



# THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

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No. 1.

## Prospectus.

THERE is, perhaps, no amusement more popular and instructive at the present day than that of collecting Foreign Postage Stamps, and the hope that we can add to the present number of collectors has induced us to write these few lines.

Postage Stamps were first issued in the year 1840, in Great Britain, and, from time to time, have been adopted by other countries, the United States first issuing them in 1847, (thus being the second country to use or adopt stamps, the issues of the Swiss Canton of Zurich and the Empire of Brazil, which some writers allege were issued in 1843, being neither clearly or satisfactorily proven;) and now there is scarcely a country in the world that has not acceded to this method of prepaying postage, so that it must be apparent to every intelligent person that there is a vast deal of information gained from the study of these labels, coming as they do from every part of the world, and bearing on their face either the arms of the state, or portrait of the ruler, and, in nearly all cases, the currency of

the country they represent; so that the collector is made acquainted with the Geography, History, and Currency of the various nations.

There are so many journals relating to Philately already in circulation, that we fear we can do but little good; but if, in the slightest degree, we further the interests of any of our fellow-collectors, we shall feel amply repaid for the trouble we have taken.

We are all boys, our ages ranging from twelve to fifteen years, and all time devoted to this object must necessarily be between school hours. The paper is printed on a small hand-press belonging to one of our number, and therefore we cannot be expected to execute the finest hand-work, but we shall endeavor to please our patrons to the best our ability.

We shall publish our Journal every month, as regularly as possible, at the rate of 4 cents per copy, 12 cents per quarter, and will insert a few sketches now and then, so as to render our sheet amusing as well as instructive.

With these few remarks we present this little paper to our patrons, hoping they will make due allowance in our favor.

Respectfully,

L. F. BAUM & Co.

## Counterfeit Stamps.

By "Alpha."

COUNTERFEIT stamps began to make their appearance almost as soon as originals found purchasers.

The early forgeries, however, were mostly coarse imitations, and were easily detected; but as the demand for scarce varieties increased, the scoundrels who made a living by swindling little boys, or getting big ones to do it for them, took more care in preparing their dies and printing the imitations, till at the present time some of the productions almost baffle detection.

We lately saw some forgeries of the Australian *Mercury* newspaper-stamps that were so perfectly executed that they were sold as reprints (from the original dies) to many of the oldest dealers, who were completely deceived by them.

The early counterfeiters usually copied old and scarce stamps, and sold them to collectors themselves; but the modern forger counterfeits all the colonials and better class of cheap stamps as soon as they appear, and sells them to unprincipled dealers as *fac similes*, who retail them as genuine. Hundreds of pages have been written describing these stamps, and, we think, with very little effect, as the class who purchase of the boys who usually sell these counterfeits do not generally subscribe to or read the philatelic papers.

(Concluded in our next.)

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

[Selected from "The American Journal of Philately."]

*Sweden*.— An envelope stamp for this country has just been issued. The design consists of three crowns in transverse oval; horns in small circles at sides; "SVERIGE" above, "TOLF ORE" below. The crowns and horns are embossed. The colour is bright blue.

Post-cards have also been issued bearing a stamp of the design, colour, and value as the envelope. The border of the card is printed in mauve, the first instance, we believe, of a post-card being printed in two colours.

*Natal*.— The shilling stamp of this colony is now inscribed "POSTAGE" in block letters in a half circle on the lower part of the oval in the same colour as the stamp itself, and is evidently printed from an altered die.

*St. Domingo*.— The lazy negroes who inhabit this beautiful island know more than we had ever given them credit for, as they appear to have discovered a way to make money without working, by supplying collectors with their beautifully designed stamps, printed in every variety of colour.

The last batch that came over are printed as follows:—one-half real, arms blue, value and "CORREOS" in black, on pink paper, 1 real black on green. In a few months we expect to see them in as many colours as the Hamburg locals.

## THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

### The Stamp Collector.

An Amateur paper, devoted  
to the interests of Stamp  
Collectors.

May, 1872.

