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India,	6 "		0 15
Norway,	5 "		0 20
South Germany, 10 "	"		0 25
North Germany, 8 "	"		0 20
Schleswig Holstein, 2 "	(1st issue, unused,)		0 80
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Hamburg Boten, 116 varieties,	(unused)		1 00
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Danish Essays, 2 "	"		0 25
Motevideo, sett of 5, (1866) unused,			1 25
Servia " 7, " "			1 00
Ionian Islands, 3, " "			0 50
Romagna, sett of 9, " "			1 60
Belgium, " 7, " "			1-00
Portugal, " 5, " "			0 45
Barbadoes, 4 varieties, (including 6s & 1s)			0 30
Cape of Good Hope, 4 varieties, (tria.)			0 35
Ceylon, 3d, 6d, 10d, 1s, and 2s,			0 60
Prussian Official, 10 and 30s gr.			1 50
Western Australia, 5 varieties,			0 75
Spanish Official, (1854) unused,			0 50
Papal States, 6 varieties,			0 25
Victoria, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 2s,			0 20
Natal, 1s, 3d, and 6d,			0 20
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Pony Express, setts of 11,			2 25
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Providence, R. I. P. O., sett of two,			0 30
U. S. issue, 1857, sett of 8,			1 00

EDITORIAL GREETING.

TO ALL whom fortune favors with a copy of this, my first issue, I send a most cordial greeting, and ask the attention of the public for a very short time. Perhaps an excuse for thus boldly venturing on to the troubled waters of editorial life would not be out of place.

I am aware that in so doing, I launch a bark yet small in years, into waters often troubled with gusts and squalls, but hope by sailing carefully, with the lighter sails stowed, to be able to navigate the deep and reach the haven of public approval in safety. I shall issue a neat little sheet, containing all the news of the day that will interest the stamp collectors, and a full, complete and reliable list of new stamps, on the fifth of each month, and *give* it to all who take interest enough in their own welfare to send me their name and address and say "send." I am going to make the Journal, small as it may appear, one of the most attractive and instructive papers of the kind issued. I have made arrangements with our leading dealers by which I am to have a supply of new stamps sent me as soon as they can be had, so that my descriptions of them will be entirely reliable. And my news department will contain items gleaned from the very best sources, and of interest to not only collectors, but to every one who desires "to keep posted."

NEWS ITEMS.

We shall probably have no new Constantinople local stamps, as the posts have all been suspended.

The yellow, (cross and shield,) 3 liec, Tuscany, used, will bring \$16. Stick to em (if you get any.)

M. MORNS, of Brussels, lately got up a very good hoax in the shape of Moresnet Stamps. There has been no such place heard of as yet, and it is to be presumed Mr. Morns did'nt do himself or any one else much good in attempting to go the world in such a flimsy way.

MASON & Co., of Philadelphia, have in their possession a Roman "As," probably 2700 years old. Quite aged.

A new fifteen cent Currency Stamp has been exhibited. It is a very neat little arrangement, and will be handy.

Official proclamation has been made of a new postal Convention between Great Britain and this Government, which will be highly advantageous to both.

Hungary will soon give us a new set of their stamps.

There will soon be a new issue of uniform type for the whole of Northern Germany.

Virgin Islands are preparing new 4d and 1s stamps. It's to be hoped they will be as neat and pretty as their former issue.

The first English Newspaper was printed in 1622.

We are to have a new U.S. 20c. and 28c package and registered letter stamp. It is before the department now, and will, no doubt be something nice.

The pale rose 2 real stamps of Spain, issued in 1854, and blue Tornese of Naples, are worth \$20 each. Pile for them!

Chili will soon issue a new and complete series.

NEW STAMPS.

Heligoland, has issued four rectangular rose and green stamps with a representation of the Queens head in an oval center, the name "Heligoland" on the sides and the value at top and bottom values $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., 1 sch., 2 sch. and 6 sch.

Finland. This iceberg, inhabited by white bears, has emitted another equivalent in value to about a third of a rouble. But now occupies a prominent place under a glass at the exposition!

Venezuela has a new yellow green $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and blue green 1c., nearly like the old current type.

Spain collectors have succeeded in exhuming congressional franks of 1857.

Switzerland has issued a carmine stamp with cross in center of a shield, bordered with leaves, surrounded with flying dove, 10 at the bottom.

The Geneva council have a black frank envelope stamp, that would do very well for a strengthening plaster.

Natal, with left profile of the queen in oval frame, name of the country above and the value (one shilling) below, is neatly printed on glazed paper, with green back ground, and white floral ornamentations.

