

# COLLECTOR'S NEWS.

IN THE INTEREST OF COIN AND STAMP COLLECTORS.

Vol. I. North Adams, Mass., September, 1875. No. 1.

Ambition sighed; she found  
it vain to trust

The faithless column and the  
crumbling bust.

Huge moles whose shadow  
stretched from shore to shore,  
Their ruins perished and  
their place no more!

Convinced, she now contracts  
her vast design,

And all her triumphs shrink  
into a coin.—*Pope.*

## AN ENGINE OF TORTURE.

**T**HE St. George Hotel  
has put a portable  
steam engine out on

Locust street to heat water  
while their regular boiler  
is being repaired. There

is not much in the thing,  
but the general delivery clerk  
of the post office was next  
door to a raving maniac yester-  
day, caused by the course

of curiosity that manifested  
itself about that engine.

Early in the morning the  
first comer after his mail  
asked him casually the rea-  
son of the engine over the  
way. "Its put there to heat  
water for the establishment  
while their regular boiler is  
being repaired," answered  
the clerk. The next comer  
was a young woman on her  
way to work, expecting a let-  
ter from her sweetheart.

She didn't get one, and  
asked the clerk, in place of  
it, why the engine was sta-  
tioned across the way. "It's  
put there to heat water for  
the establishment while  
the regular boilers are being  
repaired," he answered,  
smiling. The maiden made  
way for an old maid who was  
looking for a letter about a

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sick poodle, and she asked earnestly, after getting it, the reason why the engine was stationed across the way.

A sickly smile of politeness crept over the clerk's face as he answered: "It's put there to heat water for the establishment while the regular boiler is being repaired." The morning crowd now began to pour in thick, and with letter the clerk delivered a history of reason why the boiler was placed over the way.

At last, in agony of despair, he stepped back and wrote this notice and placed it beside the window.

### NOTICE,

In answer to numerous questions I will state that the engine across the way is there because the fuses in their other engine are burned out. After they are repaired the portable engine will be removed.

Very respectfully,

Clerk General delivery.

The next man who came was a near-sighted German, who did not see the engine. He saw the notice and read it through, then the clerk came affably at his knock. "What for dis notice about a engine?" asked the German.

Then a concise history of the transaction was given, and the German walked out, looking insulted and serious, and the clerk took down the notice.

### *Evansville Journal.*

The Merchant Flago of the World add very much to the beauty of a stamp album when inserted in their proper place.

Contributions wanted for this paper from collectors of coins, stamps and curiosities of all kinds.

The first number of the Collector's Companion, a Vermont magazine, was very fine, and we are sorry to learn it is no more.

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#### PINE-TREE SHILLING.

Obverse: engraving of  
pine-tree in centre. Around  
the tree MASATHUSETTS.  
NI.

Reverse NEW ENG-  
LAND: AND: DOM. In  
centre, date 1652. Below  
the date XII.

The above described coin  
is very rare. It was first  
coined by the colony in the  
year 1652.

We intend to give in our  
next issue an illustration of  
a rare coin

Dealers in curiosities can  
not fail to see the value of  
this paper as an advertising  
medium. It is published  
free, and comes within the  
reach of all collectors. It is  
small and every word will  
be read. It can hardly fail  
to hav an extended circula-  
tion.

This being the first issue  
we can not giv much space  
to news. But we hope to  
make the next number far  
more interesting.

We shall send many speci-  
men copies over the U. S.  
next issue. Advertisers make  
note.

The first ten persons send-  
ing their subscriptions before  
October will receive a for-  
eign coin with their paper.

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tice *marked* will oblige  
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## Albums.

**M**ANY years ago when stamp collecting was in it's infancy collectors had to keep their stamps in a common blank book; but as the amusement became more popular, albums were made for them ranging in price from one, to fifty dollars. At first they were costly, but of late there has been so many different kinds made by different parties they have become very cheap. The first album for the young collectors to buy should be one of the cheap ones; as it takes some practice to mount stamps neatly, and you are apt to spoil the album.

The best way is to take a slip of paper so as to form a hinge, paste one end to the

stamp, and the other to the album. By mounting your stamps in this manner you can see the water mark with very little trouble, and they can be removed without injuring either stamp or album.



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Hoosac Tunnel.

We would say to stamp collectors don't spoil your envelopes and cards by cutting the stamp from them, but keep them in a box if your album has not space for them.

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—*Christian Union.*

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Contributions wanted for this paper from collectors of coins, stamps and curiosities.

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## CURIOUS Collections.

By Rev. Silas Ketchum.

In 1857, a young man, scarcely out of his boyhood, while working each day at his trade twelve full hours, commenced the collection of a cabinet of curiosities, which has since become the largest museum in the State in which it was formed, numbering more than ten thousand objects of interest and value.

He employed his leisure time each day as he could in gathering specimens of common things in all the kingdoms of nature, and his evenings in arranging, classifying, and labeling, and

in studying up their names, history, and structure, and thus accumulating a fund of information, Extensive, various, and practical.

To this he began to add as his opportunities increased, specimens in archæology,—relics of historic persons, places, and events, --and articles of *virtu* from foreign countries; and each article as received or obtained stimulated a desire to know more about the person, place, event, or people from which it emanated, or to which it had belonged; and thus each became the opened gate which led to a new and pleasant avenue to increased knowledge, giving to

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life increased happiness and power.

To suppose collections of this kind are only for the curious or learned is entirely a mistake.

