
THE WESTERN PHILATIST.

Devoted to Stamp Collecting.

Vol. I.

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ED. L. HOWE,

Publisher.

A GOOD DEED'S REWARD

It was in the job-room, says the *Boston Transcript*. The foreman had just put into type an elaborate "job," and was stepping back to take a squint at the "justification." A little in his rear was an open elevator-way. The office boy, fresh from school, took in the situation with the wonderful but acknowledged intuition of the newly-graduated scholar. He had heard of Michael Angelo, in the great dome of St. Peter's, stepping back, back, all unconscious, in his rapt admiration of his beautiful creation, that in another instant he would be over the staging's verge, to be dashed to pieces on the marble floor below. He remembered that at this juncture an assistant flung a paint brush steeped in paint full drive at the master's fresco, destroying its beauty with one fell stroke. He thought how the great man rushed to save his darling painting, thus preserving his own life. Quick as thought the office boy seized a mallet and threw it at the laborious "job," knocking it into pi. But, alas! how differently are great minds affected by circumstances so nearly the same. The foreman didn't rush at the upset type, crying, "My poor job!" No, he turned right round and—discharged the boy.

GENUINE FOREIGN STAMPS.

Straus & Hyman have just issued their new wholesale and retail price list, which will be sent free.

Salvador, 1879, 1 ch.	each.	4c
Mexico, " "	" "	4c
Peru, " "	" "	4c
Persia, set of four,		15c
Persia, set of six,		50c
Postoffice, set of ten,		40c

STRAUS & HYMAN,

122 ORANGE ST.,

Cleveland, Ohio.

NEW ISSUES.

LUXEMBURG.—The 1, 4 and 12½ centimes perforated, are surcharged OFFICIAL.

MAURITIUS.—2 adhesives: 4 cents, orange-yellow, and 25 cents, greenish bistre.

An envelope, 50c., chocolate-brown.

Two cards, 2c, violet-brown and black.

TRKEY.—All the values excepting the 25 piastres have been surcharged IMPRIMES on a scroll.

The 1 p. green envelope is surcharged *cheir* for local use.

VICTORIA.—The 2 p. adhesive has been slightly modified. The oval is formed of *two* lines now.

The 1 p. green envelope is found on blue as well as white.

FINLAND.—Since April 1st a new international card is in use, 10 penni. ochre on buff.