Turks Island. One penny, pink; sixpence rusty black and one shilling slate, on rough paper, watermarked with crown and cc.; elegant profile of Queen Victoria, very elaborately ornamented.

Great Britain. Rich brown tenpence, word postage above, with left profile of Queen Victoria on closely lined background.

Bright blue two shillings, "postage" below profile of her Majesty to left in oval, ornamental. Pink five shillings, also with profile of Victoria, "postage" above in colored letters, on white ground. The three above mentioned are on fine glazed paper.

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REVENUES.

Mr. E. F. Sheldon of this place, has probably as good a collection of revenue stamps as any one in these parts. I had the pleasure of examining them a short time since, and it really did my heart good to see the systematic and orderly manner in which they are kept, and the ease with which their owner was able to describe the particular peculiarities of each individual variety. He has ninety, very nearly a complete set, and is ransacking the whole country for the missing ones. Mr. S. keeps at work collecting stamps of all descriptions, with an ardor, and an enthusiastic desire to make it useful and instructive, as well as a pleasing pastime, that is sure to give him a high renown among those of his turn of mind. By uniting business with pleasure, by studying the history of each stamp and of the country that issue it, he is storing his mind with facts and figures that will always be useful. All collectors are advised to follow his example, and assured that by doing so they will reap double harvest.

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India, - - - 6 "	0 15
Norway, - - - 5 "	0 20
South Germany, 10 "	0 25
North Germany, 8 "	0 20
Schleswig Holstein, 2 " (1st issue, unused,)	0 80
do do 10 " (other issues, used,)	0 50
French Republic, 5 "	0 30
Romania, 2 varieties, (old issue, unused)	0 35
do 3 " (new issue, unused)	0 60
Finland, 3 " (old issue)	0 30
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Prussian Official, 10 and 30s gr.	1 50
Western Australia, 5 varieties,	0 75
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THANKS.

The number of "subscriptions" we have received for the JOURNAL has already greatly exceeded our expectations, but numerous as they are, we extend a thanks to each and every subscriber.

ARRANGEMENT.

Of course each collector has his or her own mode of arranging stamps, each one thinking their way about the best. This is as it should be. It matters not exactly *how* they are kept, provided they are *arranged* in something like order and neatness. There are a number of reasons why stamp collectors should be systematic, some of these are: The collection *looks* decidedly better than if no care is bestowed; any individual can be readily found, saving a great deal of turning and fumbling when we desire to show a *pet* to one of our friends; and, the stamps can be sold or exchanged a great deal quicker if clean. I don't propose to argue that *my* mode is perfect, but think it a good plan to stick each one in a blank book, with one, two or three pages for the issue of each nation, taking care to leave room under the head of every nationality for new comers or new issues. An album is a good thing, but too expensive for many. A person who really desires to have a *good* collection cannot be too careful in regard to cleanliness. Don't handle any more than absolutely necessary, for the object of collecting is to *see*, not to *feel* what is collected, and if a stamp once gets dirty its of no use. If a stamp is stuck to a paper of any kind, don't tear it off, but wet the *backside* (by no means the face) of it with a damp flannel cloth, and after a few minutes soaking it can be removed with ease, and without danger.

If an "envelope" is to be cut out, cut a border of at least an eighth of an inch outside the impression, so as to be sure to preserve all the parts whole.

In fine, be systematic and careful, and a good collection will be the result.

NOTICED.

Mason & Co's magazine notices us under the head of "Another Richmond in the field." We like to be called by such historic names, and thank M. & Co. sincerely.

A REMARKABLE STAMP COLLECTOR.

"Mr. J. Faaet, of this city, commenced collecting stamps in June last and succeeded in getting together about 700 different uncanceled stamps, and this month purchased the well-known and valuable collection of Prof. Wymans, of Burlington, N. J., numbering near 3000. Mr. Faaet can now be termed the champion collector of the U. S.

Taking into consideration the fact that this indefatigable collector is a mechanic, and possessed of but limited means, his industry, energy and perseverance, deserve a passing notice, being at this time well read and thoroughly posted in Philately."

(Mason's C. & S. Collectors Magazine, Philadelphia.)

WE are pleased to announce that hereafter the editors of the JOURNAL will be plural, *the duties of the chair having become too arduous for one pair of shoulders!*

NEWS AND NOT NEWS.

The U. S. government have commenced sending mails regularly to what *was* Russian America. There are no regular steamers running to the pole yet, but if Uncle Sam keeps "marching on" he will soon have a summer resort under the shade of

the celebrated "stick stuck in the mud" (or in the ice).