To suppose they can have interest or profit for only such is to misunderstand their best and truest uses.

That they are of great advantage and value to those that would investigate truth in any of those lines of knowledge is well known to all who have any acquaintance with the matter.

But that, in order to obtain this matter, it is necessary to have access to collections of this kind already formed is not true, although it is doubtless the quickest and surest wherever it is practicable.

—Cottage Hearth.

The signature of Hon. Jno. C. New is a plain autograph.

The U.S. two cent stamps are now printed vermilion instead of brown.

The design is unchanged.

The new 20 cent silver coin is now in circulation.

It is of very neat design, bearing on the obverse figure of Liberty seated, below which is the date 1875. Reverse :- Eagle with spread wings. United States of America.

Great Britain has made fewer changes in her stamps than any other country.

There has been no change whatever in the main design—the portrait of Queen Victoria. Not even the changes that thirty-five years have made in her face are shown on the postage stamps issued by that country.

Wm. Douglas of Zansville, Ohio, has lately issued a new coin catalogue which can be had upon application.

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## Indian Relics.



**Dr.** Charles C. Abbott, of Trenton, N. J., who has collected several thousand Indian relics is publishing in scientific periodicals various short illustrated articles upon this interesting subject.

The last number of *Nature* which has reached us (Sep. 30) contains a "Note on Hoematite Indian Axes from West Virginia, U. S. A.," in which Dr. Abbott states that he considers "these hammered iron hatchets to be of an earlier age than either the polished iron plummetts of the mound-builders, or the

ground axes of the Indians."

The same periodical for September 16, contains "Notes on supposed Marriage Emblem of American Indian origin, a stone fashioned into a shape resembling that of a "brooding bird," supposed to have been an ornament worn on the head by married women, an emblem of maternity.

The *Popular Science Monthly*, for November contains an article by Dr. Abbott, entitled "A Curious Indian Relic." This unique relic the author considers a very primitive attempt at picture writing upon stone, executed for the purpose of conveying to any one who might find it in the trail where it was

placed, information respecting the course taken by the Indians on their journey.

--Educational Journal.

## ANTIQUE COINS.

### GREEK.

**ANTIOCHUS 8th**, (Grypus, King of Syria); head diademed; rev. Jupiter seated holding victora and hasta, a crown of laurel surrounding.

**ALEXANDER** (Magnus, King of Macedon); head, with lion's scalp; rev. Jupiter seated; with his title as King in ex.

**AGRIGENTUM** (Sicily); Eagle standing; *AKRA*; rev. in hollow, crab.

**DEMETRIUS I.** [Syria]; head; rev. female seated, a Titan supporting her seat, in her hand a baton and horn of

plenty; Greek legend and various monograms.

**TARENTUM** (Calabria); female head, diadem, and ear-rings; rev. cavalier riding to r.; to l. cornucopia; below, a dolphin.

### An Interesting Relic.

There is in the possession of Dr. J. C. Waugh of Fleming Co., Ky., a Bible which is 262 years old.

It came to this country in the possession of Betsy Irland from Irland, and has been handed down from generation to generation of her descendants. Originally bound in leather it was rebound in cloth, now in its third covers, bound in fawn skin. It has never been out of the possession of the family except for repairs. It has been tied up with the same string since 1817.

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The authorities have just arrested, near Cincinnati, O., a gangue of nickel counterfitters, who were turning out lead five cent pieces at the rate of \$100 an hour.

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† J — L — B — P †

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## United States Stamps.

It may be of some interest to our readers to know that the Post Office Department is prepared to furnish nearly any issue of United States Stamps at their face value.

The 1847 and 1851 stamps are obsolete, and no longer receivable for postage.

The subsequent issues of ordinary stamps are still valid. The news paper and periodical stamps of 1865 are also uncurrent; those of the issue of 1874 can be used only by publishers and news agents for matter mailable in bulk, under the Act of June 23, 1874. the official stamps cannot be used except for the official business of

the particular Department for which provided.

All the specimens furnished will be un gummed; and the official stamps will have printed across the face the word "Specimen," in small type.

The stamps will be sold by sets, and application must not be made for less than one full set of any issue, except the State Department official stamps and the newspaper and periodical stamps of 1874. The regular set of the former will embrace all the denominations, from 1 cent to 90 cts., inclusive, valued at \$2; and any or all of the other denominations (\$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20) will be added or sold separately from the set, as desired.

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Mr. John Norris is the only survivor of Commodore Perry's famous victory on Lake Erie in his flag-ship Lawrence, which was lately raised, it will be remembered, at Misery bay, Erie harbor, and will probably be exhibited at the centennial.

Mr Norris is now in his 84th year and resides in Petersburg, Ky.

He is the possessor of a gold medal somewhat larger than a double eagle, which the Kentucky Legislature presented him in 1860.

On one side is represented the battle of Lake Erie in relief, inscribed around which are the immortal words, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Under this representation is:—

"Lake Erie, September, 10th 1813."

On the opposite side is:—

"To John Norris, by Resolution of the Kentucky Legislature.

February 11, 1860."

Four of these medals were struck at that time, and besides the one to Mr. Norris one was given to the late Dr. Tolliver of Cincinnati; one to James Artist, living near Maysville, Ky., but lately deceased, and one to John Tucker of Kentucky, who died some years since.

The Philadelphia Mint made \$5,717,16 profit on medals and proof coins, sold during the last fiscal year.

