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There was a small garden, with a great stone wall or fence around it, where you might have seen a few rows of beets and carrots and parsnips, a few bean-vines, and a few hills of corn. Down the path-way on each side, you would be sure to see sweet peas, larkspurs, marigolds, and pinks, and, as summer was waning, some bunches of dill and fennel, with ripened seeds, and against the fence some towering hollyhocks, that told the story that autumn and cold were near.

Here lived George Cole, with his wife and three children. His father, somewhat infirm, lived also with him, and managed to take most of the care of the garden in the summer, and helped to look after the children, while the mother, who was not robust, attended to the "all kinds of work," which such a woman must always do, who keeps up anything like living—cooking, washing, ironing, mending, over and over, over and over.

Two of the children were beginning to make her less care; Frank was twelve, and Lucy about ten; and it was well, for she was every month getting quite poorly being obliged to lie down and rest sometimes, and finding it very hard to carry about her baby, the little Maria, who was always called "Minnie," by way of loving abbreviation.

George Cole had a carpenter's trade, and though he lived poorly, he had a noble heart, and was pained to see his wife toiling so hard, and as there was but little to be done in his trade where he was living, he resolved to go to California for a time, where was everything to be done, and gain means to see his wife living more at ease, and regaining her health.

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that was necessary in the father's absence; and fitting himself out, as well as he could afford, he started, to do diligently what he might find to do; and then he hoped to return to those he loved so well at home.

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bring some water, and then take care of baby, while you make the breakfast; and I will earn money to buy her some clothes; and for you, too, Lucy; and we will take just as good care of Minnie as father and mother would have done—that is, as nearly as we can."

And so they did; and Lucy could make a very good breakfast, too, with some one to lift the kettles for her. She could make very good breakfast out of flour or corn-meal and so can any little girl, if she will only try. How pleasant for any little girl whose parents are in better circumstances than Lucy's, to surprise her father and brothers by a nice plate of "scaloped cookies," or seed-cakes, of her own making. If boys whittle out flower-stands, girls must make cakes in return,

outside the door, and as he came up, the little hands were put out to "Fanny, Fanny," and Lucy was so glad, too. No one could witness the care and devotion of this brother and sister without being affected by it. The grandfather would stop and look over upon them, and listen to their conversation.

As I said, Frank brought all his money home, where Lucy was as faithful and diligent as she was on the very first day that she took her resolution—to be careful, as her mother had been, and so the months and the years rolled away. Frank had a place in a store, where he was so trustworthy that he was sure of being promoted. Economizing his wages, he sent Minnie to school, to fit her to become a teacher; and she became the village schoolmistress at the same time that Lucy was married, and removed to another house, about half a mile distant.

The old grandfather lived to see Lucy settled, and Minnie doing the work at home. Often did he thank them all for the comfort they had been to him, and for the peace of his declining years, telling them, since death had stripped him of his own son, instead of being a burden, they had been to him angels of consolation—and truly they were such to each other.



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The grandfather was completely overwhelmed—these three children on his feeble hands! But Frank and Lucy, the devoted brother and sister, as they realized their situation, roused up, and became two very angels of consolation, in that poor little brown house. Their mother had given them much excellent instruction, for she had no visiting to do; and it seemed even a relief to her weariness to talk to and teach them, because her heart was so full of affection. The baby, who was just learning to walk, had always been their delight, and now they talked about her as if they had been two elderly people.

"I can wash her and dress her, you know, Franky; and I know I can wash her little frocks, and I can sew them, too; I will remember all poor dear mother taught me," said Lucy, though some tears mixed with her kind words.

"And I," said Frank, "will get up in the morning, and make the fire, and

Lucy was willing to take pains, and she had been so happy to have her mother praise her efforts (it never hurts a sensible child to be praised—it does him good to the marrow of his bones), and tell her it was very nice, and now she liked to have her grandpa and Frank say the same. Sometimes, indeed, she would fall to crying, as she remembered her mother, when she would get tired, but her heart was even stronger than her body, and she would work away, and be as cheerful at the thoughts of doing right could make her. When any one, man or woman, boy or girl, feels this consciousness that they are doing right, it is as good as if many degrees of real bodily strength were given them.

In the course of some months Frank found a place in the village, where he could get a little wages for errand-running, every penny of which he brought home. Every time he was to come, Lucy would take Minnie on her lap, and sit

Intelligence of a Cat.

A young lady of Boston furnishes the following interesting anecdote, which affords another proof that the cat is quite liberally endowed with the reflective power:

"Early one morning, before any of the family had arisen, we heard the inside blinds of the drawing-room opening. Thinking that the noise might possibly have been caused by a burglar, who was endeavoring to effect an entrance, we descended to the room, but, after searching, we could find no person there, although the blinds were open. This being repeated for some time, we watched, and at length discovered that the blinds had been opened every morning by the cat. After this she learned to open all the doors by turning the handles or knobs, and when they were bolted, would turn and twist until she attracted our attention. She was also very fond of music, and when I played on the piano would jump on the top of the case, and give her whole attention to the piece. When she was alone in the room, and the piano was open, she would walk up and down on the keys for five or ten minutes, seeming to enjoy the music she made."

A little girl watching a kite made of a daily paper:

"Mamma, isn't it going very high?"

"Yes, my love, it is."

"Do you think it will get beyond that cloud?"

"It wouldn't surprise me if it did; why do you ask?"

"Well, I thought if it went as far as that the dear Lord might be able to read the news."

The Farewell of the Brave.

BY WILLIAM MAC DONALD.

A cry doth echo o'er the wave,
And linger on the shore
It is the farewell of the brave,
Who sink to rise no more.

It sounds amid the twilight gray,
Louder than the angry breakers' roar,
And seems in mist to melt away,
To seek some other distant shore.

I may hear it yet again,
Over death's dark lonesome river
Where it goes to live forever,
Tossed not by the stormy main

A Case of Misunderstanding.

BY H. M. KONWISER.

THANKSGIVING Day! Thinking of it cast a gloom over Will Denning's feelings, for hadn't his engagement with Evelyn Fields been broken off? And now he was certain his former rival Bert Dillen would marry Evelyn on Nov. 25th, instead of himself.

Will, to be explicit and correct, William Chester Denning had just turned twenty-two and was the junior partner of a large jewelry manufacturing concern. Fair of face and pleasant carriage made him quite a favorite with the ladies. In his other affairs of the heart he had come out scathless.

Evelyn Fields with her brunetish hair, good figure, not unhandsome face and only twenty years of age caused more than one heart to beat faster, but intimate friends—and some casual ones—understood the intentions of Evelyn and Will. How and why she broke off the engagement two weeks before the decided upon date lies within the writer's province to tell.

Like most "lovers quarrels" this one was over a matter that could easily have been averted had it been discussed by others than lovers. Evelyn had lost the opal ring Will had presented to her. Before calling on Evelyn on the eventful evening he had met Bert Dillen and noticed an opal ring on one of his fingers. He could have sworn it was the ring he had given, inasmuch as he had brought it over from India and was said to be the only ring of its kind to be had. The ring was in the form of a snake in the mouth of which was set an opal. Alternately, it was made up of silver and gold parts. At any rate, he accused her of giving Bert the ring, which she denied, re-iterating she had misplaced it. Bert persisted in doubting her statement and rising Evelyn Fields said, "Mr. Denning, just as soon as I recover the ring I'll return it to you," and without waiting for Will's reply left the room.

Will's doggedness was now given a chance to shine in all its brilliancy. He left the house making the mental

resolve never again to allow thoughts of Evelyn to enter his brain. Then he decided to travel a bit and remembered the standing offer of an old friend of his owning a silver mine somewhere in Brazil and determined to pay him a visit. His friends were surprised to learn of his determination to travel and still more so when they learned the why and wherefore thereof.

Bert Dillen offered this statement, "Miss Fields and I have nothing in common: the ring I bought in India in 1895, and is the only one of its kind."

And Evelyn. Well, she knew Will and was certain he would come back sooner or later and apologize.

Will took a slow boat for Brazil and

familiar names and places in that ever busy section of the great city put him in good humor. In the lobby of the hotel he met Bert Dillen who seems glad to see him. After an exchange of greetings, Denning noticing that opal ring on one of Dillen's fingers, asks him where he got it.

Bert says, "In '95, while in India, I bought this from a Burmese priest. He claimed it was the only one of its kind extant."

Will hurriedly asks, "Was it the priest called the Punjahn of Rahabhad Dyneer?"

"Yes."

"Well, throw me overboard for a land lubber. What a fool I was, but then the measly priest told me the same thing. Say, old man, I wronged



JOE D. MILLER.

A WELL KNOWN OLD TIME PRINTER.

finally arrived, meeting his friend at Rio. The usual amusements of visitors were his—hunting and studying the country and the people.

October 25th and Will Denning deems it time to start homeward. During his stay in Brazil he had heard once from "the firm" on business. He had taken pains to see that none of his "about town" acquaintances knew exactly where he was going. Once, while in Rio Janeiro, he had read a copy of a New York newspaper and with evident glee read the announcement of the marriage of a friend of his—Alfred Judkins with Jennie Carver—he murmured "Poor fellow."

Back in New York again, just one week before Thanksgiving. A year has passed since his quarrel with Evelyn Fields. No decided political or historical changes have been made in New York. He walked off the boat and decided to stop in New York a few days, the Astor House being his objective point. The walk up Broadway was a real pleasure. The

you? and Evelyn is she married?"

"You're pardoned, Bill, and Evelyn is waiting for thee; tarry no longer, go right over to N—and explain," says Bert Dillen.

And he did.

The Weapon She Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Oslet, of Tremont, went for a walk the other night, when they were met by two tramps. One of the men asked Mr. Oslet what time it was, and the gentleman told him he did not know.

"Then we'll look ourselves," said the small tramp.

Mrs. Oslet drew a dangerous looking weapon and exclaimed, "If you touch my husband I'll blow both of your heads off."

The larger tramp looked at the smaller one and then at the weapon, and shouting "Dig out, Jim; she's got a pop!" took to his heels and disappeared with his companion.

When the elderly couple had recovered their composure, Mr. Oslet said: "My dear, I did not know that you carried a pistol. When did you get it?"

"Why, father, 'twas my spectacle case."

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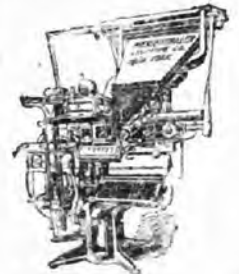
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PASSING OF THE MINE MULE.

Compressed Air Motors to Take His Place and Save Much Money.

By spending thousands upon thousands of dollars and after many years of unsuccessful experimenting an air engine has been perfected and an economical method furnished of transporting coal from the interior of mines to the bottom of the slope. The new device was built by the Baldwin Locomotive works and will, it is expected, be the means of saving millions of dollars per annum to the mineral mining companies. While the locomotive has been undergoing a severe test in the mine near Girardville for the past few months all have awaited the result with much anxiety, and now that it is declared a success most of the principal mining concerns are making hurried preparations to adopt it.

This state of affairs means a boom to the locomotive builders of the world. It also means that thousands of men and boys employed in conveying coal from the "breasts" and gangways of mines will have to seek other occupation. The leading coal companies have long been endeavoring to obtain a mechanical substitute to replace the mine mule that would reduce the immense cost entailed in getting the coal from the underground workings to the bottoms of the slope. They tried engines propelled by steam, electricity, gas, etc., but all proved complete failures.

The steam locomotive was abandoned because the vapor had a tendency to loosen the "top," or roof of the gangways and various chambers throughout the mines. It also rattled the pine timber used for "legs," "collars" and lagging and caused the top to cave in frequently, entailing large losses. Electricity and gas were abandoned because either was liable to ignite the gas in the underground workings.

The new air locomotive was built almost a year ago and is the invention of a Philadelphia man. With the exception of a huge air boiler or tank, the construction of the air locomotive is similar in every respect to a steam locomotive, and it is propelled in the same manner. The air tank is not unlike the steam boiler of an engine and is carried in the same position, thus doing away with a tender. On account of its pointed head it is better able to cut its way through the heavy air of a mine, attaining a high rate of speed. The air is supplied by an air compressor located on the surface.

The air is pumped through two five inch pipes into the mine at a pressure of 800 pounds per square inch. One of these pipes runs to the bottom of the slope and the other to the end of the underground workings. These pipes serve as a reservoir for the air. At the ends of the lines and along the route of the locomotive are stations where the air tank of the engine can be refilled when exhausted. Exhaustion frequently occurs, and without the station pumps the engine would be useless.

The air tank on the locomotive has a capacity of 164 cubic feet, a sufficient amount of air to carry a train, including eight or ten heavily loaded mine cars. The speed is regulated according to the number of mine cars attached and to the track. On a level and straight railway one of these engines can carry from 10 to 12 loaded mine wagons at the rate of 25 to 35 miles per hour. By the old method the mine cars were loaded from a shoot, which ran directly up to the face of the "breast," at a pitch of from 40 to 90 degrees. From there they were conveyed through small gangways by teams of mules to the main gangway, where bigger teams picked them up and carried them to the bot-

tom of the slope. Here they were hoisted to the surface in a self dumping car.

Taking all this into consideration, the air locomotive is the solution of the problem and will reduce the cost of mining to a minimum.—Philadelphia Times.

When is a Woman's "No" Decisive?

How often when a woman says "No" to a man she regrets that it was not "Yes." How often, if he could only ask her again, he would get a different answer—if he only knew it.

In point of fact how many men who have had the courage to ask a girl a second time are accepted? Persistence goes infinitely further with a woman than a man has any idea of. If he had, the course of most people's lives would be different.

But is there never a case in which a woman means "No" when she says "No"? Yes; there are several. Only the difficult part is for a man to be sure about it.

A woman's "No" is decisive when she has had love and respect for a man and has lost both. If she has never tested him and proved him false, her power of hope and belief in his better self is boundless. But once she has had to confess to herself that she despises him, her love gets its death blow and will never again revive. Then she says "No" and can never be got to say "Yes" later on; then there is no hope for her former lover.

A woman's "No" is decisive when she loves another man.

But in most cases, let it be said with confidence to unsuspecting man, a woman's "No" need not cause despair. At all events, when it is most decidedly uttered it is sometimes the most open to conviction, and it is not always the woman who says "No" firmly who cannot be got to say "Yes" later on.—Dublin Herald.

Embassador White's House.

