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AN UNIQUE CARD RECEIVER.

By MINNIE TONKA.

While jaunting down Bromfield street a short time ago I observed, in the window of a noted auctioneer's establishment, a curious plate which at once attracted my attention. The plate had the appearance of being composed of a mass of postage stamps, the whole being covered with a lustrous varnish that caused the various colors of the stamps to shine like polished wood or metal. My curiosity aroused, I entered the store and addressing a clerk, I inquired what the article was used for.

The clerk kindly informed me that it was a new design in card receivers or letter plates, and that they had several on hand ready for their monthly sale. My informant added that the receivers were made by a school-boy who employed his leisure time in manufacturing novelties, and that he was deriving a considerable amount of pocket money from his ingenuity.

Shortly afterward I attended the sale and after several pictures and other small articles had been disposed of, the auctioneer produced three of those odd letter trays, a pair of which were soon sold for ninety cents. The remaining plate I purchased for fifty cents and taking it home I began an examination of its construction.

As I before stated, the entire plate, both above and below, was entirely

covered with used postage stamps among which I noticed several from our own country, although the greater part were those common, low-value European varieties that may be purchased in large quantities from any dealer, at an insignificant price. But as to the composition of the body of the plate, I was unable to determine until I happened to show the receiver to a friend. She at once informed me that she was acquainted with the maker of the receiver, and called my attention to an address stamped on the under surface of the plate, that had escaped my previous observation. As the address indicated was but a short distance from my own residence, my friend said that she would accompany me on a visit to the young plate-maker.

A few minutes walk brought us to his house, and we were soon ushered into the neat little workshop where we found the young mechanic busily engaged with a heap of white plates before him, together with a large box of mixed postage stamps. Rising at our entrance and learning the object of our visit, he kindly volunteered to illustrate his process of manufacturing the novelties.

First selecting a plate from those before him, a heap of common, white, earthenware plates, he laid it on the table before him and covered the entire upper surface with a thin coating of mucilage. Then taking a handful of stamps from the box before him, he deftly pasted

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them on the dish, following no regular pattern but sticking them on, one after another, just as they came to hand. The upper side completed, he covered the lower side in the same way and then set the plate by the stove to dry. Before doing this, however, the maker placed a stamp squarely in the center of the under side of the plate, on which he printed his address with a common, rubber, hand stamp.

After the plate had dried properly, it was once more taken to the bench and a thin coat of furniture varnish applied to both surfaces, after which it was placed upon a little wooden rack to dry. Our young friend stated that he could make several of these plates in a day, and that he found a ready sale for his wares at a remunerative price.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

BY YANKEE.

It makes a big difference what kind of a coat a man wears if he wishes to circulate with the fancy dressed people of so-called "upper life", and it also makes a difference the way a stamp paper shows up. Do you know, the other day I received a paper, a handsomely gotten-up affair, and in it I saw the following: "The so-and-so is a new philatelic paper from such-a-place. There is nothing in it of interest to philatelists."

It caused feelings of anger, righteous, indignant anger, to arise in me, as I pictured out the two editors before me. One with his fine, every-day dress, with nothing to do but prepare his copy and send it to the printer; a person who,

possibly, had never entered the doors of the press or compositors' room. He it was who played the part of "Sir Critic."

The other I saw, first, his coat off, sleeves rolled up, setting his own type and then transferring it to make up his forms, and printing his own paper.

Which did I admire the most? Why, the latter, to be sure.

DID his paper contain anything of interest to philatelists?

Indeed it did. The editor was doing his utmost to promote an art or science, to him most dear, and in a manner that could be performed in no other way.

Did the first mentioned editor take the right course to promote the interests of philately?

No! Rather should he have held out a helping hand by giving a word of encouragement.

Thus it is almost every month, you will see some person venting his spleen on the diminutive sheets and at the same time showering honeyed words on the larger ones which emanate from the offices of steam and power printers. There is too much of that kind of criticism being given. Editors should try to realize that it is the "kind words that never die," and that the little sheets of philately exert an influence for good in their own field which the larger, more advanced ones cannot reach.

It was a stormy night without, and they were sitting close together on the sofa, when the old man came softly in and put this notice over the fire-place.

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Editorial Notes.

We have just "bought out" the **STAMP COLLECTORS' WORLD**, one of the oldest and most illustrious philatelic journals. A full account of the same will be given in our next.

We were highly gratified with the reception accorded our first issue, notwithstanding its rather unsatisfactory typographical appearance, and it was our intention to have published a Christmas extra; but owing to uncertainty incidental to our negotiations with the editor and publisher of the *World*, a delay was caused which renders it impossible for us to do so. Eight pages are assured our January number, however.

