

THE WESTERN EXCHANGE.

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No. 1.

WHAT IS BRAVERY.

—By Thomas Smith.—

How to be brave; That is the question we are all very much interested in solving. But we must first have a clear idea on another question, What constitutes bravery? Does bravery make the man, and the want of it the fellow.

There for example is the Well known warrior Phill Sheridan. If he frowned his whole regiment would frown, if he smiled his whole regiment would laugh, how often was he driven from the field, and would turn back and gain the victory, if that is not bravery I know not what it is.

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came in contact with a bear when he saw it he began to get afraid of the monster, but he took courage to go and capture his supposed prey, and when he was on his way toward the bear, it recognized him and turned to fight its pursuer, but when my friend saw this he started to run, but it was too late, the bear attack him, and after a long fight he succeeded in shooting his prey.

So by these two examples we see that bravery consists of more than one class that which abides, and that which vanishes, that which contributes to manhood, and that which only gilds its shell. To blow brilliant bubbles that burst at the first breath of misfortune is not bravery.

To be brave is to leave the world in some sense happier, wiser, or better than we found it.

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No. 2.

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Montpelier, Vt.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

EAST INDIA. Three new values for this country have been issued, viz: 10 ples, violet, 6 annas, bistre. 12 annas, mauve.

The 9 pies is probably to supersede the current 8 pies, being of the same color.

JAPAN. The following values are now in circulation, viz: 5 rin, grey, 2 sen grey brown, 5 sen, brown, 1 sen, black, 4 sen blue.

We also learn that two new postal cards have been issued, viz: 5 sen, orange; 1 sen, light blue.

TURKEY. We are enabled to give the color and value of the complete set of the new issue for this country, viz:

10 paras, black & rose.
20 " plumb & green

50 " blue & yellow,
2 piastres, blk & orange,
5 " red & blue,
25 " claret & pink.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Two new values have appeared, viz: 5 ct, grey and green; 10 ct, brown & blue.

HONG KONG. The 30c. stamp comes surcharged; 28 cents in black.

NEW FOUNDLAND. The new 5 cent (seal) blue has arrived, and comes rouletted instead of perforated.

PERSIA. The new set with the portrait of the Shah has at last appeared.

1 shahi, black and lilac.
2 " " " grey.
5 " " " rose.
10 " " " blue.

FRANCE. Same type as present issue, 20c, brownish red; 75c, carmine; 1 fr, green.

BHOPAL. A British state in the Province of Malwa, India, has recently issued two stamps, which will probably be followed by others. They are as follows $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, brick red; $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, black.

A HISTORY OF
AMERICAN COINAGE.

By "Max."

PART I.

The earliest coin known to have been struck for American circulation was a piece of Brass called now the Somers Islands piece.

The Bermudas were discovered in the sixteenth century, but afterwards named the Somers Islands from Sir George Somers, who was wrecked there in the early part of the 17th century.

There is extant in England a specimen of a coin, with a hog on one side, and a rude ship on the other. The legend is SOMERS ISLANDS XII. This coin has no date. Not more than three specimens are extant, none of which are in America. The coin is of little interest to us as a nation, not being continental.

The first coins strictly North American were the New England coinage of the Massachusetts mint, in 1652. First came the New England coins of one shilling and sixpence. They were rude silver pieces, with but the letters N. E.

stamped on the face, and the respective numbers, XII., VI, and III. on the reverse. They were easily counterfeited, and hence the immediate change to the pine or oak tree pattern.

Of these they were several dies. The trees were according to the fancy of the Artist, and hence we have one known as the Shrub shilling, and several other varieties. the coinage was in fact, very rude.

This coinage continued for thirty-three or four years, the date, 1652, being never changed on the coin.

The two-penny piece was not issued till 1662, and always afterwards bore that date.

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Where is the BULLETIN, Harrisburg, Pa. and the YOUTHS' GEM, Cleveland, Ohio.

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No. 3.

Coin Department.

—A HISTORY OF—

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Part II.

There was as yet no copper coinage for America. In 1694 a token appeared in England bearing on one side an elephant and the other the legend, GOD PRESERVE LONDON. Where or by whom it was issued is not known.