The annual report of Dr. Linderman, director of the mint, shows that \$50,000,000,00 in coin was exported during the year in addition to \$17,000,000,00 bullion.

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We are late this issue but  
trust it will not occur again.

The United States has issued, since the establishment of a mint, \$1,074,720,575.94 in coin, over \$25,00 for each citizen.

The new German coin is composed of ten pieces. There was issued, up to October 9th. 1,354,213,920.33.

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## An Old Doll.

**A**MONG the relics contributed by Newport to the Centennial Fair which the ladies of Providence are carrying on, is a doll believed to be the oldest in the country.

It is of wax, about ten inches high, and has grown yellow with age, until it looks frightfully like a corpse.

It boasts the following history:— It was imported from Paris as a model of the fashions of the day, and was bought in Philadelphia by Hon. Benj. Bourne, of Bristol, who was a member of Congress from 1790 to 1796. The doll was given to his

niece, Miss Lillie E. Turner, daughter of Dr. Peter Turner, a surgeon in the Revolutionary Army,

Miss Lillie was born in 1792. The doll's eyes still move, and it still wears the finery in which it crossed the ocean to show the ambitious dames of the young Republic how their Parisian sisters dressed.

## A Few Extracts from the Cohen Sale.

From the Coin Circular.

1838 Half-dollar. Liberty seated. Rev. Spread-eagle to right, holding in the right talon an olive branch, and in the left four arrows. Beautiful proof, \$ 16.00

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| <p>1838 Half-dollar. Liberty seated. Rev. Spread-eagle, shield on breast, head to left, holding in its talons an olive branch and three arrows. Underneath the eagle, "50 cts." Beautiful proof, 57.50</p> | <p>having been struck in the year of its date, and is guaranteed to be original, 325.00</p>                                  |
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## The Boys' Museum.

**F**IVE little boys living in the town of Walton, N.Y., caught the idea last Summer, from reading the St. Nicholas, of forming a museum. They began to collect all the strange looking stones, shells, and curious things, put up some shelves in an old shed, and opened a museum. Show-day was on Saturdays, when a fee of five cents was charged.

To add to their collection they barrowed for show-days articles of interest from the citizens, and promptly returned them after the exhibition was over. People now began to send in objects of interest, and those away from home sent, and brought with them other objects. A live weasel,

a turtle, and a woodchuck attracted so much attention that one day they collected five dollars. The boys finally hired a vacant room over a store for one dollar a year, gave up keeping live animals but had them stuffed.

Different kinds of wood, old furniture, autographs of distinguished men, came in to the collection. Some of the boys found an old sword on the top of a neighboring mountain partially buried in the ground, which made them crazy with excitement.

So great has been their success that, in less than one year, their room is now full, and their interest is on the increase. Every thing is now observed by the boys with the greatest scrutiny. It affords them genuine pleasure, to

say nothing of the vast amount of general knowledge they will acquire by persisting in such a course.

Their example is certainly worthy of imitation by boys in every town in the country.

Individuals who make private collections in any branch of natural science are surprised at their success in this direction, while there is nothing so well adapted to work of the surplus vitality of boyhood.

—Journal of Education.

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## PHILATELIC.

**JAPAN.**—Newbands have been issued for this empire. The impressed stamp is of the peculiar oval shape well-known by the Japanese coins. The design is similar to that employed for the adhesives and envelopes, being the conventional chrysanthemum, garland, and characters. Values and colours are, 10 sen, ultramarine; 20 s. rose; 30s. bright or dull violet.

**VICTORIA.**—An improved edition of the penny of this colony supersedes that lately current. The Queen's head, does not fill so much of the stamp, and is consequently, more effective. Bright green, 1 penny.

**URAGUAY.**—Postcards for this republic are described, both single and double. Mauve on buff or grey, for the former; and on pale-olive rose-grey, and deep buff for reply-cards.

**ANTIOQUIA.**—Another set for this component of the Colombian States has entered appearance. There are four values of as many different types, rectangular and imperforate. Name, value, &c., disposed after the accustomed style of the country, 1 centavo, black impression on green glazed paper; same style of type, blue on white, 2 1-2 c. Head of liberty in circle, flanked by numerals; name above, value beneath. An exceedingly ugly stamp; green, 5c. Portrait of some worthy,

on oval ground, name above, value beneath. Lilac, 10c.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The large square sixpenny was superseded by a smaller rectangular stamp some years since, and at last its companion shilling has retired into private life; in other words, will do public duty no longer, but be relegated to grace collectors' albums. Like the current sixpenny, the new shilling is from Messrs. De La Rue's ATELIER, which the merest glance will prove. Light bluish green, 1 shilling. Post-cards have also been lately issued from this colony.

PERSTA.—A postal arrangement having been entered into with this country and Russia, its stamps are likely to become general in collections. It is singular that Persia, whose posts are the first noted in history, so long since as in the reign of Cyrus, should be the last place to a-

dopt the modern system.

NOTWITHSTANDING the resolutions of the number of soft-money conventions, the Secretary of the Treasury is making active preparation to resume specie payments. Many, who, when the issue of paper currency became general, hoarded specimens of the hard money for keepsakes or curiosities, will very soon regard this money as money, and put it in circulation at once. From these sources, we may expect to see some scarce dates—those that were plentiful ten or fifteen years ago.

Collectors should maintain the old privilege of interview with all storekeepers in regard to contents of cash drawer from day to day; and if every storekeeper could be induced to entertain four or five collectors, so much more effectually would we keep

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North Adams, Mass., May, 1876.

