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answer all ordinary purposes. Do not get a smaller one. Have good substantial binding, as stamp albums often get rough usage; and be sure to have good heavy white paper in it—heavy so it will not draw, white because no other color or shade is nearly as pretty. For a collection of 1000 or 1500 varieties, one with 50 leaves will answer.

In "making" the album, if you draw the squares with a pencil, be sure to use a hard one. Make the squares large—larger than is usually found in printed albums. Print the date of issue over each set neatly. If you have the time and patience, the putting in of the population, standard coins, etc., of each country, the drawing of maps, the symmetrical arrangement of sets, the drawing of flags in c
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a beautiful and an elaborate affair. Put the stamps only on one side of the leaf (the other side may be used in the ways mentioned) and do not grow careless toward the end.

The blank album gives a large scope for individual ideas and ingenuity, use them and make your album "a thing of beauty" and it will doubtless be "a joy forever."

APOLOGY.

An apology is due our readers for the quality of paper on which this issue is printed but we were unable to get better at the time. The next issue (also all subsequent issues) will be printed on extra fine book paper.

NEXT MONTH. NEXT MONTH.

The Woodpecker.

(a poem.) BY CASTRANOVA.

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GREETING.

Eastern Philatelist:- Very good.

Exchange:- June number is very interesting.

Post Card:- How much for volume one.

Ye Boodle Philateliste:- Can you send us Nos. 3, 4 & 5 so that we can complete our file.

Yankee Philatelist:- Four moons has passed since we saw you last. Send us back numbers from March, if possible.

The Progressive Philatelist has joined the majority.

The American Stamp Journal for June looks prosperous. Bro. Pender, we hope you will "ford the stream of liquid fire and mount October's shores."

The May Empire State Exchange is as interesting as ever.

Has the Western Philatelist given up the ghost? If it hasn't we would like if it would send us back nos. from Mar. Jan. number is also missing.

Answers to Correspondents.

R. H. Goss:- No. 1 of A. C. is out of print.

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E. D Stone:- Send your stamps with a 2c. stamp to pay return postage and we will identify them. We cannot identify them from your discription.

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Echo through forests far and long,
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I saw, as up my eyes were bent,
The rapid motion of his head;
Admired his brilliant crest of red;
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Tell me reader, what does he seek,
That thus he goes a-rapping,
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Our fruit so beautiful and bright;
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REPRINTS.

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Many young stamp-collectors are at fault, whether the collecting of reprints is a legitimate branch of stamp collecting or not.

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Those who are perpetually investigating and adding, to philatelic discoveries, should possess reprints as well as originals, simply for reference; but to uphold the general collecting of reprints, even as reprints, because we "ought to show the last state of the die" is simply absurd.

In the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" for August, 1866, Mr. Overy Taylor, a

then prominent philatelist, supports the collecting of reprints in quite a lengthy article. He says, "When it is considered how many a vacant space there would be in the majority of albums but for reprints, philatelists have cause to be grateful to the governments which have permitted them to be made. At the worst they are infinitely superior to counterfeits, and nothing checks the sale of forgeries so much as the offer of a genuine article at a low price. Philatelist princes may decry re-impressions, as they are able them selves to obtain or already have, the almost priceless originals, and feel the value of these much prized rarities, depreciated by the multiplication of specimens, equally genuine, though doubtless of inferior worth; but collectors of moderate means,

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What ails the "Tennessee Philatelist?" We haven't saw it since May.

Has the "Wolverine Naturalist" retired?

The May "Empire State Stamp Journal" presents a fine appearance.

The June "Young Folks at Home" contains a very interesting Collector's Corner, edited by J. A. Butterfield.

The C—— Stamp Club in June "Amateur Press" is quite interesting.

The June "One Dime" is, as usual, full of interesting notes.

We will exchange with all.

Reprints.

(Continued from 11th page.)

who have, perhaps, entered the field late in the day, and find there is no chance of getting the scarce originals, except when a good album is broken up, are not sorry to have reprints occupy their places." The position of Mr. Taylor is thus seen to be clearly defined.