The device, however, attracted some one's eye who thought it the basis of a good colonial speculation, and two coins or tokens soon after made their appearance on this continent.

The one in New England and the other in the Carolinas. These do not seem to have gone extensively into circulation, and certainly failed to supply the wants of the Colonies which now began to be pressing for copper money.

But their appeals to home government were in vain, until 1749, when ten tons of copper money were exported to Massachusetts.

In the mean time the colony of Maryland had taken proceedings to supply the wants, and had ordered the coinage of silver money as early as 1661.

Lord Baltimore issued coins, bearing on the obverse the legend "Cæcilius, Dns : Terræ : Mariæ : &ct." around a bust of Lord Baltimore, and on the reverse his arms and the motto, "Crescite : et Multiplicamini." copper half pennies were issued about the same time, but never went into circulation.

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The first Roman coinage, according to Pliny and other respectable authors, took place in the reign of Servius Tullus; or, according to the common calculation, about 550 years Before Christ.

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The money failed in Ireland, and quantities of it were sent on speculation to America, where it probably failed as well.

In 1737, Mr. Higley, of Granby, Conn. made a rude set of dies, and out of copper dug in Granby he coined various coppers. These circulated in Connecticut and New England; but being of fine metal, soft and easily rubbed, they wore off and became smooth. They have almost entirely disappeared, and the few specimens now in cabinets are highly prized.

A coin made its appearance after the close of the war which has since been variously called a Tory cent, a George cent, and (by its proper name,) the Georgius Triumpho. There is certainly no reason for

imagining that this coin was designed by a Tory. It appears to be the work of an honest American. The head is not a good portrait of Washington, but Liberty on the reverse, standing behind a barrier of thirteen bars, shows the spirit of the coin.

In 1783 the Nova Constellatio coppers appeared in Boston in great numbers. These coppers must have been issued in great quantities. They came from England.

The States now began to establish mints. Connecticut in 1785; the other States soon followed. Vermont soon issued very many coins. The most common were those with the simple legend "Vermont Auctori" on the obverse, around a laureated head, and on the reverse a seated figure with the words "Inde. et Lib." This legend was also adopted by Connecticut.

Other Vermont coins had

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We give an illustration of the new stamps just issued in this island.



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of 'Cuba libre' can follow on without any derangement of albums.

SWEDEN.

The 10 ore Post Card is now mauve, and the 6 ore has changed from lilac to brown.

SWITZERLAND.

The inscription on the current officials is altered to CARTE - CORRESPONDANCE OFFICIELLE. A railway Post Card has been issued, which may be utilized as a telegraphic message by the earliest train, instead of waiting for the mail. It is printed in black on green.

FRENCH COLONIES

The 2 cent brown and 10 cent brown on pink, extinct for home use, are doing duty in these colonies in an imperforate state.

GREECE.

We learn that a new edition is forthcoming, type as before, with probable varieties of shade. The current 40 lepta is now rose-violet on white. The new 30 l. is on a more yellowish paper than at first.

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NORWAY.

The values and colors of the new set for this country are as follows. 1 ore, drab. 3 ore, light brown. 5 ore, blue. 10 ore, carmine. 12 ore, green. 20 ore, red brown. 25 ore, mauve. 50 ore, claret red.

LA GUAIRA.

The private stamps of the country serving between this place and the islands of Curacoa and St. Thomas, have been reprinted on whiter paper and in brighter hues. There are varieties of the same on yellow paper with larger perforations.

NEW ZEALAND.

The reported Post Card for this colony has become a visible fact. The die of the penny adhesive figures in the usual place, and the well-known trefoil border of some of the provisional British Guianas runs between a thick outer and thin inner line. Value and color: 1 penny, violet-brown on buff.

FIJI ISLANDS.

Stamps of the 'Fiji Times Express' are again in circulation. The type is but slightly changed. 1d., 3d., 6d., 9d., and 11, black on pink.

NATAL.

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Luck and Pluck, is the poorest paper published. Its contents are not fit to be read by any one.