Professor Andrew D. White, the American ambassador to Germany, is at last in possession of his fine residence on Lenue strasse in the most fashionable quarter of Berlin. The rent he pays for it is something like one-half of his salary, and mechanics and furnishers have been at work upon it for four months past. It is filled with art treasures which he has picked up during his extensive travels. The forest reception given by Professor White was, by the way, the first social function attended by Prince Hohenzollern, the German imperial chancellor, since the death of his wife, and the fact that he went there against the advice of his physician has excited general comment in diplomatic circles in Berlin.

The Canary Bird.

People would hardly think of giving a canary bird whisky, but when a bird falls ill and loses its voice the probability is that it has taken cold. Canary birds take cold very easily and have pneumonia and pleurisy and consumption just like human beings. When the bird droops, a few drops of whisky and rock candy given at intervals of an hour will often effect a complete cure. Only a couple of drops can be given at a time, or the canary will become tipsy and fall about the cage like a drunken man, but the treatment is the best possible for a canary with a cold.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Circumstantial Evidence.

Sherlock Holmes (at the theater)—That woman in front of us has remarkably pretty teeth.

Dr. Cebels—How do you know? You haven't seen her face.

Sherlock Holmes—But she has laughed incessantly ever since the curtain went up.—Chicago News.

A Genuine Bill, but Split.

A few days ago a sensation was caused at Ionia by the discovery of a counterfeit \$100 silver certificate. The bill had been offered to the cashier of one of the local banks and pronounced by him to be bogus, and this opinion was confirmed later by a civil service officer who went there to investigate the matter. The bill had partially split in two, and it was supposed to be one of the kind where the front and back are printed on separate sheets of thin paper by the counterfeiters and then pasted together, with the silk threads between. The bill was sent to the treasury officials at Washington, and on Monday the Ionia cashier and the secret service officer were astounded at a dispatch from Washington stating that the bill was genuine and that \$100 in currency had been sent out to redeem it. This is the first instance known of a United States note splitting in two.—Detroit Free Press.

Pleasant Reading.

Some funny requests reach congressmen, but Representative Lacey of Iowa thinks that a letter which he received from a constituent yesterday takes the cake.

"Please send me," said the writer, "all the obituaries about congressmen that are published. I do so like to read about dead congressmen!"—Washington Post.

Very Close Indeed.

"This gentleman," said the phrenologist at the open air performance, "is a close observer—a very close observer."

"So much so," continued the phrenologist, "that I don't exceedingly if he would have been here tonight had we charged any admission fee."—New York Journal.

A Hall of American History.

Steps are being taken at the national museum in Washington to carry out an idea long contemplated of developing a hall of American history. Professor Goode had long cherished the idea, and Professor Holmes, who is in charge of the department of anthropology, is equally enthusiastic. It is the purpose to have the institution as nearly national in its character as possible, and every effort will be made to have as many things in it relating to early American history, that of the United States in particular, as can be obtained. The objects and relics will be presented chronologically, beginning with the period when Leif Ericsson, in his Viking ship, visited America. Then will follow in order Columbus, the pilgrims, Captain John Smith's party, the Dutch and other settlers, after which will come relics of the rebellion. There will also be exhibits of the growth in facilities of navigation and of railroading, and of the remarkable advance in the use of electricity.—New York Post.

A Woman's Joke.

Have you heard this one? Why is a man with a bottle of mucilage in his pocket, racing at the top of his speed on a bicycle, like the July sun? The answer is, obviously, "Because he is a scotchman." But what has the bottle of mucilage to do with it? Why, that's the sticker.—Club Woman.

His Triumph.

"Have you anything to say?" asked the sheriff, as he strapped the murderer in the electric chair.

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"See," said one, "what we are descended from."

And they looked into the cage of monkeys and laughed.

The mother monkey called her children about her.

They climbed gravely on the perch to listen to her words.

She pointed to the young men

"See," said the mother monkey, "what some of our ancestors have degenerated into.

And the children monkeys returned to their corners and wept.

THE OMEN OF THE OWL.

Uncle William Explains the Significance of the Bird's Scream.

"You hear dat?" said Uncle William to the little pickaninny who was crouching at his feet. "You heah dat, don't you?"

It was late at night, and an owl had screamed on the roof.

"Dar's a murder gwin on some-whar's," he continued, "en somebody wuz killed when dat owl boilered. I never knowed it ter fail. De owl is in de killin' business hisself, en he know des wut gwine on in de da'k night."

The pickaninny crawled under the bed-clothes and covered his head. The owl screamed again and flew away.

"Trouble, trouble!" muttered the old man, "en sich a col' rainy night fer it! I shouldn't wonder ef some er dem low country niggers ain't tu'n fool ergin en put dey neck in de noose."

There was a knock on the door, a shuffling of feet outside, and he heard his name called, in trembling tones:

"Open de do', Uncle William fer God sake!"

He knew the voice, but he was suspicious, and he called through the window-chink

"What has you been a doin' of now? Wut fotch you heah, so late?"

"Open de do'! Open de do'—quick!"

Uncle William loosened the chain a little way, when the man outside threw his weight against the door and forced an entrance.

He crouched, panting, in a dark corner of the cabin.

"What has you done now?" repeated Uncle William. "I ain't gwine harbor you 'less you tell me—wut has you done? Don't you see you scart de boy ter death?"

The little pickaninny was sitting up in bed, screaming lustily.

"Dey's outside dar," said the man, "on de groun'; but wait twell I ketch my breath. Go out en fotch 'em in!"

Uncle William peered out into the darkness, and saw what appeared to be a well filled crocus sack lying on the ground.

"You've killed somebody," he said, "en cut him up, en put him in dat sack, en dragged him ter my do'—you devil, you!"

"No, I ain't," said the man, and he reached out, looked furtively around, listening, and then dragged the sack inside.

And then—

He drew forth: One turkey, two ducks and five fat hens!

"Dey gimme a close race fer half a mile," said the man, "but I dodged 'em en made fer yo' place."

"Well, I declar!" said Uncle William, feeling the towels. "I thought fum de way you come, dat you'd been a-killin' somebody! En heah it is—nuttin' but chickens! But dey is

des az fat ez butter! Stir dat fire, en put on de pot. But—Lawd. Lawd! I thought fum de way dat owl hollered dat somebody had been a-doin' er somethin' wrong, en hit tu'ns out tu be nuttin' but chickens! Well, well! But, Jim!"

Here he held up a warning finger. "I lissenin' ter you!"

"You orter quit yo' meanness en jine de church! You pick de turkey, en I'll pick de ducks!"

An Indian Child's Prayer

Miss Mary P. Lord, a teacher on the Sioux Reservation, North Dakota, relates this touching little scene of wigwam life:

The infant daughter of One Bull lay in her father's arms sick unto death. The face of the stoical Indian gave no sign, but the tender grief of a parent was as keen in his breast as in the heart of a white man.

A little daughter a few years older stood by, looking pitifully at the sick baby. Presently she said:

"Papa little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray."

She knelt at her father's knee, and prayed in her Indian tongue: "Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Please open the door softly and let her in. Amen"

Miss Lord's little pupil is one example of the education that begins with the children to Christianize a pagan race. This tiny girl is a granddaughter of the famous Sitting Bull. He was a capable warrior and chief, but a ruthless man and a savage. Her father, One Bull, is one of the so-called "good Indians," who have felt the influence of civilization, and the child herself, only three removes from barbarism, has declared herself, a young disciple of the Great Teacher, who seeks the highest welfare of men, whether civilized or uncivilized, "bond or free."—Youth's Companion.

The Latest Sensational French Play.

Cyrano De Bergerac, by Edmond Rostand, which is being played in this country by Richard Mansfield and in England by Henry Irving, is just brought out in a dainty, handy cloth-bound volume at the price of 35c., and a cheap paper edition at 15c., by Hurst & Co., New York, the well-known cheap-book publishers. They will send it post paid, or it may be had at all dealers. It is generally pronounced the play of the year, and some critics rank it close after Shakespeare's masterpieces.

Hiram—Hurry up, Mandy, and get away from this building.

Mandy—What's your hurry, Hi?

Hiram (chuckling)—The fellow in the elevator forgot to collect our fares.

Gobang—I believe that I will have burglar alarms put in the house.

Mrs. Gobang—Gracious! What for? Don't the thought of burglars alarm you enough?

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FLORALETTE.

BY J. ROGERS GORE.

Happy when they gaze at me;
 Laughing eyes, laughing eyes;
 Surely, surely it must be
 They came out of paradise!
 And that wavy, floating hair,
 Golden as the sunset hue,
 Surely some sweet angel, fair,
 Gave those pretty locks to you!
 And that voice—sweeter still—
 Sweeter yet than all to me—
 All my heart and soul does fill
 With the sweetest melody!
 And that precious love of thine—
 Don't forget, oh, don't forget,
 Ev'ry fraction of it's mine,
 Floralette, sweet Floralette!

Give to me thy trembling hand;
 Let us walk—and not apart—
 Through the rosy, cozy land
 Of the unit of heart!
 There the waters, as they go
 Rushing onward to the sea
 Seem to tell me as they flow
 Of a bright futurity,
 And the sunbeams—sparkling bright—
 Dancing, prancing in the skies,
 Promise there shall be no night
 If you'll loan to them your eyes!

How I long for promised kisses—
 Don't forget, oh, don't forget
 That I long for promised kisses,
 Floralette, sweet Floralette!

WHAT WAS IT?

BY BERGAN M. ARLING.

ONE day last summer Harry W—
 and I were on a century run
 through New Hampshire. In the
 afternoon about five o'clock a terri-
 ble thunder storm arose and gave us
 just time enough to reach an ancient
 house before it broke with all its fury.
 We hastened inside a small side porch
 and knocked on the door. As no one
 answered our knock we opened the
 door and entered. Every thing with-
 in the house as well as without, was
 in a sad state of decay. The room we
 entered was the kitchen and contained
 nothing beside a rickety old chair and
 table. We stood our wheels against
 the wall and proceeded to ransack the
 house. We found nothing except a
 bedstead and mattress in a small
 room on the second floor. After
 ransacking the house thoroughly we
 returned to the kitchen and ate our
 lunch which had been packed by lov-
 ing mothers that noon.

As the storm had not abated, but
 rather had increased in fury we decid-
 ed to remain in this shelter over
 night and accordingly we went up-
 stairs and stretched our weary bodies
 on the mattress. In a few moments
 we were both sound asleep.

I don't know what time it was when
 I awoke but I had a chill all through
 my body, my throat seemed choked
 and I was sitting up in bed. When I
 opened my eyes the first thing I
 noticed was that the room which had
 been pitch dark was brilliantly light-
 ed. Then I saw a figure in the centre

of the room clad in white, transparent,
 and gazing at me from the hollow
 cavity of its skull. The lower jaw
 hung powerless on its breast. I could
 see the design in the wall paper be-
 hind this form. All this happened
 in less than three seconds. I seized
 Harry's arm and squeezed it so hard
 that I left the impress of three fingers
 in a black mark on his arm for a
 week. He instantly awoke and see-
 ing the form he cried: "What's that?"
 Slowly the form moved toward the
 window and disappeared but not be-
 fore Harry had pumped three balls
 from his ".32" through its body.
 When the form vanished it left the
 room in total darkness. We did not
 speak until dawn came and renewed
 our courage. Then we talked freely



SWEET FLORALETTE.

on the "ghost" question and taking
 our wheels we scraped for home with
 a fixed resolve never to sleep in un-
 inhabited houses hereafter.

Now, I have never believed in
 ghosts and I don't wish to, if some
 one will explain this phenomenon to
 me. I have never read any ghost
 stories and had not read anything
 previous to this experience for at least
 a week. Any explanations addressed
 to me, care of editor, will be gladly
 received.

Wayworn Watson—Dey say in the
 tropics the grub grows on trees, Ain't
 dat a graft?

Weary Willie—Does ther trees have
 ter be climbed?

Slow Fever.

Fuddy—They say that Tawdlin has
 a fever and is not expected to be out
 for a long time.

Duddy—A slow fever, I suppose?

Fuddy—I don't know; but what
 made you think that?

Duddy—Because Tawdlin caught it.

A Withdraw Game.

She (at a late hour)—Do you play
 checkers Mr. Spoons?

He—Yes, sometimes I do. Why?

She—I thought so. You reminded
 me of a cautious checker player.

He—In what way?

She—It takes you so long to make
 a move. And then he jumped.

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Bessie—What do you think of Fanny's
 sealskin?
 Jessie—Think it's plush.

"It's all moonshine."
 "What is?"
 "The light of the moon."

ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

Horta—A new letter card has been issued for this colony, of the same design as the new card for Funchal.

A new Provisional for Paraguay is announced, made by surcharging the current 40c, in three lines, "Provisorio—10—centavos."

The color of the current New South Wales 2½d has been changed from purple to blue, to conform with the requirements of the Universal Postal Union.

A new postal card for Orange Free State is chronicled. It is of type P C1 in the Standard Catalogue.

R. M. Miller, founder of the Sons of Philately, died at his home in New Chester, Pa., on October 1st. Mr. Miller was secretary of the society for six years.

The Monthly Journal says that the 2, 4 and 8 Annas of Holkar, chronicled in August, 1897, are not postage stamps, but fiscals, and bear the inscription "Court Fee" in Hindostain at the top. There is also a 1d red of the same series.

Italy—The American Journal of Philately says, "Mr. P. V. Karaivanoff sends us the current 1 lire Unpaid Letter Stamp with the numeral printed in a new color.

Unpaid Letter Stamp.

Watermarked Crown.

Perforated 14.

1 c blue and carmine

A bank in Boston recently received a check stamped with a 2-cent postage due stamp, instead of a 2-cent Proprietary stamp.

George Brady has purchased the Ontario Philatelist and will consolidate it with the Stamp Reporter.

We are in receipt of a "War Time Philadelphia Souvenir Postal," which is very pretty and attractive. In the left corner is an American and Cuban flag crossed and printed in colors.

Advertisers will please note that the low advertising rates in the AMERICAN MONTHLY are only maintained at the present price in order to introduce our paper as an advertising medium. Our rates will shortly be increased. Time contracts, however, will not be affected by this increase in price.

It is announced that the 20 centimes of Tunis have appeared in the colors of the current 20c, France.

Belgium—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* announces the 50 centimes of the current type, with the Sunday label, in a new color, gray.

Philippine Islands—The Madrid *Filatelico* announces that the color of the current 1 centavo has been changed from violet to carmine.

Servia—It is announced that the postage and postage due stamps are appearing on stout, white woven paper, instead of paper with red fibres. So far the 5 and 10 paras, regular issue, and the 20 paras postage due have appeared.

Omaha stamps of all denominations are in great demand. The columns in stamp papers are well filled with want ads. and good prices are offered, and every month witnesses an increase in their value.

