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The American Boys.

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The Artist Who Left a $5 Bill Behind.

"What do you think that is?" asked Special Officer Taggart of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The scribe raised his eyes and saw what appeared to be a $5 bill pasted on a blackboard and hung over the door.

"Is there a story connected with it?" queried the reporter in return.

"Yes, but guess what it is."

The reporter supposed it to be "the best counterfeit ever made," or "the bill found on the person of the murderer." He gazed at it with an unholy interest. "Did any newspaper man ever see it?" he finally remarked carelessly.

"Not one. The fact is it isn't what you think it is—isn't a bill at all. It's a painting."

The writer smothered his disappointment and examined it more closely. It was a good picture. The torn edges of the bill seemed to stand out from the wood; the delicate lines were accurately traced: the head of the hero of New Orleans was as perfect as a photograph, and fictitious traces of paste along the edges completed the illusion.

"You see a young fellow came in here one day and said he was a painter and hard up. I supposed, of course, he was a house painter, but found to my surprise that he was an artist. He had never taken any lessons, and the two pictures he showed me were very remarkable. He left them here and I showed them to one or two of my friends who know something about pictures. You may imagine my young painter's surprise when I told him one of his pictures would be exhibited at the Academy of the Fine Arts. He sold several others.

"What was his style?"

"Still life. Why bless you, once he painted a string across one of his pictures. Everybody wanted to brush it away. He painted a pencil and penknife. People would try to dust the shavings off with their handkerchiefs."

"Where is he now?"

"In Munich. I got a letter from him only the other day. He has eight pictures in the Munich Exposition. His name is William Harnett."

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Old Gent: "Ah, Mrs. B., did you keep a diary during your visit to the country?"

Mrs. B., indignantly: "No, sir, I didn't. The family bought milk from the neighbors."

"Oh, gran'ma, gran'ma!" exclaimed a little lad, "Java has been visited by a shower of fire! The papers all say so."

"Dear me!" replied the good old lady, "dear me! I thought the coffee this morning tasted a little burnt!"

The rates of ocean postage fixed by Franklin in 1853 remained unchanged until 1868, when the change was reduced from 25 cents to 12 cents. This explains why an ocean steamer was represented on that value of the 1869 issue.

"Lawrence, my dear," said his wife, wreathed in smiles, "I wish you had been to church this morning. Mr. Jones was very interesting, and when he prayed for the absent ones——" "Well, that accounts for it, then. I haven't caught such a string of fish for a year as I did this morning."

"Yes," said Mrs. Brownsmith. "I want a good girl, and possibly you might do; but have you had any experience?" "Ixparience, is it?" replied the damsel, resting her hands on her hips and tossing her head in the air; "ixparience, is it? Faith, and haven't Oi been in no less than twinty families during the last month?"

A little boy was making a great noise in a barn, and being asked what he was doing it for, said he was waking up the weasels so as to catch them. "What an absurd idea!" said his father. "Well, but papa," responded the little fellow, "everybody says you can't catch a weasel asleep, you know."

Amatuer Notes.

Where is the *Youth's Favorite*.

We will insert exchanges in this column to all subscribers, free.

Those not taking this paper must pay regular advertising rates.

The Capitol, published in Albany, N. Y., is a nicely gotten up paper. Terms, 35 cents.

The *Boys and Girls* published monthly by Robert M. Rulison, Flushing, Mich. Subscriptions received by us.

We have received a sample of *Wise & Otherwise*, published by F. H. Chamberlain, Marietta, Ohio. It is the largest and best amateur paper we have yet received.

Tae Monthly Echo devoted to stamps, coins, curiosites, etc. Jas. McKean, publisher, Englisihtown, Victoria county, Nova Scotia.

The Stamp World is a large 16 page paper, devoted to stamps and coins. 25 cents per year. F. L. Mills publisher, Cincinnati, O.

The School Boy for February, received. It has a nice piece about Amateur Journalism. Price 30 cents. Subscriptions can be sent to us or publishers.

Articles pertaining to stamp collecting will cheerfully be received, and must be original to insure printing. We hope collectors and dealers will take advantage of our open columns, and give expression to their ideas.

Our Young People, Springfield, Ohio, published twice a month, has nearly two columns of amateur news in each number. Every amateur publisher should take this paper. Price per year, $1. Subscriptions received by us.

The proprietor of a cotton factory put this notice on his gate: "No cigars or good-looking men admitted." In explanation he said: "The one will set a flame agoing among my cotton, and the other among my girls. I won't admit such dangerous things into my establishment. The risk is too great."

At a school examination a clergyman was descanting on the neccessity of growing up loyal and useful citizens. In order to give emphasis to his remarks he pointed to a large flag hanging to one side of the school room and said: "Boys, what is that flag for?" An urchin, who understood the condition of the room better than the speaker's rhetoric, exclaimed: "To hide the dirt, sir."

No Room for Lawyers.

Chancellor Kent used to tell an amusing incident in his own life to illustrate the prejudices cherished among even intelligent people against lawyers:

Having put up his "shingle" in a small town, where there was little law business, he was visited one evening by several of the leading citizens. While congratulating himself that good times were coming, the words of their chief speaker almost took away his breath. "Mr. Kent," he said, "we have been talking over the question of your settlement with us, and have concluded that we do not want any lawyer here." Then he added, as a kind of salve for the wound, "If we were to have one, we would rather have you than any one else."

This method of treatment was a little more considerate than that of Peter the Great of Russia, whose antipathy to lawyers was so bitter that he would not allow them to settle in his dominions.

An Appropriate Title.

The editor of the religious department of the New York *Herald* tells a good story about the Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, of London. He is the author of a tract entitled, "Come to Jesus," which had an enormous circulation.

At one time in his career he was severely criticised, and was finally stung into writing a reply, full to the brim with bitter sarcasm. After it was written he carried it to Dr. Binney, of London, and read it to him. When he was through he said:

"Well, Dr. Binney, how do you like it?"

"Oh," was the careful reply, "I think it remarkably well written, and there are sharp, bitter things in it. By the way, Hall, have you fixed up a title for it as yet?"

"No, I have not," replied Hall.

"Perhaps you can assist me in the matter."

Then Dr. Binney said, slowly and deliberately: "While you were reading some of those hard hits it occurred to me that this would be a good title: 'Go to the Devil,' by the author of 'Come to Jesus.'"

The humor of the suggestion carried the day, and the a tiele was torn up on the spot.—*Golden Argosy*.

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☞ On account of School and Card and Subscription business we shall not have all the time we could wish to devote to this paper; but we will try to make it as interesting as possible for Amateurs in the short time we have to work on it.

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Our Little Ones,	1.50	1.15
Our Young People, Springfield,	1.00	85
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Post, Boston,	1.00	1 00
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The American Boys.

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[For American Boys.]

RUNNING AWAY.

BY ALFRED B. OSGOODBY.

"Have you got your things ready, Will?" inquired Frank Adams of Will Hartman.

"Yes," replied Will; "have you?"

"Oh, yes. I had mine ready last night. Now be sure and meet me on the beach at ten o'clock," answered Frank.

"I'll be there," said Will, and then the two boys parted.

Frank Adams and Will Hartman had made up their minds to run away. They had come to the conclusion that they were being illy treated at home, and at last they agreed between themselves that the best thing they could do was to go out into the world and earn their own living. So they had got their things together, and the time at which our story opens, were ready to leave home that night.

The day passed away very slowly to Frank, who was anxions for night to come. At last, however, it came, and a short time after supper Frank stole up to bed. He partly undressed himself, and climbing into bed amused himself by gazing at the stars through his open window and watch them twinkle. Then he began to wonder how far away they were, and little by little he began to lose himself, until finally he was sound asleep.

He awoke just as the clock struck ten, and springing from bed with an ejaculation he hurried on his clothes; then taking a bundle from beneath the bed he went carefully down the stairs, and opening the door he slipped out into the night, and stole away into the darkness toward the beach to meet his companion.

He soon reached the place and found Will walking restlessly up and down.

"What makes you so late? Why, I've waited here for you nearly an hour, and was just about to go back home again," said Will.

Frank did not wish to let his friend know that he had fallen asleep, so he simply said that "he had been delayed."

"Well, now, where are we to go?" inquired Will. "We have got to go somewhere to spend the night."

"Suppose we go up and get in old Joe's boat and sleep there to-night, and then in the morning make our way toward Bridgeport," answered Frank.

"All right! come on," said Will; and the two boys started off.

They walked about half a mile up the beach, and then they came to a large sail-boat lying on the beach, and into this they clambered. Saying "good-night" to each other they turned over and were very soon sound asleep.

A few hours later Will was awakened by being tossed about. Sitting up he put his hand over the side of the boat and touched water. Instantly he started up and called to Frank, who turned over and rising up asked him what he wanted.

"*We are drifting out to sea!*" cried Will.

Frank was wide awake in an instant, and sitting up he gazed about him. It was only too true. While they had been sleeping the tide had risen and the boat had floated out to sea.

The rest of the night the boys were in an agony of suspense; neither of them knew how to handle a sail-boat, and as the tiller was broken they could not steer it, and even if they could have

done so they would not have known which way to go.

With nothing around them but water, and the blue sky overhead, the two boys spent a sleepless night.

"If ever I get home again you can just bet I won't run away," whimpered Frank.

"What *shall* we do?" asked Will. "We are liable to be run down by some vessel at any moment."

Thus the night was spent. About noon the next day the two boys saw a schooner; and hailing it they were taken safely on board. The captain asked how they came to be in such a predicament, and the two boys told him the whole story, and when they had finished the kind-hearted old man agreed to send them safely home.

About nightfall the schooner reached its destination, and the boys, with the captain, went to the depot and the latter bought them tickets for home. The next morning the train rushed into the little town where the boys lived, and two sheepish-looking, repentant and humble youths got off of it and hurried to their respective homes. Here we will leave them. It is safe to say they had had enough of RUNNING AWAY.

[For American Boys.]

Confederate Money.

NO. 1.

BY T. S. SPARROW.

In this column I will commence a series of articles on the Bills, Bonds and Scrip issued under the authority, and used by, the "Confederate States of America" as a legal tender during the late rebellion.

You are all probably aware that at the close of the war (and fall of the Confederacy) this money became worthless, except to relic or curiosity seekers. There are now many persons making collections of this money (and will say here that their numbers are steadily increasing), and it is for their benefit that I am induced to publish these articles.

There are several reasons which cause me to think they will be both interesting and useful to my readers. Some of these reasons I will give you.

I intend to give as accurate a description as possible of each of the Bills, Bonds, &c., together with the price at which they can usually be purchased from dealers in such goods. This, I hope, will be an aid to the young or inexperienced collector in arranging his bills, and also show him what is needed to compose a good collection, and the probable cost of same, thus saving him the trouble and expense of procuring a catalogue.

There are many rare (and therefore valuable) bills in the possession of persons who have no idea of their value other than a relic of the war, or as a memento of some friend who, perhaps, was in the army and sent them home as curiosities. Many of these bills are lying between the pages of some old and forgotten book or are cast aside among piles of rubbish in the corner of some attic or other out-of-the-way place, where they are of no use except to furnish material from which the rats and mice can construct their nests.

Numbers of these bills are *valuable*, and, if brought to light would bring considerable sums to the persons fortunate enough to possess them, beside being a valuable acquisition to some collection.

It would pay persons who suspect they *have* such articles, to overhaul their closets and other stow-away places and see what they have.

I shall be happy to answer any question—or receive any information relating to this subject. A letter addressed to me in care of the publisher of this paper will reach me and secure a prompt reply.

I have had considerable experience in handling Confed. bills and *will do all in my power* to aid collectors.

My next article will be upon the bills issued at Montgomery, Ala. These are the most *rare* and *valuable* of any issued.

As my space is somewhat limited I will close this article with the hope to meet all my readers again next month.

STAMP NEWS.

[We should be pleased to receive announcements of new issues and other notes pertaining to Philately from dealers, collectors, etc., in all countries.]

Belgium.—The 1 centime has lately been changed to olive green.

Dutch Indies.—The 1 and 2c. have figure of value in the middle instead of the head of the king.

Hayti has just issued a 1c. perforated stamp.

Italy.—The 30c. brown and 3 lire orange are issued.

Japan.—A new wrapper has been seported; value 1 sen.; color blue.

Porto Rico.—The 3 cent de pesso in brown instead of yellow.

Uruguay.—A new letter card has been issued; value 3 centecimos.

Venezuela.—The 50 centavos with a new design have appeared with Escuelas at the top.

Victoria.—A 1d. rose on buff has been issued.

Nevis.—One-half penny green of new type.

RECEIVED.

The Granite State Philatelist.
The Philatelic World.
J. T. Hanaford's Monthly Circular.

The Old Curiosity Shop is an excellent paper for curiosity seekers.