No. 9.

## *An Old Franklin Medal*

Was found at a pawnbroker's office this morning, by assistant superintendent of pawnbrokers, William Calder, and will be turned over to any of the friends who may desire to preserve it, upon application to Mr. Calder, and payment of 1.25, the amount he paid in order to take the medal from pawn.

An examination of the records of the Boston school committee, at the committee rooms in City Hall, shows that the Franklin medal was first awarded in 1792, the following entry appearing upon the books, under the date of December 4th:

"Mr. Tudor, the chairman of the committee ap-

pointed to ascertain the expense of procuring medals, reported that the interest of Dr. Franklin's donation would procure twenty-one medals with an inscription and suitable device engraved thereon." A device was submitted at that meeting and adopted. The medal found to-day conforms to the device. The face bears the inscription. "The Gift of Franklin," while below it are crossed pens and an open book. Upon the reverse is the inscription "Adjudged by the School Committee as a reward of Merit to Samuel Frothingham, 1800." The records of 1800 are full and well preserved, but no list of the medal scholars for that year appears. The medal has been

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in the hands of the pawn-broker for three years.

—Boston Traveler.

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### *An Old Document.*

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THERE is on exhibition at Toby's rooms an ancient document, in the form of a deed of certain lands in Simsbury, Conn., which was executed by James Corinsh to one Eliza Strickland of the same town, and bears the date June 2d, 1714. The deed is remarkably well preserved, and is owned by Mrs. Smith, of State Line [Mr. Toby's mother-in-law], and has been in the families of which she is the descendant, since that date.

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A postal card was received at the Post Office in Rochester the other day with the following address in German "To my cousin who lives 4 miles from Rochester on a

farm of 40 acres the cars run through his land and he has ten red heifers."

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Speaking of antiquities, they have found the skull of an Aztec at Waukesha, Wis. and in that skull is a glass eye, firmly fixed in its proper place. Regarding the glass eye there is no shadow of a doubt, whatever Aztec-nical questions may be raised as to the skull itself; and the history of the fight in which the original eye was lost must be forever shrouded in the mist of antiquity.

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The painting of the royal arms of England, which hung over the speakers chair in the House of Representatives at Hartford, and was taken down a hundred years ago, is now in the rooms of the Connecticut historical society, and well preserved.

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VOL. I.]

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., JUNE, 1876.

[NO. 10.

## Where are the Coin and Stamp Journals of Three Years Ago?

Let us first look at the "Stamp Advertiser," published in Chicago, Ill., by G. C. Ledyard, Jr. It was an excellent illustrated 8-page magazine, for stamp collectors. The following appeared in the December number, 1873: "There have been several philatelic journals started in the United States, lately, but none of them have proved a success, and the Stamp Advertiser is the only monthly left. England supports between twenty and thirty, and we do not see why the stamp collectors of America cannot support one." A few numbers of this magazine were published, but it received no encouragement from collectors or dealers, so it was compelled to "bust."

Next, the "Keystone Philatelist," published a short time at Susquehanna Depot, Pa. The "Vermont Philatelist," of St. Albans, Vt. The "American Philatelist," Chicago, Ill. The "Stamp Advocate," Toronto, Canada. The "Collector's Companion," of Northfield, Vt., a large, 8-page magazine, only issued one number. The "Decorah Numismatic Journal," a 12-page quarterly magazine; even this could not live at 50 cents a year.

None of the above papers are published this year. Why not? Because they did not receive any solid encouragement in the shape of subscriptions and advertisements.

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## Autographs.

A large sale of Autographs, Letters and Documents, took place in Boston May 30th and 31st. In the collection were letters of Washington, Lafayette, Franklin, John Adams, Hancock, Morris, Schuyler, Wayne, Knox, Greene, Steuben, Putnam, Audubon, Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and others connected with American history. Among the letters were those also of William IV, Talleyrand, Erskine, De Stael, Currier, Humboldt, Guizot, Goethe, Dickens, and others. The collection was made by a lady of New Bedford, who spent many years gathering and arranging the letters composing it.

The following are some of the most prominent of those sold, and the prices paid: George Washington, \$1.25 to 3.00; Daniel Webster, 40c to 1.00; Benjamin Franklin, 10.00; Thomas Jefferson, 50c to 1.75; Charles Sumner, 30c; Gen. Winfield Scott, 30c; Rufus Choate, 7.00; Martin Van Buren, 24c; John Adams, 9.50; James

Munroe, 2.50; Eliza Logan, 24c; J. Q. Adams, 3.00; Andrew Jackson, 2.25; W. H. Harrison, 5.50; Daniel Boone, 25c; Jas. K. Polk, 2.00; Ethan Allen, 5.25. There was a large attendance at the rooms of Joseph Leonard, No. 13 Beacon street, where the above sale took place.

### Specimen Collecting.

Besides collecting coins and stamps there is no other pursuit that may be indulged in by boys more instructive than that of making a collection of minerals.

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### Stamp Collecting.

PHILATELIST.