Morocco—Tangier and Alcazar—Le *Timbre Poste* announces that a courier service has been established between Tangier and Alcazar, and a new series of stamps prepared as a consequence. The design is very mediocre, it represents a steamboat with "Service de Poste" in a label above and the value across the bottom. At the sides are inscribed "Tangier" and "El Kasar,"

Adhesive stamps.

Perforated 11½.

5c green.

10c rose.

To Advertisers. — The December issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will not go to press until the 5th of Jan. on account of the lateness of our Nov. issue. Our January number will go to press about the 20th. There are but a very few stamp papers that have a larger circulation than we have and advertisers cannot fail to get good results if they offer any reasonable bargains. Place an ad in our January number and see for yourself. Rates only 10c an inch or \$1.00 per column. Circulation 2,000. The editor is an enthusiastic collector.

The 1898 issue of the U. S., corrected to date is as follows:

CURRENT ISSUE.

- 1 cent green.
- 5 cent blue.
- 5 cent light blue.
- 4 cent red-brown.
- 6 cent maroon.
- 10 cent light brown.

OMAHAS.

- 1 cent dark green.
- 1 cent yellow-green.
- 1 cent slate-green (Gray paper).
- 2 cent brown-red.
- 2 cent rose-red.
- 4 cent yellow-orange.
- 4 cent orange.

- 5 cent blue.
- 5 cent deep blue.
- 8 cent lilac.
- 10 cent gray.
- 50 cent sage green.
- \$1.00 black.
- \$2.00 orange-brown.

REVENUES.

Document (provisional):

1. R. on 1 cent green, red surcharge.

1. R. on 1 cent green, red surcharge, inverted.

1. R. on 1 cent green, red surcharge, block type.

1. R. on 2 cent carmine, blue surcharge

1. R. on 2 cent carmine, blue surcharge, inverted.

\$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading up.

\$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading down.

Document (regular issue):

½ cent orange.

½ cent gray.

1 cent pale blue.

2 cent carmine.

3 cent dark ultramarine.

4 cent pale rose.

5 cent lilac.

10 cent dark brown.

25 cent maroon

40 cent violet.

50 cent slate-violet.

80 cent (?)

\$1.00 green.

\$3.00 brown-lilac.

\$5.00 red.

\$10.00 black.

\$50.00 bistre-brown.

Proprietary (regular issue):

½ cent yellow-green.

¼ cent gray-brown.

¾ cent orange.

¾ cent ultramarine.

1 cent green.

1¼ cent plum.

1¼ cent dark violet.

1¼ cent gray-lilac.

1½ cent (?)

2 cent violet-brown.

2½ cent lake.

3¾ cent (?)

4 cent purple.

5 cent orange-brown.

Used Omaha stamps will undoubtedly be a great deal scarcer than the Columbian stamps, especially the higher values. Only about one-half of the post-offices keep them above the 2 cent values and very few of the 1 and 2 cents are seen in the mails in proportion to those of the regular issue.

Rob H. Frederick, of Ottawa, Ill., dealer in stamps, coins and mound relics, will have announcements in the next issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY, having engaged space in the next few issues.

Alabama, California, Louisiana, Nevada and Oregon issued revenue stamps for state use.

Collectors would do well to get the Newfoundland one cent red and two cent orange '97, as a rise is sure on account of the necessary change of color.

We can use good MSS. at any time of the year. Contributions solicited.

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Our Sentiments, Too.

A well worn subject of discussion among philatelists is that of albums. Now, I don't want anyone to consider this in the shape of a kick, but rather as a "gentle reminder" to the compilers, publishers, etc., of the next edition of the "International." Namely that the illustrations of the stamps of the United States of America are both too few and too far between. No doubt the advanced collectors may be well able to classify their different specimens to perfection, but they must consider the rising generation, with five or six hundred varieties just starting upon their philatelic voyage.—*Philatelic Advocate.*

If the war cloud that hovers over Fashoda should happen to break, collectors of British Colonies would be gladdened by several new issues from some of the French Islands in different parts of the world, with the pleasant features of Queen Victoria thereon. Even as it now stands they may soon expect some from China.

Several parties have sent advertisements without payment therefor. To these we would say, If you wish to see your adv. in print send your money at once.

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Illustrated Postal Cards.

A new continental fad, which has resulted in the establishment of an important industry, is the collecting of illustrated postal cards. This has been carried on to such an extent that there is now in progress in Zurich an international postal card exhibition. There are excellently executed views of places of interest in all corners of the globe, beginning with Niagara Falls and ending after a westward trip around the world, with scenes in New York. Some of the views are mere coarse prints, while others are fine lithographs, engravings, photographs and photogravures. Copies of noted works of art, paintings and sculptures are shown, executed with more or less artistic finish. One beautiful collection is an illustration of Wagner's opera. For the humorously inclined there is an endless variety of illustrated themes. An idea of the extent to which this mania has spread may be gained from the fact that a company in Dresden has sent a traveler around the world in order to mail to the subscribers to this enterprise 200 postal cards from all quarters of the globe. This man expects to be on his way about nine months.

Spain's Mourning Stamp.

As a means of paying off the war debt, which is claimed to be 2,000,000,000 pesetas (\$400,000,000), the Spanish government has issued a stamp of mourning, which is to be used on all the inland mail of Spain and her colonies. The stamp which is of the denomination of five cent pesetas (one cent) is printed in sombre black, and must be affixed to all mail matter in addition to the regular postage stamp. It is of ordinary size, with the inscriptions "Impto. de Guerra" and "1898-99" at the top and bottom, respectively. The figure "5" and "cent" appear in the centre in a vertical oval, with scroll work at the sides. The government has occasionally issued stamps of this character, the use of which was voluntary, but not so with this one. Every piece of mail matter for inland delivery must bear a mourning stamp, otherwise it doesn't go.

The man who gives away a few varieties of stamps on every possible occasion to encourage possible collectors does more practical good to philately than he who writes articles proclaiming the pleasure of philately. —Mekeel's Weekly.

Advertisers should please note the fact that sample copies of the AMERICAN MONTHLY are mailed to every new collector whose names we are using every effort to secure. Our circulation at present is 2,000 and we expect by April 1st to have at least 10,000 subscribers. Everybody can afford to pay 10c a year, our price.

May Sell Periodical Stamps.

The following letter has been received from the Third Assistant Postmaster General by one of our readers: "The department has not yet decided to sell the newspaper and periodical postage stamps sent here by postmasters. It is likely, however, that this may be done in a month or two. On the 10th of January next, when a new contract goes into operation, the department will probably issue the 1, 2, and 5-cent stamped envelopes, with embossed stamps of green, red, and dark blue, respectively, the colors corresponding to those of the same denomination of adhesive stamps." —Mekeel's Weekly.

Origin of Postage Stamps.

It is generally believed that postage stamps are of quite modern origin. This is an error, for we find from an old bulletin of the French that the first collector of postage stamps lived in the reign of Louis XIV.

During the seventeenth century, when the King changed the place of residence for the Court, persons in his suite procured tickets which they stuck on letters intended for Paris in order that they might be received and forwarded by his Majesty's carrier.

In 1654 a regulation was issued to the effect that persons writing from one part of Paris to the other might have their letters faithfully carried and diligently delivered to any address provided they attached to their letters a ticket indicating that its carriage was paid, as money would not be directly accepted. This ticket might be attached to or placed around the letter or affixed in any convenient manner so that it was plainly visible. The price of the ticket was a sou.

This system has been in force since August 18th, 1653.

Convention of Philatelists.

Richmond has been selected as the convention seat for the Southern Philatelic Association next year. The date has not yet been fixed. This association is composed of stamp collectors of the Southern States, and numbers several hundred members. The Virginia Philatelist, which is published in that city by Messrs. August Dietz and Franklin Stearns, has been chosen as the official organ of the society, and Mr. August Dietz, the editor of the magazine, has been elected vice-president.

The convention will be attended by delegates from nearly all the Southern States, and will probably last for three days. The local collectors are already planning entertainments for the visitors, and have pledged themselves to make every effort to make the event a memorable one.

There are nearly one hundred collectors registered in Richmond, and the list includes some very prominent individuals.

Postal Reform.

The postoffice is not a means of taxation. On the contrary, it is "a public service, a machine to be put in motion and run to its capacity wherever communication and transportation, which are among the necessities of modern life, are required by the people." The postal service comes so close to every family, that it can readily be made one of the greatest agencies for promoting civilization, advancing progress and even for preserving peace among the nations. To this end, the postoffice should afford daily mail with free collection and delivery in country as well as city, a parcels post, a convenient and cheap means for transmitting money, and insurance of registered matter. Worked on this liberal basis the postal revenues would soon warrant one-cent letter postage at home and an international two-cent rate. The parcels post should in time do for 10 cts. what the express companies charge 25 cents for, and if the postoffice "took over" electric communication, Wanamaker's dream of 3 cent telephones and 10 cent telegrams would be realized in less than ten years. All this is what the new American Postal League (Box 2361, Boston, Mass.) aims to secure. —Farm & Home.

C. E. Severn in Chicago correspondence of Mekeel's Weekly says: "According to a newspaper, the local postoffice handled a letter from the Philippines on which the postage amounted to \$8.56. As the package was sent by a soldier stationed there, it was carried at the rate of two cents an ounce. It weighed twenty-six pounds and twelve ounces and was prepaid by 107 eight-cent stamps, the highest denomination that Uncle Sam has in his newly-acquired colony."

Contributions of interest to stamp dealers and collectors are solicited for publication in this paper. It takes lots of notes to make a good newsy paper, and that is what we are trying to get out in order that we may increase our subscription list to 10,000 by April 1st. Our subscription price is only 10 cents a year, and if you have not sent in your subscription yet please do so at once. We shall try to make some improvement on every issue. We desire biographies of leading philatelists for publication.

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NED, THE NEWSBOY.

BY GEO. C. RANDALL.

DOWN a narrow street, where the brick houses on either side had stood for years, begrimed and black from the smokey atmosphere of the city. At a broken window pane was pressed a white little face, delicate as a girl's, the features and yet, it was that of our little hero,—a boy subject to the hard knocks of a New York newsboy's life.

His large blue eyes spoke volumes, as they shone so brightly from beneath prettily arched eyebrows. His laugh was a perfect illumination of a delicate countenance: his smiles, oh, so suggestive of pain and sorrow.

Up the rickety stairs that creak and shake as we ascend, we feel our way, and then through long, and narrow, and dark halls, we grope along until we stand on the top floor at the door of Ned's room.

Yes, a room, but how miserable. Scant of furniture and every luxury, dear reader, that you feel that you could not do without. A little bed in one corner, two old chairs, and a small piece of rag carpet constituted its furnishings. His luxuries were some picture papers sent him by a charitable woman, and a motto which hung over a bare mantel bearing these words: "Let Me to Thy Bosom Fly." The only warmth in the room was the invalid's breath, and what he could get from an old coat and shawl wrapped about him. Bleak November was at hand, and squalls of snow filled the air with the little flakes that scurried along, some lighting on Ned's window, where they melted away before his eyes just as his life was melting before the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

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The men turned their backs upon the ship, upon whose voyage one thousand pounds were staked and threaded the almost deserted streets of the Australian city. Near a large store they separated and Wartop entered the building with a key which he had taken from his pocket.

He locked the door after him, and threw himself in a chair before a desk, over which the mellow gaslight fell.

Something seemed to please him, for he hummed a merry ballad song, as he placed writing materials before him.

In a rapid hand he indited several brief letters, and when he had sealed and endorsed the last, he made the following entry in a black memorandum:

"September 10th: The Austral Queen sailed for Calcutta, this morning. Iloel Froisart went out in her as passenger. When the news of her loss reaches Melbourne, I draw £500 from the safe of the Van Diemas."

Thus wrote Trett Wartop in his memorandum, and it seemed that the name of Iloel Froisart was strangely connected with the wager.

Why should she have been singled from the many people who were to sail for Calcutta in the Austral Queen?

The Englishman answered this question when he threw the pen aside, and rose from the desk.

"I have been a woman's fool, Iloel Froisart," he said, with rising anger; and below his waist his bloodless hands were clinched. "But fools sometimes do shrewd things. Ha! ha! they thought I was betting against wind and tide, when I wagered five hundred pounds on the voyage of the Queen. I believe a man has a right to bet when he has a surety of winning."

For a moment, Trett Wartop rejoiced in the pleasure caused by his own words, then he lit a cigar, and dropped into the chair again.

By and by the front door of the store was opened, and a young man, evidently a clerk, entered.

"Well, what news?" asked Wartop.

"I haven't any—only the Queen has departed."

"Has she?" ejaculated Wartop, with glee. "Well, I'll go down to breakfast now," and as he passed out of the store, he murmured: "Farewell, Iloel Froisart! You will win five hundred pounds for me!"

CHAPTER II.

"I KNOW THIS IS TRETT WARTOP'S WORK."

LET me take the reader out to sea in the good ship Austral Queen.

For many days beautiful weather favored her sailing, and the broad expanse of the Indian Ocean lay before her. Her captain, Rodney Fredericks, was in excellent spirits, and cheered the passengers with anticipations of a safe arrival in Calcutta. He was not the tyrant that

Trett Wartop had pictured him to his companion on the wharf at Melbourne; his crew respected him, and he possessed their entire confidence.

The handsome captain had a passenger confided to his keeping, to whom he paid strict attention; and, whenever duty permitted, was in her company. It was evident to many who noticed that Iloel Froisart had not sailed in the Queen a stranger, and a rumor that the twain were more than friends, passed from state room to steerage.

Iloel Froisart was an English girl of much beauty, on her way to Calcutta, to join her father, who was a merchant doing flourishing business there. Her uncle, in Melbourne, had confided her to the protection of Capt. Fredericks, and the reader may be assured that the handsome commander was proud of the honor conferred upon him.

"Capt. Fredericks," she said to him one night, on the rich quarter deck of the Queen. "I hear some of the passengers expressing fears of one of those sudden storms so common in this latitude. Do their fears rest on any foundation."

"They do," he answered. "This calm is soon to be broken by a storm."

Iloel's cheek slightly paled.

"But the Queen can outride it," he hastened to assure her. "If any one expresses fears to you, please tell them this, with confidence, for I am speaking from experience."

"Where are we now?"

"Not many miles from the coast of Sumatra. If we were two hundred miles farther on our voyage, we should be beyond the range of the typhoons. But do not let them disturb you, Iloel."

Just then a gust of wind struck the faces of the twain, and the captain escorted Iloel to her stateroom, with the remark, that the breeze was laden with certain malarious vapors peculiar to that latitude.