AMATEUR NOTES.

Alfred B. Osgoodby has republished his paper, The Times.

The Boys and Girls of Flushing, Mich., has an excellent story by Steveson. By the way Steveson is one of our best amateur writers.

The Go-Ahead, of Worcester, Mass., is a lively amateur paper. Warren J. Brodie of the Empire State Amateur is now connected with the Go-Ahead, also the Courier.

The St. Louis Telephone is the largest exchange that we have received this month.

The Gazette and Advertiser promises a continued story in No. 3, by Miss Mamie E. Hennessey.

We have received many flattering notices from the amateur press. Please accept our thanks.

Our Endeavor is a very neat paper, in every respect, from New Bedford.

Our thanks are due to Willard O. Wylie for a bundle of amateur papers; also to Randall Bros. for a complete file of their paper, the Schoolboy.

The Nugget, of Philadelphia, is one of our best exchanges.

The Wasp, of Philadelphia, could improve very much.

We have received the Venture from Pittsburg, Pa. It is the same size as the Boys and Girls.

The Comet is a small paper from Leominster, Mass. Will publishers kindly send copies of their paper to the Comet for exchange.

The Youth's Budget is an excellent paper. The Kansas Zephyr is another.

We think it would improve some amateur papers if they would insert a few amateur notices.

Our paper will be published on the 15th of each month. Advertisements must be in by the 10th to insure printing in the next issue.

The Signal is a new paper from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Schoolboy, of Poultney, Vt, is as good looking as ever. Long may it live.

The Young Idea is a very interesting and well printed paper.

The prize for the best story was won by Sam. S. Stinson, Philadelphia, Pa.

At last Vermont has got an amateur press association. The Vermont A. P. A. held their first meeting at Cambridge, Feb. 27, 1884. Eighteen names were presented. Of these nine were present. The following officers were elected: President, Frank E. Goodwin, Cambridge; 1st vice president, H. D. Millard, Danby; 2d vice president, J. B. Keith, Cambridge; secretary and treasurer, M. D. Batchelder, Middlebury: official editor, L. J. Griffith, Danby. To those that wish to join, if you will enclose a 2c. stamp to the secretary you will receive the terms by return mail.

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Now, with your help we shall try and improve each issue, and the more subscribers we we get the better paper we can give you.

We shall devote this paper to Amateurdom, Agents, Stamps, Coins, etc., etc.

☞ Just as we go to press we receive a copy of the "St. Louis Telephone." The "Telephone" is one of our largest Amateur papers, if not the largest, and is not afraid to exchange with the smaller-sized papers. This is just what will get recruits. If all the larger papers would exchange with the so-called thumb-nail sheets, we would have nearly double the number of Amateur papers.

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As an educator it is one of the best schools which a young lady or gentleman can engage in, learning, as it does, correct spelling, writing, punctuation and reading. To be able to think reasonably and logically upon the topics of the day, and to have the faculty of expressing one's thoughts in simple, concise language is a great accomplishment and a useful one, too. To this end amateur journaldom tends. It is one of the most delightful, fascinating, educational and beneficial occupations in which the American youth ever indulged.

Perhaps we may be considered partial, as we are one of those youthful journalists ourself, but when we present to your notice the benefits which are claimed for this great educational pastime, we think you also will be of our opinion. When we see our boy friends coming out of saloons and like places amid a boisterous set of young embriotic candidates, we cannot but feel grateful to a kind Providence who gives us tastes for higher and more noble thoughts. We cannot be too grateful to amateurdom for furnishing us with intellectual amusement, for when we realize that were there no such thing as amateur journalism we might be tempted to seek for enjoyment in saloons and carousing, as some of our old chums whose tastes differ from ours have done. We cannot begrudge the few dollars we spend on our paper when we remember that those boys who frequent the bar-rooms are frittering away dollar after dollar on empty enjoyment. Who, we ask from this standpoint, can say one word against amateur journalism?

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410	Christmas Tree	1	1
411	Rose	1	3
412	Butterflies	24	6
418	Gold Ornaments	8	5
423	Gold Emblems	6	5
431	Grecian Figures	8	7
432	Gold Emblems	10	7
436	Gold Flowers	20	5
437	Grecian Heads	6	6
441	Teams	48	9
448	Rose	1	2
451	Flowers	8	6
452	Mottoes	12	
462	Children	4	3
1134	Presidents of U. S.	20	12
1156	Firemen	18	10
1182	Doves Carrying letter	12	5
1216	Motto Horse Shoes	15	6
1485	Motto Bouquets	10	5
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1657	Pansies	18	5
1670	Motto Bonquets	8	5
1689	Hands Holding Mottoes	6	6
1753	Flowers	9	8
1770	Roses	6	7
1778	Hand Florals	6	6
1973	Children	4	6
2006	Roman Warriors	8	8
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2024	Flowers	20	5
2025	"	30	5
2300	Children	8	5
2303	Emblems, etc.	17	7
2305	Heads	12	6
2306	Illuminated letters	24	8
2308	A. Letters gold	25	5
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2309	Emblems, etc.	36	5
2310	Figures in Groups	2	4
2311	Flower Bouquets	2	2
2312	Heads in wreaths	6	5
2313	Ornaments	3	6
2314	German Coats of Arms		6
2315	Children	10	7
2316	Birds	9	6
2317	Flower Wreaths	6	5
2318	Flowers	100	5
2321	Figures	12	5
2322	Children	24	5
2324	Dancers	10	6
2326	Flowers	4	6
2327	Landscapes	2	2
2329	Ornament	2	5
2330	Flowers	30	5
2331	"	25	5
2333	Comic Heads, etc.	42	5
2336	"	10	5
2337	Ferns		5
2340	Illuminated Letters	25	8
2342	Masquerades	8	6
2343	Emblems, etc.	28	5
2344	Ornaments	10	5
2345	Children	12	6
2346	"	12	8
2347	Flowers	10	5
2348	Comic Heads	25	5
2350	Children	10	8
2351	Landscapes	4	8
2352	Comic Figures	3	6
2354	Landscapes	6	5
2355	Flowers	4	8
2357	"	7	5
2358	Children	6	6
2359	Garlands of Flowers	50	5
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The position of the liberty-loving Bolivar and his companion was oftimes a critical one, destruction stared him in the face, Spain placed a premium upon deserters from his ranks, and it seemed as though the cause for which he fought was destined to die.

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Other men were jealous because overshadowed. He was made the object of suspicion and calumny, and notwithstanding his clear abundant proof to the contrary, he was still made the object of their venomous shafts, until disheartened he withdrew from public life, and finally died of a broken heart.

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"Lands are measured in rods, leagues and so forth," said the teacher. "Now, what is a surveyor?" "A land leaguer!" shouted one of the boys.

"Why, Franky," exclaimed a mother who was taking dinner at a neighbor's. "I never knew you to ask for a second piece of pie at home." "Cause I knew 'twasn't no use," mumbled Franky, as he crammed his mouth with the "second piece."

An Austin lady, who had company to tea, reproved her little son several times, speaking, however, very gently. At last, out of patience with him, she said sharply, "Jimmy, if you don't keep still, I'll send you away from the table." "Yes, that's what you always do when there's company, and there are not enough of canned peaches to go around," the reply of the gifted youth.

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THE ERRAND BOY,

OR

THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY DUNCAN.

BY ALFRED B. OSGOODBY.

CHAPTER I.

THE BANK ROBBERY.

Great excitement prevailed in the town of Woodville on the morning on which our story opens. The night before, the Woodville National Bank had been broken into and robbed of nearly forty thousand dollars, which had been deposited there but a few days before.

Crowds of people were collected around in front of the bank, eagerly discussing the all-important topic, while others, who had lost by the robbery, stood in the background waiting for a clue that would discover the perpetrators of the crime.

"I tell you, some people will lose mighty heavy by that operation," said a bystander.

"Yes, and the fellow that done it ought to be lynched!" exclaimed a boyish voice indignantly.

"No danger of their ever being found out, I reckon," said the first speaker, who was a young man about twenty-five years old.

"I shouldn't wonder but what they were found out before the week is out," said the boy in clear-spoken tones, which caused the young man to look around at him hastily.

"Why do say that?" asked the young man quickly.

"Oh! nothing particular; only that's what my thoughts are," answered the boy.

"May I inquire who you are?" asked the young man.

"Certainly; my name is Harry Duncan, and I work in the store of Mr. Clinton. I believe you are a stranger around here," said the boy.

"Yes; I've been here only a few days; I'm traveling for my health and stopped here to see what kind of a town it was," replied the stranger.

"Well, I must be going to the store, its nearly eight o'clock, good-morning!" and Harry Duncan walked away from the crowd.

The stranger's eyes followed him until he was out of sight, and then he said to himself, "I must look out for that boy; he's a sharp fellow, if he is young."

The stranger's last statement was true. Harry Duncan was a smart boy for his years and he had already put his newly found acquaintance down as a rascal.

"It's strange," muttered Harry, "but that fellow seems to know a great deal for a stranger; and I think I've seen him in that bank looking about, a number of times when I have been there on an errand for Mr. Clinton."

Thus he reasoned, and by the time he reached the store he had made up his mind that the stranger had something to do with the robbery of the bank, but he resolved to keep his presumptions to himself, until he was sure they were true.

As he entered the store, the clerk looked up with a frown, and said hastily:

"Late again; if you can't get here sooner you had better find another place to work."

"When Mr. Clinton tells me so, I'll think about it," replied Harry in a dignified tone, for he disliked the overbearing way of the clerk.

"Well, get to work, don't stand there idle. Sweep out the store first," said the clerk irately.

Harry did not reply, but went at his work.

He was about sixteen years of age, very strong and good looking. His parents were very poor, and Harry, having became acquainted with Mr. Clinton, obtained a position in that gentleman's store. The clerk and he disliked each other and had frequent little quarrels and many to the knowledge of Mr. Clinton, but he always took Harry's part, and this made the clerk still more prejudiced against our hero.

As Harry finished his work, he sat down in a chair and patiently awaited for something to do.

"What are you sitting there for?" asked the clerk angrily.

"Probably because it is just as cheap to sit here as it is on the counter," replied Harry.

"You know what I mean; why are you not working?" said the clerk.

"What shall I do?" asked Harry.

"Do anything, besides sitting there idle," answered the clerk.

"Well, until I find something to do, I think I shall remain in this position, and I would advise you to attend to your own business," said Harry.

"I've had enough of your impudence," exclaimed the clerk. "now, I'll take some of it out of you;" and he sprang over the counter to carry the threat into execution.

[To be continued.]

AMATEUR NOTES.

The Rocket has too much local news.

The West Side Venture has suspended.

The Pacific Courant is a credit to the Dom.

The Go-Ahead for March had only two pages.

The Northern Breezes is good in every respect.

The Argus of Utica has an engraved heading.

The Card Printers' Monthly is a valuable little paper.

The Comet for March is enlarged and much improved.

The Index, from Washington, is very neat in appearance.

Boys' Weekly could improve by inserting a few amateur notes.

The Star, from Belmont, is the only weekly exchange on our list.

Quite a difference in the size of No. 3 and 4, of the amateur Argosy.

The Printer of Cincinnati is an excellent paper for amateur printers.

In our next issue we shall have more notes and a large list of new papers.

The American Sphinx has an excellent sketch by Everett H. Scott of Pittstown, Pa.

The Visitor received. Harrison is a very outspoken person, and just the kind we like to see, although we do not favor slang.

The Wooden Nutmeg and Headlight are both printed by Frank R. Batchelder. They are excellent papers and well printed.

The Imp has now changed its name to the Rambler. When will Boehm stop rambling.

The Exchange Journal received. We would like to see more amateur papers in their 4th vol.

It would improve the Monitor of Syracuse, N. Y., very much, if they would insert a few more amateur notes, as it is an excellent little paper.

The Garden City Amateur is the largest and most interesting new paper that we have received this month.

The Waterfordian is a new paper from Waterford, N. Y. The first number is very neat in appearance.

The Magnet is an excellent puzzle paper. We regret to learn from one of our exchanges, the associate editor is dead.

We have received the Sea Foam, Our Endeavor, Our Attempt, N. B. Amateur, all excellent papers from N. Bedford, Mass. Our Attempt and Sea Foam are new ones.

The Signal of Brooklyn, for April, was received March 21. The probable reason of Andrews dating it so far ahead is that he has a very large circulation in distant parts of the world. The early bird catches the worm, friend Andrews.

NEW CALEDONIA.

BY T. COKE.