Stamp collecting first became popular in England. From thence it came to America, and extended to all parts of the world. Soon after its appearance its advocates deemed "stamp collecting" too commonplace, and coined the word Philately, to represent it. Many may ask, "what does Philately mean?" It is from the Greek *philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos*, meaning tax, taxes often being represented by stamps. Therefore we have the free translation, *lover of stamps*. Stamp collecting first became popular about 1860, and its progress since is wonderful. As an amusement stamp collecting seems to be more popular than any other pastime; your time or money is not thrown away, as it is in a great many foolish ways, but it gives something to show for it, and a large amount of useful and instructive information. You are constantly learning what will be very useful hereafter, while one never thinks of its work.—No collector need fear to lay out money on his collection, because it increases in value every year; it is kept and will always bear a market value. A collector should always keep his collection, whether he gets tired of it or not, because it is a very interesting treasure for preservation. When the stamps are well arranged and neatly mounted, they add greatly to the collection. In mounting stamps, a very neat but laborious way is to adhere them by means of a thin hinge of paper folded in the middle, one fold lightly gummed to the stamp, the other to the page.

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By the retirement of the former editor, W. F. Orr, it falls to our lot to take up the editorial cudgel. We must acknowledge our inexperience in such matters, but we hope to "worry" through without disgracing ourselves. The paper has been enlarged and improved to a considerable extent. We will now continue as permanent, that which was commenced only as an experiment, and shall endeavor to improve the COLLECTORS' NEWS, both as regards reading matter and as an advertising medium; and, in doing this, we ask the co-operation of all.

You are respectfully requested to subscribe.

AN OLD man at North Adams has just made a payment of 400 silver half dollars, which, it is thought, he has been hoarding since the financial crash of '37.

COLLECTORS of Eggs should correspond with Edward H. Pratt, as he has some very fine and rare ones for sale or exchange.

See his advertisement elsewhere.

A GERMAN Stamp paper made the following reply when we requested them to exchange: "Your paper is too very much small for us to exchange." The "Coin and Stamp Journal," (a far superior paper), don't think us "too much small."

NEXT MONTH we shall have a new feature for this paper. We shall publish, gratuitously, the names of collectors who wish to exchange Stamps, Coins, Autographs or Minerals. Those wishing their names inserted will send them in at once, so as to be ready for the next paper.

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W. F. ORR.

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VOL. I.]

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., JULY, 1876.

[NO. 11.]

## Egg Collecting.

BY H. S. MOWBRAY.

The season is now at hand when those collecting eggs may find plenty of employment. A well kept collection of eggs is not only highly instructive, but affords a pleasant amusement, and at the present time no museum is complete without one. It is popular from the fact of its requiring no elaborate or costly outfit to begin with, while the pleasure of a delightful walk, and the excitement and healthful exertion which always accompany a search for eggs, might be prescribed for an invalid.

With care and prudence egg-collecting is a harmless and (as before stated) beneficial amusement, but the great trouble lies in the thoughtlessness of many, especially of young collectors, who, in the excitement of finding the nest alarm the bird and in her sight take from three to four and even the entire contents of the nest, or, happening to leave any, scare the bird in such a manner that she never returns.

Let every collector exercise a little moderation, and never on any account take more than two eggs from a single nest; there is no real need of taking this number. Collecting duplicates is harmful and leads to pillaging a nest. Do not disturb the remaining eggs; a slight shock or blow is sufficient to destroy the vitality they contain. Avoid harming the nest, treading down bushes and breaking branches in close vicinity to the nest. Birds have more sense than we give them credit for and notice any signs of this kind very quickly.

Amateurs must not be discouraged on breaking a number of eggs at first, but if

care be taken this may be avoided. In drilling the holes most amateurs use a needle, and in many cases when lacking this, a pin. With the latter it is a risky operation with small eggs, and with large a bungling one, leaving a hole with ragged edges very apt to chip off. Twenty-five or thirty cents will purchase a drill made expressly for the purpose, which will drill a perfectly round hole of any size suitable, without risk of breaking an egg in some cases worth twice this value.

A box an inch or two deep, having the bottom covered with fine saw-dust or corn meal, a receptacle for them. They should be carefully numbered and a catalogue made of them to avoid mistakes.

In conclusion I would warn the collector against buying eggs of unreliable parties. Many a highly colored egg has been sold to an innocent collector which proved nothing more or less than a common hen's egg touched up. Again, it is much more to his credit and satisfaction to have obtained his eggs by his own exertions, and he will be also benefited by the experience.

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We take refuge from editorial cares, this hot weather, in the scissors and paste pot, and give our readers a selection from the Philatelic Monthly:—

## Fine Collections.

In answer to one of our subscribers, we can say that the most valuable collection of stamps in this country is owned by a gentleman of St. Louis. The collection numbers 10,105 specimens, including 460 essays and proofs, 626 locals, 205 telegraph stamps and 1076 revenues. There are few finer collections, even in Europe. There are several collections in Washington, numbering from three to

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five thousand, and one containing 7500 stamps. In this city and vicinity there are several large and valuable collections. One containing 4296, several others numbering four or five thousand, and quite a number ranging from one to two thousand. One collection in the city, which was commenced less than a year ago, numbers over two thousand fine unused, and many of them very rare stamps. There are large collections in Boston, New York and other places, each numbering several thousand. We know of one collection in New York, which contained ten thousand some three years ago, but this included revenues, match, medicine, tobacco and other than postage stamps. As to the values of the various collections spoken of, we are not at liberty to speak.