Our Free Lance, has enlarged, and is, no doubt the largest and best Amateur paper published.

We hear that "Harris & Cobb," are frauds. Look out for them.

The Boys and Girls Record, No. 1. has been received, with a supplement stating that it has "Busted at last." "It died for the want of money to run it." Poor! thing. Poor! thing.

The Standard, wants to know whether any of their brother Editors have put their Subscription lists under blue glass to lengthen them. Why don't they try it themselves? That is the best way to find out.

We call your attention to the "adv." of McMann Mahon & Co. on last page. They are reliable.

We have received a neatly printed invitation to attend the First Annual Convention of the W. P. A. P. A. to be held at Greensburg, Pa. May 10th. 1877
We are sorry we cannot attend, but wish it success.

Affliction sore long time
we bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Until at last we used
blue glass,
And thus we lost our pain.
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for a device the sun rising over the mountains, and the legend "Vermontensium Respublica," with a reverse bearing the words "Quarta Decima Stella."

The number and variety of Connecticut cents, from 1785 to 1788, is absolutely beyond computation. The uniform legend is like that of the Vermont coppers, "Auctori Connec." and the reverse, "Ind. et Lib." Occasionally an error was made in the lettering. Thus an "Auctobe" or an "Auctopi," or a "Connfe;" and those errors make coins of special rarity for collectors who prize coins for their oddity rather than their historic value.

New York did not coin so largely as the other States, and many coins bearing the name of the State were struck in England. All the coins of this State are of greater rarity than those of the other States. The rarest of New York coins, and one of the rarest coins of American copper series, is the George Clinton piece of 1787. Obverse: Bust of Governor

Clinton, facing right; legend, "George Clinton." Reverse: Oval shield with sun rising behind hills; at the left, Justice, standing with scales in her right hand and a sword in her left; at the right, Liberty, standing, with staff supporting cap in her left hand, the right resting upon the shield; upon a section of the globe above, an eagle with outspread wings, facing right; legend in exergue, 1787. *Excelsior.*

The "Immunis Columbia" token is ranked as a New York coin. Obverse: a seated figure holding a flag and the scales of Justice, surrounded by the legend, "Immunis Columbia," dated 1787. Reverse: an eagle, with the legend, "E Pluribus Unum."

New Jersey coined in great profusion. The coins of this State are of a single type, but many varieties. Obverse: a shield, heart shaped, argent, six pales gules, a chief azure; legend, "E Pluribus Unum." Reverse: a horse's head to the right; beneath it a plough; legend, "Nova Cæsarea:" date 1786.

(to be continued.)

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No. 6.

Coin Department.

—A HISTORY OF—

AMERICAN COINAGE.

Part IV

Massachusetts struck two State coins in 1787, and reissued them in 1788, a cent and a half cent. Obverse: an eagle with a bundle of arrows in the right talon, an olive branch in the left, a shield on breast, with the word ONE CENT; legend: "Massachusetts, 1787-1788". Reverse: an Indian, standing, holding bow and arrow, legend: "Commonwealth."

In 1786 the Congress of the United States established a mint. Its first issue was the Fugio or Franklin cent, so called, which was extensively circulated.

A Pewter coin had made its appearance in 1776. (Specimens of which are very rare.) and it seems that the Fugio cent was, in some respects, modeled on

this coin.

It was not until 1793, that the first coin of the regular American series made its appearance. This was the copper cent of 1793 of which there are several varieties.

No other coin was issued by the mint this year. In 1794 a dollar, a half dollar and a half dime were struck. The first quarter dollar and the first dime were issued in 1796. The cent of 1793, before the close of the year, was issued with Liberty cap on the pole, over the shoulder of Liberty; this device continued until the latter part of 1796, when a beautiful head was adopted, with the flowing hair gathered in a fillet. On the cent the fillet head continued until 1808, when a new head facing to the left, was adopted, and in 1816 this was again changed, and the form adopted, which lasted til 1857, when the nickel cent was introduced.

THE END.

Stamp Department.

All communications for this department, should be Addressed to C. F. Buswell, Montpelier, Vt.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BELGIUM.