New Caledonia, called by the natives Balade, is an island of Australasia lying in South Pacific. Its area is 6,796 square miles and the population is estimated at from sixty to 75,000. It is surrounded by dangerous rocks and is accessible by only two channels. The interior is occupied principally by barren mountains, rising in some places to a height of 8,000 feet. The natives resemble the Negrillo race and speak the language relative with the Australian tongues. They are fond of painting their falls and even in settlements they wear few garments. Cannibalism, which formerly existed, has entirely ceased. The chief articles of food are game and fish. New Caledonia was discovered by Captain Cook in 1774. The French took possession of the island in September, 1853, and established on it a station for their Pacific squadron. It has remained in their hands since that time. The natives are found to be industrious and great numbers have embraced christianity. Numea, on Numea Bay, near the south west extremity of the island, is the seat of the governor, who has authority over all the French possessions in the Pacific.

Postage stamps were introduced on this island early in the year 1860, the exact date we do not know. They were designed on stone by a sub-officer of the marines and lithographed at Port de France by order of the governor of the colony. They were printed in sheets of fifty stamps, and each being engraved separately, they are all slightly different. They were originally issued to pay the postage from Port de France to Sidney, of the letters from New Caledonia, which on their arrival at Sidney were handed over by the French Consul to the New South Wales post office. The design on the stamps is approximately the same and is described as follows: The profile of Napoleon III to left, in irregular octagon; THE CALEDONIA above, POSTAGE and value below; ornamented frame. These stamps were all imperforated. Issue of 1860; 10 centimes, color black; 10 centimes, (Photo.)

—*G. S. Philatelist.*

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Slip-shod people—skaters.

A stump speech—"Who cut down that tree?"

Why is an apple pie like a bad dollar? Because it is not currant.

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Why is a turnpike-gate like a dead dog's tail? Because it stops a-waggin'.

"How is the earth divided?" asked a school examiner of a class in geography. "By earthquakes!" was the witty reply.

A merchant in New York asked his Sunday school class the other Sunday: "What is solitude?" And was answered by the boy who reads the papers: "The store that don't advertise."

An insane Rochester girl gets out of bed at midnight and goes to work sawing wood in the back yard. Her father deeply deplores her insanity, but he always leaves the woodpile handy for her to get at.

"Who," asked one friend of another—"who is the most disagreeable tradesman to deal with?"

"My shoemaker," was the reply: "for I issue booted from his shop."

"Nay," smilingly responded the other: "it is thy shirt-maker, for he collars and cuffs his customers."

"Is blindness ever curable, Tom?" asked one boy of another.

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BY T. S. SPARROW.

In this article I will try and fulfill my promise of last month, which was to give a description of the confederate notes issued at Montgomery, Ala., the first capitol of the confederate states.

Throughout these articles the notes will be graded as *extremely rare, rare* and *common*. Those given as *extremely rare* are so scarce that there are not enough put upon the market to establish any fixed price, but I give, as near as possible, the rate at which they would be probably sold by coin and curiosity dealers. Those marked *rare* are *sometimes* put upon the market, but it is not a common occurrence, and dealers are not able to keep them in stock. Those given as *common* can nearly always be procured from dealers in such goods and at a reasonable price.

I will now proceed to the actual description of the notes. All those issued at Montgomery, Ala., (and known as "Montgomery" notes) have written dates, and were issued in 1861, which was the first year of the war.

The $1,000 note was the highest denomination issued. In the lower left hand corner of this note is a cut of John C. Calhoun, showing the head only, while in the lower right corner is a head of Andrew Jackson. "National Bank Note Co." and "Interest at ten cents per day" is engraved on the face. This note (as were all the others of 1861 bearing written dates) was issued in but two series, viz., A. and B. Extremely rare; usually sell as high as $50 and even higher.

The next "Montgomery" note is the $500. The central design is a train of cars passing over a bridge, while a number of cattle are cooling themselves in the stream beneath. A female figure is shown, seated, leaning against a barrel, and in the background is a sheaf of wheat standing in front of a plow. On the face we see printed "Interest at five cents per day, and National Bank Note Co.;" issued in letters A and B only. This is *one* of the rarest of the notes issued by the confederate government and is priced by dealers as high as $75, each, and sometimes even higher. In fact, it is so rare that it is almost an impossibility to obtain one for love or money.

We will now pass to the $100 "Montgomery" note, which is next in order. In the center of the note we see a train of cars running toward the right, "National Bank Note Co.," and "Interest at one cent per day" engraved on the face. There were but two series issued, viz., A and B. This is a very rare note, but not so *excessively* rare as $1,000 and $500 notes; catalogued at about $20 each.

The fourth and last of the Montgomery notes is the $50 of 1861. The central design of this is a number of negro slaves hoeing in a cot on field; bears interest at one-half cent per day; "National Bank Note Co;" series A and B. This note is somewhat rarer than the last, and is worth about $30.

In this article I must not overlook the two notes issued at Richmond, Va., in 1861 (and bearing written dates), which properly belong to this division. They are as follows:

$100 note, "Southern Bank Note Co.;" "Interest at one cent per day." In the center a train of cars running to the left, instead of the right as was the $100 note of Montgomery. Issued in but two letters, A and B. *Rare* and catalogued at $5 each.

The last of the 1861 notes bearing a written date, is the $50 note, issued at Richmond, Va. In the center is a cotton bale with two females seated

upon it. On the right side is a cut representing the "Father of our country," showing the head only. In the upper left corner is a figure of justice. One the face we find "Southern Bank Note Co." (instead of "National Bank Note Co.") and "Interest at one-half cent per day." Very rare, and sold at about $10 each.

This completes the list of notes issued in 1861, which bear written dates. My next article will be upon the notes issued at Richmond, Va., and bearing date of July 25, 1861. These all have printed dates. One variety of this date is *decidedly* the *rarest* of any issued by the confederate states, and I will give it a more minute description.

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Brazil.--The Record chronicles a new adhesive, value 20 reis, the design of which is the figures of value over R in a central circle, Brazil above, Correio below; color, green black on laid paper, perf. 14.

Cuba.—The 2 1-2c de pesso has changed its color to violet. The 5 and 10c dyes have been retouched. The 20c. stamp is in use, surcharged 10c.

Egypt.--A new series of unpaid letter stamps is in preparation; value, 10 and 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres, color, vermilion. The 5 piastres, green, has been surcharged with 20 piastres in black.

France.—The 1 franc unpaid letter stamp is now printed in brown.

Norway.—The 6 ore has now the same inscription as the 10 ore postal union card of 1882, brown or white, and the 5 changed in color to green.

Victoria.—The 2d. has changed its color to lilac.

Nevis.—The new half penny's design is the same as the 1d.; color, green.

Hawaii.—The 10 and 12c. of new colors have made their appearance.

The Philatelic World reports the current issue of Germany having been surcharged for use in the postoffice in Turkey 10 paras on 5 pefennig, 20 paras on 10 pefennig, 1 piaster on 20 pefennig, 1 1-4 piaster on 20 pefennig, 2 1-2 piaster on 50 pefennig.

New South Wales.—The 1d. and 2d. envelopes are surcharged O S for official use, says the Philatelic World.

New Caledonia.—The 75c. has been surcharged 5c. in black.

We have received the February number of the Monthly Echo from Englishtown, N. S., Victoria Co., Canada. The publisher of this paper is making a valuable offer to advertisers and subscribers. Every one should secure the February issue, especially advertisers.

The Granite State Philatelist is as good as usual, and hereafter will contain 16 pages.

The Stamp Collector's Journal is the only foreign paper that we have received yet. J. Sarpy & Co.'s price list has been received.

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CHAPTER II.

THE MYSTERIOUS NOTE.

As the clerk sprang over the counter, Harry arose to his feet and stepped behind his chair; there was no need of his doing this, for at that moment the door opened, and Mr. Clinton stepped into the store.

"What is the trouble?" he inquired upon seeing the clerk jump over the counter and Harry's retreat.

"That boy is insulting me, sir," said the clerk, stepping back when he saw his employer's entrance.

"How is this, Harry?" inquired Mr. Clinton turning to our hero.

"I would like to ask him how I insulted him," replied Harry. "He has been trying to order me around all the morning."

"Sanford," said Mr. Clinton to the clerk, "you know, I do not allow you to order Harry around, and you surely cannot strike him; if I know of another such disturbance here, I shall discharge you. Now, take your place behind the counter."

The clerk with a crest-fallen look and a fierce glance at Harry, walked behind the counter.

"Harry, I would like to see you in my office," said Mr. Clinton.

Harry walked in and his employer said: "Of course, you know of the bank being robbed last night?"

"Yes, sir;" replied Harry.

"Well, I lost about five thousand dollaas by the operation, and at present, I do not feel as though I could afford to let it go," said Mr. Clinton.

"Certainly not," answered Harry.

"Now, my boy, I want to follow this matter up and find the persons who committed the crime. I have sent to New York for some detectives, and they will be here sometime this week; meantime I am going to follow it up myself. I understand there is a stranger in town stopping at the Woodville Hotel, and I want you to go there, look over the register and try to find his name, will you?" said Mr. Clinton.

"Most certainly," replied Harry, "I will go at once."

"Very well," responded the employer, and Harry left the office.

He put on his hat and walked out of the store. The hotel was not far distant, and he soon reached it. Walking up to the register he glanced over it and found three new names. They were "J. Howard," "Ralph Cummings" and "Lyman Parker."

"It must be one of these," said Harry to himself, "but which one?"

He walked about the room awhile to see if he could not find out which one it was. Mr. Clinton waited; and as he passed by the stove once, he saw on the floor a crumpled piece of paper. Picking it up he glanced at it and saw it was a note of some kind. Out of curiosity, he read the following:

"Lyman—Meet me to-night on the old bridge. Have got the 'swag' all secure. Be ready to leave. Will bring the stuff with me."

"HOWARD."

As Harry finished reading, he looked up hastily, and seeing no one around he put the note in his pocket and started for the store.

He had no doubt but what "Lyman Parker" and "J. Howard" were the robbers of the bank, and consequently the men that his employer, Mr. Clinton, wanted. The "swag" referred to was evidently the forty thousand dollars they had stolen from the bank.

Harry hastened along, for if the villians were to leave that night haste must be made toward having them arrested.

He soon reached the store and hastened into Mr. Clinton's office.

"Well, my boy, did you succeed in finding the person's name?" asked his employer as he entered.

"Yes;" replied Harry, "I think I have succeeded beyond your expectations," and a smile crept over his face as he handed the note, which he had found in the hotel, to Mr. Clinton.

The latter glanced over it and then said: "Where did you find this note?"

"In the hotel, sir," replied Harry, "and the names of Lyman Parker and J. Howard are on the register. There is also one other stranger; but I do not believe he has anything to do with the robbery, as his name is not on the note. Whoever was the receipient of this note probably dropped it."

"I believe you are right, Harry. But what do they mean by the 'old bridge?'" questioned Mr. Clinton.

"There is a creek that runs through Donaldson's pasture down at the other end of the town and a roughly built bridge crosses it; they call this the old bridge, and probably that is the one referred to in the note," answered Harry.

"Very well, my boy; we will frustrate these rascals' plans," said Mr. Clinton.

CHAPTER III.

AT THE "OLD BRIDGE."

"Mr. Clinton," said Harry thoughtfully, "there is one thing against us."

"What is that?" inquired his employer.

"We do not know what time they will meet," answered our hero.

"That's so!" exclaimed Mr. Clinton, "I never thought of that."

"The only thing we can do, is to go there early and wait till they come, if it is until midnight," said Harry.

"Yes; that is the only thing we can do," responded his employer.

"But we will undoubtedly need help to capture them, and bring them to town," said Harry.

"We shall have it," answered Mr. Clinton," I will see about getting some policemen immediately. You stay here until I come back!" and putting on his hat, he went hastily out.

Harry had sat in the office for about a half an hour when suddenly the door opened and the clerk came in.

"Here!" he said, "I want you to take this package over to Mrs. Brown's house. Hurry up."

"I have orders from Mr. Clinton to stay here until he comes back," replied Harry, "and I propose to do it."

"Have orders to sit in the office and attend to his business, I suppose," sneered the clerk, and he went out slamming the door after him

Harry smiled; he liked to tantalize the clerk, and did so whenever an opportunity offered itself.

In a few minutes, Mr. Clinton returned and said:

"I have secured the services of three policemen to help us to-night. We are to start at seven o'clock. We will ride out."

"Then we are all right, I guess," said Harry, and I think the prophesy I made this morning about the burglars being arrested within a week will come true."

The day passed away very quickly, and at six o'clock Mr. Clinton surprised the clerk by telling him he need not keep the store open that evening; then the former with Harry went to a livery stable near by, hired a horse and carriage and drove away.

"We will meet the policemen about a mile this side of the bridge," said Mr. Clinton.

They drove on quite fast and soon came to the spot where they were to meet the "guardians of the peace." The policemen were there and Mr. Clinton with Harry drove off slowly, the policemen following.

"You say they intend to be at the old bridge, I believe," said the sergeant.

"Yes; so the note says," replied Mr. Clinton.