[Written expressly for the Stamp Collector  
**STAMPS!**

THE shades of night were falling fast,  
When from his cottage door there passed  
A youth, who held aloft in glee  
A gilded book, marked carefully  
"Stamps!"

His brow was clear, his eyes were bright,  
His face shewed intellect and light,  
And in an eager voice he cried  
To all who his gay book espied,  
"Stamps!"

In many stores he saw a light,  
And 'twas to him a pleasant sight,  
For there he might obtain for naught  
What many of his friends had bought—  
Stamps.

"Why still collect?" his father said,  
"You'd better far be in your bed."  
But dauntlessly he journeyed on,  
His mind absorbed, intent upon  
Stamps!

"O stay, and let me see your book,"  
A maiden said with pleading look.  
He only answered to her prayer,  
"I've fastened on each page with care  
"Stamps!"

"Beware of those base counterfeits,  
A stamp importer often cheats."  
This was his mother's parting word,  
And in reply she only heard  
"Stamps!"

At midnight he had not returned,  
And still for him a dim light burned.  
But listening at break of day,  
His anxious parents heard him say  
"Stamps!"

There on his bed he slept at last,  
The trials of his long search past;  
While piled on table, stand and chair,  
Were many foreign, rich and rare  
Stamps!

Why are the departing beauties of  
an old maid like the wicked?— Because they  
flee when no man pursueth.

### POSTAL DELAYS IN CASHMERE.

A good story comes to us from  
Cashmere, and, we are sorry to say,  
a true one. One day, no letters  
were distributed at Srinugur, and  
anxious inquirers at the post office  
could obtain no information or re-  
dress. At length an official cir-  
cular came round to all the resi-  
dents, stating that, as an English  
officer had severely thrashed the  
postmaster that morning, this func-  
tionary was disabled by his wounds  
from discharging his duties, and  
no letters would be issued until  
his recovery. (Calcutta Englishman.)

A correspondent among the  
lakes of Maine writes that he ask-  
ed a boy which was the best of  
the several small lakes for fishing.

The boy answered, "Lake Pis-  
saquattisaquaquapassamoquiddy-  
nikcum"—. At this point the  
correspondent walked away,  
reached a neighboring lake, fish-  
ed three hours, and returned.  
On his way home he met the boy  
where he had left him, still look-  
ing on the ground and just finish-  
ing the name—"oloosikuhugen-  
nisnuggi." The writer dates his  
letter at "Lake Munkatunkoob-  
ogsqurtakooloonatic."

"Julius, what de debble you  
looking over dat paper fur?" "Go  
'way, fellah, guess I can read. I se  
big 'nuff fur dat." Dat 'aint nuf-  
fin; a cow's big 'nuff to catch a  
mice, but she can't do it."

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

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Packet C contains 15 varieties of foreign postage stamps, including Baden, France (Empire), Belgium, Italy, Norway, Sweden, &c. Price . . . . . .12

Packet D contains 20 varieties, including Victoria, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Norway, Belgium, Austria, Canada, Russia, Sweden, Confederate States, &c. Price . . . . . .15

Packet E contains 10 varieties of U. S. Document Stamps, .10

Packet F contains 15 varieties of U. S. Internal Revenue stamps, both cancelled and uncanceled, Price . . . . . .20

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Hereafter this column will be devoted expressly to stamp dealers.



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No. 2.

## Communications.

{ GOSPEL MESSENGER Office,  
June 30th, 1872.

Editor Stamp Collector :

I received your first number, through a little friend, and read it with real pleasure.

It was well printed, considering the little amateur establishment you had to work with, and its matter would be creditable to older heads than fifteen years and under.

You have my warmest wishes for your success.

It is more than creditable to you and your young associates, that you should begin so soon to turn your energies to the useful and the beneficial.

Please consider me a patron and well-wisher, and always

Your friend

Thomas Smith.

## The Collecting of Postage Stamps.

BY G. W. S.