LIST OF SINGLE STAMPS.			
AUSTRIA, 2 kr yellow,	1	" 2 kr purple,	2
" 3 kr green,	1	" 3 kr green,	2
" 5 kr red,	1	" 5 kr red,	1
" 10 kr blue,	1	" 5c	2
" 15 kr brown,	2	" 6c	2
BAVARIA, 3 kr red,	1	" 1c (newspaper)	1
" 5 kr	1	" 2c (newspaper)	1
" 9 kr stone,	2	RUSSIA, 1 k yellow & black,	2
" 20 kr blue,	2	" 2 k red & black,	2
" 25 kr	2	" 3 k green & black,	3
" 30 kr	2	" 5 k red & black,	2
" 50 kr	2	" 8 k grey & slate,	2
BELGIUM, 1c green	1	ROUMANIA, $\frac{1}{2}$ B,	2
" 10c green	2	" 1 B,	2
CANADA, $\frac{1}{2}$ c black,	2	" $1\frac{1}{2}$ B,	2
" 1c yellow,	1	" 5 B,	1
" 2c green,	1	SPAIN, $\frac{1}{2}$ c	1
" 3c red,	1	" 3c,	1
" 6c brown,	1	" 4c,	2
" 2c large green,	2	" 10c,	2
" 3c large red,	1	" 15c,	2
DENMARK, 4 ore blue & slate,	2	" 50 m,	2
" 8 ore red & slate,	1	SWEDEN, 3 bronze,	2
FRANCE, 10c green,	1	" 12 blue,	2
" 15c blue,	1	" 30 brown,	1
" 20c blue,	1	SWITZERLAND, 2 gray,	2
" 40c brown,	1	" 5 bronze,	2
" 20c (old) blue,	2	" 10 red,	2
GERMANY, 10c. 1 qr, red,	1	" 25 green,	2
" 20c. 2 qr, blue,	1	TURKEY, 1,	4
" 25c. 2 qr, brown,	1	" 2,	4
" 50c. $\frac{1}{2}$ qr, yellow,	2	" 3,	4
GERMAN EMP. 1 kr green,	1	" 4,	4
" 2 kr yellow,	1	" 5,	2
" 3 kr red,	1	U. S. Treas. 3c brown,	1
" 5 kr,	1	" 10c brown,	1
" 3 pf green,	1	" Int. 1c red,	2
" 5 pf purple,	1	" " 2c red,	2
" 10 pf red,	2	" " 3c red,	1
" 20 pf blue,	1	" 1851, 3c red,	1
" 25 pf brown,	2	" 1861, 3c red,	1
" 50 pf grey,	2	" 1869, 3c blue,	1
HOLLAND, 1c green,	1	" 1870, 5c blue,	1
" 1c green,	1	" 1870, 6c red,	1
" 2c yellow,	1	" 1870, 10c brown,	1
" 3c	1	WEST AUSTRALIA, 1 p,	2
" 5c blue,	2	" 2 p,	2
" 10 red,	2	WURTEMBERG, 1c	2
HUNGARY, 1 kr yellow,	2	" 3c,	2
		" 5c,	2

WURTEMBERG, 9c	3
“ 7c.	3
“ 15c.	3
“ 20c.	2
“ (Env) 3c.	2
INDIA, 1 anna brown,	2
“ 2 anna yellow,	2
“ 4 anna green,	2
N. S. WALES, 2 pence blue,	2
GT. BRITIAN, ½ pence red,	2
“ 1 pence, red,	1
“ 2 pence blue,	1
“ 2½ pence lilac,	1
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This chart, containing many Flags never before published has been collected with great care, and can be relied upon as being strictly accurate, and by its aid the nationality of any ship may be easily determined, as it gives the flag of the Nation instead of the gorgeous piece of bunting which simply belongs to one family, and is seldom if ever seen out of their country.

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No. 2 contains 20 Stamps from Canada, U. S., Sweden, Holland, &c. Price, 10c

No. 3 contains 25 Stamps from Switzerland, Canada, Hungary, &c. Price, 10c

No. 4 contains 15 Stamps from U. S., Hungary, England, &c. Price, 5c

No. 5 contains 50 Stamps from Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, Roumania, &c. Price 25c

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Postal Cards, 3 for 15c, 5 for 25 cents.

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Imported Cigar Stamps, cancelled, 2 for 5 cents.

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Canada, sets of 5 for	5c
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Denmark, sets of 4 for	5c
England, sets of 6 for	5c
France, sets of 5 for	4c
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Holland, sets of 7 for	5c
Hungary, sets of 4 for	5c
Italy, sets of 8 for	5c
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Roumania, sets of 3 for	3c
Russia, sets of 2 for	5c
Spain, sets of 6 for	4c
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WURTEMBERG BAVARIA.—Double 10 pf. international cards have been issued.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We hear of a 2 cent card for international use.

TRANSVAAL.—By favor of a correspondent in Natal, we are in possession of 6 penny stamps of the current issue, surcharged "1 penny" in black and in red. There are various styles of type employed *a la* Griqualand West. The Philatelic Record mentions the discovery of 3 penny stamps, surcharged "V. R. traansvall" on green paper.

VICTORIA.—Our contemporaries have discovered the existence of 1 penny envelopes. They were mentioned in the Philatelic Monthly of October, 1878.

SWITZERLAND.—Single and double ten cent international cards are in use.