The party moved on, and soon reached the place where the two rascals were to meet.

Mr. Clinton hitched his horse a few rods away from the bridge and the five persons hid in some bushes near by to await the coming of the burglars.

They waited here until nearly ten o'clock when suddenly they heard some person coming near them, whistling. The person was walking very slow as though he was carrying some heavy article. He came nearer and nearer, and finally they discerned the figure of a man. He came up to the bridge and taking a bag from his shoulder, dropped it on the bridge. The contents clinked, and instantly the party knew it was one of the men they were after, and the bag undoubtedly contained the money stolen from the bank.

Mr. Clinton and the sergeant conversed together in a whisper, and suddenly without any warning, the three policemen threw themselves out from the bushes and seized their man before he could raise a hand or offer any resistance. Then Harry and Mr. Clinton lifted up the bag containing the money and carried it into the bushes where the policemen had already deposited their man.

The burglar was then gagged and the party waited patiently for the other robber to appear.

Soon they heard him. He appeared upon the bridge and the policemen prepared for action.

[To be continued.]

[For American Boys.]

Confederate Money.

No. 3.

BY T. S. SPARROW.

My article this month is upon the notes issued at Richmond, Va, bearing date of July 25, 1861. These all have printed dates.

The highest denomination of this issue is the $100 note. In fact there was no note issued from this time until 1864 of a higher denomination. There are seven notes bearing this date, all but one of which have plain white backs.

The $100 has a cut of the head of Washington in lower left hand corner, while in the center we find two female figures. The names of the engraver and designer are given on the face, viz: Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Va Issued in but two letters, B and C. *Rare.* Price, 75c. to $1.50 each.

The $50 note has a central design, a head of Washington (by the way, this seemed to be a favorite design with the Confederate government) while in the lower left-hand corner is a cut representing a female seated, holding in one hand

a spear and in the other a globe upon which a bird is perched. In each of the other corners we find a "50" in white surrounded by black. Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Va., were also the engravers of this note. Issued in letters B BV. and C. *Rare.* Catalogued at about same price as last.

The $20 note is the next lower denomination There were two varieties of this value, one of which is undoubtedly the *rarest* of any note issued by the C S A But I shall be obliged to cut this article short, as my space is limited. I will give a minute description of this note next month

STAMP NEWS.

[We should be pleased to receive announcements of new issues and other notes pertaining to Philately from dealers, collectors, etc., in all countries.]

Argentine Republic.—The current 1c. 4c. 8c. and 12c. have been surcharged official in black.

Austria adds two more varieties, envelopes, 5ks. black and carmine on white and 5ks. black and carmine on buff.

Brazil.—The letter cards of 100 reis are now presented in brown instead of green, and re-engraved.

Belgium —The 20c. has been withdrawn from circulation and it is likely that the whole set will be done away with *Stamp World.*

Bulgaria —Reply cards have been issued.

Great Britain has just issued a new set of stamps, but for want of space we cannot describe them.

Hayti – The 1c. red has been issued perforated.

Hong Kong.—The 10c. is now green.

India.—The ome anna of the new series has been surcharged on H. M. S.

Italy. – Two new values of unpaid letter stamps were issued Jan. 1, 50 lire and 100 lire.

Montserrat has issued a half penny stamp, same type as current 2 1-2 and 4 d.

Mexico —The official stamps, values 1, 2, 4 and 10 centavos, have just been received, color green.

New Caledonia. —The 5c. on 75c noted last month has been received, surcharged, inverted on two distinct shades of carmine.

Peru.—3 and 4c. blacks have been issued.

Phillipine Islands.—Two new stamps from this country have been received, 6 1-4 de pesso, color green; 12 1-2 de pesso, color, pale rose.

Porto Rico. The 3c. de pesso has changed from yellow to brown, and a new 1-2 and 1 mil de pesso have been received; color, same as '82 issue but paler.

St. Lucia. The orange one shilling is now surcharged in black 1 shilling.

Colima.—The 5c. and 10c. stamps on blue have been seen.

St. Vincent.—The 6d green has been surcharged 1-2 penny.

Strt. Settlements.—The 12c. blue has been surcharged 8c.

U. S. Columbia. —The 2 centavo card in black on yellowish brown has appeared.

Uruguay.—A 3c. brown on white card has been issued, also a new 5c blue. The 2c. has been surcharged in black for provisional use.

West Australia.—The 1d. yellow has been surcharged 1-2d. This is the first surcharged stamp from this country.

L. W. Durbin has got the best reputation for promptness of any dealer that I have ever dealt with, said a stamp collector while visiting us one day last month. We presume that he started as small as any other dealer, and his success is due to promptness. A word to the wise is sufficient. Always be prompt.

S. Allan Taylor of Boston is selling stamps that look decidedly suspicious.

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" " 3 " brown,	5
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" " " 2 " scarlet,	4
" " " 4 " green,	12
" " " 1 peso orange,	35
" " 1881, Provisional 10c,	25
" " 1884, " 1c carmine,	10
" " " " 2c blue,	15
" " Official, 2 reals scarlet,	25
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" " " 2c brown,	2
" " " 4c violet,	3
Iceland, 1873, 2sk blue,	6
" " 3sk grey,	6
" " 4sk carmine,	6
" " 4sk green,	6
" 1883 5aur green,	4
Italy, 1863, 10c unpaid,	6
Japan, 1875, 1-2s brown,	3
" " 1-2s slate,	3
" 1s brown,	3
" " 1s blue,	5
" " Wrappers, each,	2
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" 1879, 10r green,	5
Montenegro, 1874, 3s green,	5
Mozambique, 1876, 5r black,	3
" 1882, 10r green,	5
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Salvador, 1867, 1-2r blue,	3
" 1883, (surcharged), 1c,	4
" " " " 2c,	7
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The Vermont Amateur has made its appearance. H. D. Millard of Danby, Vt., has issued the Northern Harp, and L. J Griffith will hereafter issue the Green Mountain Echo quarterly.

In our last number we said that we should have a large list of new names and more amateur notes, but as our space is limited this month we could not use any more space for amateur notes.

We feel sure if the next N. E. A P. A. meeting is held at Burlington, that the number of amateur papers in this state will be doubled. Now, boys that belong to this association, will you vote and work for Burlington, Vt., for the next place of meeting.

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BY JOHN L. SIMPSON.

Alwur is a Rajpoot state of northern India, governed by the agent of the governor-general, but possessed of a considerable degree of independence. Its area is 3000 square miles. In 1872, the population was 778,000, but the inhabitants are semi-barbarous. The capital of the state is also called Alwur. It is a small town, ill-built and encompassed by a miserable wall of mud. The Rajah's residence is in the town. The state supports a military force amounting to 7000 infantry and cavalry.

The only issue of stamps this district ever issued was in 1877. There were but two values, 1-4 anna blue, and 1 anna brown. The 1-4 anna is also found colored a slate hue. The form of the stamps is oblong. In the center is an oval in which is a figure bearing a slight resemblance to an obelisk. This figure is surrounded on both sides by native characters.

ANTIGUA.

Antigua is a West India Island, and is also one of the Leeward islands. It is a dependency of Great Britain, and is under the control of the governor-in-chief of the group. Its area is estimated at 183 square miles. In 1871, its population was 34,000. It is subject to earthquakes, one of which occurred in 1843. The island is approached with difficulty by reason of the rocks and shoals which fringe the shore. Antigua has two good harbors, one at St. John's, the capital, the other at English Harbor. It is said the latter is able to shelter the largest vessels in the British navy.

The principal productions are rum, sugar, and molasses. Before the passage of the act proclaiming abolition of slavery, August, 1, 1834, the island held 30,000 slaves.

In 1862, the first stamps were issued, viz: 1 penny lake, 6 pence green, worth when new 15 and 30 cents respectively; 1868, 1 penny red, worth (new) 6 cents; 1880, 2 1-2 pence, brown, 4 pence blue worth 12 and 20 cents. A 1 1-2 penny post card was also issued in 1880.

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THE BOYS OF HOPEVILLE.

BY ALFRED B. OSGOODBY.

CHAPTER I.

THE SECRET SOCIETY.

"Will all the boys be there?"

"Yes; I told them it would be a very important meeting, and they all promised to come.'

The speakers were two youths of about 16 years of age, and pupils at the Grammar school in the town of Hopeville. Their names were Richard Harding and Frank Liston; and two more mischievious boys, I do not believe could be found. But they were not alone in their mischief; far from it. There was a regular society of them. They called it the Hopeville Secret society, and each member wore a pink ribbon with the letters "H. S. S" on it. Ah! how the other boys of the school, who were not members of the society, envied the wearers of that pink ribbon.

Many a farmer had been troubled by this "society," and it was nothing unusual for a merchant to go down town some morning, and find his sign across the street over some other merchant's door. Although suspicion pointed to the "H. S. S." nothing could ever be proved against them and so matters ran along.

An "important meeting" of the "H. S. S." was to be held that afternoon, and as there had been none held for about two weeks all the members were anxious to go.

Indeed, some of the boys were so anxious that it preyed on their mind, and when Mr. Manson, the teacher, asked Joe Carter, one of the members, what time the battle of Waterloo was fought, he replied to the astonishment of the teacher and amusement of the boys: "An important meeting will be held this afternoon!"

That afternoon, several boys with a pink ribbon on the lapel of their coats, could have been seen, creeping cautiously along the roadside toward Dick Hardings's house and then suddenly break into a run and dash into the barn in the back of the yard where the meeting was to be held.

By three o'clock, the members had all arrived, numbering about fifteen, and the president, Dick Harding, called the meeting to order. Then clearing his throat, he said:

"Gentlemen, there is work for us to do! Undoubtedly you all remember that about a year ago Squire Locke caused one of our friends and a brother member of this society to be arrested, and afterward sent to the house of correction, where he now is.

"Until now, we have done n thing about this, and I want to ask you one and all, was not this club organized for the sole purpose of protecting our rights? Now, gentlemen, Squire Locke's melon patch is just getting ripe and I propose we pay him back for his meanness to us, by making a raid there tonight.

"What say you all?"

"Bully!" shouted one fellow.

"Fine Joe Howard ten cents for being out of order," said the president.

"Mr. President, I move that we make a raid on Squire Locke's melon patch tonight," said Frank Liston.

"Second the motion," said Will Turner.

The motion was carried, and after a little more discussion, the meeting broke up.

"Now, remember," said Dick Harding, "and all of you be here tonight at ten o'clock without fail."

"Yes;" they all responded in a chorus.

Dick and Frank walked off together. "Well, we are in for some fun tonight," said Frank.

"Yes, and I'm glad of it, I haven't had any fun for a long time; and I am just aching to lay my hands on those water-melons once," replied Dick.

"Don't believe there will be many left after we leave them," said Frank.

"What we can't eat, we'll take with us," laughed Dick.

"Well, be sure and come tonight," said Frank, as they reached his house. "Oh! I'll be there; never fear!" replied Dick. They then parted.

CHAPTER II.

THE MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

"Fall in line! March!"

Twelve boys stood in Dick Harding's back yard, arranged in line ready to march to Squire Locke's melon patch. It was about ten o'clock and fortunately a rather dark night; just such a night as the boys wished to commit their mischievous act.

The command with which we opened this chapter was issued from the lips of Dick Harding.

The boys started off slowly and proceeded out of Dick's yard into the street.

Squire Lock's house was quite a distance, but the boys did not mind that. No, indeed! They looked forward to a grand feast that night.

"Dick," said Frank Liston, "school will soon be closed now, and we must have some fun be-

fore leaving. Try to think up some plan and I will do the same. I don't know but I have one now, but I'll tell it to you tomorrow."

"All right," responded Dick; "I'm as eager to have a little fun as you are, and we will have it too; but say, it makes my mouth water to think of those melons."

The boys hurried along, and soon came in sight of the melon patch. The squire's house was situated in front of the field where the melons were, and rather than go by the house, the boys went down the road beyond the house, and after climbing over several fences they came into the back part of the melon patch.

"Say, there's a light in the back window of the house, we must be careful," said Will Turner.

"Keep still now, boys; don't make any more noise than is necessary, and be sure to fill your stomach!" exclaimed Dick Harding.

But there was no need of the last caution; already the boys were cutting the melons from the vines and sitting down began to stow them away so fast one could hardly tell where they had gone to.

"Oh Dick! here's a fine big one. Just help me get it!" cried Frank Liston in an undertone.

Dick went toward him and both bent over and began pulling away at the large, ripe melon.

Just as they had loosened it, they suddenly heard a cry of "Look out!" from some of the boys, and started to their feet, just in time to be seized from behind.

"Ho, ho! my young fellows! Thought you would pay me a visit tonight, did you? Well, I thought I'd return the favor, so I'm on hand, you see," said a rather gruff voice.