Look out for "confederate" two cent stamps. There was but a very few issued, and stacks of counterfeits.

The "Le Timbre-Paste" says that a large quantity of Hanoverian stamps and envelopes has been burned. Can any one tell why?

What *was* the British Provinces is now the "New Domaine" will probably soon spread itself on a stamp or two. Look for them this autumn.

We are convince that the clerk of the weather deserves a stamp of some kind for persisting in sending so much most rain (joke.)

The number of Revenues issued by our government, including private designs, amounts to about 810.

While the "confederate states" flattered itself of its own existance, it issued eight different stamps. They would have been a credit to an eight year old school boy.

We have to record the death of what was supposed to be the "Stamp Reporter." It was a very poor attempt of a poor hand. The price of subscription was about four times its value, and its death was the natural result of the want of energy on the part of its editor. This obtuse individual has left the stamp business. We are glad of it, for the sake of collectors.

We expect to have a new Egyptian attempt soon. Is is to be embellished with Cleopatras needle, and lots of nice things. (We thought Cleopatra broke her needle pricking Antonys knees, but it seems we were mistaken.)

We understand that the American Bank Note Co. are preparing a new series for the Argentine Republic.

NEW STAMPS.

AUSTRIA. Uniform set. Profile of Frances 2nd to right in beaded circle, with value beneath. The denomination of those to be used in German provinces are printed "Kreuzers," those for the use of Italian provinces "Soldi."

2	Kr. or Sld—Yellow.
3	" " " —Green.
5	" " " —Pink.
10	" " " —Blue.
15	" " " —Light Brown.

SPAIN. 10 mil, brown, large 10 in centre, small ones on corners, inscriptions on all four sides.

25 and 50 mil, blue frame with rose disk, head of queen to left in oval frame, filigree in corners, very pretty.

PRUSSIA. Eagle in centre, large figures indicating value, on each side. "Preussen" above, "Kreuzer" below.

1	Kr.—Green
2	" —Orange.
3	" —Pink.
6	" —Blue.
7	" —Bistrs.

NORWAY. 2 skilling, rankin yellow, with rampant lion on shield surrounded with crown "Norge" above, "skill" below with 2 on each side.

CEYLON. This island has issued a two-pence dark yellow ochre stamp, but we regret that we cannot give a full description of it in this number.

BRESLAU. Complete set, shield in centre containing value, columns on sides, supporting arch on which is the word Breslau, being neat and graceful stamps.

The value and colors are:—

$\frac{1}{2}$	s. gr.—Yellow.
1	" " —Rose.
$1\frac{1}{2}$	" " —Green.
2	" " —Pale Blue.
$2\frac{1}{2}$	" " —Orange.
5	" " —Lilac.

SWITZERLAND. 10c bright carmine newspaper stamp, with dove carrying letter in its bill.

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No. 5 contains 25 Revenue Stamps, of denominations ranging from one cent to five dollars. Price, 25 cts.

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No. 8 contains 17 varieties of unused Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, 50 cts.

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No. 10 contains 35 varieties of Hamburg Baten Stamps, all genuine. Price, 50 cts.

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No. 12 contains 25 varieties of unused Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$1.00

No. 13 contains 75 varieties of Local or Express Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$1.00

No. 14 contains 90 varieties of Hamburg Baten Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$1.00

No. 15 contains 300 mixed Continentals, all genuine. Price, \$1.00

No. 16 contains 100 varieties of used Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$2.00

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No. 18 contains 33 varieties of unused Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$2.00

No. 19 contains 600 mixed Continentals, all genuine. Price, \$2.00

No. 20 contains 125 varieties of used Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$3.00

No. 21 contains 60 varieties of unused Foreign Stamps, all genuine. Price, \$5.00