NICARAGUA.—The 26 centavos rouletted, has appeared.

QUEENSLAND.—The 2 d. stamp has appeared of a new design. The color is unchanged.

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ON THE

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We have received the *Philatic Monthly* for September. Published by L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia.

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Stamp Collecting Not Such a Foolish Pursuit After All.

Selected.

There is no pastime of the present day so popular, and certainly none more instructive, than that of collecting American and foreign postage stamps. We all know that stamps were invented and first used by Great Britain in 1840, and have since been gradually adopted by almost every country of the globe. China being the last to introduce them, though the first country to use coined money. The idea of prepaying the charges on letters by stamps was first suggested to the English Government by Sir Rowland Hill, and as we write this we learn that he has just died at the advanced age of 84 years.

We are frequently asked by different persons what is the use or sense of collecting "those dirty bits of paper," as they are pleased to term them. To such we answer what is the use of collecting oil paintings, old china, pottery and bric-a-brac of all kinds. There are thousands of persons who do so and they derive no instruction from it compared to what they would learn from stamp collecting. From the latter we learn geography,

history, language and arithmetic. Take for example the one penny (1865) stamp of Bermuda. We see the name and naturally ask where are the Bermudas, we take our atlas and find that they are a group of islands in the Atlantic ocean, about 800 miles east of Charleston, S. C. We see the profile of Queen Victoria on the stamp, and thereby know that the islands belong to Great Britain. The one penny next attracts our attention, how much is a penny? about two cents. Thus we learn where countries are situated, their rulers, the kind of money they use, the numerals of their language, and also learn to make the finest distinctions between colors; to tell steel engravings from wood cuts or lithographs, and many other useful items of knowledge. Now parents and guardians when you see your children and wards engaged in this instructive and inexpensive amusement, do not discourage them from it, but give them every encouragement and assistance in your power, and to send their orders to Mr. Ed. L. Howe, who is an honest and fair dealer, content with making a legitimate profit, and will not palm off reprints and counterfeits for genuine stamps.

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Death of Sir Rowland Hill.

Sir Rowland Hill, the inventor of postage stamps, so well known to all Philatelists, died in England, August 27th, at the ripe age of eighty-four. He gained celebrity by his reform of the English postal service, and introduced changes which started the reforms which have been continued to the present time. Although the time of his greatest usefulness is long past, he has maintained a cheertul and honorable old age, and passed away at last in the ripeness of his fame.

Agents.

Agents for our sheets of postage and Revenue Stamps who retired during the summer months, will please inform us immediately if they desire to continue in that capacity, otherwise we may be liable to appoint others in their place. All new applicants must furnish satisfactory references or sufficient deposit as security, otherwise they need not apply.

Exchanges.

We have on our table "*Our Boys*," from Plattsmonth, Neb., and the *St. Louis Philatelist* from St. Louis, edited by Mr. E. F. Gambs, coin and stamp dealer of that place. We are also indebted to Mr. Gambs for our selection on first page, "Stamp Collecting Not Such a Foolish Pursuit After All."

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Philatelic Notes.

—The Stamp business is "booming."

—We now stand unrivalled in the West.

—We desire a few more active stamp agents in towns not yet canvassed.

—The late King Victor Emanuel and A. T. Stewart were both active stamp collectors.

—Mr. Avery Taylor the eminent Philatelic writer has retired from the field owing to ill health.

—What has become of the Chicago stamp papers, and all the stamp dealers who reside in that wicked city.

—Pink Revenues are rapidly disappearing from view. Speculators who invested in them were fortunate, and have no doubt doubled and trebled their money by this time.

—Mr. J. Custer, of the St. Louis P. O. Department, has one of the largest collections of private revenue stamps (outside of Tiffany's) in the country. Mr. Custer is a very enthusiastic collector, and takes great pride in showing his collections to his friends.