The two boys *did* see; the others of the "society" had run off, leaving Dick and Frank in the farmer's grasp. Both struggled to get away, but in vain.

"Let me go!" cried Dick, becoming angry.

"Not yet; be patient my boy. I want you to come over to the house, and stay there tonight," said the squire.

So despite their threats and protestations, the two boys were marched toward the farmer's house.

They entered the wood-shed behind the house, and the farmer said:

"Now you will stay here tonight, and in the morning I'll take you over to town and see what can be done toward placing you in the same place I sent one of your fellows last year."

He then went out, locking the door, and leaving the boys to meditate over their sudden misfortune.

The squire entered his house and his wife said to him:

"Did you catch any of them?"

"Yes;" he replied, "two on them, but the others got away."

"Who are the two you caught?" she asked.

"I don't know; didn't look to see. I locked them in the woodshed, and told them I'd see to them in the morning."

Let us now return to Dick and Frank.

They were certainly in a very ludicrous position.

They had started out but a few hours before, fully expecting to have an excellent time, and return home in safety. Here they were locked up with the bright (?) prospect of being arrested before them.

"Dick, what can we do?" asked Frank.

"Do! why we've got to get out of here, and I'm going to do it, too," replied Dick.

"How?" inquired Frank, "the door is locked and there is no window."

Dick did not answer. He was moving around the little shed, with his hand against the side. Suddenly he uttered a joyful cry, which caused Frank to quickly come to his side.

"Just what I thought," said Dick, "here's a loose board, and in just about two minutes we'll be out of this here place."

So saying he took hold of the board and with Frank's help, he soon pulled it off.

"Now, we're out!" exclaimed Dick.

"Yes; and I'm not sorry of it," returned Frank in his usual droll way.

They both leaped out, and Dick said, turning to the house:

"Now, good-night, Mr. Locke, and the next time you want to lock anybody in that wood-shed, be sure the boards aren't loose.

But even as he spoke, the door opened and Squire Locke, lantern in hand, stepped out, to the utter consternation of the boys.

[To be continued.]

How much does a fool generally weigh? A simple ton.

Never call a man empty-headed. Say he reminds you of a dilapidated contribution box.

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☞ [We shall devote this space to Oology and shall be pleased to receive articles on this subject.]

Collecting.

BY STO.

As spring comes once more, all who are interested in natural history in any of its various departments are active in field work or preparations for the field. A work devoted to your special branch now comes very handy; but if you haven't one, you can go right on, and learn a great deal by noting a few points which I will give in this article. If you do this faithfully, you will have a much better account, in some respects, of the birds, plants, etc., of your place, than any book will give; simply because they are unable to give facts for Maine and Texas, only general statements.

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4. Dates of arrival, greatest abundance, nest building, laying eggs, hatching of young, and beginning and departure of each species, and when it is last seen in the fall.

5. What effect, if any, upon the relative abundance of particular birds, in regarding their arrival or hastening their departure, sudden changes of the weather, storms, and late and early seasons, appear to have.

6. Similar notes upon the appearance and movements of the quadrupeds, reptiles and fishes of the region; and upon the times and flowering of trees and plants.

7. Other occurrences considered noteworthy.

Much can be learned about the habits of birds by taking a young one and keeping it caged. If I were to have one, I should if possible procure a Bluejay, for in addition to their fine plumage, they become very tame, will imitate nearly every bird, and may be taught some very amusing tricks.

When in the field keep your eyes open, noting every moving object, and if egging, where every bird alights. Let me say here, don't commence collecting unless you will keep at it, for it does no good robbing a bird on a passing impulse, and does do harm.

Always blow the eggs you collect, by drilling a hole in the sides, and with a blow-pipe you can then easily expel the contents.

In labeling, never write on them, for it disfigures the egg, and very likely, if you attempt it, you will have several pieces in your hand before you finish. I think the best way is, to take a piece of paper, cut in the form of a triangle, and gum it on by one end, near the hole.

The Stamps of Argentine Republic.

BY FRANK K. RISING,

Argentine confederation first issued stamps in 1858. This issue was comprised of three stamps, values 5 centavos, red, 10c. green, 15c. blue, also the same set with value larger and small Greek border. The regular issue had fancy border, "Confedn. Argentina" above, "Centav" below, oval in center with coat-of-arms, head with numbers above oval The 10 and 15c. were never issued for public use.

These stamps were superceded January 11, 1862, by the stamp of Argentine Republic.

This (1862) issue had circle in the center containing coat-of-arms, nearly surrounded by wreath, and words in circle, "Republica Argentina" Below circle, "Centavos": values 5c. red, 10c. green, 15c. blue.

The next set was issued in 1864. Portrait of Rivadavia in center surrounded by oval. Name of country above, value beneath. Figure in each corner. Values, 5c. red, 10c. green, 15c. blue In 1867 the 5c. was changed to crimson.

This set was followed by a new one in 1867, similar in design to last issue, with portraits of various persons. Values 5c. red, 10c. green, 15c blue. Five values, similar in design, were added in 1873, namely, 1c. purple, 4c. brown, 30c. orange, 50c. black, 90c. blue; these all vary somewhat in design.

The next set was issued in 1877. Portrait of various persons in center. Name above, value below, numerals in upper corners. Values 1c. red, surcharged over 5c; 2c. red surcharged over 5c; 8c. green, surcharged over 10c. Also a new set, values 2c. green, 8c. rose, 16c. green, 20c. blue, 24c. blue, 25c. red.

An envelope stamp was issued in 1876. Value, 5c; oval; color, red; portrait in center, surrounded by large band, name above, value below large numeral at each side. Three values similar in design, containing different portraits was issued in 1878. Values, 8c. red, 16c. green, 20c. blue. Border has scolloped edge. A wrapper was also issued in this year. Value, 1c. carmine.

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T. S. Sparrow's article on confederate money has not been received this month

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High Prices for Coins.

The progress of intelligence has effected coins in these days no less than books. It is only in the very out-of-the-way places that coins are to be picked up for a song. The chief hunting ground, Asia Minor, is well looked after by the dealers, and the private collector has, of course, to pay them their profit The increase in value may be gauged by the following instance: A gold coin of Mithridates, the size of our half-sovereign, fetched twenty-five guineas in 1777. In 1817 it came to the hammer, and was knocked down at eighty pounds to a well known collector. Unfortunately for him, a duplicate soon afterwards appeared in a sale, and he had to pay ninety pounds for that Later on still, a third turned up, and that fell to his bid at a hundred pounds Yet a fourth came to light in 1840. The owner of the three bid up to a hundred and ten pounds, but had to give in to a bid of a hundred and thirteen pounds from a rival. Fancy his feelings! The rare brass medallions of Commodus, intrinsic value twopence or threepence, fetched up to thirty pounds, and the large pieces of Syracuse, the finest coins perhaps that we know of, regularly run up to fifty or sixty pounds. It is evident, therefore, that it is not every one who can indulge the passion of coin-collecting. At a little expense, however, electrotypes which are absolute facsimiles can be obtained from the British Museum, and this fact, which is not generally known, should result in the spread of a knowledge of Greek; for it must not be forgotten that in the early coinage of the Greek race the progress of art can be traced as completely as in any now existing remains.

STAMP NEWS.

[We should be pleased to receive announcements of new issues and other notes pertaining to Philately from dealers, collectors, etc., in all countries.]

Austria.—The one-half pr. is reported to be perforated at the sides.

British Guiana.—A wrapper value 1 cent green, printed in full green on buff, has been seen.

Cyprus. — The registered envelopes have now the large R.

Ecuador.—Three new postal cards have been issued.

Fiji Islands.—A 4d. provisional made by surcharging the 2d lilac V. R. in black.

Hong Kong. T S. Rubby sends us the 10 cent printed in green We suppose that the authorities have become confused by having so many lilac stamps (6c. 18c. 30c. 10c) and so have changed their colors.—*Stamp Collector's Journal*

The Mexican stamps described last month are not official, but ordinary postage stamps. We have seen the 1, 2, 4 and 10c A 12, 18, 20, 24 and 50c. stamps are reported to be in use.

Orange States.—A new 2 pence maas has been issued.

Surinam. - Two new values, 2c orange and 12 1-2c. blue, have been received. Designs same as others.

Trinidad.—The 1 shilling red-brown of new type is in use.

Turkey.—Through the kindness of a Turk who was stopping at this place, we obtained a new issue from this place, value 10 paras, black and green

New South Wales.—The 8d. and 1sh. are perforated 9 1-2.

Norway.—The 3 are orange and 12 are green of new type have been issued.

Porto Rico. -The 20c. is changed dark green and the 80c. issued.

Wurtemburg. -The "I. B. J." has obtained a used specimen of a card of which the existence has been doubted. This is the 2 kr. orange of 1873, with stamp crossed out and new stamp of 5 pf. in upper left corner.—*Philatelic World.*

The Franklin and Eagle carrier stamps were used mostly in the larger eastern cities, and were used for prepayment of city letters delivered by carriers. The specimens which are now generally offered for sale are reprints.

The 5s. stamp of St. Vincent is a postage stamp, when not surcharged, and a revenue stamp when surch rged 'revenue.'

A correspondent at Kobe writes us that all the Japanese newspaper wrappers have been withdrawn, including the latest issue, 1 sen, blue. He failed to secure a single specimen at the post office — *Philatelic World.*

Doubtless many collectors have noticed the fact that used specimens of the Shanghai stamps are not so common as might be expected or wished. There is an especial reason for this, which is, that any one who chooses to subscribe a certain amount per annum to the local post-office can have all his correspondence conveyed by it free, without the trouble of using stamps at all. No doubt most of the residents, or those, at least, who have much correspondence, are subscribers; and the stamps are principally employed by persons passing through the place, or others residing there who do not send a sufficient number of letters to make it worth their while to subscribe.

The article on the Shanghai stamps which was first published in the *Philatelic Record* and written by Capt. Evans, has been copied in three American papers.

The stamp trade is usually dull at this time of the year; but it is just the opposite. Trade is good, which can be proven, if dealers will give us an advertisement.

The *Bayonne Philatelist* says that probably the next surcharges we will see, will be V. R. on the current stamps of Great Britain.

Spain has been the most prolific in issuing adhesive stamps, numbering 231. Next in number is the United States, with 175—being 44 adhesives, regular issue, 39 newspaper and 82 department. United States Colombia issues 160; Mexico, 115; France, 113: Italy, 82. Malta has the least, only 1 stamp, though there are two varieties of the same stamp.

Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati have attempted to establish a penny-post city delivery, but after an experiment of some six weeks they were stopped by government authority. In each of these cities stamps were issued for this purpose, all of which are now out of date and fast becoming rare.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The *Granite State Philatelist* improves with each number.

The *Philatelic News* is behind hand. The March number was the last one seen.

The *Youny Oologist* is the best paper for oologists that we have ever seen. It is worth double the subscription price.

The Stamp Collectors *Journal* is the largest exchange that we have received from England.

The *Foreign Stamp Collectors News* is our opinion is an excellent advertising medium. Dealers that advertise in England should try this paper.

The *Agents Star*, from Bay Shore, N. Y., is one of the best agents papers in the United States. Frauds always receive a free advertisement in the *Star*.

The *Chair City Collector* could improve if they would take a proof of the reading matter, advertisements, etc., before going to press.

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A Sectional Point of View.

ROB ROY.

"Where lives the man that has not tried
How mirth can into folly glide."—*Scott.*

More than two decades have passed since the first introduction of Philately to the public.

During that time dealers have risen and collapsed, papers have flourished and subsided and stamp collecting has gradually taken its place among the "collectorial arts;" if one may be allowed to coin such a phrase.

In the earlier years of stamp collecting there were no methodical ways of collecting or arranging stamps, no imperial nor international albums, no hand-books, catalogues—in fact, nothing had "ye ancient collectors" but blank leaves—a fact which partly accounts for their indiscriminate manner of collecting; a manner upon which the present Philatelists have made but very few improvements.

The value or interest attached to any collection of stamps, coins, autographs or antiques is greatly enhanced by its completeness. Thus a collection of coins, stamps or autographs relative to any historical event or period of time is far more valuable than an infinite variety of desultory specimens.

This is particularly noticeable in the remarkable collection of "autographs, relative to the last one hundred years of French history," owned by M. Boost and recently on exhibition in Paris.

We American collectors have a reprehensible practice of collecting mostly foreign and not U. S. stamps. This habit should be descried, as every collector should first collect the stamps of his native country, for, is it not a common saying among Philatelists, that "Stamps teach history?"

In that case, are not our stamps prolific of historical incidents? And have we not enough of them to collect?

I very much doubt whether there is one collection in the U. S. containing all of the different varieties of our department, local and general issue adhesives.