Re-ascending to the deck, he encountered the first mate, whose face was all excitement.

"I knew it! I knew it!" exclaimed the mate.

"You knew what, Thompson?" queried Fredericks, puzzled at the sailor's manner, and with some authority.

Before he answered, Thompson drew his superior side, and then spoke in low tones:

"There's deviltry going on, on board this ship," he said. "I've felt it in my bones for ten days. I know it now."

"What do you mean?—explain yourself?"

"Well, we shipped eight new hands at Melbourne."

"Yes," said Fredericks.

"Among them are some rascals. I know it. I have not watched them for nothing. Last night I heard a strange sound in the hold, and Luke, the Queen's carpenter, said it was rats. We went down; the sound ceased, but we could find nothing. I wouldn't say 'rats' like Luke, for I believe that augers made the noise."

"We will watch those Melbourne fellows," said Fredericks. "Who appears to be the leader?"

"That little fellow with grey eyes. They call him Doxie, I think. We must keep our eyes open from now on. Did you feel that scorch a bit ago?"

"Yes; a typhoon will strike us before morning."

Captain and mate separated.

Two hours later, the terror of the Indian Ocean struck the Austral Queen. The blackness of darkness enshrouded her, and, strange to say, the lights that never failed before, went out.

As a *dernier resort* the masts were cut away, and then it was discovered that the vessel was a leak.

Only those who have been on a ship in such distress can describe the scene that followed. My pen—a landsman's—is not equal to the task. Captain Fredericks, outwardly calm, ordered the boats to be lowered, and torches lit up the wild scene.

But it was found that two-thirds of the boats were missing, and before the remaining ones could be lifted from the davits, the Queen reeled like a drunkard.

The cry, "every one for himself!" soared aloft, and Rodney Fredericks, with Iloel in his arms, lowered himself over the chains and dropped into a little boat.

The war of the storm was terrible; but above it the voice of a man calling from the deck was heard.

"I was right, captain!" the man said. "There be two dead men in the hold with augers in their hands. The man on Victoria street done the plotting."

Then the voice ceased, and the boat put off.

To the mercy of the sea—the mad, storm-ruled sea—Captain Fredericks and his beautiful charge committed them selves, and the waves tossed the boat thither and thither in their angry glee.

"The Queen was scuttled, Iloel," Rodney Fredericks said to the pale girl who looked to him for safety.

"Yes," she answered. "I know this is Trett War-top's work!"

"And so do I!" murmured the sailor. "He is the man on Victoria Street."

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Who sink to rise no more.

It sounds amid the twilight gray,
Louder than the angry breakers roar,
And seems in mist to melt away,
To seek some other distant shore.

I may hear it yet again,
Over death's dark lonesome river
Where it goes to live forever,
Tossed not by the stormy main,



Ring for the Water Boy.

A good story is told of a verdant one who was a passenger in a railroad express train, and became thirsty:

"Where's that ere boy with the water can?" he queried of his next neighbor,

"He has gone forward to the baggage car, I suppose," was the reply.

"Wal, d'ye s'pose I kin git him back here agin?"

"Certainly," said the other, "you have only to ring for him;" and he nodded towards the bell-line that run above their heads.

No sooner said than done. Before any one could prevent it Rusticus had seized the line and given a tremendous tug. The consequences were at once obvious; three shrill whistles were heard, half-a-dozen brakemen ran to their posts, and the train came to a stand-still with a suddenness that startled half the passengers with astonishment, and caused every man next a window to hoist it and look out to see what was the matter.

In a few minutes, the conductor, red and excited, came loaming into the car to know who pulled that bell-rope.

"Here, mister, this way; I'm the man," shouted the offender, drawing all eyes upon him.

"You!" said the conductor, "and what did you do it for?"

"Cos I wanted some water."

"Wanted some water?"

"Sartain; I wanted the water-boy, and my pardner here in the seat said I'd better ring for him, an' so I yanked the rope. Will he be along soon! An', by the bye, what in thunder be you stoppin' for?"

The shout of laughter that greeted the honest confession was too much for the conductor, and he had to wait till he got his train under way again before he explained the mysteries of the bell-rope to his verdant customer.

NED, THE NEWSBOY.



OWN a narrow street, where the brick houses on either side had stood for years, begrimed and black from the smokey atmosphere of the city. At a broken window pane was pressed a white little face, delicate as a girl's, the features; and yet, it was that of our little hero,—a boy subject to the

hard knocks of a New York newsboy's life.

His large blue eyes spoke volumes, as they shone so brightly from beneath prettily arched eyebrows. His laugh was a perfect illumination of a delicate countenance; his smiles, oh, so suggestive of pain and sorrow.

Up the rickety stairs that creak and shake as we ascend, we feel our way, and then through long, and narrow, and dark halls, we grope along until we stand on the top floor at the door of Ned's room.

Yes, a room, but how miserable. Scant of furniture and every luxury, dear reader, that you feel that you could not do without. A little bed in one corner, two old chairs, and a small piece of rag carpet constituted its furnishings. His luxuries were some picture papers sent him by a charitable woman, and a motto which hung over a bare mantel bearing these words: "Let Me to Thy Bosom Fly." The only warmth in the room was the invalid's breath, and what he could get from an old coat and shawl wrapped about him. Bleak November was at hand, and squalls of snow filled the air with the little flakes that scurried along, some lighting on Ned's window where they melted away before his eyes just as his life was melting before the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

And how came Ned to be an invalid?

His parents had died when he was but five years old, throwing him upon the world still an infant, with no guiding hand, or loving friends to carry him safely over the dangers of Life's eddies. Into them he plunged, his delicate little frame being tossed about, until he met with the accident which brought him to death's door.

It was October, and the boys and girls were filling the street with the calls of the evening papers, as the crowds rushed hither and thither, returning from the day's labors. Little Lizzie Gray had found a purchaser who took a paper, and scurried along without paying. Tears started in Lizzie's eyes as she ran along, trying to get her money. The man hopped on a car, Lizzie running beside the step, too small to get on. It was here that Ned joined her. Only thirteen years old, but matured beyond his years, he learned the story, and boarded the car. Accosting the man he demanded the money "for poor little Lizzie." It was a rough shove he received, and a cruel blow that Ned felt. He fell from the car, seriously hurt, and was carried into a

druggist's. For three weeks a little white cot in the hospital felt the boy's weight.

All through the winter, Lizzie visited her defender, and although her parents were poor, they alleviated Ned's sufferings by many acts of kindness. January came, and the little face left the window to appear there no more. As he lay upon his bed, his eyes rested upon the motto. How consoling the words were, even to this "Rough Diamond." The following spring a little mound in the cemetery marked the resting place of Ned. No stick or stone adorned the spot, but the poor people had planted flowers, which blossomed and faded just as this little flower over which the plants now bloomed.



A ROMANCE OF THE CENTURY.

THE past century has seen many love tragedies, but none more marked by pathos and heroism than that which ended in the cowardly assassination on his wedding morning of Jose Rizal, the patriot-martyr of the Philippines, and his young widow's scheme of vengeance.

The story is not only worth telling, but it deserves to be placed on record for all time as an example of the sublime courage of love and patriotism.

Twenty years ago Jose Rizal was one of the brightest and most promising youths of the Philippines, a well-born native of the islands, an accomplished scholar and poet, and already a hater of priestcraft and tyranny.

When he was twenty-one he left his native islands and went to Spain to study medicine, settling later in Belgium, where he wrote his revolutionary novel, "Noti me Tangere." After five years absence he returned home to find that his book had been widely read by his fellow countrymen and that he himself was an object of suspicion and hatred to the Spanish authorities.

His chief enemies were the Spanish priests, against whom his writings had been directed, and their persecutions of him became so virulent that he had to take refuge in flight.

He had scarcely left the islands when his estate was confiscated and the house which contained all his treasures was burned to the ground. It is little wonder that under such bitter provocation the seeds of revolution grew in the exile's breast. He came to London and wrote two more books, with the professed object of rousing his countrymen to rebellion against Spain and priestcraft; and in 1892, when his mission was ripe for execution, he had the audacity to return to his native land.

His return was the signal for thousands of Filipinos to show their sympathy with him; and in despair of

open rebellion he advised them to emigrate to Borneo and there found a free republic. Every day for four years the brave young doctor went in fear of arrest and death; and at last, three years ago, when the rebellion broke out, the blow fell. He was among the first suspects to be seized, and after a trial which was but a mockery he was sentenced to death.

A few months earlier he had met and loved a charming young Irish girl, the daughter of a soldier in the British service at Hong Kong, who had been educated at Manila. The two young people were passionately devoted to each other, and when at last the cloud burst the day for their marriage had been already fixed.

The girl was distracted with grief at the terrible fate of her lover, and she begged for mercy for him on bended knee from every man in authority. Her petition was brutally rejected by all, and on the morning of December 30th, 1896, the end came.

Before it came, however, the two had been made one in the fortress in which Jose was confined. Surely the most tragic ceremony in the who history of marriage! There was barely time after the ceremony for a heart-broken farewell, when the new made husband was led out to a public promenade, bound fast to a lamp-post and cowardly shot in the back by a picket of the Tenth Spanish Infantry Regiment.

A married life thus tragically begun and ended within an hour was far beyond the solace of tears. The passionate nature of the young Irish girl was aroused to a frenzy of rage and indignation, and she vowed she would take twenty Spanish lives for the one life they had wrested from her. And she did.

In company with her husband's sister she immediately joined the insurgents' camp. The sister was content to nurse the sick and wounded, while Madame Rizal armed herself with rifle and revolver and took her place among the fighters.

There was no braver or more reckless soldier among all the rebel troops than this young and beautiful widow. In her very first engagement she met and killed single handed the Spanish officer who was leading the troops to the attack. Every day she was in the thick of the hottest fighting. Wherever she went she seemed to bear a charmed life, and everywhere the rebels followed her lead with resistless courage.

She had taken more than twenty Spanish lives when it was found necessary to get more arms and ammunition for the troops, and Madame Rizal volunteered for the dangerous mission. She made her way alone through the enemy's lines and escaped to Japan, and later to America, where her journey was a brilliant success.

In America her friends insisted that she should not return to the Philippines; and at last, realizing that her mission of vengeance was ended, she yielded to their entreaties, thus closing a chapter of tragedy such as no women of the past century has ever gone through and survived.

INDIAN RELICS, CURIOS, & C.

UNDER this heading we shall publish every month articles of interest to the curio collector and we kindly solicit articles of interest for publication. We are all interested these days in old Indian relics, tokens, etc., and there is no reason why we cannot make this one of the brightest pages in our magazine. Classified advertisements will be inserted under this department for only 10c per inch per month. Our circulation for February will be 1000 copies. In May we are arranging to get out a fine number of over fifty pages and 5000 copies will be issued. Those who desire to advertise in this number should engage their space at once. Our rates will remain the same, 10c per inch. Cheap, isn't it? This number will be devoted especially to relics, coins and stamps and will have some fine illustrations.

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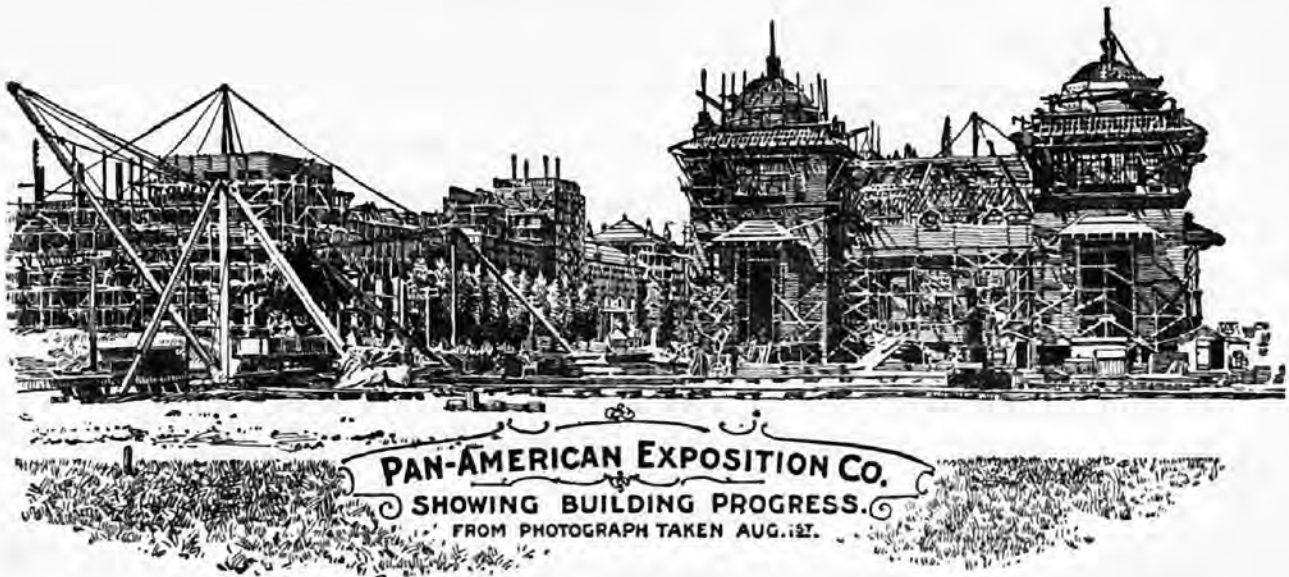
AN Arizona hunter recently found a mummy that is believed to antedate the Indians, and is of a decidedly different type. He found it while hunting a lion, which he had treed and brought down, in the Verde canyon. In a cliff dwelling he had found a sealed chamber 7x9 feet. Tearing it open he met a ghastly sight. It was a mummy skeleton on a soap-weed mat, with the body upright and head erect, the long arms hanging straight down from the shoulders. In life he was about five feet seven inches high. In one hand was grasped a stone axe, in the other a bundle of barbed, flint-headed arrows. As the air rushed into the vault, the rawhide shafts of the arrow-heads and the rawhide handle of the ax crumbled to ashes, as did the mat and the mantle which covered the mummy. The fine, brown hair, about two feet in length, fell from the head. In the cave were found several earthenware bowls, a tortoise shell and about \$1,800 worth of best grade turquoise in the rough, just as it was taken from the ledge. The pieces range in size from the dimensions of a walnut to those of a hen's egg.

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WHILE digging a cellar in Marietta, Ohio, the other day workmen dug into the grave of a mound builder. In the bones of each hand of the skeleton were two solid copper axes. The grave was two and a half feet wide by three and a half feet long, and five feet deep, and the stones surrounding it were easily broken with the fingers, being soft. The experts say the copper axes are from the Lake Superior region and are at least 2,000 years old.

