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U. S. REVENUES.

The collection of Revenue Stamps is steadily on the increase, but it has not until lately assumed any large proportions. Yet the time will come and I do not think it is far distant when the collection of Revenue Stamps will stand side by side with the Postage Stamp collection. The United States began issuing revenues for documents, etc., about the year 1862; there were about 174 different kind of Document Revenues issued before the law was repealed in 1872. Among those that are most sought after are the \$500 revenue, which when sold at auction will bring about \$100. The \$200, first and second issue, are also rare. The \$20, Probate of Will, and the 6-cent Proprietary, are among those that are very seldom seen, and when offered for sale are disposed of at handsome prices. There are also private match, medicine and playing card revenues which are always included in revenue stamp collections. These were issued by either firms or private individuals engaged in the match, playing card or medicine business. There are about 460 different kinds of these stamps; they are much scarcer and harder to be obtained than the general U. S. revenues. Among the rarest of match stamps is that of Brown & Durling, 1 ct, green, one of which was disposed of recently at public auction for \$30.00. The stamps used at present for the manufacture of tobacco and oleomargarine, and for stills, etc., are also included in the collection of revenues. It is said that the value of the stamp is much increased if it is collected on the article it was attached to, but if a collector should attempt to collect the beer and tobacco stamps on the

articles to which they are attached he must have an album made to order and very likely a separate one for each article. But it would be entirely unnecessary to collect them in that way, and the majority of collectors would prefer collecting them without the articles.—Wm. Wiedbusch in Youth's Ledger.

Tag Collecting.

written for the STAR.

I can not see why there is not more of this done, than is, although there are a great many collectors of the little pieces of tin scattered throughout the country. It is not generally known how tags are made. The writer of this article was shown a little tin toy wagon a few days ago made out of the odd shaped pieces, left after the tops are cut out. It seems as if a sheet of tin about six or eight inches square is laid on a block and the tags cut out; then what is left is bent in the shape of a wagon bed; wheels are then attached to it and it goes rattling after the heels of some little boy or girl who value it as highly as if it were made for their special use, instead of being the scraps left after the cutting out of the trade marks of the different tobacco firms. The writer of this piece will send ten rare tags to the first person from each state or territory in the U S sending 15cts for a years subscription to the Star before Feb. 2. Send now; you stand a good chance if you don't delay. Mention this offer when sending.

A Collector.

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We have decided to issue the Collectors' Star only after full consideration of all that we intended to do. We do not expect to have every mail bring us subscription or advertising for our paper, but we issue this number with the intention of climbing to the top of the ladder by and by. And now, hoping that you will favor us with a fair share of your patronage we are yours respectfully,
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The Dec. number of the Niagara Falls Philatelist is an improvement over the November number.

Common Sense has added a cover which greatly improves it. But the way the editor has dealt with a certain party here would more than offset the cover.

Many papers received for which publishers receive thanks.

The editor of the Plain Talk thinks there is no philatelic paper like his. All we see for the philatelist is the chronicles and advertising.

The November number of the Autograph wages war against Kellogg Bros., who had the contract for printing their paper.

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Republic of the Mound Builders

In the
Republican Valley Neb.
Geo. Moore

Cambridge Neb. has as many curiosity collections as any other town in the state.

Many rare specimens are found every year in Republican valley.

Among those found we can name pieces of pottery, arrow and Spear heads, Axes, Awls, Beads, and various other stone implements.

In all the Hills adjacent to Medicine Creek or the Republican river, flint chips are found in great quantities, in all probability where arrow heads were made.

In these same Hills numerous small pieces of pottery can be found showing that at some remote age this country was inhabited by a numerous and powerful people. Mounds are found here although not as plentiful as in some of the eastern states.

In one opened on Medicine creek about 8 miles from Cambridge were buried as many as 8 or ten skeletons, their heads were all placed to the outside and their feet towards the centre.

The bones were so badly decayed that nothing could be saved that was perfect.

Some of the bones were very large.