### Autographs.

The collecting of autographs was popular as early as the middle of the sixteenth century. Then travellers in Germany and other countries of Europe carried blank books about with them to obtain the signatures of distinguished personages they might meet. One of these books bearing the date 1578 is preserved in the British museum. The autograph of a person is considered by some to be a true index to his character; this is sometimes found to be true, as in the case of the first Napoleon; the signature is a mere scrawl, and well illustrates his impatience. Byron's signature shows the dash and spirit which so characterizes his writings. Sir Walter Scott's writing is in a set hand, and does not give much of an insight into his character. In our own time the signature of Charles Francis Adams looks like that of a school boy. King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands writes a dashing hand, and many of his signatures adorn the collections of

this country. Doubtless all are familiar with the signature of Ex-Treasurer Spinner, which closely resembles a corkscrew. The writing of the late Horace Greeley was notoriously poor. Indeed it seems one of the qualifications of a great man to be a poor writer. By collecting autographs great interest is aroused to learn something of the person themselves. Fifteen thousand dollars was spent in obtaining books and portraits to accompany one collection of autographs. As with collections of almost every kind, the value of an autograph advances with its age.

### SALE OF AUTOGRAPHS.

At a late auction sale the autograph of Calvin brought 7 pounds; Cowper, 6 pounds 6s.; Byron, 6 pounds 15s.; song of Burns in his autograph, 8 pounds 10s.; a signature of Edward IV, 12 pounds 15s.; of Elizabeth, 5 pounds 15s.; Anne, 4 pounds; Bacon's autograph, 3 pounds 7s.; Blackstone, 2 pounds 9s.; Franklin, 2 pounds 8s.; Burke, 2 pounds; Garrick, 2 pounds 6s.; Gray, 5 pounds 10s.; Warren Hastings, 1 pound 3s.; Dr. Johnson, 4 pounds; Hume, 2 pounds; Luther (a signature only), 4 pounds 10s.; Tom Paine, 1 pound 1s.; Pitt, 1 pound 4s.; Pope, 2 pounds; Rosseau, 2 pounds 4s.; Sterne, 3 pounds 10s.; Washington, 3 pounds 1s.; Wesley, 5 pounds 5s., and William III, 1 pound 17s.

An auctioneer, at a late sale of antiquities put up a helmet, with the following candid observations:—This, ladies and gentlemen, is a helmet of Romulus, the Roman founder; but whether he was a brass or iron founder, I cannot tell.

Two Yankee chaps claim to have discovered in the North of Ireland the petrified body of Fin Macoul, the giant who built the Giant Causeway.

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The services rendered by collectors in preserving old papers and documents are very valuable. The original copy of the Magna Charta, of England, was once in the hands of a tailor, ready to be cut up into patterns, when it was rescued by a collector.

We have in our possession a copy of a poem entitled the Mouse Trap, printed "by R. Gosling at the Mitre & Crown, against St. Dustan's church in Fleet St., London, 1715.

We still continue to howl for sustenance in the shape of subscriptions.

We should be happy to receive contributions from collectors, about coins, stamps, &c. Also contributions of coin from anybody, whether collectors or not.

Ours is the only amateur paper in Western Massachusetts that we have any certain knowledge of. It only takes a single glance at our emaciated pocket book to convince us that the Collectors' News is a living reality.

There is a room of a hotel in Havana wholly papered with stamps of one of the issues of the Spanish West Indies.

Collectors, send in your addresses and they will be published.

We have received a copy of the Philatelic Monthly. It is a first class stamp paper and very newsy.

Henry Ward Beecher waxes complimentary, and calls autograph collectors "the flies of literature."

Great numbers of slabs having the imprint of feet of large birds, are found near Turner's Falls, Mass., on the banks of the Connecticut river. The ledge where they are found is being worked by a force in the employ of Prof. Marsh, of Yale College, who pays \$100.00 for the privilege of quarrying out the specimens. Already about \$200.00 worth have been obtained.

### Coin Sales.

AMONG the rarities of the Lewis White collection of coins, sold April 17 and 18, were the following, of which we quote prices:

U. S. Dollars, 1794, one for \$49 and one for \$38; 1851 and 1852, \$26 each; 1839, flying eagle, \$29; halves 1796 \$16, 1797 \$17; quarters 1823 \$13 50, 1827, very fine, \$67 50; dime of 1804, \$10 50; half dime of Martha Washington, 1792, \$19; cents 1793, wreath, \$11.75.

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### GOLD COIN.

Very few persons ever saw a quarter dollar gold coin, and the few that have ever appeared have been quickly snatched up and treasured as mementos, charms, ornaments, &c., &c. I have, however, secured a small lot of genuine quarter dollars, pure gold, which I will sell to those who wish them, for keepsakes. Of course, in New York and elsewhere, the few that appear bring \$1 each and upward, but my arrangement enables me to offer them prepaid for 50 cts. each; five for \$2; sent sealed and prepaid. The actual cash value is nearly 30 cents in currency, and if you want a curiosity which few have and very few can get, send for a Gold Quarter. Can be had only from

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## COIN SALE.