This instructive amusement is fast becoming popular. There seems to be something attractive in these labels which leads people to collect them, and coming as they do from all parts of the world, they teach the value of the money, the Geography, the rulers, etc. of the different countries; and when one gets a nice collection, it is a constant source of study, information and amusement. But there are some things detrimental to collecting Stamps as there are in other things, the chief of which are "Counterfeits". Men counterfeit stamps the same as

money, and a great many persons have been cheated by these imitations. There are several ways of detecting them; the lines, the figures, and the heads, etc., are not generally as fine as the genuine; they look coarse and are easily detected, but the finer imitations are harder to discover.

The next thing a collector wants after he has begun to collect his stamps is a suitable book or album to keep them in. The nicest kind to have is one where all the places are marked out for the stamp, so that they may come in the order in which they were issued. Many cannot afford to get an album, and in that case the best way is to take a blank book and divide it off according to the Continents, and place each country in alphabetical order in the Continent in which it belongs.

These few remarks we hope may benefit some of those boys who are just beginning to collect stamps.

## STAMPS FOR EXPRESS PACKAGES.

The public generally will approve of the wisdom which led the American Merchant's Union Express Company to introduce the feature of stamps for prepaying packages into its business. This new device is an express stamp, and is used in the same manner that a letter is prepaid with a postage stamp. These express stamps are about the size of a fifty-cent currency stamp, and are of three denominations and separate colours, the five-cent stamp being coloured orange, the ten-cent light blue, and the fifteen-cent soldierino.

The figures are printed in water figure to prevent counterfeiting. The denomination of the stamp is upon its face in large white characters. This arrangement will be a convenient one for business men.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.— We learn that the 5s value is printed from a new die; the difference between the two varieties being that in the new issue the outer line is omitted and the inner one widened.

MEXICO.— A new set of stamps has been issued for this Republic; but we are sorry



to say that the design is no improvement on the former issues. The values of the set are:

- 6 (seis) light green.
- 12 (doce) blue.
- 25 (veinticinco) red.
- 50 (cincuenta) light yellow

100 (cien) lilac or lavender.

We give an excellent illustration of the last value.

UNITED STATES.— "A registered letter stamp has been issued,— colour, green.

It is oblong in shape, measuring 1 5-8 by 2 7-8 inches; no value is expressed, but every registered letter must have one affixed." —S. C. MONTHLY.

CEYLON.— We give an illustration of the eight cent stamp of the new issue for this colony. The Guide says:

"The new currency divides the rupee into one hundred cents. The value of this in our money equals 60 cents in gold."



PORTUGUESE INDIES.— "We have now a complete set of stamps for these settlements to describe; each value is from a different type, the colours and values being as follows:

- 10 reis; black.
- 20 " vermillion.
- 40 " blue.
- 100 " green.
- 200 " yellow.
- 300 " bright violet.
- 600 " " "

900 reis, bright violet.

All perforated. There seems to be a doubt as to the genuineness of these stamps, which has not been dispelled as yet by any of our learned cotemporaries; from them we learn they are for use in the settlements of GOA, DIU and DAMAEN; they were engraved by a native of Goa." S.C. GUIDE.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.— We are now prepared to give all the values of the new issue for this province.



They are as follows:

- 1 cent orange.
- 2 cents lilac.
- 3 cents rose.
- 4 cents green.
- 6 cents black.
- 12 cents green.

We annex a fine representation of the 1 cent.

JAPAN.— We learn that the new set for this Empire is not in general use, having only been issued as an experiment, which is not likely to succeed.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. P. B.— All communications must contain cost for return postage.

F. T. H., Oswego.—We accept your terms.

George, Yonkers.— About \$300

E. A. B., New York— All contributions to our columns will be thankfully received.

T. H. R.— The Russian stamps are so printed that when placed in water the colour will soak off. You should be more careful in future, and dampen only the back of each stamp.

J. B. H., Rockford.—It belongs to the 1851 issue, Spain.


R. L. S., Springfield.— The dealer you mention is not strictly reliable.

# CIRCULAR!

We wish to explain to our patrons the reasons for the non-appearance of "The Stamp Collector," for July.