By saying in the sentence above, "all of the different varieties," I do not mean the different varieties of water-mark, color, shades, perforation or size, they being distinctions which should not be for a moment entertained by sensible Philatelists, and which were originated by English Æsthetics who have a decided misconception of what a stamp collection should be.

In conclusion, we quote (editorial notice of Lang's "The Library," in *Century* for April, 1882) the following—as an outside view of the principle of rarity before numbers:

"There are, of course, degrees of the vice, and it is hard to draw the line where a taste passes into a hobby, and a hobby into a mania. It is even conceivable that an early edition, an autograph copy, or a volume stamped with the arms of some famous collector, may be precious for its associations * * * Yet, there are limits. We will allow a degree of sanity to the man who pays an extravagant price for Banker's 'Bay Horse in a Trance,' simply because it is rare * * * But we must stop short with the idiot who practices 'duplicating,' which Burton calls the extreme form of the mania."

Alsace and Lorraine.

BY PHRANQUE.

These districts were united to Germany in 1871, after being for two centuries in possession of France. They contain an area of 3360 square miles, with a population of 1,529,408. In Cæsar's time, Alsace was occupied by the Celtic tribes, but it was Germanized by certain tribes which came from beyond the Rhine. It afterwards formed part of the German Empire, when in 1681 it was captured by the armies of Louis XIV of France, in whose possession it remained until 1871. Upper Lorraine was governed by its own Dukes until 1736, when it was given to Stanislaus, ex-king of Poland, and at his death in 1766 became united to France. Both these countries were ceded to Germany in 1871.

The stamps were issued by the German authorities, and used in the parts of France occupied by them in the war of 1870.

The stamps are seven in number. Values 1 centime, color, olive green, 2c. red-brown, 4c. gray, 5c. green, 10c. bistie, 20c. blue, 25c. brown. The value is in large numeral in center, "Postes" above, "Centimes" below; net-work in back-ground and small border at edge of stamps in which perforations are cut.

[For American Boys.]

THE ERRAND BOY,

OR

THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY DUNCAN.

BY ALFRED B. OSGOODBY.

CHAPTER IV.

"FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD!"

"I wonder why Jim don't come;" said the burglar aloud, "he told me this afternoon that he would meet me at ten o'clock and it's nearly half past now."

At that moment the burglar - "Jim"—confined in the bushes freed his mouth, and gave a yell.

"Run! Lyman! the peelers have got me!" he exclaimed.

Instantly the whole party, with the exception of the sergeant, jumped from the bushes, but already the burglar on the bridge had started off up the road as fast as he could go, but the policemen, followed by Mr. Clinton and Harry, started after him.

It was a long run, and a hot one, but they captured him He was thrown to the ground and his arms pinioned to his sides. As this was finished, Mr. Clinton and our hero came up.

Harry bent over and peered into the fellow's face.

Both uttered an ejaculation at the same moment.

"By George!" exclaimed Harry, "it it isn't the same fellow I met in the crowd this morning! But say, you scamp, didn't I say the burglars would be caught before the week was out? "I told the truth didn't I?"

"Yes;" mumbled the fellow, "but I'll be blowed if I supposed you would be the one to do it, although I says to myself at the time, he's a smart young fellow!"

The party with the burglar then moved back toward the place where they had left the sergeant with "Jim," the other burglar.

They found them safe, and placing bracelets upon the prisoners' wrists, they placed them in the carriage and drove off toward the town

They soon after reached it, and placing their prisoners in the little "lock-up," they entered a charge against them and all went to their respective homes.

"Well Harry, we have made a good night's work of it, and I assure you that I shall not forget you," said Mr. Clinton as they were parting

"Mr. Clinton, if I have helped you any, I am glad of it, and look for no remuneration," replied Harry.

They then parted.

The next morning as Harry appeared in the store, Mr. Clinton said:

"My boy, have you heard of your good fortune?"

"No sir;" replied Harry, "what good fortune?"

"Yesterday afternoon," continued Mr. Clinton, "the bank offered $5,000 reward for the capture of the burglars. This morning they decided that you did the most toward it, and therefore they intend to give you $2,000 of it and the other $3,000 will be divided among the policemen. I would not accept any of it."

"Two thousand dollars!" exclaimed Harry, "all my own?"

"All your own, my boy; allow me to congratulate you on your good fortune," answered Mr. Clinton.

Little more is to be said; Harry received the $2,000; the clerk, Sanford, was discharged and Harry took his place. The burglars were convicted and sent to jail, and Harry is now living in a nice little cottage with his parents.

[The End.]

Father: "You can't manage a kite bigger than you are your-self." Son (not so stupid as he looks): "Why not, sir? Mother is small, but she manages you."

A curious feature of Chinese coins, the nail-mark, appears to have originated in an accident very characteristic of China. In the time of Queen Wen-tek a model in wax of a proposed coin was brought for her majesty's inspection. In taking hold of it she left on it the impression of one nail, and the impression has in consequence been a marked characteristic of Chinese coins for hundreds of years.

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"Boy, do you go to school? asked a stranger of a bootblack.

"Yes, sir."

"Do you learn anything?"

"Well, I should think I do!"

"Give us a sample of what you learn."

"Well the Amazon River is the largest river in the world; the tiger is found in Bengal; snow is frozen rain, and I'll shine your boots for a nickle."

The polishing was done forthwith.

The printers in Leipsic have just celebrated the four-hundreth anniversary of the introduction of printing into that town. In 1481 Andreas Pr isner, a professor of theology, set up the first printing-press in Leipsic. He made a present of it to a monastery on condition that the monks would pray for his soul. Now Leipsic has eighty-two printing establishments, with 451 steam presses and 971 hand presses, employing over 12,000 people.

According to a writer in *Nature*, the small migratory birds that are unable to perform the flight of three hundred and fifty miles across the Mediterranean Sea are carried across on backs of cranes. In the autumn many flocks of cranes may be seen coming from the north with the first cold blast from that quarter, flying low and uttering a peculiar cry, as if of alarm, as they circle over the cultivated plains. Little birds of every species may be seen flying up to them, while the twittering songs of those already comfortably settled upon their backs may be distinctly heard. But for this kind provision of Nature, numerous varieties of small birds would become extinct in northern countries, as the cold winters would kill them.

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" 1882, 50, 100, 200r	2
" 1883, 100r	1
British Guiana, 1876, 1, 2c	2
" " " 8c	3
Bulgaria, 1879, 5, 10 cah	3
" " 25 cah	5
" 1881, 3 ctot	2
" " 5, 10 ctot	3
" " 15, 25 ctot	5
" " 30 ctot	8
* " 1883, 3 ctot	3
" " 5, 10 ctot	3
" " 15, 25 ctot	5
Canada, 1877, 2c, reg	1
" envelope, 1877, 3c	2
Cape of Good Hope, 1863-80, 1-2, 1, 2, 4d	1
" " " 3, 6d, 1s	2
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" " 4c rose	2
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" 1881, 1c	3
Costa Rica, 1874, 1-2r	3
*Curaco, 1873-8, 2 1-2, 3c	5
Danish West Indies, 1874-9, 1, 3c	2
" " " 10c	5
Dominica, 1874 1d	3
Egypt, 1872, 10 pa	3
" 1879, 5, 10, 20 pa	2
" " 1 pi	1
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The Reward of Wealth.

BY G. A. STEVERSON.

A mighty wave swept o'er the glistening sand,
Then backward went into the ocean's breast,
And, moved as if by a powerful hand,
The mossy shells joined it in its rest;
Then larger still, with all its force regained,
It onward came, and higher yet it rose,
Until at last its strength and power waned,
Then sank it back to quiet and repose.

* * * * * *

When in this life, success and selfish greed
Alike awake Ambition in thy breast,
Farewell to nobler hopes; each word and deed
Shall be forgotten and ever rest.
Tho' wealth may follow wealth, and each succeeding gain,
Sweep like the waves, high and higher still,
Can yet fond hopes of happiness attain,
When naught but thoughts of wealth thy reason fill?
Can joy be thine while countless thousands want,
And hear the rings that everlasting taunt?
Strive on, and soon the day will dawn,
When like the waves, thy wealth will lose its power—
Strive on, and then no golden morn
Will dawn to thee, at the life's final hour.

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THE BOYS OF HOPEVILLE.

BY ALFRED B. OSGOODBY.

CHAPTER III.

IN SCHOOL.

A few minutes after Squire Locke entered the house, after locking the boys in the wood shed, he picked up the lantern and said to his wife:

"I guess I'll go out and look after the horses and see how those two boys are feeling."

So saying he opened the door and walked out. Imagine his surpsise, when he saw the "two boys" standing before him.

Instantly, Dick and Frank started to run. To say that they were frightened is but a mild way to put it.

They ran as they had never run before, while the Squire with angry ejaculations came after them.

But the boys were swift runners and soon made such a great distance between themselves and the squire, that the latter soon gave up the race and returned home in a by no way pleasant mood.

When the boys saw that the Squire had given up the chase, they began to walk and soon reached their homes.

"Good-night, Dick;" said Frank as they were parting, "we've had bad luck to night, but may be something will turn up so that we can pay him back; I'll see you to-morrow in school."

"Good-night," replied Dick, and he crept into the back-yard, climbed an apple tree that spread its branches over the back part o the house and then climbing upon the roof he swung himself over on the windowsill and climbed into his room.

This was a rather perilous way of getting into the house, but he had done it so often that he did not seem to mind it.

The next morning, the "society" met in the school-yard, before school was called, and talked over the proceedings of the previous night, and Dick and Frank told how they had escaped.

All the forenoon, Dick was restless; he was angry at his having been defeated in his plans the night before and about the middle of the morning session he resolved to have some fun.

He placed a pin in the toe of his shoe and suddenly raised it. The boy in front of him raised too; he raised so suddenly in fact that he knocked an inkstand off from the desk and several books on to the floor.

"Ouch!" he exclaimed.

Instantly Dick was studying; and the teacher came walking down the aisle, and boxing the boy aside the ear, said: "What are you making this disturbance for?"

"It wasn't me—"

"Don't tell me that; now take your seat," said the teacher.

"But—" began the boy.

"There!" exclaimed the teacher, boxing his ears again, "now will you take your seat?"

The boy reluctantly seated himself, and the teacher walked away.

Dick laughed to himself and went on with his studying. He had felt "blue" all the morning; but the little disturbance which had just happened seemed to enliven his spirits and at recess, he played ball with the other boys with a vigor that surprised even himself.

That afternoon, the news was circulated among the boys that Mr. Manson, their teacher, had arranged to let the boys have a boat race on the river the next Saturday afternoon; and already he had begun to choose the leaders and let them choose their men.

CHAPTER IV.

THE BOAT RACE.

"Harding, will you be one of the leaders in this boat race?" enquired Mr. Manson, approaching Dick.

"Nothing would please me better;" replied Dick, "may I inquire who is to be the other leader?"

'Charlie Goodman;" answered the teacher.

"Very well; what boats are we to use?" asked Dick.

"The Fairy and Alice," replied Mr. Manson, "which one would you like?"

"Well, I prefer the Fairy, if it's just the same to Goodman," answered Dick.

"He has chosen the Alice, so you can have the Fairy. Now choose your men and you can go down and practice any time you want to," said Mr. Manson, walking away.

Dick was an excellent oarsman; he had been considered the best in the school until Charlie Goodman had come there. When it was found that the latter was an adept in handling the oars, they matched our hero and him together one day in a race; but one of Charlie's oars had broken in the middle of the race and since then they had not tried their skill against each other.

Now that Mr. Manson was to let them have another race, Dick was beside himself with joy.

He now had a chance to test Charlie Goodman's skill, and he meant improve it.

Dick chose eight of the boys, some of the best oarsmen in the school, to go with him in the race, and Goodman did the same.

The two sides were pretty well matched, and it was difficult to tell which would win.

The rest of the week, Dick spent in drilling his "crew," and preparing the boat for the race.

He took it out of the water and thoroughly cleaned it; then getting the boys together he trained them as to how they should act and then took a pull up the river with them.

All this time Goodman was training his "crew" and it looked as though the race was to be an exciting one.

The boys were to start from the boat house on the river and pull up to Sandy Point, and back, a distance of a mile and a half.

Saturday came, and the boys were wild with excitement. Several of the towns people were to witness the race and by two o'clock in the afternoon the river bank was crowded with an eager looking crowd.

The boys took their places one by one, and in a very short time all was ready.

"Are you ready Harding and Goodman?" called Mr. Manson to the two young captains.

"Aye, aye," was the ready response from both.

Mr. Manson gave the signal and both of the boats shot out into the stream amid loud applause.

At first it was seen that Goodman's boat was leading, and he was cheering his boys on, confident of an easy victory.

"Keep cool, boys;" said Dick. "Steady now; a little faster," and the Fairy began to gain on the Alice.

