, 1851
21	Th	Lord Playfair born, 1819
22	F	Grisi born, 1812
23	S	Henry Fawcett born at Salisbury, 1833
24	S	Queen Victoria born, 1819
25	M	Princess Helena born, 1846
26	Tu	Tuileries destroyed, 1871
27	W	Repeal of Corn Laws, 1856
28	Th	General Grant died, 1885
29	F	Empress Josephine died, 1814
30	S	Alexander Pope died, 1744 [Archer, 1852
31	S	Machine for perforating stamps invented by Henry

STAMPS.

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

"THE QUEEN'S SADDEST HOUR"

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

1	M	Charles Lever died, 1872
2	Tu	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	W	Prince of Wales born, 1865
4	Th	Lord Wolseley born, 1833
5	F	St. Boniface
6	S	Cyprus Stamp issued
7	S	Postage Stamps first issued, Roman States, 1852
8	M	Sir John Millais born, 1829
9	Tu	Charles Dickens died, 1870
10	W	P. O. robbery of Telegraph Stamps discovered, 1890
11	Th	Money Market panic, 1866
12	F	Rev. Charles Kingsley born, 1819
13	S	Kensington Museum opened, 1857
14	S	Battle of Marengo, 1800
15	M	Wat Tyler killed, 1391
16	Tu	Battle of Quatre Bras, 1815
17	W	Postage Stamps first issued, Tasmania, 1853
18	Th	Battle of Waterloo, 1815
19	F	French postal system founded by Louis XI., 1464
20	S	J. A. Palmer died, 1893
21	S	Longest day
22	M	Great fire in Tooley Street, 1861
23	Tu	Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757
24	W	Midsummer Day
25	Th	Right Hon. H. Childers born, 1827
26	F	George IV. died, 1830
27	S	First meeting of the Postal Union Congress held in
28	S	Sir H. Lawrence born, 1806 [Paris, 1863]
29	M	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	Tu	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 CORONATION.

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

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

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

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

JULY.

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

FORGERS.

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

THE OLD YEAR.

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

THE NEW YEAR.

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

PEACE!

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

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

AUGUST

1	S	Issue of Austrian Postal Union Card (5 kr.), 1880
2	S	Captain Marryat died, 1848
3	M	Vicount Peel born, 1829
4	Tu	Adhesive Postage Stamp first invd. by James Chalmers,
5	W	Queen of Saxony born, 1833 [of Dundee, '34
6	Th	Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844
7	F	New French Issues
8	S	George Canning died, 1827
9	S	Coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra
10	M	George J. Goschen born, 1831 [Postage Stamps first
11	Tu	Dog Days end [issued Roumania, '62
12	W	M. A. M. Palmer born, 1885
13	Th	<i>Old Lammas Day</i>
14	F	Local Government Act passed, 1871
15	S	Sir Walter Scott born, 1771
16	S	Gas introduced in London, 1807
17	M	Rowld. Hill scheme adopted by House of Commons by a
18	Tu	Emperor of Austria born, 1830 [majority of 100, '39
19	W	Balzac died, 1850
20	Th	Abergele Railway accident, 1868
21	F	Battle of Vimiera, 1808
22	S	King Richard III. killed, 1485
23	S	Sir Astley Cooper born, 1788
24	M	Massacre of Huguenots, 1572
25	Tu	Postage Stamps first issued, Egypt, 1865
26	W	Battle of Cressy, 1346. Samuel Palmer died 1899
27	Th	Rowland Hill died, 1879
28	F	St. Augustine
29	S	Foundering of the "Royal George," 1782
30	S	Battle of Plevna, 1877
31	M	Postal Treaty of Berne came into operation, 1874

POSTAL REFORM

MAY still include ½d. 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.

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

THE FIRST CASE.

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

PEACE WITH HONOUR.

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

Peace has risen

In the sky—God's holy star!

TO A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY.

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

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OCTOBER.

1	Th	Introduction of 6d. Telegrams, 1885
2	F	Sir Stevenson Arthur Blackwood died, 1893
3	S	Postage Stamps first issued, Japan, 1871 [Memel, 1646
4	S	German Government Post started between Cleves and
5	M	Prince Henry of Battenberg born, 1858
6	Tu	Right Hon. W. H. Smith died, 1891
7	W	Edgar Allan Poe died, 1847
8	Th	Great Fire of Chicago, 1871
9	F	St. Denys
10	S	Oxford Mich. Term begins
11	S	
12	M	Pekin taken, 1860
13	Tu	Palmer's system of mail coaches adopted, 1797
14	W	Fire Insurance expires
15	Th	Prince Alfred of Edinburgh born, 1874
16	F	Houses of Parliament burnt, 1834
17	S	L. Pocock died, 1882
18	S	Lord Palmerston died, 1865
19	M	Henry Kirke White died, 1806
20	Tu	Lord Palmerston born, 1784
21	W	Battle of Trafalgar, 1805
22	Th	Edict of Nantes revoked, 1685
23	F	Postage Stamps first issued, Servia, 1866
24	S	Joseph William Palmer born, 1853
25	S	Battle of Agincourt, 1415
26	M	Post-Office Prosecution, 1891
27	Tu	Sir G. Kneller died, 1723
28	W	New Royal Exchange opened, 1844
29	Th	John Leech died, 1864
30	F	Gambetta born, 1838
31	S	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. [stamp-
 All honour to the kindly King
 Who thought of pretty stamps
 For pain's great album in the light
 Of Charity's good lamps.
 Each stamp is surely an appeal
 To aid a fallen brother,
 And its cement should make us stick
 More closely to each other.

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LICKING STAMPS

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

NOVEMBER.