First, the editor being taken seriously and unexpectedly ill, the "Collector" was delayed beyond its usual time of issue, and secondly, after his recovery, his ill health forbade any serious application to business, and a change of plans took place, as follows:

We shall hereafter publish the "Stamp Collector" QUARTERLY; (issuing our next no. in September,) and continuing the same in all our business transactions and methods; the only difference being in the time of issue. All who have subscribed for the paper for 6 months will receive their six copies in due course of time, those for three months the same.

 We wish it distinctly understood, that our paper is not simply an advertising medium, although we shall be happy to accept advertisements from all dealers and others in the trade, at our usual rate, 5 cents per line.

Respectfully,

L. F. BAUM & Co.

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We shall be better qualified to give you more information regarding our new "Collector" and its contents.

Even in all our previous issues we have had the only historical and geographical notes in the "Collector". All your past subscriptions for the paper for 5 months will receive the 5th copy in the course of the year for the 5 months the same.

We wish to thank you for your interest in our paper. It is not simply an interest in the "Collector" although we shall be happy to receive your contributions from all sources. We are in the field of our usual work at the present time.

Yours truly,  
J. H. M. C. C.



# THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

## The Stamp Collector.

June, 1872.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY by  
L. F. BAUM & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

Terms, 40 cents per year.

"THE STAMP COLLECTOR.— This is the title of a new philatelic paper, same size as the GUIDE, but printed with type four times the size of this; the contents of the first number is principally engravings and clippings from catalogue prefaces and the AM. J. OF P.; but they do not make any extra noise over their appearance like other journals, but on the contrary depreciate their efforts. They have thoughts of illustrating monthly, which will help them considerably. We wish them unlimited success." —Stamp Collector's Guide.

We shall endeavour to show our older contemporary that we are not ashamed to take hints from so perfect an oracle as the Guide; while we render it our sincere thanks for its kind criticisms and generous wishes.

There is one thing positively necessary to a stamp collector, without which he can do nothing, and that is: an album to contain his stamps.

The first stamp albums issued were small, miserable things, poorly printed, and incapable of holding half the number of stamps required; but as collectors demanded more suitable books, the publishers began to take more pains with their productions, until at the present time some of the albums rival the finest drawing-room publications in elegance; the prices ranging from seventy-five cents to fifty dollars and upwards.

Since stamp collecting first began to be so popular, there has been a continual strife between English and American pub-

lishers as to which should issue the best albums, and at present our foreign competitors seem to have prevailed; for although Scott's albums (the best of American make) are full as good as the English in almost every respect, yet when full, the book spreads open, so that unless it is provided with a clasp, the book is not in a presentable condition. The English have supplied this deficiency by introducing "short leaves" into their works, the principal of which are "Oppen's," "Moens'," "Lalier's," the "V. R." and the "Mulready" series of stamp albums. Of these, the "V. R." albums are perhaps the best.

They contain particulars of the arms, coinage, population, chief town, reigning government, etc. of each nation, and are probably the best albums to be had.

We hope our readers will perceive an improvement in our pages since our first number. We shall hereafter give monthly illustrations of newly issued stamps, and make any improvements which may be deemed necessary to the welfare of our paper. We hope in time to acquire eminence as one of the leading philatelic papers of our country, until which time we shall be content with the amount of patronage we are at present receiving.

### Price List for June.

Italy, 10, 15, 20, 80,	.02
Norway, 1863, 4,	2
" 1867, 4,	2
Russia, 10 koi,	3
Sweden, 12,	2
France, orange, 40c,	3
" blue, 20c, (new)	8
Belgium, 10c, 20c,	2
Denmark, 4 sk,	2
Roman States, 8 baj.	3
Cape of Good Hope, 4d (triangular)	3
Russia, 1 koi,	2
Confederate States, 10c	2
N. German Confederation, 2, 1-2, 2,	2
East Indies, 4,	4

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
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
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# THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

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## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

**FRENCH REPUBLIC.**— We learn that a new issue has been engraved for this republic. The only known values are the 2, 4, and 5 centimes.