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The next number of this magazine will contain many interesting articles with some fine illustrations.



PAN-AMERICAN OUTLOOK

ONE of the finest and most elaborate expositions that has ever been planned will take place at Buffalo this summer. The outlook for the Pan-American Exposition is very bright, and the men in charge of the affairs are to be congratulated upon their wise and successful management. The attendance will be large. Every one who has the cash will go. Excursion parties are already being planned. Organizations of all kind will go in a body. In many ways this exposition will excel every similar enterprise in the history of the world, and chief among its merits will be the fact that everything can be easily seen and comprehended.

The main entrance of the Exposition is on Lincoln Parkway. At the left as you enter will be the beautiful Albright Art Gallery, built of white marble and costing upward of \$350,000. On the right is the beautiful new boathouse and shelter erected by the city of Buffalo. Crossing the bridge between the lake and the North Bay, the New York State building may be seen on the north bank of the bay.

The exterior walls of all the buildings are to be of staff. All cornices, corners, window openings and entrances are receiving very elaborate adornment in modeled plastic work. This ornamentation is of a far more elaborate and intricate character than heretofore used on any exposition. The roofs of the buildings are to be of red tile, and the outer walls are to be painted in harmonious colors, giving a most pleasing effect to the eye.

The Exposition will stand pre eminent in point of original sculpture. There will be more than 125 groups

of magnificent original works by some 30 or more American sculptors of note.

Owing to the nearness of Niagara Falls, with its unlimited power, the large area of the courts and the arrangement of the buildings about these courts, it has been made possible to present an electrical display far more elaborate and grand than any before conceived. Some 5,000 horsepower and more than 200,000 incandescent electric lamps will be employed in this wonderful illumination. The centerpiece of this display will be the Electric Tower, a structure of superlative beauty standing between the Plaza and the Court of Fountains. This glorious work, designed by John Galen Howard, is 375 feet high. In its southern face is a beautiful cascade 30 feet wide and 70 feet high, falling upon a terraced base. This cascade and all the fountains of all the courts will be richly illuminated at night in a great variety of colors, giving an effect of fantastic and enchanting beauty.

Natives from all countries will live on the grounds with their camels and different domestic oriental animals, cabins, tents and huts. Restaurants, teahouses, shops and fruit stands for the sale of oriental goods of great variety will be provided. The Beautiful Orient is under the same management as the Streets of Cairo, which was so popular at the World's fair, though it will be three times as large. About 300 orientals will be employed in different ways with this attraction, a conglomerate eastern city with distinct local features—a history in a nutshell.

Within 500 miles of Buffalo are the homes of more than 40,000,000 people, which is more than the entire population of the country at the time of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. It is about twice the number living within the same distance of Chicago. The great Falls of Niagara constitute an important attraction to tourists who expect to visit the Exposition, as they are only half an hour's ride from the Exposition grounds, and excellent railway accommodations are pro-

vided between the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Near at hand also is the great summer school in the grove on Lake Chautauqua's shores, known as the Chautauqua Assembly.

Buffalo has a population of nearly 400,000, and this is the first great Exposition held in the east since the Centennial, 25 years ago. For the several reasons here noted it is expected that the attendance to the Pan American Exposition will be very large and that the results will be very gratifying in the promotion of trade among all the states and nations of the western hemisphere and in the establishment of more cordial relations among all the people of the western world.

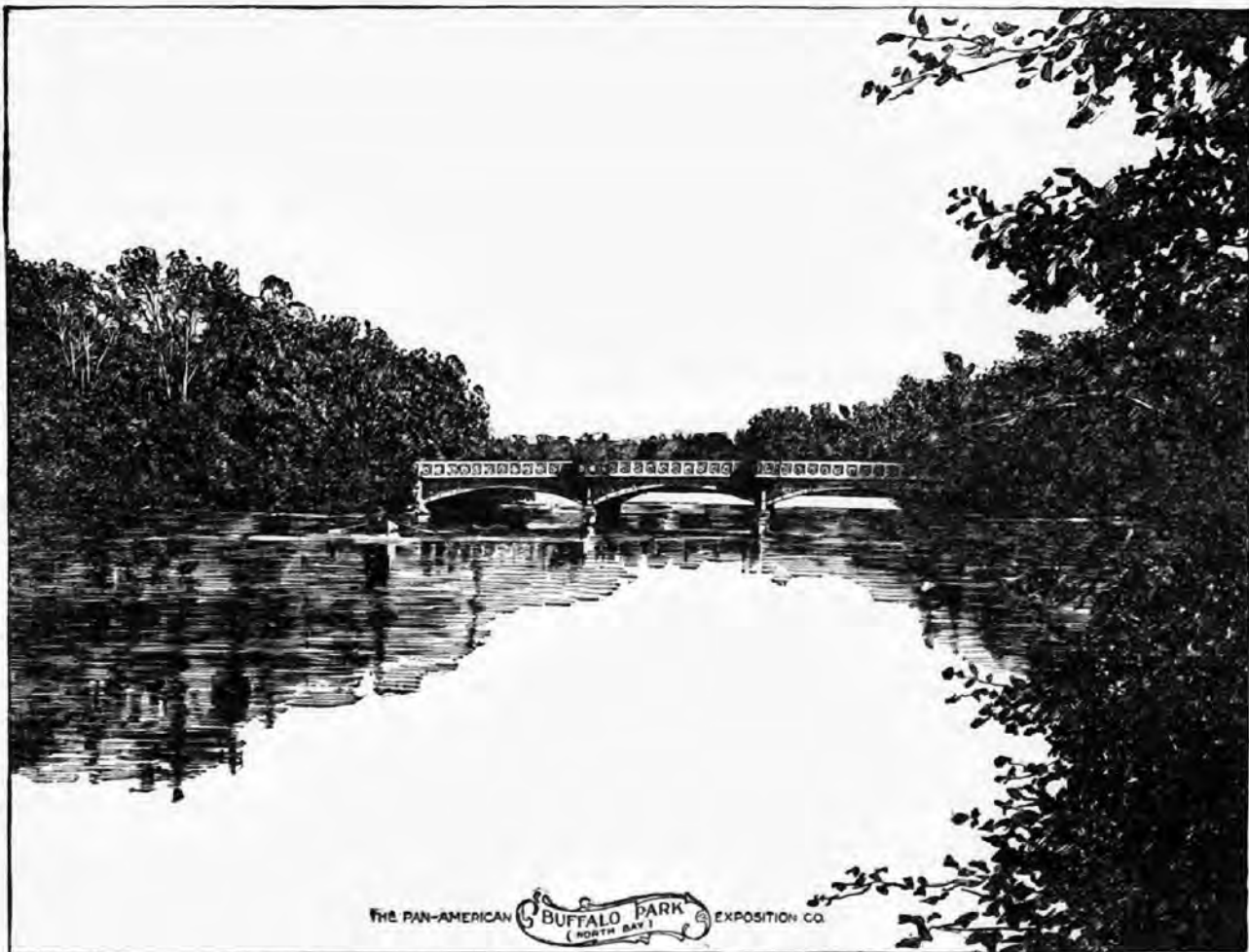
are the departments of fancy work, talks with girls, &c., &c. It is a fine number and should be in every home. For sale by newsdealers at 10c per copy, or may be had from the publishers, Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Springfield, Ohio.

"Most Milking Time."

Two Irishmen were in prison, one for stealing a cow and the other for stealing a watch.

"Hallow, Mike! What o'clock is it?" asked the cow stealer to the other.

"And sure, Pat, I haven't any timepiece handy, but I think it is most milking time."



Literary Note.

THE Woman's Home Companion for January is a very fine number and is filled with rich things with fine illustrations. It is one of the leading ladies magazines published. The opening chapters of the beautiful serial "The Little Old Woman," by Harriet Prescott Spofford, begins in this number. Among the other contents we note "The Pliant Hour," a story by Sewall Ford; "Shopping in the Great Cities of Europe," by Lilian Bell; "The Floral Sitting of the White House," by Waldon Fawcett; "The Opera House," a story by Opie Read; "Providence With Towser," a story by Robert C. V. Meyers. Besides these and many others

To Whip the Editor.

"What are you crying about?" asked a kind-hearted stranger of a lad standing in front of a newspaper office, weeping as if his heart would break.

"Oh, pa's gone up stairs to whip the editor."

"Well, has he come down yet?" pursued the gentle Samaritan.

"Pieces of him have," said the boy, with a fresh burst of tears, "and I'm expecting the rest every minute."

Elephants are very fond of cocoanuts, and will take them with the tip of their trunks and break them by knocking them against their foreheads.

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OUR GREETING.

THE publication of THE AMERICAN MONTHLY is again resumed after a brief sojourn of a few months. We resume publication to-day under very bright auspices. Kind friends have sent their greeting from every quarter and the success of the MONTHLY is assured from the beginning.

Experience, Energy and Perseverance are back of it, and these three factors alone are able to make it a success.

Able and experienced writers will contribute articles of interest, while the letter press will be of a high character.

With these few words of greeting we ask your co-operation, your kindly interest and your patronage.

Our February Number.

THE February issue of THE AMERICAN MONTHLY will be filled with good reading. This number will be finely illustrated and will be a specimen of typographical beauty. The book will contain twenty-four pages and will have a neat cover printed in two colors. Advertisers should send in copy and cash at once. The edition will go to press about the 15th of February. Note our low adv. rates in another column.

Special Offer.

IN order to introduce this paper we will send it four months on trial for only 10 cents, silver or stamps.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announcing that in the February issue of THE AMERICAN MONTHLY will be found the opening chapters of the beautiful serial entitled

The Bride of the Guillotine

A Tale of the Reign of Terror.

This is a very interesting story and you should secure a copy of that issue. Better send in your subscription at once.

Literary Note.

THE Phelps Publishing Company of Springfield, Mass., has purchased the subscription list and good will of the "Home Monthly" a popular magazine published at Pittsburg, Pa., and have merged it with "Good Housekeeping."

"Good Housekeeping" for January is at hand and is a fine publication, neatly illustrated and filled with choice things that are of interest to any housekeeper. It is a 90 page magazine and can be had for 10 cents per copy or \$1.00 per year. Address Phelps Pub. Co., Springfield, Mass.

Just Jotted.

Whether its cold,
Whether its hot,
You've got to weather it
Whether or not.

The average weight of the elephant is three tons.

Japanese children are taught to write with both hands.

About one-twelfth of the tobacco used is grown in Cuba.

First make sure that your principle is all right, then stick to it through thick and thin.

DO you want your advertisement to pay? Place one in our next month's issue. Although unused stamps are acceptable, we would prefer silver or money-order.

A beetle can draw twenty times its own weight—so can a mustard plaster.

Toothache should be measured by the acher.

Her Talking Eyes.

Mollie is graduatin', an' they say she's goin' to speak
A little piece in Latin, an' another piece in Greek
I dunno nuthin' about 'em; I'm dull as a dunce could be,
But Moll has a way of talkin' with her dear sweet eyes to me!

What do I keer fer Latin? It's Greek to me, I say!
But I understan' the language when her bright eyes look my way!
I know she's thar, on the platform: I hear her sweet voice speak;
But her eyes—they're talkin' English to the heart that don't know Greek!

I hear the folks applaudin'—I hear 'em, an' I say:
"They dunno nuthin' about the eyes that are lookin' her lover's way!"
But I read 'em, an' feel more thankful than ever my heart kin speak,
That her dear eyes talk in English to the heart that don't know Greek.

HUMOROUS

"No, Edwin," said Mrs. Jorgles, "I have never told you a lie, and never will."

"I do not doubt you, my dear; but every time I know to a certainty that you have deceived me I will just cut a notch in the piano."

"No, you won't, Edward Jorgles! Do you suppose I want that instrument ruined?"—Ex.

"Here, young man," said the old lady, with fire in her eye, "I've brung back this thermometer you sold me."

"What's the matter with it?" asked the clerk.

"It ain't reliable. One time you look at it it says one thing, and the next time it says another."

"I was mimicking Professor Bore yesterday, and he caught me."

"What did he say?"

"Told me to stop making a fool of myself."

"Close up! close up!" cried the Irish Captain to his company. "How do you expect the enemy to hit you if ye go straggling along loike that."



Stamp Collecting



HIS department is not as complete and interesting this month as we desire to make it. We kindly ask our friends to keep us posted upon new issues. Our February number will go to press about the 15th of the month and will contain twenty-four pages with a beautiful cover in two colors. We shall make this magazine of a high class, and invite correspondence upon all leading topics.

Collectors who have been studying philately for years are not the ones who claim to know it all. Some of the articles we publish may be stale to a few, but they should remember we have many new collectors among our readers who are just as interested in the rudiments as they are in the more advanced talks.

The "Present Day Philately" is represented by a more substantial class of people than ever before; it has reached the stage of most careful study and appeals more to older minds than formerly, and while this is an indication which is very desirable and adds dignity to the pursuit, as well as substantiality, we ought not to crowd out the boys. There is room for all, and it is very frequently remarked that the youth will learn more from his stamps in many ways more than from his geography or history.

When asked to show his collection a philatelist generally apologizes for not having a better one.

Washington dealers report a most gratifying business. One firm reports it has all the business it can handle. There is a feeling among collectors and dealers that a season of great prosperity and enlarged trade

is at hand. We hope that this feeling may become general.

The Colonial Stamp Co., of Boston, will hold an auction sale of desirable United States postage, revenue and foreign stamps in January. The sale will include lots for collectors and for dealers.

It seems probable that the four and a half penny Great Britain will be withdrawn at an early date, on account of its similarity to the new bi-colored one shilling stamp.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is doing all in its power to discourage the use of private proprietary stamps.

The publisher of this paper is prepared to print philatelic papers and catalogues at short notice and at low prices. If you contemplate issuing a paper or catalogue get our prices before placing your orders.

Philatelic literature collectors are getting more numerous every day, or at least we seem to be hearing more of them than ever before. Every collector would find it to his advantage to keep files of a few of the leading stamp papers. The cost of this branch of our hobby does not come very high.

The publisher will devote his time in making the AMERICAN MONTHLY a success. We are practical printers and have a well equipped office for doing our own printing. We take great care in the composition of our ads. and no effort will be left undone in order to improve our publication.

It is believed that the first postage stamp used in this country was one designated by E. A. Mitchell, postmaster of New Haven, Conn., in 1847. It was brown in color, printed on ordinary paper, and about the size of

the present government stamp, and signed by Mr. Mitchell. He issued it for the convenience of the citizens, who complained of the delay occasioned by their being unable to prepare letters except in the official hours.