I am opposed to reprints, always have been, and always expect to be, and will allow none in my album. They are struck for the purpose of defrauding the philatelic public, why therefore should we take any interest in them, or attach any importance to them beyond learning that they exist? If we study them in all their forms let it be only that we may be able to avoid them at sight: this is the only real good which can come to him, who collects them.

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FOR THE COLLECTOR.

A Popular Pursuit.

There are, on a low estimate, ten thousand active collectors of coins and medals in the United States and Canada, who have cabinets that represent intrinsic value. There are some collections which are valued at from $5.000 to $25.000.

Our principal cities have Societies devoted to numismatics, antiquities and mineralogy. In fact, collecting has become quite an amusement.

It cannot be said that coins possess less interest than other objects of curious research, for they lead to a knowledge of history, art, etc., which cannot well be obtained otherwise. There is a prominent numismatist of Chicago, Geo. P. Avery, who has an extensive collection of American and foreign coins, he accumu-

lated a great many of the latter, while making a tour of the world. This gentleman is decidedly interested in the rare and curious, and a visit to his cabinet would surely be a delight to the heart of a coin collector; although it may safely be said that it would be a still greater delight if one could call himself possessor of a portion of Mr. Avery's collection.

The age of a coin is not conclusive evidence of its rarity; it is the historic interest it may possess, or the limited number struck which will make it sought after by collectors.

For instance, the half-dime of 1792 which Mr. Avery possesses; it has on one side, a bust emblematic of Liberty. This is supposed to represent Martha Washington. The coin is said to have been struck from Washington's private die. They were not generally circulated. Then

there are the dollars of 1836 and 1838, both of which are rare. The former has twenty-six stars in the field, the twenty-sixth representing Michigan which was then applying for admission into the Union. The latter is a "pattern" piece, and was circulated mostly among members of Congress.

The condition of a coin, always regulates the price of it. Some dealers refuse to purchase a coin if it is slightly worn, no matter if is of rare date.

The field for collectors is large and varied, extending from the time when the first metal took the shape and name of a coin (B. C. 750) in an almost unbroken line down to the present time.

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BEWARE! of counterfeit half-dollars of 1835. The edge is both milled and lettered.

The "Orange County Philatelist" has made its appearance from Middletown, N. Y. Success, Bro. Van Sciver.

We also hail the "American Youth" from Nashville, Tenn. Your paper is A No. 1, Bro. Hailey.

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COLLECTING BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH EGGS.

Mar. 16th. I made a trip in search of Nuthatches' nests today and met with very good success. I found at this early date four nests in different stages of construction.

Nest No. 1 was in a pine stub ten feet high and was dug to the depth about three inches. The birds were at home working very hard, apparently.

Nest No. 2 was in a pine stump fifteen feet from the ground and was just begun.

Nest No. 3. We did not see the birds about this newly made excavation, but were not long in concluding that it must be a nest. We left it without investigating any further.

Nest No. 4. This one was nearing completion, as we could hear the birds at work deep down in the stump. It was in a pine stump seven feet up.

Mar. 24th. Today I visited the above nests and tapped on all of the stumps, but received no response until I came to Nest No. 4. When I tapped on it I was agreeably surprised by seeing the female fly out with a loud chatter. Climbers were put on, and up I went in such a hurry that I came to the ground and had to start again. This time I succeeded in reaching the nest, and was soon rewarded by a fine set of six eggs. They were cosily embedded in a composition of cotton and pine cotyledons, which made up the nest. The eggs I bore home with a resolve to visit the other nests found on the 16th, very soon.

(To be continued.)

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MEXICAN STAMPS.

It is rather a wonder that Mexican revenues are not more popular with collectors. They are large and showy and withal cheap, amazingly so, in fact, all of which are recommendations that ought to insure them the favor of the majority of our fraternity. The stamps are annuals, a new and different set for every year, and are fairly tasteful. Like the Mexican postage stamps of corresponding dates, the names of the towns in which they are sold are surcharged on them, but generally in a space where they do not disfigure the design. Many of these stamps are obtainable in an unused condition and a large collection of them would attract great attention from most observers.