**GERMAN EMPIRE.**— "The 1-2 gr. adhesive is now being printed in orange. In the latest issues, the shield on the eagle's breast has been enlarged, and all subsequent emissions will be printed from the same die.

**CUBA.**— We give this month an excellent representation of the new type in preparation for the Spanish Colonies.



It bears the portrait of King Amadeus, of Spain. Only one value is known at present—the 12 cents de peseta. They will undoubtedly soon be in active use.

**SWEDEN.**— "The 12 ore of the new series first introduced to the philatelic world by us last month is now joined by seven others of the same design, and also by a stamp of a higher value than has heretofore been used for postal purposes in this country. The one rix-dollar is printed in two colours, but differs from the rest of the set in the centre—the numeral of value being replaced by three crowns on a lined ground. They are printed on a rough white paper, perforated, but unwatermarked. The colours and values are as follows:

- 3 ore, light brown.
- 5 " pale green.
- 6 " purple.
- 12 " blue.
- 20 " red.

- 24 " orange
  - 30 " dark brown,
  - 50 " rose,
  - 1 rix-daler centre blue frame buff."
- A. M. J. OF P.

**HOLLAND.** We present our readers with an accurate representation of



the highest value of the new issue for this country—2 gulden, 50 centimes.

The rest of the issue differ from it in having the value below, NEDERLAND above. It is printed in two colours, the centre being blue, the frame yellow. The remainder of the issue is printed in one colour only, the values being as follows:

- 5 cents blue,
- 10 " carmine.
- 15 " brown,
- 20 " green.
- 25 " violet.
- 50 " fawn.

**UNITED STATES.**— "The late change in our postal rates has caused the emission of one cent newspaper wrappers, color blue on brown and buff; also 1 cent envelopes, the stamp being impressed in blue on white, yellow, and light and dark buff envelopes." — Stamp Collector's Guide.

— Why are young ladies like unpaid letters? Because the mails reject them unless they have stamps.

The "Odontometer" is an instrument lately invented for the purpose of counting the number of perforations in a postage stamp! We advise all who need (?) one to buy it.

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### OUR COTEMPORARIES.

—THE LITTLE SUNBEAM, Des Moines. An excellent paper, published and edited by amateurs. It contains more reading matter than any amateur paper we have ever seen, and will undoubtedly meet the success it so surely merits.

— ZELL'S MONTHLY CASSET, Phila. A really deserving magazine, and one which no lover of home reading can afford to do without, as it contains a combination of useful, entertaining, and instructive literature.

—THE THUNDERBOLT, New York. A fearless little sheet, well deserving its name. It seems to be the terror of nearly all amateur editors, although most of its criticisms are too true to be denied.

— THE SUNBEAM, Brooklyn, is welcomed among our exchanges. We wish it unlimited success, and believe that its merits will not be overlooked by the numerous readers of amateur literature.

— THE STAMP COLLECTORS' MONTHLY, New Market, N. H. We can hardly say enough in favor of this miniature journal, as it contains more useful matter than many of its larger and more auspicious cotemporaries can boast of.

—THE MONTHLY ECHO, Rochester, N. H. A worthy little sheet, same size as the Stamp Collector, but vying with many of our leading amateur publications in the richness of its contents. Send us the first number.

— The Stamp Collector's Guide, Elizabeth N. J. Of this excellent publication we need say but little, for who among the philatelic world cannot attest to its merits? It deserves the success it has attained.

— YOUNG CHICAGO, Chicago, Ill. One of the leading amateur journals of the country, and deservedly popular among the boys and girls.

— The AMATEUR WORLD, Louisville, Ky. One of the neatest papers we have received, contains good reading matter, and its illustrations are unexcelled. May it go on and prosper.

— The Echo, New Haven, Conn. Well printed and excellently edited, but meddles a little too much in politics, which we do not think it becomes an amateur paper to do.