Publishers thinking of discontinuing their papers will find it to their best interest to secure our terms for filling unexpired subscriptions and advertisements. All correspondence strictly confidential.

In looking for silk paper revenues of the first issue it is necessary to carefully scrutinize the entire stamp as the silk threads are few and far between, and not infrequently a minute portion of a single thread will be found on a specimen.

BIG LEADERS IN STAMP PACKETS

52 varieties including Guatemala, Cuba, &c., 4c. 105 different Nicaragua, Cape, Porto Rico, &c., 8c. 155 kinds Costa Rica, Chile &c., 14c. 250 varieties including Angola, Barbados, Ceylon, Gold Coast, Hayti, Seychelles, Transvaal, Shanghai, Trinidad, Uruguay, &c., 32c. 305 different including Hawaii, Philippines, Honduras, Egypt, Jamaica, West Australia, Orange Free State, &c., 50c. 60 different U. S., no locals, telegraphs or revenues, some catalogue as high as 10c each, 30c. These packets contain no duplicates, are leaders and are the best bargains ever offered. Gambs' Young America Stamp Album, containing space for 3200 stamps, 30c.

STAMPS IN SETS, &C.

6 Austrian Levant, 1890-92, 12c; 9 North Borneo, 12c; 7 Philippine Telegraph, 25c; 13 Japan, 10c; 10 Cuba, 10c; 7 Philippines, 10c; 15 Porto Rico, 10c; 30 U. S., 10c; 3 Old Hawaii, 10c; 3 Provisional Hawaii, 10c; 14 Hawaii, 50c. All are different.

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Special Offer.

Y N order to introduce this paper we will send it four months on trial for only 10 cents, silver or stamps.

Since going to press with a part of this number of the AMERICAN MONTH-



LY we have decided to get out a Souvenir Number for May, devoted to stamps, coins and relics. It may seem a long way ahead to lay plans but the largeness of our undertaking demands that we begin to make arrangements at an early date in order to give all a chance who desire to contribute or advertise in this number. The edition will contain not less than 50 pages and will have a circulation of 5,000 copies. It will be finely illustrated and will be printed on good book paper. Typographically it will be a specimen of beauty. It will have an attractive cover printed in colors. An ad. in such a publication would be cheap at \$10 per page, but we are not going to charge our friends any more to be represented in this edition than in any regular edition, and we are already prepared to book orders for advertising in this fine number at \$2.70 per page or 10c per inch. The last page of cover, with colored border, can be had for \$5.00. These prices may take your breath away, but we make them in good faith, and trust you will continue to live and thrive until you see this fine number when your breath will surely be taken away when you fully realize the magnitude of our offer. Please drop us a card as soon as possible stating how much adv. space you wish to occupy at 10c per inch. We trust that you will be as liberal as we are and will give us a BIG ADV. We would like to have every dealer represented in this fine number which will be of unusual interest. Remember there are 27 inches in a page which costs but \$2.70. One column will cost 90c. One-half page \$1.35. The cash must accompany copy.

In 1673 a regular mail was established between New York and Boston, the letters being carried by a messenger, who made the round trip once a month.

A number of dealers and collectors who went to Europe during the past summer to secure bargains in stamps have nearly all returned, some of whom are reporting great success.

A great many collectors are buying new private proprietary stamps as they are issued. Some collect them singly some in pairs, and others still in blocks of four.

It is stated on good authority that all the new stamps of the Dominican Republic are to be obtained imperforate as well as perforated.

The "Philatelic West and Camera News" got out a large holiday number. It contained 104 pages and a cover, and was well filled with ads. It's a very interesting number and the publishers are to be congratulated upon their enterprise.

At an auction sale in London was a complete set of the postage stamps issued in Mafeking during the seige. They brought their owner the substantial price of \$180.

We have excellent facilities for printing stamp and coin papers or catalogues. Our prices are very low and delivery prompt.

We desire a correspondent at Boston, New York, Montreal, Chicago, Omaha, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

The post office department has under consideration a plan whereby the name of the post office shall be placed on stamps where sold. The idea is to provide means of identification when stamps are stolen from a post office and to prevent the boycotting of some of the smaller offices.

Tid Bits.

- Revenues in new colors are out.
- New issues for South Africa are reported.
- U. S. Revenues are on the advance in price.
- South African stamps are in good demand and hard to get.
- The true stamp collector is the one who collects all the year around.
- In Mexico 7,956 people found employment in the mail service during the year 1899.
- The "Perforator" for December published a picture of the P. S. of A. 1900 convention group.
- New Zealand is printing her stamps at home now, and the first lots are on unwatermarked paper.
- The Kansas Philatelic Society has just successfully passed the first year of its existence with bright prospects for the future.

Bidding at Mail Auctions.

Send in your bids in good time; not only to avoid the rush but preference is generally given in order of receipt. Pay for your purchases promptly. Damaged stamps are generally described by the catalogue as "fair." Bear this in mind when bidding on such lots. If you desire choicest specimens offered of rare and desirable stamps make liberal bids on them or somebody will be apt to get them instead of you. When a series of lots of the same kind are offered and all with instructions that only one is desirable, as prices in such cases generally vary from high to low.

The actual value may be more or less than catalogue price according to condition and popularity of the stamp. Bid accordingly.

Special Offer.

In order to introduce this paper we will send it four months on trial for only 10 cents, silver or stamps.

The stamp trade is growing better every day and is beginning to be appreciated by the adults more than ever.

A Psalm of Philately.

WELL me not in mournful numbers
 Stamp collecting's but a fad,
 For the man, who e'en in slumbers,
 Still believes that, must be mad.

Stamp collectors are in earnest
 Thou wilt learn that fact the day
 That thou from the fair returnest,
 After viewing our display.

Buy no surcharge, they're infernal!
 Shun all "Seebecks" when unused;
 Then subscribe to some stamp journal,
 Join a club and pay the dues.

Much enjoyment, little sorrow,
 Is our destined end of way;
 And to see that each to-morrow
 One more stamp brings than to-day.

Great philatelists remind us
 We can be collectors too,
 And, departing, leave behind us
 Choice collections for the view.

Of the public; and thus many
 Sailing o'er life's solemn main
 May devote each day their penny
 That some stamps, they too, may gain.

Let us then be up and doing,
 Seeing that no friend e'er damps
 Our first ardor; never rueing
 That our cash is spent in stamps.

—Selected.

PHILATELIC HUNTING GROUNDS



NDIANS after their death claim to go to "The Happy Hunting Grounds" as we long to go—; but we have a happy hunting place with us while we live on this earth.

Many a collector has added to his collection and sold rare stamps which he has found in a remote part of his father's or grandfather's dwelling, or in a lawyer's office, etc. Others travel from one town to another enquiring at the post-offices, farm houses, etc., for old stamps. The druggist is bothered quite often to ransack his old stock in search of the old stamps which a wise collector has gone to get; the grocery man can get rid of his old matches at twice the price he used to sell them, if stamps are still attached.

Thus the house of your grandfather,

the lawyer's office, the country post-offices, farm houses, the old drug store and grocery are still the "Happy Hunting Grounds" of a philatelist, and he need not die to get there.

A fortune is unearthed in a day in many of these places. It is but a few years since a gentleman realized a sum of \$30,000 on stamps found in a lawyer's office in the city of Louisville; many other smaller finds realizing from \$100 to \$1,000 have been made within that time in other cities, among them Washington, D. C., where another 100 Baltimore was found, in New York a big find in revenues was made.

If you wish to make such a find it is best to get to work at once as there are many philatelic hunters who might get ahead of you.

The Pan-American Stamps.

The post-office authorities have decided that stamps commemorating the Pan-American Exposition to be held at Buffalo this year, shall be put in circulation, and the designs are now in the hands of the makers, and the stamps will be ready for distribution in a short time. There will be six denominations of the stamps, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10-cent. The 1-cent stamp will have a green border; the 2-cent stamp a red one; the 4-cent stamp will be light brown; the 5-cent stamp will be light blue; the 8-cent stamp will be maroon and the 10-cent stamp will be dark brown. These colors correspond with the different denominations now in use. The central figures will be a large lake steamer, representing fast lake transportation; a train of cars representing fast railroad transportation, and similar designs. The stamps will be somewhat larger than the ordinary stamps and will be very artistically printed.

Several Important Don'ts.

Don't remove the gum off any stamp.

Don't cut or otherwise trim stamps.

Don't divide blocks or pairs of stamps.

Don't take old stamps off their original envelopes.

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We believe that the average stamp collector takes as much interest in reading the advs. as in reading stamp news and literature, thus we have placed our rates at the extremely low figure so that the small dealer can be represented as well as the large.

Our February issue will have a circulation of 1000 copies and will contain twenty-four pages with a neat cover printed in two colors. It will go to press about the 15th of the month, and will be finely illustrated. Send in your adv. at once at 10 cents per inch with the cash. The last cover page containing 27 running inches with colored border can be had for \$3.00 cash with copy. First come, first served. Make all remittances payable to MELVIN R. KING, Cobleskill, N. Y.

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Confederate State Locals.

All advanced collectors are aware of the local stamps issued by the postmasters of the various cities in the Southern States during the civil war of 1861-65 are of a most interesting kind; they are not only interesting in design, but the history connected with them is fully as interesting as the stamps themselves. New varieties are being discovered almost every year, and some are limited in number to two or three and even one, at least the number found is small and it remains to be discussed whether there were more issued of some of the scarce varieties. The more common varieties are the ones issued by the postmasters, in the following cities, viz:

Charleston, S. C.....	4-5c	†5c	†5c	†5c
Knoxville, Tenn.....	2-5c	†5c		
Lynchburg, Va.....	1-5c			
Memphis, Tenn.....	2-2c	5c	†5c	
Nashville, Tenn.....	2-3c	5c	5c	
Mobile, Ala.....	2-2c	5c		
New Orleans, La.....	4-2c	2c	5c	5c
Petersburg, Va.....	1-5c			
Baton Rouge, La.....	1-5c			

The Almost unattainable varieties are as follows:

Athens, Ga.....	1-5c			
Columbia, S. C.....	3-†5c	†5c	†5c	
Danville, Va.....	3-5c	†5c	†5c	
Fayetteville, Ga.....	2-†5c	†10c		
Fredericksburg, Va.....	2-5c	10c		
Golead, Tex.....	2-5c	10c		
Greenville, Ala.....	2-5c	10c		
Kingston, Tenn.....	2-5c			
Knoxville, Tenn.....	2-5c	5c		
Lenon, N. C.....	1-5c			
Livingston, Ala.....	1-5c			
Macon, Ga.....	3-5c	5c	5c	
Madison, Ga.....	1-3c			
Marion, Va.....	6-2c	3c	5c	10c
15c	20c			
Memphis, Tenn.....	1-†5c			
Nashville, Tenn.....	1-10c			
New Orleans, La.....	1-5c			
Pleasant Shade, Va.....	1-5c			
Rheatown, Tenn.....	1-5c			
Ringgold, Ga.....	1-5c			
Salem, N. C.....	2-†5c	†5c		
Statesville, N. C.....	†5c			
Tellico Plains, Tenn.....	1-5c			
The Plains, Va.....	1-†5c			
Tuscumbia, Ala.....	1-5c			
Uniontown, Va.....	2-5c	10c		

Those marked with a † are envelope stamps, the remainder being adhesive; most of the stamps were of the denomination of 5c., 10c., etc., but a few 2c. and 3c. were issued to prepay papers and package. As there were not many advantages to favor the persons issuing the stamps, and they being wanted as soon as possible the stamps were generally poorly printed, and many mistakes occurred. It seems almost too bad that these stamps are so very scarce as it is very pleasant to examine into the designs that go to make up the various varieties.

Anent Original Covers.

It has always been somewhat of a wonder to me that collectors in general have not taken to collecting of stamps on the original cover, more than they have.

Entire envelopes are becoming somewhat fashionable, but adhesives on the original covers are just as interesting, and although they may become rather cumbersome, a small collection of entires mounted in a postal card album or a small stock book, would prove very interesting to both the collector and his non-collecting friends, for a non-collector always views a collection of entires with more interest than a collection of stamps mounted in an album.

Of course I do not advise collectors to discard the time honored custom of mounting their stamps in an album, but I do believe that a collection of entire envelopes and adhesives would prove of great interest to collectors.

The stamps themselves should prove interesting, as would the post marks, as they would verify, to a certain extent, the date of issue.

Just give this subject a little thought and I think you will agree with me that a collection of United States and foreign stamps on the original covers would prove a never ending source of pleasure to its maker.

Look over your foreign correspondence; are not the envelopes interesting? My advice is to keep your entires which you may receive from

foreign parties, and add to them as chance offers. You will soon find that you have a fine collection which will afford your friends much pleasure.—Bay State Philatelist.

Dies, Watermarks, &c.

No collector should make the mistake of trying to collect the dies, prints and perforations of foreign stamps before they have at least a thousand stamps in their collection. The watermark is another thing which, I think, should be avoided unless it is very plain. Of course there are exceptions when it pays a collector to find out about these things, especially in United States stamps, where two stamps are similar, but one is catalogued at a much higher price than the other.

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Many persons often ask what are watermarks in stamps and how are they made? Many governments have used this method to prevent counterfeiting. The watermark is made in the paper while in the process of manufacture. When the paper pulp is somewhat solidified a roller is run over it under pressure; this roller has a pattern made of brass or other metal and wherever this pattern touches it thins down the wet sheet, making the mark. Stamp collectors look for indistinct water marks by placing the stamp face down upon a piece of black paper or other dark surface and then apply benzine with a camel's hair brush to the back of the stamp. This is a very good method. By another method, the stamp is held between the sun and the person holding it. Place a bit of thin black silk over a window pane, wet the stamp and hold it so that the silk comes between the sunlight and the stamp.

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AMATEUR



JOURNALISM

Notes are scarce this month as we have not received many late papers from which we can get an inside track of the doings of the 'dom. We desire to make this page especially bright and will publish biographical sketches with cuts of some of the leaders in the 'dom's world of letters. We shall also publish articles of advice and instruction to amateur authors. Contributions are always welcome in both prose and poetry.

A large number of copies of this issue are sent out to amateur journalists and we trust to hear from many in the way of contributions, etc. This publication is not an amateur journal thus our contributors will be brought before the world of letters in a more general way.