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Belgium, 7 " "	1.00	
Confederate States, 4 " "	.50	
" " (fac similes), 25 var. unused,	.25	
Floyd's Penny Post, 5 " "	.25	
Great Britain, (Envelops,) 6 " "	2.00	
Hussey's S. M. Post, 5 " "	.75	
" Bank and Ins. Post, 8 " "	.15	
" " " S. M. Post, 9 var. "	.10	
Hale & Co., 4 varieties,	.20	
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Meck. Strelitz, 3 " "	.20	
Montevideo, (1865,) 5 " "	1.55	
N. Y. Post Office, (Essays) 4 var.	2.00	
" " " 5 cent Black,	.50	
Met. E. and C. Express, 9 var.	.75	
Prov., R. I. P. O. 2 " "	.15	
Pony Express, 11 " "	2.00	
Pomeroy's Letter Exp. 3 " "	.15	
Price's City Express, 3 " "	.15	
Portugal, 5 " "	.45	
Romanga, 9 " "	1.60	
Romania, (old issue,) 2 " "	.30	
" (new ") 3 " "	.45	
Sanitary Fair, 3 " "	.30	
Servia, 4 " "	.25	
Schleswig Holstein, (first issue) 2 var.	.80	
U. S. Post Office, (1847,) 2 " "	1.00	
U. S. Postage, (1851,) 8 " "	1.25	
Winan's City Post, 4 " "	.37	
Baden, 12 " used,	.30	
Bavaria, 8 " "	.15	
Brazil, (italic,) 3 " "	.50	
Cape of Good Hope, 4 " "	.30	
Ceylon, 5 " "	.50	
Finland, 3 " "	.30	
Germany—North, 8 " "	.20	
" —South, 10 " "	.25	
India, 6 " "	.25	
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Wurtemberg, 10 " "	.25	

STAMP COLLECTING.

We cannot help noticing the gradual, healthy increase of stamp collecting. Almost every one is commencing it. Orders are received from all quarters for a few stamps to make a beginning with, and such persons almost inevitably send an order for more. New dealers spring up on all sides; but it is pleasing to know that if they do spring up like mushrooms they last about as long. They soon find out that every one can't get rich at it, when there are so many older hands engaged in the business. But dealers will have to increase to meet the demand which, there can be no doubt of, is fast increasing.

We take this as a decided good omen. It shows a growth of the desire for collecting relics of different lands; a desire for more knowledge of different parts of the world, and a want of information in general. If this is not a sign of a healthy state of the growing generation we ask for one.

It also shows a desire for useful amusement, a turning a pleasant pastime to a useful labor. It tends to keep young men at home, or at least away from places that would be worse than useless to them. It furnishes employment for minds that would be otherwise idle, and "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." It furnishes a means for spending a few pennies in some better way than at a billiard table, or at the bar. We think for these reasons, and who can say they are not substantial reasons, stamp collecting should be encouraged, and everybody should be gratified at the increase.

UNITY IS STRENGTH,

and the stamp and coin collecting has reached such proportions as to warrant some kind of a union. We think a Convention of dealers and collectors could accomplish a great

deal of good in a great many ways, some of which are:—

The establishment of an agency for collecting news items of interest to collectors, and distributing the same to the different journals. By this means, all items worthy of notice could be made public at very little expense. The adoption of a general price list by dealers—and the branding and exposing some of the numerous swindlers who infest the trade. They have become a pest and some measures should be taken to exterminate them.

We lift up our feeble voices in favor of a combination of some kind.

NEW STAMPS.

Hereafter we are to have a regular installment of new Stamps every month, from a celebrated European company, and will be able to sell them at the very lowest rates.

EGYPT. At last we have a new series from the land of the Ptolmias—quite a passable lot too, all covered with nice pictures! Frame rectangular, with representation of the Sphynx and a Pyramid in an oblong oval. The word *Para* in each upper corner, and the value in paras or piasters in each lower corner. Between the words on corners are Egyptian characters in abundance; on the sides towers. Paper white, impression of crescent and star sunken on the reverse. The values and colors are as follows:—

- 5 Paras—Yellow.
- 10 " —Violet.
- 20 " —Green.
- 1 Piaster—Vermillion.
- 2 " —Blue.
- 5 " —Light Brown.

BRAZIL. Two Envelops, profile of the emperor to the left, (whiskers and all.) in oval frame, surrounded with a larger frame, some like U. S. envelopes, value printed on both

sides, label truncated, rectangular. The word Brazil in oval on top. Denomination 100 and 200 reis.

The stamps issued by the German free cities, Hamburg, Lubeck, Bergdorf, Bremen, and those of Oldenburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, and Schewrin, are to be discontinued.

QUEENSLAND. Printed on paper water marked with the words "Queenstown," postage stamps; value one penny and two pence.

NORWAY. Blue, 4 skilling of the new type.

NEWS AND NOT NEWS.

The daily papers inform us that part of the new postal treaty between Great Britain and the United States goes into effect on the first of this month. The part relating to letters does not take effect till the first of January. By this agreement the prices of postage will be reduced about one half. A good thing.

The celebrated Mickley collection of coins is to be sold at auction in New York, on the 28th of this month. It contains about 4000 pieces, and the sale will no doubt be very interesting.

MASON & Co., say the oldest coin issued, was the "Aes," a zinc piece coined about 900 years B. C.

The penny postage system was introduced into England in 1837.