The two boats had now reached Sandy Point, with the Alice half a boat's length ahead. As they rounded the Point, Dick said to his "crew:"

"Pull now, boys! but keep cool. Don't get excited. A little faster. *Pull!*" and the Fairy shot up alongside of the Alice.

Little by little the boys gained. Goodman became desperate.

"Pull, you lazy fellows!" he cried, "Don't you see they are beating us?"

Now the boat house came in sight, and with one mighty effort on the part of Dick's "crew," the Fairy shot up beside of it one and a half boat lengths ahead of the Alice.

"Three cheers for Dick Harding and his crew!" shouted one of the scholars from the bank, and instantly it was given with a will, by all the spectators.

Dick stood up in his boat, and politely touched his hat. He had beaten Charlie Goodman in a fair race, and he was proud of it!

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Confederate Money.

NO. 3.

BY T. S. SPARROW.

In this article I will continue the description of the notes issued July 25, 1861, as I promised my readers last month; but before I go any farther I wish to correct a mistake in my last article. It was in describing the $50 note, and it read as follows: "*Issued in letters B. BV, and C.*," while it should have been "*Issued* in letters B Bb. and C."

The $20 note is the first I will take up this month As I stated last month there were two varieties of this denomination issued under this date. The first and most common has a cut in the center representing a ship under full sail riding upon a dark and stormy sea. In the distance is another ship to be dimly seen. In the left center is a large "20" covered with a dark network of crossed lines. In the upper right corner is another "20" in white, surrounded by a dark circle with serrated edges, and in the lower right corner we see a "XX" in white surrounded by a like circle. Engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Va. Issued in letters B.C. Cc.Ccc. and D. *Rare* and usually valued at about $1 each.

The next note on our list is undoubtedly the *rarest* and *most valuable* of any issued by the Confederate States. It is the $20 note known as the "female on deer" variety, and receives its apellation from the fact that the central design is a female seated upon the back of a bounding deer. In the background is a river, palmetto trees, etc Immediately under this cut is the word "TWENTY" printed in large letters upon a band of red across the face. In the lower left corner is an Indian in full barbaric costume seated upon the ground. One arm is leaning upon a small barrel while he holds a long pipe with the other. In the lower right corner is a "20" in white surrounded by an irregular circle of red lines. In both the upper corners we find the numeral "XX" in white surrounded by an oblong circle composed of a network of crossed red lines. The engraver's name is not given on this note. I am of the opinion that it was issued in but one letter, viz., A., but am not certain. Dr. Lee, in his noted work on the currency of the Confederate States, mentions the fact that his photograph of this note was taken from a *fac simile*. This goes to prove how rare a genuine must be This note would bring $50 readily, and if put up at an auction sale with a *guarantee of genuineness*, would probably command a much higher price.

We will now take up the $10 note of July 25, 1861 The central design is a female figure leaning on a shield upon which we see a Confederate flag bearing eleven stars. In the distant background is an eagle. In the lower left corner is a female standing with outstretched arms. Engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond. Issued in letters A. B. and C. *Very rare* Priced at $3 to $5 each.

It is said by some that there is another variety of this note, having, apparently, but ten stars on the flag.

The $5 note is the next in our list and is the lowest denomination issued under this date. There are two varieties. The first, and most common, has a centerpiece similar to the $10 note but with this exception. The female is leaning on a large "5" instead of a shield bearing the Confederate flag, as in the last. Sailor in lower left corner. Engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig. Issued in letters B. and Bb. *Very rare* and catalogued at $5 each.

The other variety of $5 note is quite different in design. Across the left end we find the word "FIVE" in large letters; the numeral "V" in upper left corner and the figure "5" in upper right corner. On the back are the words "Confederate States of America" in blue ink. Engraved by J. Manrouvier, New Orleans, La. Issued in letters F. G. H. and I. VERY RARE and worth $10 or over.

This completed the list of notes issued July 25 1861 and bearing printed dates. My next article will be upon the notes issued September 2, 1861, all of which bear printed dates. But I must close now as I am extending this article beyond my limit.

There is a warning in the honey-comb. It is a be-ware!

"What is the name of your cat, sir?" asked a boy traveler of Mr. Boniface, who kept a hotel.

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In our next number we shall have an important article on the Early Currency of New England. Also a large number of Oology articles which were left out this month for want of space.

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We have sent out a large number of sample copies each month to those sending postals for one. During the month of June we received 751 postals for sample copies. Each one received one, and out of the 751 we have added nearly 100 new subscribers for one year; about 50 for six months and 12 for the rest of the year. It is not as many as we ought to receive, but we are satisfied. Our profits are very small on both subscriptions and advertisements. Please subscribe. Please advertise.

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The St. Jo Mfg. company, who have been advertising with us, have left us $1.30 out. We have written them two letters and one postal, but as yet have received no reply. We advise all publishers to discontinue their advertisement. If they can show proof of their honesty we will cross of their name. J. E. Morse, should be pleased to hear from you.

There is a little girl of five summers who is in the habit of indulging in a childish form of dance whenever her sister plays the piano. The other day it was seen that little Gracie danced on one foot, carefully holding the other up from the floor. The elder sister said:

"Gracie, why do you hold up your right foot all the time, instead of dancing on both feet, as usual?"

"Oh, my right foot is a church member," said the little innocent.

STAMP NEWS.

[We should be pleased to receive announcements of new issues and other notes pertaining to Philately from dealers, collectors, etc., in all countries.]

Under this head we shall give the new issues, addresses, envelopes and cards that have appeared or are about to appear. Anything pertaining to stamps wanted; notes on stamps wanted from collectors and dealers.

Argentine Republic—Mr. Straus sends us a new provisional made by surcharging the 5c. 1867 1884 1-2.

British Guiana in addition to the 1c. band noted last month a 2c. printed in rose has been issued.

Bhopal—Another type has been issued. There are two values. 1-4 anna green, 1-2 anna black. The corners of the stamp are solid and contain B. L. C. I.

Hayti—The 20c has been issued perforated.

Hawaii—Fine new stamped envelopes were issued in June. 1c. green, 2c. pink. 4c. vermilion, 5c. blue, 10c. black.

Italy—Four new stamps were issued July 1, says one of our foreign contemporaries. 50c. geranium, 75c. pale green. $1.25 yellow. $1.75 brown.

Jamaica—The 1-2 penny card comes in double form as reported.

Norway—It appears from researches made by some energetic collector, that the 3 skilling stamps of the 1856-57 issue were not only printed in lilac, but in light green also. Very few of the latter color, however, were sold to the public, and this fact probably accounts for the extreme rarity of the variety.

Peru—Another variety in the triangular surcharges on these stamps is apparent. We have hitherto mentioned two differently constructed triangles, and this makes the third. First we have one with each of the lines continuous; the second shows the angles filled in with a small floriate ornament; while the third and latest variety gives us the whole triangle slightly larger, with the ornaments in the angles more widely branched.

Porto Rico—The color of the 3c. has been changed to brown.

Portugal—Two new stamps have been issued. 500 reis black, resembling the current 5 reis and 1000 reis black of 1870 type.

Uruguay—A new set of stamps have been issued, so says the Ph. M. 1 centestimi green. 2 centesimos red. 7 centesimos brown. 10 centesimos bistre, 20 centesimos violet. 25 centesimos purple.

Portugese Indies—The following provisionals have appeared: 4 1-2 reis on 40 reis blue and 4 1-2 reis on 10 reis green.

United States—A new die of the 2 cent envelope stamp has made its appearance. It is similar to the one it supercedes but there are three diamonds above and below the numeral on each side and instead of there being four wavy lines in the oval band there are but two. It was reported that something in the brown ink acting upon the metal of November die caused it to wear out so quickly, but we find this new die printed in the same brown ink as well as red.

"Fiery Gizzard" is the picturesque name of a post office in Tennessee.

It is believed that the first postage stamp used in this country was one designed by the Hon. E. A. Mitchell, postmaster of New Haven, in the year 1847. It was brown in color, printed on ordinary paper and about the size of the government stamp, and signed by Mr. Mitchell. He issued it for the convenience of the citizens, who complained of the delay occasioned by their being unable to prepay letters except in office hours. A high price is put upon specimens of this stamp by collectors.

The Stamps of U. S. of Colombia.

BY PHRANQUE.

United States of Colombia is the official title of what was formerly called New Granada. It consists of nine States, namely—Panama, Cundenanamarca, Antioquia, Tolema, Bolivia, Magdalena, Santanders, Cauca, and Boyaca. These States, all but the last four, issue stamps of their own. Formerly Ecuador and Venezuela were united to the States, which together formed the "Republic of Colombia."

The standard coin is 1 peso (100 centavos), a centavo being equal to 1 cent of our money.

The first stamps issued by the government was in 1859. They consisted of the following: 5c. grey; 5c. lilac; 10c. yellow, and 20c. blue. They are of octagon shape.

The next were issued in 1860. Values: 2 1-2c. green; 5c. lilac; 5c. blue; 10c, buff; 10c. red; 20c. blue, 1p. rose. This issue is very similar to last.

The next issue was in 1861. Values:

2 1-2c black; 5c yellow; 5c buff; 10c blue; 20c red; 1p. rose. These stamps are somewhat larger than last issue and of rectangular shape.

A new issue, very similar in design and shape to '60 issue, was issued in 1862. Values: 10c blue; 20c rose; 50c green; 1p lilac.

Another "set" was issued in 1863. Octagon shape. Values: 5c buff; 10c blue; 20c red; 50c green.

'64 "brings forth" another issue similar to last. Values: 5c orange; 10c blue, 20c rose; 50c green; 1p violet. All these stamps named are considered somewhat rare, although some can be bought for a small amount; others could not probably be purchased at any price.

In 1865 a new set was issued. Values: 2 1-2c black on lilac, triangular: 1c rose; 5c lemon; 10c lilac; 20c blue; 50c green; 1p red; rectangular.

Since 1859 stamps have been issued yearly. They now drop this custom.

The next set issued was in 1867. Values: 5c yellow; 10c lilac; 20c blue; 50c green; 1p rose. 5p black on green; 10p black on vermilion.

A 5c orange and 10c lilac stamp were issued in 1868. This set was supplemented in 1870 by the addition of 20c blue; 50c green; 1p rose; 2 1.2c black on violet; triangular; in '69 2c brown; in '71 1c green; in '72 1c pink; in '73 also 5c yellow, 5c black on green, 10c black on red, in '70, and 10c violet in '74. All these stamps have coat-of-arms in center, fancy borders, etc

In 1876 a 5c lilac with eagle in center, 10c brown, 20c blue, with liberty heads in center, were issued. A 10p black on pink, large, with arms in center was issued in '77, also the 20c stamp was changed to purple.

In 1881 the following were issued: 1c green; 2c red; 5c blue; 10c violet; 20c black. The 2c stamp was changed to rose in 1882. These have arms in center. 1c black on green, 2c black on rose, and 5c black on lilac were also issued this year. These have head in center.

The next issue was in 1883. Values: 1c green; 2c red; 5c blue; 10c orange; 20c violet; 1p claret; arms in center.

Two registration stamps of different designs were issued in 1865. Value: 5c black; also two of same value and color, but of different designs in 1870. 25c black on blue, 50c black on yellow, and 1p black on rose. "Additional postage stamps" were issued in 1866; also 25c black on blue in 1870, and 25c green in 1879.

The stamps of the different States will have to be left for a subsequent issue for want of space.

The Stamps of Bergedorf.

BY T. COKE.

The inhabitants of this quaint little German town did not, it seems, participate in the blessing of postage stamps till rather late in the day; for it was not until November, 1861, that the first emission took place. This set consisted of two values, namely, a half shilling, color black on violet paper, and a three shilling, color black on rose. These two stamps and especially the latter, are quite unobtainable, and if the collector does not keep his eyes wide open he will be buying reprints, which were struck some years after from much-worn plates, for originals. The design, which is maintained throughout the series, is described as follows: Arms of Bergedorf and post horn on grained ground in beaded circle; in square frame is inscribed BERGEDORF above POSTMARKE below, and value at sides: L. H. P. A. and two dots in spandrels; numerals of value in corners. The four letters, L. H. P. A. in the angles signify *Lubeck* (and) *Hamburg Post Ampt* (Post office) from which we can well-nigh guess the position of the town. You will also notice the central figure, which is formed of a tower and half of an eagle, being the Arms of Hamburg and Lubeck. From this we are safe in concluding that at the time of Postal emissions Bergedorf was controlled by these two cities.

Only eleven days after the first issue took place the second issue made its appearance, November 10th. The values are as follows: One-half shilling, black on violet; 1 shilling, black on white; 1 1-2 shilling, black on yellow; 3 shilling, purple on rose; 4 shilling, black on brown.