—Stamp and coin auction sales in the Eastern cities are becoming popular; every week we are in receipt of catalogues of certain sales to take place in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. This alone is a plain indication that there never was more interest manifested in coin and stamp collecting than at the present day.

Everybody Read!

If you wish to spend your winter evenings pleasantly, there is no amusement where you can gain more useful knowledge and in a cheaper manner, than in forming a collection of stamps or coins. All parents and guardians should give their proteges every encouragement when they evince an interest in this delightful pastime. It is indeed a never ending pleasure, besides a collection increases in value every year, the older the more valuable it becomes. Commence now, as time is money.

At last our stamp and coin dealers are recovering from the "blues." The hot summer months are over for this season, schools have all commenced, and collectors are commencing to bring out their albums from dusty shelves and corners again. Judging from the renewed interest taken by lovers of this favorite pastime, and from the large and increasing correspondence received of late, the coming fall and winter trade promises to be "better than ever," and stamp and coin dealers can prepare themselves for the "good times coming." Send your orders to
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Patches and Education.

At a meeting of the Omaha School Board on— evening a petition from M. B. H— was read asking if there was a rule prohibiting the attendance in the schools of a pupil wearing patched clothing, stating that his little son had been sent home on that account.—[O Republican.

God help the children of the poor!
They'il get no education.
Unless their clothes are trim and
[And up to regulation. [new,
The ragged urchin musn't dare
To lift our school door latches.
And he must study on the streets,
Who's forced to wear some patches

But none are deemed too patched
to pay
Our heavy school taxation,
Although they be too patched to get
A common education.
Our public schools are for the rich,
By poor man's tax supported;
Where studies high and dresses gay,
And toney slang are sported.

God help the poor, who're forced to wear
The clothes that need the patches.
In church and school they're neatly
snubbed,
And set adrift in batches.
The church folks in prevailing style
And schoolma'ams in the fashion,
Cock up their noses on the patched
For whom there's no compassion.

Learning's a great and noble thing,
Backed up by decent clothing,
But the ragged boy, however bright,
Excites the schoolma'am's loathing
The aspect of a shaded patch
Upon a poor boy's breeches,
Is crime within our public schools,
Kept up on tax-raised riches.

God help the children of the poor.
And workmen tax-ridden,
And damn the cursed common
schools
Where patches are forbidden.
Let voters plead for public schools,
The "bulwark of the nation,"
In which patched panties are denied
A common education - *Watchman*

Origin of Blind Man's Buff.

The French call "blind man's buff" *colin-maillard*, and the following is the history of its origin: Father Maillard, a severe disciplinarian, was the confessor of Charles VIII. This prince had a female favorite named Carnelle. The father, whose presence was not agreeable to her, often found her at supper with the king. In order that she might have some mirth with him, and by degrees induce him to take part in the romps and pastimes which he disturbed she hit upon the idea of running away, while the king was to catch her.

"There is no art," said she, "in catching me, for you can run faster than I can. But suppose I were to tie something over your eyes."

"Well do so," said the king, whom she used to call Colin.

She accordingly fastened a handkerchief over his eyes, and in this state he endeavored to catch her. The other ladies mingled in the sport, and even Maillard himself took a share in the diversions. The new game was soon spread from the court to the city, and received the new name of *colin-maillard*, after the enamored monarch and the rigid confessor.

Tennyson's Latest.

Kind merchant I've important information,
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CARRIE'S ANSWER.

"Oh, Walter! I'm so glad you've come. Please bring in the wood and water as soon as you can, and put on the kettle for me. I'm hurrying to get my ironing done before night, so as not to have it round again to-morrow."