The post card in this country is now printed without border. Wrapper, values 1 and 5 centimes, are reported.

BRAZIL.

The 50 reis comes gophered at the back in the same way with certain of the United States and Peruvian stamps. Some of them have been manipulated by means of the rouletting machine of the American Bank Note Co.

FRANCE.

It seems that the people of France are dissatisfied with the colors of the stamps lately issued and therefore a new set will be issued as soon as the present stock becomes exhausted. The complaints are made against all the low values being printed in the

same color. We understand the design of the new set will remain the same, but the new colors will be as follows;

- 1 centime, black, on blue paper.
- 2 centimes, brown, on buff paper.
- 4 " maroon, on grey paper.
- 5 " green, on green paper.
- 10 " black, on lilac paper.
- 15 " yellow, on yellow paper.
- 20 " blue, on blue paper.
- 25 " black, on lake paper.
- 30 " bistre, on red brown paper.
- 35 " violet, on orange paper.
- 40 " vermilion, on straw paper.
- 75 " carmine, on rose paper.
- 1 franc, bronze, on straw paper.
- 5 francs, dark lilac, on lilac paper.

DECCAN.

An interesting resuscitation of one of this government's stamps is announced. Large size, broad oblonge, impressed in black on a white surface so as to show native characters in white. Dated 1288 (1871). 1 anna, black on white.

FINLAND.

The current 10 penny post-card of this province is now printed in blue instead of lilac; and the word AINOASTAAN substituted for AINOASTANSA. The current Helsingfors local is now hole-perforated.

The current fiscal stamps, but the engraving is done much better and the appearance correspondingly improved. The stamps come rouletted, and we presume are the work of the American Bank Note Co., of New York.

20 centesimos, brown,
50 " black.

NORWAY.

An envelope of the value of 5 ore, blue, has been issued. The stock of postal cards, with value in skillings, which remain on hand has been utilized by surcharging the new value.

TURKEY.

We have received a postal card from this country printed in lilac on white card. The stamp is 20 paras of the current set and is printed on the card.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The green shilling stamp comes surcharged "One Penny" at the top and a broad black line over the value at bottom, thus adding another provincial stamp to the set.

CAPE VERD ISLANDS.

The year 1877 bids fair to rival any of its predecessors in the number of countries gathered to the Philatelic fold. Last month we welcomed a Spanish colony, and now we open our albums for one of Portugal's dependencies. The stamps, as will be seen by



our engraving, are of the same type as used in the other African possessions of Portugal. The value and colors are as follows:

5 reis, black,	50 reis, green,
10 " yellow,	100 " lilac,
25 " rose,	200 " orange,
40 " blue,	300 " chocolate

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Six months have rolled away since we began the publication of our Journal, and as we look back over our past career, we cannot help pronouncing it an entire success throughout.

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Editor.

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Cleveland Ams. may expect a visit from Akron Ams. sometime during the Summer.

The May no of the *Gov's Banner*, looks as if "Winslow" was Editor, the way he fills up its columns. But he is only *Associate*.

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VOL. 2.

AKRON, OHIO. JULY, 1877,

NO. 7.

The Amateur Editor.

BY "PRESTO."

He sits in his ould arram cheer,
With his hat tipped back on his head;
A pen stuck over his ear,
He is a nice lookin' picture bedad.

His sanctum's a little back room,
It is furnished throughout like a mice.
Two cheers, one desk, and a broom,
Be jabbers its showin' quite nice.

Let's visit his office awhile,
And see what the poor chaps' got to say
About business, for I'll
Bet me ould hat its something but play.

Troth, what a long face he puts on,
When he's talkin' 'bout times, and sich like.
Says he will have to bust afore long.
Faith, sich talk would be kilin' poor Mike.

Now let's bid him a long, long adieu,
He will be wantin' his papers to print;
Faix, his eyes will stick out jist like two,
When you send him the dollars and cints.

A Strange Cure.

By "Alert."

In the little village of C—, there lived an old bachelor by the name of Brown, who was nearly all the time drunk and added to this was hated by all who knew him.