With this issue, as well as the preceding, the size of the stamp increases with the value; a peculiar fact, and one that occurs, we believe, only in this instance, the reason for which we are in perfect ignorance, and would be pleased to be enlightened at any time. These stamps remained in circulation until 1867, when the post office business was made over to the Confederation. During that same year a sheet of proofs made their appearance, being the same values mentioned above. There was a slight error on the 1 1-2 shilling, the word SHILLING

being spelt with a final *e*; thus. *shillinge*. This error was soon discovered however, and on the next emission the superfluous letter was effaced, which caused the former variety to become, as might be expected, quite rare.—*Stamp World*.

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Wurtemburg and its Stamps.

BY PHRANQUE.

The Kingdom of Wurtemburg lies in the southern part of Germany. It contains an area of 7,500 square miles, with a population of about 1,881,500. It is one of the largest of the German States

The surface is rolling, the lowest part being 420 feet above the level of the sea; the highest, the Hornisgrinde mountain, being 3,700 feet above. The capital and city of most importance is Stuttgart.

There were in 1871 445 post offices in the kingdom, which forwarded 14 800,000 private letters, about 4,000,000 official letters and nearly 21,000,000 newspapers. The postal income in 1875 was 4,919,400 marks, or $1,180,656. The expenses 4,719,400 marks, or $1,132,656; leaving a surplus of 200,000 marks.

The King of Wurtemburg is Charles I, born March 6, 1823, ascended to the throne June 25, 1864.

THE STAMPS.

Wurtemberg first issued stamps in 1851. Values; 1, 3, 6, 9 and 18 kreuzers Colors, black on straw, same on yellow, green, rose and violet, respectively. Description :—Large numeral in center in diamond with checkered background. Fancy corners to make square. Name above in German, with German inscriptions bottom and sides. The next issue was in 1857; values same as last issue; colors, brown, yellow, green, rose and blue respectively. Description :—Coat-of-arms in center in square. "Freemarke" above; values at bottom and sides; six-pointed stars in corners. In 1862 to '64 the 1 k. was changed to green, the 3 k. to rose, the 6 k. to blue, the 9 k. to brown, the 18 k. to orange. A new value 7 k. blue was added in 1869, and 70 k. claret in 1873. The next set was issued in 1868 and 1873. Values, 1 k. green, 2 k. orange, 3 k. rose, 7 k. blue, 9 k. brown, 14 k. orange. Description :—Large numeral in center in oval with fancy border, name above, value below. Part of coat-of-arms in each corner.

1875 brings out a new set. Values, 3 pfennig green, 5 pf. violet, 10 pf. rose, 20 pf. blue, 25 pf. stone, 50 pf. gray, 2 marks orange. This last was changed to vermilion in 1880. Description :—Large numeral in center in circle, "K. WURT. POST," above; value below in streamer; parts of coat-of-arms at each side of numeral. Fancy corners, etc. to fill out design.

A 1 k. envelope stamp was issued in 1865; 3 k 6 k. and 9 K. were issued in 1862. 5 pf. and 10 pf. were issued in 1875. A returned letter stamp was issued in 1862 Three official stamps, 5, 10 and 20 pf. were issued in 1880.

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[For the American Boys.]

The Sea Urchin.

BY IGNORAMUS.

No. 1.—What peculiar animals the sea urchins are. One might easily mistake them for horse-chestnut burs. But if you look carefully you will notice that they stretch out their suckers and begin to drag themselves slowly along the beach. The star fish also travels in this way and resembles the sea urchin in a number of points.

No. 2.—We could soon discover a close resemblance between the two, after a little inspection. We have already found that it travels in the same manner; we might safely say that the sea urchin is a star fish which has enclosed itself in an oval-shaped box and intended to live hereafter secluded.

No. 3.—The empty shells of this animal as well as the sea urchin itself, with spines and all, are found quite numerous on some of the beaches, especially after a severe storm; being washed in by the waters.

No. 4.—It is not globular shape, neither is its outer surface smooth; being ornamented by little dots or knobs which extend around its outer surface. The dots or knobs cannot be seen, however, until the spines have been washed off of its surface.

No. 5.—The sea urchin looks very pretty, after all the spines have been cleared from its body. The regular dots or knobs and the lace-work between them which is made by the creases and rains which pass between the rows of dots. It presents a unique as well as pretty appearance.

No. 6.—If a star fish was placed on a table with its mouth down and its rays bent backward until they came to a point at the top we should have the general plan of a sea urchin. Do not conclude from this that star fish turn into sea urchins. I merely wish to show the similarity of their structure.

No. 7.—According to this arrangement rows of perforated plates would represent the middle rays of the star fish where the tube feet are situated, while the broad belt of knobs corresponds with the strip of spines on both edges of the ray. The mouth would be found underneath the sea urchin, the same as it is in the case of the star fish. The star fish and sea urchins also have eye-specks situated on the top of their surface where the rays meet. These can be distinguished on both the star fish and the sea urchin by the use of a microscope. You will find the madreposic body at the top, a little on one side. This small siene, which is quite interesting in star fish, performs a like service for the sea urchin and prevents the entrance of sand or other substance into the tubes that pass under those holes in the shell.

No. 8.—The shell fits the animal in infancy, and must still serve it in old age, for sea urchins do not cast off their coats as crabs and lobsters do. Being formed of a number of small pieces, it grows a little all over as I shall show you. Each of the plates are surrounded by living flesh. The flesh secretes lime from the sea water and deposits it round the edge of the plates, thus increasing the size of the shell uniformly. After sea urchins die the spines drop off; the shell is then so frail that it is soon broken, the plates falling to pieces.

No. 9.—These animals are found sometimes with the spines and at other times without them, they having been washed off by the water. They present a much better appearance without the spines. They are very peculiar objects and every collector should have a specimen of this peculiar animal which is known as the sea urchin to fill out his collection.

[For the American Boys.]

Coins Prior to Year 1, A. D.

BY FRANK K. RISING.

The first coins were made about nine hundred years B. C. and is supposed to have first been used by the Lydians. Soon after, however the Greeks followed their example. The first coin was round, ball shape. It was made by pounding by hand, metal into a certain weight, into a mould or die, in which was engraved their religious or national symbol. The coins of Asia Minor were of gold and those of Greece were silver. The earliest coins bear emblems of a sacred or legendary character, regarding the foundation of the State, as the 'phoca' or seal on the coins of the Phocians, which alludes to the shoal of seals said to have followed the fleet during the emigration of the people. The earliest coins of Athens have the owl as type of the goddess Athene. The coins at length assumed a square shape and became thinner than before. There was a remarkable series of coins struck at Magna Græcia, of which the reverse is an exact repitition in concave of the relief of the obverse.

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consist of a single letter; the initial of the city where they were struck. The remaining letters, or a portion of them, were afterwards added. The first King's name which appears on a coin was Alexander of Macedon.

Roman coins belong to three series, known as the Republican, the family and the imperial.

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" " " 5c	3
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" " " 8c	1
" " 1882, 1-2, 1c	1
*Austria, 1850-61, set of 10 kinds, per set	5
*Baden land post, 1, 3, 12k,	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5k	2
*Bavaria, return letter, set of 6 kinds, per st.	9
Brazil, 1866, 10, 20, 100, 200r	1
" " 50r	2
" 1878, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200r	1
" 1882, 50, 100, 200r	2
" 1883, 100r	1
British Guiana, 1876, 1, 2c	2
" " " 8c	3
Bulgaria, 1879, 5, 10 cah	3
" " 25 cah	5
" 1881, 3 ctot	2
" " 5, 10 ctot	3
" " 15, 25 ctot	5
* " 1883, 3 ctet	3
" " 5, 10 ctot	3
" " 15, 25 ctot	5
Canada, 1877, 2c, reg	1
" envelope, 1877, 3c	2
Cape of Good Hope, 1863-80, 1-2, 1, 2, 4d	1
" " " 3, 6d, 1s	2
Ceylon, 1877, 4c gray	1
" " 4c rose	2
Chili, 1878, 10c	3
" 1881, 1c	3
Costa Rica, 1874, 1-2r	3
*Cuba, set of 8 kinds, per set	10
Danish West Indies, 1874-9, 1, 3c	2
" " " 10c	3
*Denmark, set of 14 kinds, per set	14
Egypt, 1872, 10 pa	3
" 1879, 5, 10, 20 pa	2
" " 1 pi	1
*France, unpaid, 30c	8
French Colonies, 1860, 1, 40c	3
" " 1872, 5, 15c	3
" " 1876, 5c	3
" " 1877, 4, 10c	3
*Grenada, 1883, 1-2d	3
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Guatemala, 1882, 1, 2, 5c	4
Hong Kong, 1880, 5, 10c	2
*Iceland, 3a, 3a official	4
India, 1876, 1-2, 1a	1
" (Deccan) 1-2d	3
Jamaica, 1870, 1, 2a	1
*Japan, 1879-80, 5r	3
" " 1, 2, 5, 10s	2
*Malta, 1-2d	3
Mexico, 1874, 25c; 1878, 10c	2
" 1879, 1, 2, 5, 10c	2
*Natal, 1874-80, 1-2d	3
New Foundland, 1866-9, 3c	2
" " 1880, 3, 5c	2
New South Wales, 1862, 1, 2d	1
" " " " 1s	5
New Zealand, 1873, 1-2d	2
" " " 1, 2d	1
" " " 4, 6d, 1s	2
" " 1882, 1, 2d	1
" " " 4, 6d	2
" " " 1d rev. used for pos.	12
Nicaragua, 1877-80, 5c	5
*Norway, set of 10 kinds, per set	10
Paraguay, 1877, 5, 10r	7
Persia, 1882, 25c	10
" 1883, 1f	18
*Portugal, set of 9 kinds, per set	9
Russia, set of 6 kinds, per set,	3
Roumania, set of 10 kinds, per set	10
Salvador, 1867, 1-2, 1, 2r	10
" 1874, 1-2r	10
" 1879, 1, 5c	3
" " 10c	5
Samoa, 1d	5
Sierra Leone, 1861-73, 1-2, 1d	3
" " " 2d	6
" " " 4d	8
*Spain, set of 20 kinds, per sei	20
" " 15 " "	10
Switzerland, set of 10 kinds, per set,	8
Trinidad, 1863-74, 1d	2
" " 4d	3
" " 1d surcharged	3
Turkey, 1876, 10, 20 pa; 1 pi	1
U. S. of Colombia, 1881, 5c	2
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Costa Rica, 1874, 1-2r	3
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Roumania, set of 10 kinds, per set	10
Salvadon, 1867, 1-2, 1, 2r	10
" 1874, 1-2r	10
" 1879, 1, 5c	3
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Sierra Leone, 1861-73, 1-2, 1d	3
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" " " and Letter, blue	3
" " " " rose	3
" " " brown	3
" " " red	3
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4	Cashmere	20
5	Cape of Good Hope	9
5	Ceylon	10
4	Cyprus	10
6	Christiansand	30
4	Costa Rica	18
4	Ecuador	15
10	Egypt	25
4	Finland	6
4	Grenada	10
2	Great Britain, official	6
4	Confederate	8
5	Japan	8
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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

We shall devote this space to stamps, giving the new issues and discoveries of each country that have appeared lately or are about to appear. Correspondence pertaining to this department will be thankfully received and paid for.

NEW ISSUES.

Angola—A 20 reis red and 25 reis magenta are reported by the Ph. W.; also the same for Cape Verde and Mozambique.

Argentine Republic—The 25 and 90c. are surcharged official and others are expected to soon appear.

Azores—The 20 reis stamp is to be changed to red.

Bhopal—There are several new issues of the rectangular type. First, horizontal line in spandrels, four errors on sheet all reading H. H. A. NAWAB. 1-4 anna green on wove paper, perf. 7. Second, solid corners containing the letter B. L. C. I. 1-4 anna green and 1-2 anna black, on laid paper, perf. 8.

Brazil—The 50 reis letter card is now brown on outside, with white inside. The stamp and inscriptions have been slightly changed.

Norway—The 12 ore is now brown instead of green and the 25 of the new type has been seen.

Peru—Surcharges are quite numerous. The 3c. 4c. and 5c. single and 2c. 3c. 4c. 5c. and 6c. double cards have been surcharged.

Portugal—10 reis green, 2 reis black and 20 reis red are reported; also a 500 reis black and 1000 reis have been issued same as 1870, designs. St. Thomas and P. R. I. 10 reis green, 20 red, 25 magenta and 40 reis yellow are reported.

Turkey—The Stamp World gives the following new issues: 10 p. green, 20 p. carmine and pink, 1 p. dark and light blue, 5 p. brown and brown, 25 p. black and gray. The entire set is printed on wove paper and perforated.

Uruguay—A new set of stamps has been prepared by the American Bank Note Co., says the Ph. W. The set is as follows: 1c. green, 2c. red, 7c. brown, 10c. bistre, 20 violet, 25 purple.

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