The *Petersburg Echo*, of which two numbers have been received, is a fine, large, eight page monthly, edited by Percy Rainey of Petersburg, Va. It is replete with stories and useful information and withal, does great credit to the publisher.

Among our exchanges are the following; *Oologists' Exchange*, N.Y. *Philatelist*, *Curio Informant*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Curiosity Collector*, *Stamp*

Advertiser, *Nonpareil Philatelist*, *Numismatist*, *Eastern Philatelist*, and many others.

A complete file of the *Curiosity Collector* has been received, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Bartlett. A like favor from other papers would be appreciated, and we would reciprocate the favor with subscriptions to the *New England Naturalist*.

The *Oologists' Exchange*, Box 2060, N. Y. City, is out with a fine, tinted engraving as a Christmas supplement. It is entitled, "Wilson, the Ornithologist, at Work," and is a fit token of the enterprise and financial backing of Mr. Pettit.

By request, our prize offer will be continued until January, when names of winners will be announced.

Querists should always enclose a stamp to ensure return postage.

It is with pleasure that we add the name of Mr. Guy W. Green to our list of contributors.

Mr. A. Huck, Jr., reports business brisk in his vicinity.

A coin department will probably be added to the *N. E. Phil.* for 1890.

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MY RAREST STAMP.

BY HARLOW.

It was a bright afternoon, early in February. The warm rays of the Southern sun fell softly on the polished floor and

gilded the end of the long table at which I was seated, busily engaged in writing to the friends in my Northern home; while a falling ray lingered lovingly on the gray hair of the sunny-faced little lady who sat opposite, entirely absorbed in perusing the columns of the city weekly. Finally, the last envelope addressed, I proceeded to stamp my letters and as I did so, I said; "Do you know that I have quite a collection of stamps at home Auntie? I have got over two thousand varieties, some of which are worth several dollars apiece, cancelled."

"Why, then you must have nearly all the kinds, have you not?" remarked the old lady.

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With a delightful sense of anticipation, I hurried down the long hall of the old plantation homestead and up the stairs at the farther end. Another short flight and I was in the attic. Here a great room, lighted by two end windows, was almost entirely filled with heirlooms and relics of departed Harlows.

On the wall, opposite the door, hung the old Revolutionary sword, worn by my great-grandfather, a friend of the immortal Washington, at Yorktown. Crossing it was another, tarnished with age, a great double-handed war blade, that had been wielded by an ancestor in the remote past; one who had followed the fortunes of the Crook-backed King, Richard, Duke of Gloucester. And below this venerable pair hung another, a light battle sword that had belonged to my cousin Ralph, who had fallen in his first engagement, slain by a Northern minie-ball. Here, too, were the slave accounts, and many another grim reminder of the days before the war; indeed, the entire place was a veritable Paradise to the antiquarian.

Crossing the room to the great secretary, I began my search, and

from drawer after drawer, I took bundles of letters. Placing them all on the antique table, I drew up a chair and examined my prizes. The first package was soon untied and the letters found to be, almost without exception, stamped with the old, three cent, red issue, so familiar to all collectors. In the next I was more successful for that entitled several of the rarer varieties of the first issues of our government. Another pack was examined with but little addition to my spoils, and the same with two more. The sixth, however, consisted entirely of letters from foreign correspondents and I obtained some rare specimens of early issues from the envelopes.

Now I had examined all but the last bundle, and with but faint expectations of valuable results, I untied the string and the letters fell apart. The stamps were curious, so much so that they at once attracted particular attention, and I at last examining them, I found that here I had a prize indeed. Letters written during the civil war made up the package, and as provisional after provisional, almost unknown to collectors, greeted my eyes, my delight knew no bounds.

Here was the rare Petersburg local, red, and specimens from New Or-

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leans and Memphis. But the rarest prize of all was a splendid specimen of that rare provisional, the two cent, green of Baton Rouge.

How I gloated over those stamps! The greatest miser who ever lived, could not have loved his gold more than I valued those Confederate issues. And as I look back now to the many happy days that I have spent in that old Virginian homestead, that afternoon among those mementoes of the greatest civil struggle the world has ever witnessed, is well remembered as the time when I added to my collection the rarest prize of all.

Editorial Notes.

We hope our readers will excuse any inaccuracies that may occur in this issue

as we have had to "rush it." Our Christmas number will be a surprise to all.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. A. F. Pettit, of the Oologist's Exchange for his kindness in enabling us to secure a copy of the Exchange, from which we have taken several good ideas; our prospectus, for instance.

Most of the members have sent in the November dues. Others——

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