He owned a great deal of property in C— charged very high rents, and been known repeatedly to have turned tenants out of doors in the midst of winter, for no other reason than his childish mind was so inclined; added to his almost insatiable desire for money, and uncharitable disposition, old Brown had another failing, an intolurate Toper. When ever he got drunk he was very disagreeable, and added this was utterly dead to any thing like reason, in his maudlin way he would threaten every-one with all sorts of punishments,

and never in the history of C—, had he been known to have met any opposition in his childish actions, as there was hardly a man in the town who did not owe him money.

One day, old Brown was particularly dreadful in his threats, so much so in fact, that fears for the safety of some of the villiagers were entertained by most of the more timid ones, but toward night he moderated as usual, and his bellicose sentiments of the morning were for the time forgotten.

A little after dark, he found himself in a bar-room holding forth in tones of thunder, to an audience composed of a few young men of the villiage. He was already in a state of semi-intoxication and his manner indicated that he would soon be in a beastly state. He drank and talked in rapid succession until ten o'clock arrived, when his already wearied frame gave way to his too frequent potations and he sank to the floor unconcious.

He lay upon the floor for a few minutes, when a mysterious whispering might have been observed among the young men; the result of the whispering seemed to be satisfactory to all, including the bar-keeper. Three of the men left the room, a portion of the rest raised old Brown from the floor and laid him out upon the counter; they took off his coat and with much effort, robed him in a long white gown, procured by the bar-keeper. The three men who had previously departed, now returned, bearing with them a coffin. This they deposited upon the floor, while the bar-keeper placed at each end of it a lighted candle. They then gently raised old Brown from the counter and quietly deposited him in his strange bed; as they tucked him in he gave utterance to a low grunt, but this only served to heighten their appreciation of the joke.

Having arranged everything, the entire party retired to a room opposite, to watch the result of their exertions.

They were so sleepy that, with the exception of one who was to watch, and report any signs of old Brown's return-

ing to consciousness, they all cast themselves upon the bed, and were almost immediately in that land where all people are when they are asleep.

For about two hours or more, old Brown lay as still as a log, and the interest with which the watchman at first discharged his duty, began to decline more rapidly as the time wore on. Suddenly a deep groan issued from the coffin, and immediately the sentinel awoke his sleeping companions. At the suggestion of the bar-keeper, who appeared to be the leading spirit, the whole party were clothed in sheets ready to rush out the moment old Brown showed any signs of returning vitality. The bar-keeper suddenly left the room, but in a moment returned with a large piece of sulphur, which he said he would set fire to, at the proper time.

By this time old Brown began to revive, and the party at once emerged from their concealment clothed in their ghostly attire, and surrounded the coffin. Old Brown now raised himself into a sitting posture, whereupon the bar-keeper extinguished the light, at the same time igniting the sulphur. Old Brown glanced around, and perceived the candles at his head and feet; he rubbed his eyes and looked again, this time his gaze encountered the foot of the coffin,—he turned deathly pale, and with a shriek he leaped nimbly out upon the floor. Here seeing so many fantastic figures about him, his knees began to shake, and his teeth to chatter. Fumes of sulphur filled the whole room, and this added to the light produced by it had a singular effect upon Brown. With a shriek he was out of the room in moment, and in another was going down the street in the direction of his house at the top of his speed. He reached home panting and exhausted with his run, and immediately went to bed.

Brown never afterward drank liquor. The story leaked out, and the joke practiced upon him by the young men, was ascribed as the reason for his sudden reformation.

A lady, a regular shopper, who had made an unfortunate draper tumble over all the stockings in the shop, objected that none were long enough. "I want," she said, "the longest hose that are made." "Then, madam," was the reply, "you'd better apply to the next engine-house."

PHILATELICAL.

As our cuts have not arrived, we will have to do without them this month, but will try and not let it happen again. (Ed.)

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Specimens of the new postal cards are received. A 1 penny stamp is impressed in violet in the upper right hand corner.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Recent mails have brought specimens of the 5c. red stamp, surcharged with a figure 1, one-half an inch high and about 3-16ths of an inch wide. We hear that the colors and values of the new set are as follows:

2 centavos, green,	16 centavos, green,
5 " " carmine,	24 " " blue,
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This Company have recently had a stamp made for use on their steamers between Panama and St. Thomas. They are printed in both rose and blue; one color being used from Panama to St. Thomas, and the other from St. Thomas to Panama.