The collection of Francis Lepere, of St. Louis, was sold at auction by Messrs. Thomas Birch & Sons, July 17th and 18th. Catalogue by John W. Hazeltine: The following are the prices realized for some of the pieces:

### U. S. Silver Dollars.

1794, a good specimen of this rare dollar; shows all the date, stars and lines of the hair; not much circulated; fine impression, scarce in this condition.	\$2.12
1795, fillet head, good.	2.00
1796, very good, nearly fine.	2.50
1797, 7 stars facing, very good.	3.25
1798, small eagle, 13 stars, good, scarce.	4.25
1799, 5 stars facing, good, scarce.	4.25
1800, very fine impression, not much circulated.	1.75
1802, over 1801, fine, scarce.	1.60
1803, good.	1.50
1836, circulated, but good scarce.	3.70
1838, brilliant proof, exceedingly rare, very slightly hay-marked.	37.00
1852, brilliant proof, very rare.	28.00

### U. S. Half Dollars.

1794, very fair, scarce.	2.35
1795, good.	.90
1795, variety, good.	.65
1796, 16 stars, good for date, very rare.	15.25
1797, good deal rubbed but fair, scarce.	4.50
1801, 1802, 1803, poor, 3 pieces.	1.00

1805, over 1804, fair, scarce.	80
1805, 1806, 1807, varieties, fair, 5 pieces.	65
1809, very good.	70
1810, very fair.	65
1814, very fine.	65
1815, fine, scarce.	1.50
1815, fair, scarce.	1.25
1820, 1821, 1826, very fair 3 pieces.	.60
1624, fine.	.50
1830, fine.	.55
1831, 1832, good, 2 pieces.	.55
1833, very good.	.50
1852, very good, scarce.	1.30

### Colonial Coins.

1652, Pine Tree Shilling, fair, scarce	2.25
1722, Rosa Americana half p., poor	.20
1722, Louisiana cent, fair, scarce.	1.00
1766, Pitt Token, no stamps, fine scarce.	.10
1773, Virginia half penny, fair.	.20
1781, North American Token, very fair.	.10
1783, Georgius Triumpho, good.	1.25
1788, Annapolis shilling, very good scarce.	3.50
1787, Mass. cent, good.	1.00
1787, Mass. half cent, uncirculated, light alive, weak impression in centre, scarce.	2.00

### Half Cents.

1794, fair.	.55
1795, thin planchet, very poor.	.25
1800, fair.	.15
1803, very fair.	.15



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1804, very good,.....	\$00.05
1805, very fine,.....	41
1806, very good,.....	5
1807, very fair,.....	10
1808, good,.....	20
1809, very fine,.....	90
1810, very good, nearly fine, scarce,	85
1811, very fair,.....	90
1825, 1826, 1828, fair, 3 pieces,....	4
1828, 12 stars, very good, nearly fine	20
1829, very good, nearly fine,.....	5
1831, proof, light color, original, very rare,.....	4 26
1832, fine,.....	5
1833, 1834, 1835, good, 3 pieces,....	3
1836, proof, purple, original, very rare.....	5 50
1837, half cents' worth of pure copper, good;.....	15
1841, good, original, very rare,....	4 00
1852, proof, slightly discolored, rare,	3 50

### New Issues of Stamps.

VICTORIA has issued a penny post-card.  
1 p violet on buff card.

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### Azores and Maderia.

Several dealers, who claim to be reliable, are selling Azores and Maderia stamps, which were never used in these countries. They are nothing else than the common Portuguese stamps, surcharged with requisite word by some amateur, or perhas professional printer. This nefarious business must be stopped at any cost, and we shall in time expose the guilty parties. The lettering in the genuine is much thicker and more regular than in the imitation.

Geo. W. Martimer & Co., of London, have disposed all their interest in the stamp business, to the International Stamp Co., of Lower Road, Rotherhite, England.

We received notice that the "Coin and Stamp Journal," published by W. E. Winner, of Kansas City, Mo., has changed hands. Joseph J. Casey, of New York, has purchased, and will conduct it in the same style as heretofore. We wish him success.

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W. E. Brayton, North Adams, Mass., Autographs.

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## AT THE CENTENNIAL.

For the collector of coins, stamps, minerals, autographs or curiosities, intending to visit the centennial there is a great treat in store. There he will find the best specimens of the things which specially interest him. The only display (of stamps) made by a dealer, is that of J. W. SCOTT & Co. of New York, who have a handsome case in the American department of the Main building in which are shown their albums and also many kinds of rare stamps.

Many of the countries display sheets of their Postage and Revenue stamps, though they are not placed in very conspicuous positions. In the U. S. Government building unused specimens of every American stamp issued are displayed in an attractive form.

There also the collector can witness the interesting process of making stamped envelopes, in all its details. It is at this place that all the Centennial envelopes are made. No visit to the Centennial is complete without seeing the U. S. Mint on Chesnut St. There the Collector can, not only see the coins made, but can visit the cabinet and see as fine a collection of coins as there is in the country. In the Turkish department of the Main building is a large case full of coins which are claimed to be 2000 years old, and are sold by an attendant at prices ranging from 20 to 60 cents apiece. Most of the countries represented in the Main building have cases of their gold, silver, and copper coins on exhibition.

The mineral display is immense. In the Main building is a department exclusively devoted to minerals. In the Kansas and Colorado building there are specimens of Silver ore which are worth \$1200. a ton, also many fine specimens of Gold ore.

On the lawn beside the Main building is a large mass of meteoric iron, and there are fine specimens of the same kind in the U. S. Government building. The collection of fossils is very fine and there is also a fine

collection of the impressions of ferns and leaves from the coal fields. But when we come to speak of autographs and curiosities we have to pause for we do not know where to begin. If we go to Independence Hall we shall find the original Declaration of Independence and the commission of Washington as Commander of the American armies. In the same room is the table on which the declaration was signed.

The declaration is gradually fading away and many of the signatures are gone past recall. Across the hall is the old Independence bell which has such a romantic interest for all Americans. Here are many revolutionary relics a description of which would occupy a whole book. In this room are autographs of the signers of the declaration, Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, George II and many others of equal interest. But we have filled the space allotted to us and here shall have to pause.