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The complaint that "new writers" have no chance with magazine editors has been pretty effectually settled by a reviewer who has studied the contents of recent issues of current publications most carefully. He has

found that even in the magazines occupying the very front rank, the new writers are very much in evidence, constituting an important percentage of the total number of contributors. This is in accordance with the claim always made by us, that there is no prejudice anywhere against the new writer, and that if he has really good stuff to offer he is as heartily welcomed to the page of "Harper's," "The Century," "Scribner's," and "The Atlantic," as he would be to the columns of "The Penny Tattler." Even more so, as those publications care much more to secure good material than does "The Penny Tattler;" and if the truth were known, perhaps the glamour of a great name carries more weight with the editors (and readers) of the inferior journal than with those of the greater ones.

To Young Writers.

John Swinton, in an article addressed to young writers that recently appeared in the New York Times, calls attention to ten short comings that are usually prevalent in the manuscripts of beginners in literature. They are:

First. A certain grievous crudity of thought.

Second. A certain disregard for rationality and ratiocination.

Third. A certain cocksureness.

Fourth. A certain looseness in respect to matters of knowledge or of fact.

Fifth. A certain lack of definiteness or precision in the use of words.

Sixth. A certain stiltedness as regards imagination.

Seventh. A certain slipshod manner.

Eighth. A certain inability to command the splendid resources of the English language.

Ninth. A certain disturbing hastiness.

Tenth. A certain tiresome long-windedness.

Here, he goes on to say, are but ten of the flagrant iniquities that I have seen in the manuscripts of hopeful greenhorns; it would be easy to specify twice as many. Of course, there are old stagers also who are guilty of breaking some of the laws of letters, but such ones are to be set down as irreclaimable.

A Business Proposition.

Now, here is a poet who is practical enough. He hails from Dooley Co., and it will be seen from his letter that he means business. He writes:

"I have wrote a poem about 100 yards long, as nigh as I kin guess. It took me six months and two hours to write it. I ain't no judge of these things, and what I want to know is where I can hire a good man to read it for me and tell me what it is. To such a man I will pay \$1 a day till he gets through, only he musn't take too long."

Alarming Symptoms.

"Mandy," said the old gentleman, "I am afraid that boy of ours is goin' to be a poet."

"He ain't writ nothin', has he?" asked the old lady in alarm.

"No, he ain't writ nothin' yet, but I notice he is doin' less and less work every day an doin' it carelesser."

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Coin Collecting.

A NUMBER of copies of this issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY are sent out to coin collectors and dealers and we trust many new friends will be made thereby. We desire to have all gather around us as contributors or advertisers and thereby help a brother collector in establishing a magazine that will be of interest and benefit to us all. Our subscription price is reasonable and our adv. rates are placed at an unheard of figure. Everybody can advertise their surplus stock and thus materially increase the interest in this department. Send us in a trial adv. for the February issue. See rate in another column.

A California correspondent in the December *Numismatist* contributes a very interesting article in regard to the establishing of a Sale Bureau to be conducted by an official of the A. N. A. for the sale of coins owned by members. Such a bureau would undoubtedly prove very valuable and would be largely patronized, and we think beginners would be greatly benefitted as they would be able to make purchases through such a bureau that could not readily be secured at present.

Contributions for this department are solicited from our readers. We desire to make this a bright spot in our magazine and can only make it so by the interest of our readers.

A convention of the American Numismatic Association will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., about the 20th of August.

The February issue of this magazine will contain 24 pages and a neat cover in two colors. Your contribution or advertisement will help us to enlarge this department.

During the past year seventy-three new members were added to the American Numismatic Association. This is a good showing. The officers in charge make greater promises for the year 1901.

The first known coin is Chinese. It is copper, and specimens weighing from one to five pounds, and supposed to date from a period at least 2000 B. C., are still in existence.

Some American Coins.

THERE is something remarkably curious about the American silver dollar and half dollar of the coinage of 1804. Silver dollars of that year are known to be great rarities, although the fact remains that something like twenty thousand of these dollars were coined. It is a singular fact, however, that not one of them was in circulation. There are two of these very valuable dollars of the 1804 issue in American collections, and they are valued at \$2,000 each. Learned and intelligent numismatists have agreed to their utmost satisfaction that these two dollars were not coined until 1828, although they were struck from the original die of 1804. Although such a procedure is a penal offence, these two coins were unlawfully and secretly made at the instance of some one high in influence and authority, who desired them as additions for certain coin collections. It has never been exactly learned how the work was accomplished, but there is no doubt it was done. Yet this is not directly to the point, and the point is just this: It is not known, has never been known and probably will never be known why the silver dollar of 1804 was never seen in circulation after leaving the mint. This remains as one of the unsolved mysteries of our glorious government.

A mystery that is even greater, surrounds the silver half dollar of 1804. Of that date and value nearly 160,000 were coined, not one, however, was ever discovered in circulation. The silver quarter dollar of 1804 is numerous enough—in fact they are so plenty that a very fair specimen can be bought for \$2, and the coinage amounts to something less than 7,000. A curious thing has lately been discovered regarding the silver half dollar of 1805, which is not considered a rare coin. The exception is in the case where the half dollar of 1805 has been made by restriking a figure five over the four in an 1804 coin, which shows that the coin was really one of the undiscovered pieces of the 1804 issue, which increases the value of the coin fully ten fold.

Yet the fact remains that no one can tell whatever became of the very large issue of silver half dollars of 1804. It is quite evident, however, that all of them were not issued from the mint, and this belief that there was some unknown reason for not desiring the coin to circulate, is strengthened by the fact that the mint obliterated the date on the remainder of them by converting them into half dollars of the 1805 issue.

During the year 1805, there were no silver dollars issued from the mint but nevertheless 321 of them were coined, and are in the hands of collectors to-day just as they came from the die. No dollars were coined by the Government after that until the year 1836.

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We are arranging to get out a very fine edition of over 50 pages for May with a circulation of 5,000 copies. This number will be devoted especially to coins, stamps and relics and in order to secure a fine display of advertisements we shall accept advs. at 10c per inch or \$2.70 per page cash with order. We ask our friends to send in their order for space as soon as possible.



ENGINEER JIM'S RUN.



HE bell clanged, the whistle shrieked, and with a cough and sneeze No. 99 rolled out from Rockwood station into the darkness, pulling a baggage car and three coaches behind her.

The run from Rockwood, a station on the Northern Pacific Railroad, to Santa Cruz, was about three hundred miles, and the schedule time for making this run was from 8 p. m. till 3 a. m.

The night was dark, and as the station lights of Rockwood grew fainter and fainter, the headlight of the locomotive, with the dim light from the interior of the cab, threw their rays upon the track ahead.

As soon as the switches were cleared, Jim, the engineer opened the throttle and "let 'er go," at the same time turning up his collar and pulling his greasy cap farther down upon his head. Under the influence of his touch the iron monster sprang ahead and dragging its precious freight, was soon thundering along at fifty miles an hour.

"Guess we're goin' to have a cold run to-night, sonny," said Jim to his fireman, at the same time keeping his glance riveted on the rails ahead.

"Reckon you're right, sir," returned his assistant, as he threw a big lump of coal into the furnace. Silence prevailed between the two for a long time, no sound being heard except the rumble of the iron horse which swayed and rocked beneath them.

It was Christmas eve, and as these two men worked and watched in silence, they thought of their loved ones far away, toward whom they were speeding as fast as steam could bear them.

Until now there had not been much sign of snow, but as the night wore on the air grew less cold, but more

chilly and damp. Finally a few flakes began to fall and these soon increased until in a few minutes the air was full of whirling, driving snow which beat against the cab windows with terrific force and made it impossible for the engineer to see twenty feet ahead of his engine, so that it was necessary for him to check the speed of the train.

Inside the coaches a different scene presented itself. All seemed bright and cheertul, for nearly every one was on his way to spend Christmas with some friends, and the numerous packages and bundles showed that happy surprises were in store for many. Little children ran back and forth, making the cars ring with their gay laughter, while the older passengers were joking and telling funny stories.

Finally however things became more quiet. Some were beginning to grow sleepy while others were already in a state of oblivion, dreaming of the happy things which awaited them on the morrow. Nothing could be heard except the noise of the storm outside, or an occasional shriek of warning from the locomotive, as it sped on into the night.

In an instant, however, all this quiet was turned into confusion. A grating, grinding sound was followed by a shock which nearly hurled the passengers from their seats. At once all were on their feet, some thought the world had come to an end, while others thought there must be a wreck. Women shrieked and fainted, while many of the men were too scared to even follow the example of the women. The noise and confusion was quieted, however, by the appearance of the conductor, who informed the passengers that the train was simply stalled in a snow drift.

Most of the men passengers, many of whom were armed with shovels taken from the baggage car, started

for the engine to help shovel the snow away from her sides so that she might be backed out and away from the drift. Struggling through the drifts, formed within four hours, they finally reached the locomotive, which was nearly buried in the snow. There they found the engineer and fireman working like mad and at the same time cursing the luck which delayed them.

"This is a — of a place to spend Christmas!" shouted big Jim as he hurled huge shovels full of snow right and left. All the men were soon hard at work and for two long hours they kept it up until, at the end of that time, Jim ordered them to quit, and get back to the cars, "for I'm a-goin' to run old 99 through this thing if I break every rib in her body."

The passengers returned and 99 was at last backed out of the drift puffing and steaming as if she was in great distress. The train was now slowly backed over the snow covered rails, perhaps a quarter of a mile, when Jim suddenly threw the throttle wide open, at the same time ordering the fireman to "keep her up." The monster quivered, trembled, and then shot ahead with its heavy burden, straight for the snow-blocked cut. It struck the bank of snow with terrific force, completely hiding itself and most of the coaches in the white mist which was hurled into the air. The train rocked and swayed while the passengers thought the engineer was crazy, until at last the great locomotive, pushing and puffing, tore its way through the cut and came to a standstill upon the open track beyond.

The snow-covered engineer clambered down to see if everything was all sound. "The old girl stood it pretty well," he remarked as he examined the drivers carefully.

The passengers of course had crowded around to see all that was to be seen, but now as the conductor shouted "All aboard!" they hurried back to their places.

Jim climbed into the cab and, giving orders to the fireman to "feed her all she could swaller," again started the train toward its destination.

Thirty miles was yet to be covered before reaching Santa Croz, but there being no more drifts to hinder and the storm having ceased, the distance was covered in forty minutes.

As the train, covered with snow and ice, rolled into the station at Santa Croz three hours behind time, that Christmas morning, an anxious crowd awaited it and many were the "Merry Christmas" greetings given and received.

Engineer Jim having handed over his panting engine to a "yard man," sprang to the platform where his wife and child were waiting for him and after kissing them again and again, told them his experience.

As a fresh engine and driver took the train in from Santa Croz to the end of its run, Jim was free to depart with his wife and child to their little cottage not far from the station, and when at dinner time they were comfortably seated at the table Jim said, with something of a tremble in his voice, "Molly, I thought when I was stuck in the cut that I wasn't goin' to be with you for Christmas. But I am, and by the looks of that turkey, and the smiles on your'n and the kid's faces, guess we'er having a pretty good time after all."—*Students' Arena.*

A Daring Rejoinder.

We have all heard the old, impressive story that cannot be told too often of the professor who knocked at the door of a college room whose inmates were keeping late hours.

"Who is there?" inquired one of the culprits.

"It's me,—Professor Brown," was the answer.

"You are a liar," was the daring rejoinder. "Professor Brown would have said, 'It is I.'"

The man of science accepted the rebuke and did not say another word.

It is announced that there are only two English dukes of proper age who are still unwed. Both of them, however, are objectionable on moral grounds, so there isn't much more chance for the American heiresses for some time to come.



Justice—Is that the weapon with which the prisoner assaulted you?

Complainant—Yas, Boss, dat's de same razzar.

Justice—Prisoner is discharged. Don't come here again unless he tries to shave you with it.



Time, 11 P. M.

The evening is warm, but comfortable.

On the steps of a noble looking house, surrounded by large trees, may be seen a young man.

Opposite him sits a young lady, carefully endeavoring to suppress a yawn. Suddenly a burst of music comes from the house; some one is singing.

The young man attempts to rise, but sinks limply back. He is powerless to move. A spell seems cast upon him. He is strangely quiet.

The singing becomes more melancholy. It is the old song. His breath now comes in short, quick pants. The singing ceases, but he shows no relief. The drops of perspiration form on his forehead, as he thinks of the time when he must leave, for he has become aware of the fact that he has set down on the spot where her little brother has been innocently daubing the glue, and—

Any Old Thing.

An exchange says the following is a copy of a schoolboy's complaint to a board of directors:

"My sister, who is a school teacher, whips me every day. Ma and pa told her to whip me oftener than she did any other pupil, so they would think she was not partial. I write to let you know that this was too thin. She is an old maid, and gets mad because she can't get married, and whenever she gets to feeling that way she larrups me.

"I hate to say such things about my sister, but it's so, and I write to inquire if you cannot stop her licking me or get her a husband. Any old thing will do, so it's a man."

Said he, "Pretty miss,
Pray give me a kiss;

'Tis for one—only one—that I sue."

She lifted her eyes,

And exclaimed in surprise,

"Why, the other chaps always want two!"—Ex.

THOSE MONEY MAKERS.

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BESSIE BRUCE;

OR,

THE ALCHEMIST'S TRIUMPH.

THE numerous public clocks of New York were proclaiming the hour of ten one blusterly March night, when a man rapped gently on the door of a house in a poverty-stricken portion of the great city.

"And how is Bessie to-night?" he asked with eagerness looking at the hard-featured woman who was conducting him up a narrow uncarpeted stair.

"Bless your soul! the poor thing suffers no more."

The man started violently and clutched the woman's arm till she fairly winced with pain and stopped.

"Bessie isn't dead?"

"She doesn't live, that is certain!" replied the woman, irritated by his lack of credulity. "Why would



"SALVATOR! IT IS MY LOST GINEVRA," HE CRIED.

He was a young man muffled in a great cloak for protection against the cold and cutting winds, and manifested much impatience while he waited on the wooden stoop for an answer to his call. It came at length in a step beyond the door which opened with a creaking noise, and the man disappeared beyond the darkened threshold.

"I lie to you on such a subject?"

"Pardon me, Mrs. Bruce. I was not prepared to hear such tidings," the man said quickly, and in an apologetic manner. "She seemed so on the mend when I saw her last, that I almost expected to see her sitting up to-night. Poor Bessie!"

A minute later the speaker was led into a small and

illy ventilated room, poorly illuminated by the light of a tallow candle. The light revealed a cot in one corner of the low-ceiled apartment, and on the sheets was outlined the form of a woman apparently asleep.

The man stopped suddenly when he saw this, and looked at his guide.

"There she is," she said, nodding towards the cot. "Some people would say that she but sleeps."