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

THE KING AND BRIC-A-BRAC.

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

A LONDON LANDMARK.

METROPOLITAN improvements are sweeping away old establishments, and "Palmer, the Strand Stamp Merchant" has had to leave the shop he made so famous, and has taken the business to West Hoathly, Sussex. Palmer was the pioneer of the stamp trade, which developed under his forty years' cultivation into a marvellous modern movement. Clients, from royalty downwards, consulted the famous citizen, whose knowledge of stamps astonishes those who discuss them with him. He has helped hundreds of people to realise small fortunes from their stamps, and he is as active, enthusiastic and ready to-day as throughout his unique career.

DECEMBER.

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

FAREWELL, dear face, which we have known
Familiar as our Mother's own,
Through Life's long chequered years the same,
Far-reaching as the English name!

What joy, what sorrow, or what care
Approached us, but thou too wast there?
What tears above thee oft were shed,
What laughing lips thy missives read!

Thy shelter was the lover's breast,
Or 'neath the mourner's pillow pressed,
Or blurred and tattered, frayed and worn,
To far-off regions thou wast borne.

A million homes have felt the thrill
Of thy sweet presence mute and still,
A sympathy which seemed to bind
Both high and low of human kind.

Aye, in the cold and heartless throng,
Whence love of gain drives hate of wrong,
There came with that pure, queenly face,
Some consecration to the place.

And even in darkest haunts of sin
To thy bright spirit least akin
'Twas something if thine image brought
The Gospel of some better thought.

No age could wither thee; even now
Fair youth sits lightly on thy brow;
Young as the heart no cares could sear,
The heart still warm at eighty year.

O royal head, O loving heart,
Whose kindness did to Power impart
A might beyond the might of force
From motherhood's Divinest source.

O Empress, whose illustrious name
Has silenced Envy, beggared fame
In history's page how bright appears
The sum of thine unequalled years.

Thou'rt gone ; and we no more may see
 Even this pale shadowing forth of thee,
 But Britain never can forget
 How great thy love, how vast her debt.

Thou liv'st with God ; perchance thy prayer
 Is made for us thy children, there.
 Thou liv'st undying, though unseen,
 In hearts of men who love their Queen.

—*Guardian*.

E. WORDSWORTH.

WEDDING AT WEST HOATHLY.

MISS PALMER AND MR. E. J. HISCOCKS.

ON Christmas Eve, 1901, was solemnized at West Hoathly Church the marriage of Miss Frances Minnie Ruth Palmer, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Palmer, of The Rosery, West Hoathly, and Mr. Edwin John Hiscocks, of Brislington, Bristol. Mr. J. W. Palmer was unfortunately unable to give his daughter away owing to ill-health, the result of a chill contracted some time since, so this duty was performed by Mrs. Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and family have resided at West Hoathly since they were compelled to quit the Strand owing to the improvement being effected there by the London County Council. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of pale grey silk, trimmed with thistles worked in pearls. She wore a tulle veil and a wreath of orange blossom, and carried an exquisite white shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Margaret Annie Mildred Palmer, sister of the bride, and Miss Daisy Tomkin. They were tastefully attired in gowns of pale yellow, this being one of the colours of the Lancaster College, West Norwood, where the bride and her sister were educated. They wore tulle veils, and each carried a shower bouquet of yellow and amber chrysanthemums. Each, too, wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, who was attended by Mr. Reginald Oliver Butcher as best man. Mrs. Palmer wore a gown of black silk with a Court train, and a white silk cape trimmed with ostrich feathers. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. R. D. Wakefield (vicar). After the ceremony, a reception was held at The Rosery, where the wedding breakfast was served, and where were exhibited the handsome presents received both by the bride and the bridegroom. The list of presents included a cheque and a piano from Mr. J. W. Palmer. The bride's travelling costume was a navy-blue cloth trimmed with swansdown, and a white hat trimmed with blue velvet and white wings. Her boa and muff were of Siberian fur.—*Sussex Daily News*.

ALLY CAMPANE.

How do you like the new stamps? A. Sloper, personally, is a trifle disappointed in more ways than one. The King's head is too fancifully unlike the original to please the Eminent, and the colouring of some of the stamps jars painfully upon his artistic sense. There is a cheap, crude, garish look about them that is not pleasing, and little difficulty would be found in matching the shades in Cousin Evelina's sixpenny paint box. As a patriotic Englishman, too, Ally considers it a shame that a foreigner was entrusted with the design. Surely Great Britain possesses talent enough to carry out a little job like this of her own. What say you?—From *Ally Sloper*.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It may be of interest to people who are engaged in collecting a million stamps to know that Mr. J. W. Palmer is prepared to purchase them at the rate of from 20s. to £10 per million, according to variety and condition, but he wishes it to be generally understood that he cannot undertake to purchase the common varieties of English stamps in any lesser quantities than 50,000, and all such parcels must be sent carriage paid.

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[Such an institution deserves every support, and we ask readers to kindly contribute.]

MR. PALMER'S ILLNESS

WAS an event which attracted much attention, and its one time serious character looked as if the calamity would end fatally. Still, it was not to be, for, thanks, under Divine Providence, to a good constitution, good medical care, and to the best and most ceaseless attention from Mrs. Palmer day and night, the invalid gradually came back to health and strength. During his illness many missed Mr. Palmer very much, and collectors were heard to say that they never knew the value of his information so much before, while, in very serious hours, many speculated as to the terrible vacancy his removal would make. Happily he was spared to return to the stamp world, editorial duties, and the endless consultations and the widely varied correspondence, which all claim his attention: and while rejoicing in recovery and glad to be at work, the memory of the trying hours to man and wife and friends will be a possession for the thoughtful mind.

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