All we can advise the visitor to do is to keep his eyes open or he will miss many things of interest.

—JOHN W. HASELTINE'S 6th curiosity sale occurred on the afternoons of Sept. 19, 20, & 21. The collection consisting of coins and medals, Continental and Colonial paper money: also a great number of interesting American autographs, including that of GEORGE WASHINGTON and a number of the signers of declaration of Independence.

—MESSRS SOTHEBY, WILKINSON & HEDGE held a sale of Autographs in London on the 17th of March. The most valuable brought the following prices:

QUEEN ELIZABETH,	£82.
ROBERT BURNS,	60.
MARY STUART,	65.
JAMES II of the Scots,	22.
John Moore,	8, 15s.
Henry Prince of Wales,	34
Henry Fielding	£6. D. Hume,
Lord Chesterfield	5. Addison,
Thomas Payne,	5, 17s, 6d.

This space is devoted to publishing the addresses of those wishing to exchange coins, stamps, minerals, autographs or eggs.

The address of any one wishing to exchange will be published FREE.

#### MINERALS.

Phil. A. Huber, So. Easton, Pa. Robert S. Wray, Bangor, Me. J. B. Temple, No. Adams, Mass. F. W. Thurber, 10 Spring St. Woonsocket, R. I. Chas. Bobsien, 181 market St. between 5th. & 6th. Sts. Louisville, Ky.

Geo. A. Sturtevant, Nyack, N. Y. coins and minerals.

E. S. Beach, Hudson, Mich. stamps or minerals.

Henry C. Thayer, Mendota, Ill. Stamps or minerals

E. H. Pratt, Birds Eggs.

A. H. Darling, Chinese curiosities, W. E. Brayton, Autographs.

John P. Smith, Sharpsburg, Washington Co. Md. Bullets, &c. from battle field of Antietam.

S. P. Williams, Pittston, Md. Carboniferous fossils.

John D. Cawein, 57th. St. Louisville, Ky. Minerals.

Edward R. Frost, North Adams Mass. Stamps.

—THE PACIFIC AMATEUR JOURNAL has a first class Philatelist column edited by H. B. Stuverant

—THE WESTERN PHILATELIST combines its August and September numbers in one issue

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When we were in Philadelphia we made a visit to the store of John Haseltine, No. 1225 Chestnut Street. There we found a room full of minerals and curiosities.

His supply of stamps, coins, and autographs is very large and varied. Any one could spend a whole day in his rooms with great pleasure & profit. Persons wishing to buy coins or autographs would do well to call or send to Haseltine.

#### SWISS LOCALS.

It was formerly supposed that the Belalp locals were equally genuine, whether printed in red, green, or violet. It was only last autumn that we were informed by their proprietor on the spot that the latter was the sole hue ever employed in his establishment, and that all others must be fictitious.

—The Philatelist.

#### NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

There has been received at the office of the assistant postmaster general a set of Persian stamps. It is the first issue of that country. The set is as follows; 1 schahi, blk. 2 schahi, blue, 4 schahi, vermilion; 8 schahi, green. In a circle is the persian lion with the sun rising over his back. The numeral value appears in each corner in characters similar to the Turkish.

—J. B. Temple is the principal collector of North Adams, he collects minerals, fossils curiosities and almost every thing he can get his hand on. He has a large collection of minerals. During a recent visit to Centennial he added many new curiosities to his collections. among them several old almanacs. Collectors will find it for their advantage to correspond with him.

—In the Chinese department at the Centennial are several vases 2 & 3 thousand years old, and about 4 hundred which have attained the age of 1000 years. There is also displayed a sword which is said to be 3000 years old.

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## OUR SECOND YEAR.

We had almost forgotten to mention that with this number we begin the second year of our paper. As a pecuniary investment the result has been nothing very startling.

Still we hope to do better during the next year as our paper is becoming more widely known. We started out under the impression that it was mere play to run an amateur paper, but we have found out what "more copy" means. During the second year, our paper will continue the same size and character as it is at present.

Shall expect to retain all our old friends, and also expect to make many more during the present year.

—CHAS. H. MILLARD North Adams has quite a large and valuable collection of autographs. They number about seventy-five.

Among the most valuable are autographs of Lincoln, and J. Q. Adams.

—An autograph letter of Horace Greely is in our possession. It was found on the battle field of Antietam two days after the battle.

It looks as if it has been mangled by a bullet.

—J. B. Temple of this town, has published a history of the Hoosac Tunnel. It is the first amateur book published in No. Adams. Price 10cts.

—A man never knows what it is to feel alone in this world until he has grabbed a nickel in a show-case window, and discovered that it is fastened to the under side of the glass.

J. — of F — loves a good joke as a good dinner, but can appear as dignified a Justice as ever occupied the Kings bench.

One day returning from court without company an Irishman asked to ride.

The Judge sternly looking him over, said "I dont know about that I'm rather particular about the company I keep."

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Of course the few which appear in New York and elsewhere readily bring \$1 each, and upward, but my arrangement enables me to offer them prepaid for 50 cts. each; 5 for \$2; sent sealed and prepaid. The actual cash value is nearly 30cents in currency, and if you want a curiosity which few have and very few can get, send for a Gold Quarter. Can be had only from

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A. H. DARLING, N. Adams, Mass.

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