And last, but not least, comes "The New Planet," San Francisco, filled full with choice articles and editorials. May the second volume meet with the same success as the first.

Other exchanges will be noticed in our next.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Geo. A. T., Troy. Please accept our thanks.

A. C. H., Elizabeth. As we do not need the articles you mention, we are obliged to respectfully decline your offer.

F. A. G., Phila. Did you receive our last?

J. P. B., New York. All genuine.

We wish to inform the numerous enquirers for the first number of our paper, that we have not a single copy left, and therefore cannot accommodate them. Hereafter all subscriptions must commence with the second number.

### "FOOLS NOT ALL DEAD YET."

It is worthy of remark, that when some people hear of an idea, if it strikes their fancy, immediately plunge into its undertaking, without stopping to think of its merits or consequences. This is forcibly illustrated by a report which was circulated some months ago, stating that the government would give three hundred dollars to any one for a million used postage stamps. Many undertook the collection, especially the ladies, although

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some, when they saw the folly of the undertaking, wisely gave it up. But even now we are constantly hearing of people who are collecting these worthless certificates; and only a few days ago we heard of a woman enquiring at the Post Office at Washington if they would give her part payment for what stamps she had been able to procure!

### The Stamp Collector.

*An illustrated quarterly paper devoted to the interests of Stamp Collectors.*

SEPTEMBER, 1872.

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY by L. F. BAUM & Co., Syracuse N. Y.

The postage is four cents per year, payable at the office where received.

### A plea for Stamp Collectors.

BY "TARIA TOPAN."

From The Stamp Collector's Monthly.

Of the many manias for collecting with which we are blessed or cursed — have it as you will — postage stamp collecting is the most subjected to ridicule. And why, may I ask? Because the idea of gathering together a parcel of torn and dirty scraps of coloured paper is absurd. We never ridicule a person for collecting paintings, engravings, etc., yet postage stamps have the same care bestowed upon them as the finest engravings. No common engraver is now, as of yore called upon to engrave them, but the most skillful labor that the country can command is called into requisition. For instance, the British Colonial are mostly engraved by De la Rue & Co., London, and the United States, Central, and South American stamps by the American Bank Note Co, whose works cannot be excelled if equalled.

The finest portraits of Queen Victoria that are known to exist, are those upon the

### Canadian Bill Stamps.

Now that the care bestowed upon the engraving of postage stamps has made them as they should be — works of art, I maintain that every argument that is advanced for the preservation of engravings, paintings etc., will apply equally as well to postage stamps. But paintings, as well as stamps, are worthless when defaced, and their beauty is destroyed, as well as our object in preserving them. Therefore, if possible, put into your album only unused or very slight-cancelled stamps, and your collection will be fit to grace any parlor-table in the land, and become "A thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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## SOLD FOR TAN'Y.

BY "MYNHEER."

Author of "Toiling and Hoping," "Self Denial," "Outcast," etc.

THE youth who delights in gathering postage stamps, may well imagine how much Ed. Hadly prized his collection. If he should see his beautiful album now, how he would tremble for fear of its speedy destruction.

Under a maple, in the front yard, sits his youngest brother, Harry, who, like all juvenile pets, is cute and mischievous, with the album, examining the "p'etty 'tamps."

Leaf after leaf is viewed, until, suddenly raising his eyes, he spies one of his playmates out on the side-walk.

"Wot 'ou dot?"

"Tan'y," is the child's reply, as he displays a huge stick of peppermint.

Harry cannot resist this sweet temptation, as he rushes out of the yard.

"Dib me some."

"Tan't."

"Dib 'ou somesin' p'etty, dib me tan'y."

"'Ot?"

Harry shows the album; the colored stamps so nicely arranged, the child fancies, and an exchange is effected.

Ere long, Ed. comes home, with a friend. After a fruitless search for his collection, he seeks Harry and asks if he has seen the album.

"Um," is the answer.

"Where?"

"Sold for tan'y!"

"Who to?" asks Ed., hastily, and in a tone not very pleasant.