FRENCH COLONIES.

The 40 c. of present issue France, printed in red-orange on tint, is in use not perforated.

The 5c. card has the stamp with head of Liberty as well as that with eagle.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

The 50 p. is now sea-green instead of grey. The pneumatic-tube post's card is issued double, brown on rose.

NATAL.

The 1 p. stamp is now used by being surcharged first with $\frac{1}{2}$ and then afterwards HALF, both in black.

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.

The 10 p. is now on pink glazed paper instead of vermilion.

The 50 c., black, cubista has the words COLUMBIA CINENENTA in black instead of white letters.

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Gracey passes *The Jug* around once a
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We acknowledge the receipt of a neatly
printed Invitation to attend the Second
Annual Convention of the N. A. P. A.
at Long Branch, N. J., July, 16th.

All books sent to us, will receive a fair
and impartial criticism.

The Young American, is a neat semi-
monthly from Fostoria, O.

Card Printers, should notice the "ad"
of Norton Bros., on last page.

In the June, number of the *Boys' Ban-
ner*, "Winslow" tries to run down Stamp
Collecting,—but he *can't* do it. Stamp
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slow's" weak effort, to affect it in the
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WINNERS LAST MONTH.

- 1st. Wm. E. Nichols, Jr, Saybrook, Conn.
98 words.
- 2nd. C. Fible, Louisville, Ky. 91 words.
- 3d. A. B. Arch, Randolph, N. Y. 83 words.
- 4th. W. B. Southerland, Rose Hill, N. C.
72 words.

Our Prize Sketch.

But two Sketches was received for the
prize. The first prize was awarded to
Ren Mulford Jr, Cincinnati, O. Second
to "Jessie DeVerne," Akron, O.

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Under this head, we will answer all letters not
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W. F. B. Your Sketch is respectfully
declined, it is written on both sides of
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About Jones.

BY HARRY TREMONT.

In that old, forgotten time,
When men worked, and fools wrote rhyme,
Women spun, Old Sol kept time,
Lived Mr. Jones.

Farmer he; a queer old chap;
Slow and sure; face like a map;
"Always safe to rise a crap!"
Bragged Mr. Jones.

But one day, for him alas!
Came ill-luck; caused by an ass,
Stupid beast, who chanced to pass
When "mad" was Jones.

Sad, though true, great men have faults;
Jones strikes hard! The donkey halts,
Calmly kicks Jones summersaults!!
Finis of Jones!!!

Taken for Pirates.

BY ROB RATLINE.

We were a merry party, Walt, Phil and myself, all clerks in the custom house. We were on our annual trip on the sea, whose exhilarating breezes repaired somewhat our wasted health, brought on by steady application in our duties.

We were in the habit of voting, what country should be visited. It fell on Mexico. That land of the old Aztec Kings.

We arrived at Mexico without anything of any note occurring and after a pleasant stay in the city, rambling over old Castles and visiting the theaters, we were on the shortness of our leave, compelled to return home.

We left Mexico with a fine breeze and had made a splendid run of two days when we were rather badly scared by pirates.(?)

It was a fine morning. The pirate came up with the wind in her favor right alongside of us almost before we knew

it. She fired a gun for us to heave too. The wind was dying out. What could we do? Nothing but let the blood-thirsty fellows step up and cut our throat.

The wind grew less and less until it died out altogether. The pirates got out of their boats and were soon swarming our decks. We had given up all hope—not until now did we think how sweet was this life. The Captain jumped aboard and was about to strike down one of our men when he espied Walt, he bounded toward him and gave his hand a cordial grasp.— We looked on in consternation.

"Here is Harry, my brother, boys" said Walt, leading him up to us.

