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\$870 FOR A HALF DOLLAR.

Messrs. Geo. Leavitt & Co., at their salesroom in Clinton Hall, New York City, recently sold a lot of gold and silver coins from the collection of Mr. John W. Scott and catalogued by Scott & Co. The most interesting of the sales was a Confederate half dollar of 1861, which was bid off at \$870 on an order sent to the auctioneer previous to the sale. Mr. Scott had orders to bid for this coin to an amount above six hundred dollars. It was purchased in the name of "South," the auctioneer declining after the sale to say who the actual purchaser was.

On the 4th day of February, 1861, a party of conspirators organized an armed rebellion to the government of the United States, and having taken possession of the United States Branch Mint located at New Orleans on the 28th day of February, 1861, ordered the superintendent, Mr. William A. Elmore, to prepare dies for striking silver coins for use in those parts of the United States which were in rebellion; the time being short and skilled labor scarce, he economized both by using for the reverse the die which had been heretofore employed in striking the obverse of the United States half dollar of that year, making an entirely new obverse die, which was engraved by A. H. M. Peterson, under the superintendence of chief coiner B. F. Taylor. From these dies only four coins were struck, which were disposed of as follows: Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy; Professor Riddle, of the

University of Louisiana; Dr. E. Ames, of New Orleans; Dr. B. F. Taylor, chief coiner of the New Orleans Mint;—one to each. When Messrs. Scott & Co. purchased the half dollar, they purchased at the same time the die from which it was struck. In October, 1879, they had 500 coins struck, and sold them to collectors at the rate of two dollars each, after which the die was destroyed.

The one sold at the sale belonged to Dr. B. F. Taylor; the other three were lost.

There were many other coins sold at very high prices. For instance, the celebrated Somner Islands sixpence, the only known specimen bringing one hundred dollars. It was secured by "South." A XII piece of the Somner Islands, part of the first money coined in America, and of which there are not more than six specimens in existence, was sold for fifty dollars. No date is given for this piece in the catalogue, but it was probably coined about 1616. A New Jersey silver coin without date, catalogued as "in poor condition but unique," brought twenty-five dollars. A Washington silver coin, 1796, also brought twenty-five dollars; and another, nearly a duplicate of the last, was sold for the same price.

A Washington medal sold for twenty dollars and fifty cents, a 1794 silver dollar brought seventy-five dollars, and a cent of 1804 sold for fifty dollars. A Lord Baltimore shilling, 1659, brought seven dollars and seventy-five cents. A Jefferson medal of 1801 brought ten dollars. A tetradrachm of Attica, 242 grains, brought eleven

dollars. A shekel of Simon Macabean, Judea, B. C. 140, sold for thirty-five dollars. A cross of the Legion of Honor of the period of Napoleon I, of solid gold with ribbon and rosette, brought nineteen dollars. A Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order brought fifteen dollars.

A Grand Cross of the Order of Bath was sold for twenty six dollars. A twenty-shilling gold piece of the time of Charles I, 1625 to 1649, sold for seven dollars and five cents, and a twenty dollar gold piece of Mexico in the time of Maximilian sold for twenty dollars and fifty cents. A quadruple crown of Frederic Ulric of Brunswick, 1620, brought twenty-five dollars, and a broad double crown of Earnest Augustus of Brunswick and Luneburg, 1680, sold for fifteen dollars and fifty cents, while a one-and-a-half-crown piece of the same duke, 1681, brought twelve dollars and a half. A Danish mortuary crown sold for twenty-three dollars. A crown of Charles I of England, 1645, sold for seven dollars and a half.

The most exciting controversy occurred over a rebel dollar of Formosa of 1841, the bidding beginning at seventy-five cents and continuing between two dealers by raises of ten cents until the price reached eleven dollars and seventy cents, when the coin was knocked down to a Mr. Chapman, his opponent remarking that "the money was well worth it." The same dealer bought an oblong bar of silver 15 x 44, weighing an ounce, said to have come from Cochin China, for ten dollars and fifty cents.

JUMBO AND THE CIRCUS.

The circus has come to town! Jumbo has arrived! Of course, everybody is going. The circus was not announced to appear in Brooklyn, until Monday, May 22; but all the week before boys were seen going up to the grounds, to see if it had come yet. The circus arrived about one or two o'clock Sunday morning. All day Sunday thousands and thousands of people collected around the tents, anxious to catch a glimpse of Jumbo; but he had not arrived yet.

The principal features of the show this year are, Jumbo and the baby elephant. This is the second baby elephant born in captivity. It was born in Bridgeport, Conn., February, 1882, and is named Bridgeport, after its birth-place. The first one now appears in the ring as clown, sits at a table, puts its napkin on, eats, drinks, etc.

Jumbo, as you all know, is the largest elephant in captivity. He is an African elephant, and was brought over from the Zoological Gardens, in London, by Mr. P. T. Barnum. Jumbo was captured by Arabs, on the shore of Seltite River, in Abyssinia, in 1861. He was then only four and a half feet in height. He now measures about 15 or 16 feet. He had a great time coming over. A large box was made, which stood open at both ends. This was mounted on strong wheels, which were sunk in the ground, and placed in the gateway of the Zoological Gardens. When the elephants went out into the many grounds, they had to walk through the box. It was some days before Jumbo could be coaxed to go into it; but at last he did, and he was a prisoner. He was then shipped on board a steamer. This is what his meals consisted of while coming over:

200 pounds of hay, 2 bushels of oats, 1 bushel of biscuits, 15 loaves of bread, 20 buckets of water, and a few trifles.