It was not very much that Walter had to do for his kind sister, who for two years had done all in her power to fill their mother's place. The family were not really poor, but their means would hardly admit their hiring a girl, and, except the washing, Carrie did the work. Walter did not mean to be unkind; but, though he really loved his sister, he was not altogether thoughtful for her comfort, and just then he wanted to go coasting with his schoolmates. The afternoons were short, and with a very sober face, he glanced at the western sky, where the clouds were already beginning to wear a tinge of pink, and answered shortly:

"I wish you'd wait on yourself. It's pretty tough for a chap that has to go to school and dig over stupid books, to have to work at home and wait on folks. I had errands to do this morning, and by the time father comes home he'll think of some more most likely,—he usually does."

Walter's hasty words had hardly passed his lips when he felt half sorry, and would have been glad to recall them; but he was too proud to say so, and heal the hurt he had made.

Carrie said not a word, but he saw the sudden tears as she bent over her ironing-table—ironing as he could not help noticing, one of his own shirts; and he remembered how nicely she always did this work—how smooth and shining his collars and bosoms were. He remembered, too, an invitation to tea the next afternoon, and he knew that everything would be in readiness for him, without a thought on his part.

Walter could work fast when he chose; and he had more than half an hour's coasting before tea, after doing all his sister asked. Then as it was a bright, moonlight evening, the boys agreed to meet at 7, and coast an hour or two. Most of them had a lesson to learn or look over for the next day. Walter took his book directly after tea, and tried to fix his mind on his lesson. But it was not an easy one, and he soon wanted his sister's help. She had washed and put away the tea-things, and was sitting in her little rocking-chair by the table with a new book lying in her lap. Carrie was very fond of reading and study; she had left school with a keen regret when her mother's place was made vacant in the household, and ever since had used whatever scanty opportunities she had to increase her store of mental wealth. Walter knew she would read when too tired to do anything else, and knew just how she must have longed all day for that book. She had begun it the previous evening, and had read little more

than the opening chapters. "It would be too shabby to ask her to help me," he thought, "even if I'd been as good as pie to her, and, as it is, I'm ashamed of myself."

(Oh, Walter! why couldn't you say so? Why would you let your pride, the "shabbiest" part of the matter after all, keep you from saying "I'm sorry, Carrie," when you knew that would make all right in an instant?)

Walter floundered on among the breakers of a chapter of natural philosophy, for this study was always a very hard one to him, while to Carrie it was "smooth sailing on a summer sea." He was nervously anxious, too, lest he should be too late. But as his sister turned toward the lamp and opened her book, she saw the perplexed look on his face, and she instantly came around to his side and asked kindly:

"What is the trouble, Walter?"

In ten minutes it was all plain to him and before 7 the lesson was thoroughly learned. Walter deposited his book on the mantel with rather more force than was needed, and a hearty leave-taking—"Rid of you till morning, anyway, old thing"—and went to his entry for overcoat, cap and scarf. As he passed Carrie he pulled her dress slightly and met her eyes. She understood and followed him. He said it then, what he ought to have said two hours earlier.

"Carrie, I'm sorry; I was downright mean, and you're just

as kind and good as if you didn't know it. I'm ashamed of myself."

Carrie answered with a kiss and returned to her book. With what keen interest and pleasure she read! an interest and a pleasure enhanced ten-fold by the consciousness that she had won the victory in a real, though silent, conflict with herself, and exerted a holy influence over her brother.

Carrie was not by nature a pliant, yielding, easy-tempered girl. Still less was she weak. No; she was strong of will and purpose, brave and high-spirited. Had she acted from her impulses she would have spoken very severely to Walter, and, as she could see in this quiet hour, would only have roused angry feelings in his heart, and lessened his affection for her. But by her self-control and forbearance she had strengthened her influence over him for good, and good only, and bound him still closer by ties of brotherly love.

Oh, sisters and brothers, remember that there is power in a soft answer; and "he who ruleth his own spirit is greater than he who taketh a city."

A bashful young man could defer the momentous question no longer so he stammered "Martha, I—I—do y u—you must have—are you aware that the good book says—er, says it is not g-g good that m-man should be alone?" "Then hadn't you better run home to your mother?" Martha coolly suggested.

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