There were but two United States silver dollars issued in 1804. They are now worth \$1000 dollars apiece.

About ninety tons of mail matter is handled in the New York P. O. daily.

GREAT BRITAIN has made a slight change in the water mark on the one shilling stamps. The new mark used on tenpence and two shillings, has taken the place of the flowers heretofore used.

Postman's Knock—Saint John, N. B.

The Stamp Journal.—A. FOUNTAIN, Middletown, Conn. We have just received No. 1 of this paper, bearing date August 5, 1867. It consists of four pages, rather larger than our own, said pages being well filled and beautifully printed. We are always glad to herald any addition to philatelic literature, but in this case we feel more overjoyed than usual from the fact that it is a *gratis* publication. We hope and trust it will be a success, and have pleasure in recommending Mr. Fountain both as a Dealer and publisher to our numerous friends.

We clip the following from the Springfield Republican.

A letter with the following address was received the other day at the Petersham Post-Office:—

"O, Postman, do this letter take,
Swiftly, surely, without mistake
Unto a chap called C. F. CLARK,
Who's away from home out on a lark
At the Highland House, at Petersham,
In Massachusetts state, by d—n."

JUST RECEIVED,

A Splendid assortment of United States revenue and local Stamps, which we are selling at the very lowest prices. Send a three cent stamp for a new and revised list of all kinds of United States local stamps.

PRICE LIST

OF

U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

			CTS.	EACH.
1 Cent,	-	-	Red,	1
2 "	-	-	Blue—Yellow,	1
3 "	-	-	Green,	1
4 "	-	-	Lilac,	1
5 "	-	-	Red,	1
6 "	-	-	Yellow,	2
10 "	-	-	Blue,	1
15 "	-	-	Brown,	1
20 "	-	-	Red,	1
25 "	-	-	"	2
30 "	-	-	Lilac,	2
40 "	-	-	Brown,	2
50 "	-	-	Blue,	2
60 "	-	-	Yellow,	3
70 "	-	-	Green,	3
\$1.00 "	-	-	Red,	3
1.30 "	-	-	Yellow,	12
1.50 "	-	-	Blue,	5
1.60 "	-	-	Green,	15
1.90 "	-	-	Mauve,	15
2.00 "	-	-	Red,	5
2.50 "	-	-	Lilac,	4
3.00 "	-	-	Green,	8
3.50 "	-	-	Blue,	15
5.00 "	-	-	Red,	15
10.00 "	-	-	Green,	25
15.00 "	-	-	Blue,	1.00
20.00 "	-	-	Yellow,	1.25
25.00 "	-	-	Red,	1.50
50.00 "	-	-	Green,	3.00
200.00 "	-	-	-	10.00

Genuine Confederate State Stamps.

2 Cent	-	-	Red,	15 cts. each.
5 "	-	-	Blue,	5 " "
10 "	-	-	Blue,	10 " "
20 "	-	-	Green,	20 " "
25 "	Fac Simile,		Green,	25 " "

NEW PACKETS.

Twenty-Five Cent Packets—Foreign Postage Stamps.

Twenty varieties, including Hanover, Baden, Sweden, Prussia, Spain, Italian, and many other scarce Stamps, warranted genuine.

UNUSED FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS,

15 varieties, including, Servian, Martinique, Romanian, New Belgium, and other good stamps, all warranted genuine

UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS,

twenty varieties, including Boyd's, Brooklyn, Hussey's, McIntyre's and other good Stamps, all warranted genuine.

FIFTY-CENT PACKETS,

Used Foreign Postage Stamps.

Fifty varieties, including Baden, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Nova Scotia, and contains no French or English—all in good condition and warranted genuine.

UNUSED FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS,

Twenty-five varieties, including Hamburg, Luxemburg, New Belgium, Servian, and many other good Stamps, all warranted genuine.

UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS,

Thirty varieties, including Carrier's, Robinson & Co's, Swart's City Express Post, and many other good Stamps, all warranted genuine.

UNITED STATES REVENUE STAMPS,

Forty varieties, ranging in denomination from one cent to five dollars, all warranted genuine, and in good condition.

ONE DOLLAR PACKETS,

Used Foreign Postage Stamps.

Eighteen varieties of rare Stamps, none worth less than six cents, and many at twelve, all in good condition and warranted genuine.

UNUSED FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Forty varieties including Bremen, Servian, Mecklenburg Strelitz, Hamburg, and other good Stamps, all warranted genuine.

UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS

Fifty varieties, including Hussey's, McIntyres, Stait, Westervelt, and many other good Stamps, all warranted genuine.