The dates of issue are incorporated

into the design so that the collector will have no difficulty in placing them, while curiosity concerning the personages whose vignettes occupy the principal portion of the stamp may lead the philatelist to read Mexican history. "This were a consummation devoutly to be wished," for Mexico, though just as near to this country as Canada, is not so well known. Many philatelist, even, and most other people, mail letters there with five cent stamps upon them, although the postal treaty requires only two cents. This ignorance concerning the country of Hidalgo is attributable doubtless to the fact that the language and customs of Mexico are so different from our oun.

HARRY COLE QUIMBY.

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COLLECTING BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH EGGS.

(Concluded.)

Apr. 5th. I again set out to the other Nuthatch nests today. I tapped on Nest No. 1, when out flew the female. It contained five incubated eggs. Nest No. 2 contained an incomplete set of four eggs, one of which I broke in bringing them to terra firma; while Nest No. 3 contained six fresh eggs. Among some of the material which made up this nest was found four or five chicken feathers. This set was by far the handsomest set of the four.

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Do not imagine when you see this heading that I am going to give you a choice sermon on Hill-Chalmers, or on the Mulready envelope, or either upon the much talked of idea of one cent American postage rate. Not so. It is on a more Universal rate. Penny (2 cents in the U. S.) Postage now carried on in the United Kingdom to a considerable profit (in excess of nine millions of dollars) in the United States and parts of Colonial Africa and Australia, also between America, and between England and the Dominion of Canada at no loss; has been found intensely beneficial. In fact in India where finances are reduced to a "finesse" incomparable and enabling them to offer post-

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I can send a paper weighing four ounces to Australia for 2 cents: a letter of the same weight costs one dollar. Is it strange that Hon. J. H. Heaton, M. P., now in America endorsing this Universal

rate of postage, especially between United States and England, has many supporters, and whose words I have in a few instances reproduced.

It seems very reasonable that two rich countries could surely carry a letter from one to the other for two cents per half-ounce; being twice our regular rate (as we allow one ounce), yet much cheaper than the rate now in force.

As a stamp dealer I know that the present trade I have in England could not be only doubled but surely quadrupled were such postage introduced. I know I could sell cheaper, and I belive the market thus opened would make it possible for all to possess large collections and sustain a large exchange relation without the now supposed necessary overflowing purse.

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To those who have not yet experienced this philatelic "depression of spirits," I would advise that they, too, select some division of this large field and cultivate it and make it their own, before they have a considerable collection (in numbers but not in positive value) of these interesting and almost innumerable stamps.

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capital, the republican form of government was again established. In the resumption of the postal service, the scarcity of stamps provided collectors with some of the most interesting and curious provisionals in existence. In most places where there remained any of the stamps of the issues from 1857 to 1863, they were used. At the capital, these stamps were surcharged "Mexico" in gothic type. In this way, they may be distinguished from those used before the invasion.

After the supply of the lower denominations were exhausted, the stamps of higher values were cut and thus many varieties occured. For instance a quarter of an 8 real stamp was used for two reals.

At the post office of Guadalajara, the supply of the old issue was exhausted and the postmaster conceived the idea of making a new supply. To do this he used a cancelling hand stamp, something like those now used in

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It was one Saturday about 10 o'clock when we got a boat, and made our way to the place where we had seen a Kingfisher at work in a bank some three weeks hence.

When we arrived we saw nothing but a hole in the bank about five feet from the top. We clambered up, and in a little while were digging away for life with our knives, for we had forgotten to bring a shovel along. When we had dug to about the depth of three feet we could just feel where the nest was made larger. We went to work with a will again and in a few minutes could reach one egg, which I

drew forth as the first one of this species that I had ever seen. I put my hand in again but took it out quicker than I did before and bringing no egg. But I brought something that alarmed me much more than an egg would have done. It was the female Kingfisher clinging with a death-like grip to my finger, causing some little pain. I held her a monent and then let her fly away, and then proceeded to find some more eggs. When I felt again I was agreeably surprised to find a "nest full of eggs," and drew forth two at a time for three times making—with the one that I first took out– seven.

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ERRATUM.

Mr. Ralph S. Griswold's address, in the list of applications, on page 88 should be Madison, N. J., instead of Madison N. Y.

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