One jaw bone was as large as that of two common men of to-day.

In this same mound were found pieces of skull of different thickness.

From almost half an inch to the thinnest of brown paper.

Beads, pieces of pottery and charred wood were also found.

How so many came to be buried in one mound, of course we can only conjecture, perhaps they were killed in some great battle or victims of some disease who can tell?

Game Birds of California,
by
N. R. Christie.

California Quail (*Lepidortyx californica*) This bird is very common in the middle and southern parts of the state, breeding in large numbers and staying all winter. They commence about June, and I have found fresh eggs as late as July 5. The nest is usually placed on a hillside or in a meadow; it is made of grass, placed in a slight hollow, on the ground. The compliment is from twelve to eighteen. The eggs are a dirty white color, thickly spotted with brown.

Mountain Quail (*Oreortyx picta*) This beautiful game bird abounds in large numbers in the northern part of the state. It arrives about fifth of May, and commence nesting about June 1. It leaves about Oct. 20, as the winters are too cold. Occasionally the old birds are killed and some of the young have not sense enough to leave but they starve to death.

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The Mountain Quail is about one quarter larger than the Cal. or Valley Quail; they are very hard to kill, being so swift of flight They generally nest under a small tree, bush or fence; their nest is composed of grass, and sometimes feathers, placed in a small hollow, excavated by the bird The set varies from eight to fourteen. The eggs are a dark cream color, with no spots measuring 1. 50, by 1. 15. the eggs is very much like that of the Ruffled Grouse.

One peculiarity of the Quail Family is—that if you touch one of the egg in the nest with your fingers, the bird will desert the but I have taken eggs out with a spoon, and the bird never knew that its nest had been disturbed.

Ruffled Grouse (*Boiasa umbellus*) This beautiful bird is a common resident with us, staying all the year round. In the spring it commence to drum on logs and dead trees. They commence nesting about May 1, and the set is generally completed May 15.

The set is from ix to twelve.

The nest is composed of grass and leaves, placed in a hollow on the ground at the foot of a tree or between logs. The color of the eggs is a dark cream color, rarely blotched with brown, measuring 1. 65. by 1. 20.

Sage Hen (*Centrocercis urophasianus*.) This bird. is very common on the sage brush plains of Northern California. The old birds

are but rarely ever killed, for their flesh tastes so strong of sage as to be unfit to eat. The young birds are killed as they do not taste of it, they are big enough to broil by the first of June, they are easily shot being slow of flight, and they never fly far before the alight. They nest very early about April 15th.

The nest is composed of twigs and grass, and is always placed on the ground on the north side of a bush. The set varies from ten to eighteen, and are of a dark brown color spotted all over with blotches of black. They measure 3 by 2.05.

Mallard. (*anas boschas*). This duck is the most plentiful of all the duck family in California, they abound in countless numbers on all the large streams throughout the state they are even found up in the mountain regions. They nest about

April 25. set varies from twelve to fourteen. The nest is composed of the ducks feathers placed in a hollow on the ground, generly by the side of a stream. The color of the eggs is a light greenish white.

Pintail (*Daflly acuta*) This duck also abounds in large numbers on the marshes around the bays and in all the large streams.

They nest about May 1. the set varies from ten to sixteen.

The nest is composed of feathers and grass and is placed on the ground near a running stream Color of eggs white. Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) Abounds in the middle and southern part of the state.

Nest in large numbers about

May 10. eggs vary from eight to twelve, Color white. The nest is placed on the ground near some stream, and is formed of grass.

Green winged Teal (*Nettion Carolinensis*) This small duck is very plentiful all over California and is considered by epicurists to be the best flavored of any kind of ducks. nests about April 27.

The nest is placed on the ground near a stream, and sometimes in a meadow. The set varies from seven to twelve, color white.

Wood or Summer Ducks (*Aethya vallisneria*.) This duck was once very common in California but they have been exterminated, so that now, only a very few can be found around the Suisun marshes. I have never heard of a nest being found in California.

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