Strange we had not noticed it before, that the well trimmed uniforms of those men. It was not a pirate as we had supposed, but the Constellation, one of the United States best armed schooners. Harry was Walt's brother.— We were overjoyed. Only those who have been nigh unto death can describe it. You may suppose we were at once laughing heartily at our adventure, but when we now sit writing at our desks, fumbling over old manuscripts, we often think of how we were once "Taken for Pirates."

He Wanted Work.

BY REN MULFORD JR.

"Is dis here de office of the ile foundry?"

This was what startled me as I was seated deep in reverie, on a stool in my office.

"Well?" I inquired.

"Is dis yere, de office of the ile foundry?"

This time louder.

"Yes sir, it is, and I am the boss that runs this shop." I replied.

"Sho! you don say so, eh?"

"Yes, my man speak out, what is it you can do?"

"Do eberyting, boss!" he enthusiastically replied.

"All right! enumerate some of your qualifications, my sable friend."

"Eh?" he gasped.

"I say, name some of your achievements in our line."

"Hub?" This time fainter.

"Well, what *can* you do!" I screamed in desperation.

"Eberyting," he replied, his face growing happier as the meaning of my words enlightened him.

"Thats definite!" I muttered.

"Oh yes, sah, 'kin do that. My last massa say I'm de best "definite" doer he nebber saw."

"Can you press, paint, saw, weigh or stencil?" I asked.

"No sar, but I kin larn, always larn berry fas."

"Can you black boots?" I asked, as a bright thought struck me.

"Sah. I'se a 'spectable niggah, sah, and I'd nebber stoop so low, sah, as that, sah!" and with a shake of his head he left, and I resumed my thoughts.

Comical Clippings.

A countryman on his first vist to New York with his sweetheart, seeing a bunch of bananas hanging in Fulton Market, exclaimed: "Look here, Sue! I'll be mowed if them ain't the biggest beans I ever seen!"

"Here lies the body of Robert Gordin,
Mouth almighty and teeth accordin'.
Stranger, tread lightly over this wonder;
If he opens his mouth you'r gone, by thunder."

An old colored preacher was lecturing a youth of his fold, about the sin of dancing, when the latter protested that the Bible plainly said, "There is a time to dance." "Yes, dar am a time to dance," said the dark divine, "and it's when a boy gets a whippin' for gwine to a ball."

Sprinkle, sprinkle little cart,
How I wonder where thou art.
Come and lay this fearful dust,
Ere our lungs fill up and bust.

PHILATELY.

C. F. Buswell, Editor.
Montpelier, Vt.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CURACOA.

A card without stamp, in green, and one of 12½ ct. in bright orange, has appeared from this country.

SALVADOR.

At last we are enable to give our readers, news of the appearance of the new envelope stamps of this country.

The design of the stamps, are similar to those of Guatemala. The cutting of the head is quite poor, the profile being flat and the expression of the face meaningless. We have seen two values, viz: 1½ real, red on white envelope. ½ real, green on lemon envelopes.

KAPURTHALA.

It would seem that the Native States of India are vying with the English colonies in their postal productions. The

cut represents a stamp used in one of the Native States of the Punjab, presumably, as it was sent to us by the Governor of the Province. More definite information of Kapurthla we cannot, at the present obtain, as the place



does not possess sufficient importance to be in the Atlas. But one value is used, prepared from ivory blocks, each being engraved separately, and is printed on India paper, in rose, un gummed and unperforated. 2 Annas, rose.

CHILI.

We learn that a new set has just been issued for this country, values and colors, as follows:

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20 c. green.	

ST. VINCENT.

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The *Meteor* comes out illustrated and with an engraved heading, with their July, no. We think the heading is most too large for such a small paper.

Art. Huss is getting "high toned" since he is the 4th. Vice President of the N. A. P. A. But this does not improve his paper by any means.

The *Duke's Spirit* accuses W. W. Bartlett of being the originator of the "Irene" ad. If this be so, he should be rightfully exposed. "Let no guilty man escape!"

As we were seated in our sanctum a few evenings ago, we were startled by a mournful howl, which seemed to proceed from some one in great distress. We rushed to the window—and there the moon with all its brilliancies, shown down upon the tragic(?) scene on a neighboring wood-shed, and there revealed two cats engaged in mortal combat.

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