He was landed on the pier without accident. It took sixteen horses and two elephants to draw him up Broadway to Madison Square Garden. He has not lain down once since he has been here. When traveling, he leans against the side of the car and sleeps; and when under canvas, he sleeps standing up. Elephants have been known to go nearly a year without lying down.

Wednesday, May 25th, he appeared for the first time in the ring since he arrived, with a load of children on his back. He is very fond of children.

Mr. Scott, Jumbo's keeper, who came from England with him, was flung against the end of the railway car, near Newbury, and severely injured. It is thought Jumbo did it more in play than in anger. Next week he will be taken to Bridgeport, where he will remain in the training-school for a while. When the show comes to your town, do not miss seeing Jumbo.



ITEMS.

—At Marlboro, Mass. May 25, Louis F. Frye, the champion bicycle rider of the United States, was thrown from his bicycle and had his skull fractured. He will probably die.

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COMMENTS.

—The *Caxton* is a neat stamp journal from Cincinnati, O.

—The *Gleaner* is a rather poor specimen of the 'Dom, and does not contain much news.

—The *Monthly Reporter* is a nice large eight page journal, full of interesting stories, and has a Philatelic corner.

—The *Stamp World* is an excellent stamp paper from Cincinnati, O.

—The *Star* shines brightly from Bay Shore, L. I. It is a good sized four page monthly paper.

—The *Collectors' Library Table* is neat, and contains a good deal of reading.

—The *New Jersey Philatelist* is what every collector needs.

—The *Amateur, Golden Anchor, and Bay Ridge Boys* are very good.

—We would like all editors to send us two copies of their papers in exchange for two of ours.

—The *Stamp Collectors' Bureau* is a large 8 page paper, devoted to the interests of Philately.

—The *Battery* is very small, but neat. We would like to see this paper a little larger.

—In the *Collectors' Library Table*, of April, appears an article about forming a good representative philatelic society — one which the dealers as well as collectors could become members of, having the true interest of philately and those who join as its aim, would prove an undoubted success, and soon grow to be an institution of which we could be proud. It could be so conducted that country dealers and collectors could obtain as great benefits as those of the city, and the expense would be trifling. Any of our readers who are willing to join or encourage such a society are invited to send their names and addresses to W. F. Smith, 440 E. 58th St., N. Y., who will see what can be done in this way to put Philately a-booming. You will have to excuse us, friend Smith, for putting it all on your shoulders, but we really have no time to attend to it; besides, it will be to your advantage.

OUR PUZZLE TABLE.

Original contributions received from all. Puzzles containing obsolete words will not be accepted. Open to subscribers only; but subscriptions may be sent in with answers.

1.—DIAMOND.

A letter; a color; to build; a nut; part of the name of a London theatre; an enclosure; a letter. Danbury, Conn. OSCAR.

2.—PI.

Teh oby toosd no eth rumbing kecb Taineg nupeast yb het kept. Wheeling, W. Va. PUZY.

3.—HALF SQUARE.

One who furls; furnished with weapons; a Mohammedan Prince; a male nick-name; the last two letters of a lump of earth; ah! Brooklyn, N. Y. INK BOTTLE.

4.—NUMERICAL.

The whole, of 12 letters, means matchless. 6, 9, 11, 5 is a part of the head. 10, 12, 7, 8 is a wild an mal. 3, 4, 12 money stamped. New York City. DICK.

5.—CROSS WORD.

In cat, not in dog; In bright, not in fog; In snow, not in reap; In want, not in ke p. Springfield, Mass. BOB.

6.—SQUARE.

Liberty of access; a river of Europe; certain fishes; belongs; to place; a township of York Co., England; an island of the Adriatic. Philadelphia, Pa. PHIL.

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| 5 Grandfather's Clock. | 125 Must We, Then, Meet as Strangers | 232 Oh! Dem Golden Slippers. |
| 6 Where Was Moses when the Light | 126 The Kiss Behind the Door. | 233 Poor, but a Gentleman Still. |
| 7 Sweet By and By. (Went Out. | 127 I'll Remember You, Love, in My | 234 Nobody's Darling but Mine. |
| 8 When, Emma. (Maggie.) | 128 You May Look, but Man's Touch. | 235 Put My Little Shoes Away. |
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| 23 Listen to the Mocking Bird. | 143 Don't be Angry with Me, Darling. | 250 Sally in Our Alley. |
| 24 Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still | 144 Whistling of the Fan. | 251 Poor Old Ned. |
| 25 Sunday Night When the Parlor's | 145 Why did She Leave Him? [other. | 252 Man in the Moon is Looking. |
| 26 The Typist's Warning. [Full. | 146 You Had Learned to Love An- | 253 Broken Down. |
| 27 The Red Little Field Flower. | 147 There's None Like a Mother. | 254 My Little One's Waiting for Me. |
| 28 The Girl I Left Behind Me. | 148 You Were False, but I'll Forgive. | 255 I'll Go Back to my Old Love Again |
| 29 Little Buttercup. | 149 Whichever Side, Mother's Dying. | 256 The Butcher Boy. |
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