"Farley Dones."

Ed. hastens to a neighbors' as fast as he can, where the album (by means of coaxing and a five cent piece), and his good humor are at once regained.

## Newly Issued Stamps.

JAPAN.—This empire has issued another value to add to the last set. The new comer is green: 5 tempoes. Evidently, postage stamps are a *success* here at last.

JAMAICA.—Also issue a new stamp, value  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny. The design consists of laureated head of queen to left, Jamaica postage above, half penny below: color, plnk.

ROMANIA.—A new set is announced for this province. The present values are:

- 5 Bario, light brown.
- 10 " blue.
- 25 " orange.
- 50 " carmine.

PERZIA.—Our contemporaries announce a new issue for Persia; this is about the last information we should have expected from such a quarter. The *Am. J.*, of P., says: "Should this information prove correct, we shall have rather a fine set of stamps to add to our albums, for the design is a striking one, and far

superior to many that are of recent origin."

MAURITIUS.—We hear of a new set of envelopes for Mauritius, the values being 10d. and 1s. 8d.

AUSTRIA.—Newspaper bands appear for this country bearing the impression of the 2 kr., yellow.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—Two more values are reported for this empire, 2½ gro. and 9 kr., both brown.

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Written for the Collector.

## Amateur Editing.

BY "LE AUTEUR."

I HAVE noticed, in the course of my experience with amateur papers, that few of them ever reach that degree which may be called *perfect*, although there are some to which that epithet may be safely applied. It is not of these latter that I wish to speak, for they infallibly attain "prosperity and success;" but it is for the benefit of the more deficient editors of amateurdom that I have written this article. Many papers deserve great praise for their neatness, but, when examined closely, there is scarcely one which has not some blemish in it; either caused by the carelessness of the compositor, or the ignorance of the editor. [Outsiders cannot tell which, and therefore blame the latter.]

Thus, in the *Amateur Journal*, No. 1, we have beauty spelled "buty;" in the *Cottage Journal*, No. 2, speech is spelled "speach;" and in the *Stamp Collector*, equal is styled "eqal." I have not picked these errors out of the above papers for any other reason than to give them as specimens, for anyone can find just as bad mistakes in any paper they pick up. In every amateur paper we see

there is some bad grammar, so that they are not fit for a child to read. Most of these mistakes are in many cases the fault of the compositor, but the editor is no less culpable than if he made them himself, if he neglects to correct them in the proof. Now, editors, I do not write this from any motive except for your own good, and if you had consulted your dictionary often it would have been unnecessary for me to do so. Amateur papers will never be as they should until many of their faults have been corrected, and amateur editors become too proud to let their sheets bear evidence of their ignorance.

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THE *Stamp Collector's Monthly* will appear in January in an enlarged form, and profusely illustrated. Under the able management of Mr. F. H. Pinkham, we cannot doubt that it will prove a decided success, and we warrant that all who send in their "quarters" for 1873, will be well satisfied with their investment, and "bless" us all the days of their life for giving them such good advice.

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OUR readers will notice the absence of illustrations for this number, but business has been so brisk that we have had little time to devote to them, and they are necessarily omitted. However, we will strive to do better in the future.

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A. W. FAX desires us to say that he has not the time to attend to the stamp business, and would respectfully refer his correspondents to the publisher of this paper, who will fill all orders promptly. He would still like to hear from all who are interested in coin.

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**EDITORIAL.**

It is with great pleasure that we present our readers this number of the *Collector*, as we have many attractions for the "New Year." Our paper is printed monthly, and we have decided to devote a portion of our space to amateur literature.

We have engaged some of the most prominent authors of amateurdom to contribute regularly, and hope our patrons will swell our subscription list until we can count the names by thousands!

Our thanks are due to the many kind friends who have helped along our enterprise, and to those who, when the *Collector* was in danger of "woodbining," placed us upon our feet again, and established us upon a firmer foundation than ever before. We are also indebted to the many editors who have given us friendly notices in their sheets.

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