On tiptoe, and with his hat in his hand, the young man approached the cot, and bent over its motionless and beautiful occupant. She had not passed her eighteenth year, and her girlish features had not lost their loveliness in the change which the woman called death. A wealth of golden hair, soft as down, hung over the edge of the cot, and the eyelids, still retaining their natural color, were gently closed. The face was not very white like the hue of death, and the hands retained a little warmth.

The man could scarcely believe her dead, and once or twice glanced incredulously at the mistress of the house.

"Well, what do you think now?" was the question put to him in a triumphant tone when he reluctantly quitted the couch, and dropped into a chair near the stove.

"She does not look like a dead person," he replied.

"She's looked just that way for four mortal hours," retorted the woman, quickly. "I have proof that the girl is dead if you must have it."

With her last word, Mrs. Bruce ran her hand into a dress pocket, and produced a doctor's certificate of death. That it was a genuine document the young man did not doubt; but having glanced over it he looked up at the woman, and asked,

"Who is this Doctor Hamilton?"

"He lives on Cherry Street—that is all I can tell about him."

"You changed doctors, then?"

"Yes, I didn't like Farley; we couldn't agree. He's too much after the old foggy system of doctoring to suit me, an' he wasn't doing Bessie a bit of good."

"Who recommended Doctor Hamilton?"

For a moment Mrs. Bruce hesitated, and looked away, when she saw the eyes of her persistent interrogator fastened upon her. "No one," she said, suddenly. "I sent for him on my own responsibility."

The young man left his chair and slowly approached the woman.

"Didn't Ruthven Finn first suggest the change?" he asked, sternly. "I know he did."

"He was here yesterday, and—that is—he—he said that Bessie seemed to be going down under Farley's treatment, and spoke of Doctor Hamilton. So I made the change."

The questioner seemed satisfied, and a faint smile played with his lips.

"I thought so," he said, in a low tone, and sarcastically, and moved towards the little stand that bore

the numerous phials and cups usually found in a sick chamber.

One by one he inspected them with the woman glaring at him like a tigress; he read the labels on the phials, and applied the cups to his nostrils, without so much as saying to Mrs. Bruce, "by your leave."

In his minute of inspection a footstep was heard on the naked stair, and the woman could not reach the door before it was opened, and a man stepped into the room.

He was a handsome man about thirty years of age, and had a cold, scheming eye. His clothes were of the richest description, and seemed decidedly out of place in that poor room. The woman caught his eye as he stepped across the threshold, and glanced at the man at the table; but he did not seem to comprehend her, for he began to talk.

"Doctor—"

He paused abruptly for the young man turned at the word, and looked him squarely and angrily in the eye.

It was evident that the two were not friends.

"Excuse me, sir," said the new comer, haughtily. "I mistook you for a physician," and he added, as he glanced at the figure on the couch, "Bessie is dead."

Before speaking, Justis Bellow, the first visitor, left the table, and placed himself directly before the tall man.

"Yes, Ruthven Finn, the girl is dead," he said, slowly. "She should be living now."

"Perhaps, then, we should be in Greenwood," was the sarcastic reply. "I did not expect to find you here."

"Perhaps not, but your coming has not startled me," replied Justis Bellow. "Where is your Doctor Hamilton?"

The question was couched in an unmistakable sneer, which caused a shade of anger to flit over Finn's face.

"I choose not to answer a question couched in a tone that seeks to ground an insult," he answered. "Mr. Bellow, I think this conversation might as well drop. It can do neither party any good, and might result in an unpleasantness decidedly disagreeable."

Justis Bellow smiled.

"So be it," he said. "With your gracious permission, Ruthven Finn, I will retire. I suppose you will attend to the interment of the beautiful being who would be living now were it not for the greed of gold that drives mankind over the happiness of the innocent."

"Explain your words!" cried Ruthven Finn, throwing himself before Bellow, who was walking to the door.

His hands were clenched and fire flashed from his eyes.

"I emphatically refuse to waste words," replied the young man. "You comprehend my sentence just spoken. It has but one meaning. Ruthven Finn, let me pass."

For a moment a collision seemed inevitable and unavoidable; the men faced each other with clenched hands, and would have come to blows if Mrs. Bruce had not interfered.

"No fighting here!" she said, sternly. "I don't want the police rushing up my stairs. Mr. Bellaw must leave my house in peace, and immediately, too."

Her words dissipated the tableau; with a half-smothered oath Ruthven Finn stepped aside, and his enemy with a mock "good-night" left the room, and went down the dark stair. When he found himself on the wind swept street he glanced up at the dimly lighted window, and murmured:

"There's been foul play up there in that little room. Ruthven Finn, you shall pay for your mean work. Oh! Bessie, if I had taken you away a year ago, this would never have happened. Shall he succeed now and revel in the wealth he has basely stolen? Bessie, my love, shall you be torn from me now? No! no! if there be merit in the deep principles of science that the old Florentine on Ann Street believes in. He shall yet save you to me, Bessie; he must swear this night that he will do it."

Justis Bellaw walked many squares before he found a cab which took him to an old-fashioned frame house on Ann Street. Beyond the threshold he remained many minutes, the cab waiting for him in the gutter, and when he entered the vehicle again, he ordered the boxman to drive him to a well known medical college.

Meanwhile, Ruthven Finn remained in the little room with Mrs. Bruce. When the door closed upon his foe, he had accosted the woman angrily.

"Did he challenge the certificate of death?" he asked.

"No; but he doesn't like Doctor Hamilton," and Mrs. Bruce smiled, faintly.

"Tell me what he said."

The woman complied, and Ruthven Finn listened intently to a succinct account of Justis Bellaw's visit, and a true recitation of his words.

"He'd better keep his tongue to himself," said Finn, when Mrs. Bruce had concluded. "A noisy tongue is suddenly stopped, they say. Men have been found dead against our piers; it's an every-day occurrence. But doesn't the girl's warmth surprise you?"

"Well, it is a leetle strange," answered Mrs. Bruce; "but I can't say that it surprises me. Certain diseases keep the dead warm a long time. She'll be cold before morning. The mark is a funny looking thing now."

"The mark? let me see it," said Finn.

Mrs. Bruce took the candle and approached the couch. As she bent over the beautiful sleeper, she gave the light to Ruthven Finn. Then she lifted Bessie's loose white sleeve and displayed a tattoo on the rounded arm just above the elbow. It was a good tattoo of a rose drooping on a stem, and below it were the initials "G. F."

"The mark was dark in life, you say?" asked Ruthven Finn, looking up at the woman.

"Yes."

"The tattoo is crimson now," and the speaker's face grew pale.

"It's the oddest thing that ever happened," said Mrs. Bruce, exhibiting some fright. "I never heard of the like before; but death does make many changes."

"That accounts for the change, I am sure," replied the man. "No person will notice the tattoo. Are you sure that he knows nothing of it?"

"Quite certain. Bessie was ashamed of it, and in all her life I never heard her refer to it."

"I will come to-morrow with Hamilton. Do you lay her out alone, and I will see that she is buried and permitted to rest in peace."

A moment later, Ruthven Finn had left the room, and Mrs. Bruce was alone.

For several years the handsome man whose home was a fine house on one of the superb up-town squares, had known Bessie Bruce in her poor apartments. He first encountered her accidentally, at a crossing, where he had snatched her from beneath the feet of two express horses. She did not escape unhurt, and, struck by her beauty, he followed the police who bore her into an apothecary shop, and eventually took her to her home. There he met Mrs. Bruce, who took in sewing at times, and an extended acquaintance was inaugurated.

Ruthven Finn was wealthy; the doors of fashionable society were open to him, and no *soiree* could take place without his presence. But few people knew the manner in which he had come by his immense wealth, and as it belongs to our story, I will tell it here.

Sixteen years prior to the scene in Mrs. Bruce's house, Mark Finn, a very wealthy man, made a will in New York. He was of English descent, and had traveled over a greater part of the globe. During one of his tours, he was accompanied by his wife and daughter—then a child, two years of age. Near Naples, one night, the traveling carriage was stopped by brigands, and its inmates robbed and subjected to many indignities. Then and there the babe, Ginevra, was torn from the arms of its nurse, and borne away. All efforts to recover it, proved futile; in vain the agonized father offered to pay as its ransom its weight in ducats. He was forced to continue his journey without the little one. He landed in New York, already the home of his brother, and settled there. Then the will to which I have referred was written.

He made his nephew his sole heir, on condition that the lost Ginevra never appear to claim her rights. In all solemnity the document was signed. Ruthven Finn, the legatee, then a youth, swore to hunt for his cousin, and to give her her rights should she ever appear.

Mark Finn and his brother died, and Ruthven Finn came into possession of the great estate. It made him one of the wealthy men of the gold endowed city. He never sought for Ginevra, and scarcely ever thought of the little child who had fallen into the brigands hands far away in sunny Italy.

But when he stood beside the surgeon, and looked into the white face of the girl whom he had saved from a terrible death, he believed he had found his cousin.

The bare thought startled him, and paled his cheek. From that day he visited Mrs. Bruce's home quite frequently. He saw Bessie ripen into glorious womanhood; but when he made love to her, she repulsed him gently.

"She has a lover," said Mrs. Bruce, and from that hour Ruthven Finn and Justis Bellaw might have dated their enmity.

Mrs. Bruce acknowledged to Finn that Bessie was not her child. She averred that she found the girl crying on the cold streets one night, twelve years before, and had taken her home. Bessie then said that she lived with an old man who made "poisons and such things," and with whom she had lived all her life.

One day Mrs. Bruce told Ruthven Finn about the tattoo on Bessie's arm, and he turned very pale.

"That settles it," he said to himself, "the girl is my cousin."

Then he trembled for his wealth and enviable position in society. The rightful owner dwelt in the same city; but in ignorance of her rights. What if she should discover her true identity? Ruthven Finn shuddered whenever the question presented itself. He began to work on Mrs. Bruce, and when Bessie was taken ill with a prevailing epidemic, why, he changed doctors.

Justis Bellaw's love for the girl was deep and pure. He, too, encountered her by accident, and became the accepted suitor. He was a medical student, who would soon graduate, and to the far west town where he had determined to locate, he hoped to bear the beautiful love of his young heart.

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It was far past midnight, and darkness still hovered like a funeral pall over the metropolis.

In a chemist's room in the second story of a large frame house on Ann Street, sat an old man working at a galvanic battery. He had passed his eightieth year, for his hair was white as snow, and his face indicated great age. His features were of the unmistakable Italian type, and the quaint skull cap he wore was of foreign manufacture.

About his room were many articles connected with his profession, and a chemist's lamp of ancient style smoked and blazed on the table.

Behind him on a mattress which seemed out of place in the laboratory, reposed as if in sleep, a beautiful girl whose bright hair was a sea of wavy gold. A quilt covered her body, leaving visible her faultless face.

"I'll look at her," murmured the old chemist, picking up the lamp, and starting to the couch.

A few moments before, Justis Bellaw had placed the fair head on the pillow, and, with hardly a glance at his burden, the old man had dismissed him till day. And Mrs. Bruce had not recovered from the fright occasioned by the masked men who had entered her room and borne Bessie away.

Holding the lamp before him, Fiorli Giovanni, the

alchemist, pulled the coverlid from the girl, and started forward.

"Salvator!" he suddenly cried, "it is my lost Ginevra!"

SEE ENGRAVING.

He almost dropped the lamp, so suddenly he started back the picture of amazement. After awhile, he crept forward again, and gazed for a long time on the motionless girl. Then he turned to his battery, and was the keen old alchemist again.

The day gilded the spires of New York, when Justis Bellaw glided up the stairs to the laboratory. His first glance was at the couch. There lay the woman he loved, beautiful as ever, and apparently asleep.

"You have failed?" he said, with a sigh, as he looked at the old Florentine. "She will never wake again."

"Say you not so, signor," was the reply. "Let me confess. No, I will not. I have already told you how Carlo, the brigand, stopped the Englishman near Naples, sixteen years ago; how he took his babe and sold her to me. Signor, twelve years ago, the child left me in this city, and until this morn she has been lost to me."

"Then—"

"Child!" interrupted the alchemist, gently touching Bessie's arm.

The blue eyes opened, and Justis Bellaw sprang to her side.

"From the dead, thank heaven! 'Oh, Bessie, the world will yet be bright.'"

In the midst of his joy, Giovanni gently pushed him away.

"She must have rest. There is poison in her system, poison sold by my hand to a tall man two days ago."

"Poison! and sold by you?" cried Bellaw, staring at the alchemist. "I know him—Ruthven Finn!"

"She is Signor Finn's child," said Giovanni, pointing to Bessie. "She is the Signora Ginevra. My battery woke her from the trance, and I will drive my poison from her system."

The blusterer days of March passed away, and when the first shower of April fell upon city and bay, Ruthven Finn fled for his life from the fashionable circles of the metropolis.

For Ginevra Finn, Bessie Bruce no longer, was claiming her rights, and the law of the land wanted him at the bar of justice.

His flight caused great excitement in certain circles, and before it subdued, the long-lost heiress, as the wife of Justis Bellaw, had taken possession of her own.

The masked men who had robbed Mrs. Bruce's house of its silent tenant, consisted of the lover and several fellow-students, and as the reader already knows, Ginevra was borne to the alchemist's laboratory.

Mrs. Bruce was not prosecuted for aiding Ruthven Finn; "Bessie," remembering many kindnesses at her hands, cheerfully forgave her, and granted her a pension on which she ended her days, removed from the doors of want.

When the authorities discovered that the alchemist dealt in poisons, they drove him from the city, and he returned to his native land.



WARTOP'S WAGER;

OR,
THE WICKED HEART OF MAN.

BY CAPT. CHARLES HOWARD.

CHAPTER III.

"SHE IS LOST! I HAVE WON!"

FOUR days of calm followed the abating of this typhoon, and a boat containing two persons glided over the sea. Rodney Fredericks plied the oars and the now haggard face of Iloel Froisart still confronted him. Those four days had been days of suffering; their supply of water was exhausted, and almost perishing with hunger and thirst, they were longing for the sight of land.

How many scores of time the gallant captain had swept the placid surface of the sea with his glass, I do not know; and to Iloel's question he had been forced to reply:

"No land, Iloel—nor signs of a coast."

But on the morning of the fifth day, when the pale English girl lay back in the boat asleep, her nature entirely exhausted, a long coast greeted the captain's eyes. He could not credit his vision for a long time; and he refrained from disturbing the blessed slumbers of the girl.

The sight of land threw new strength into the weakened arms, and imbued with lusty life; the boat approached the strange coast.

At last, when near enough to distinguish the orange and lemon trees loaded with their aureate fruit, the captain's hand awakened Iloel.

She wept for joy at the sight, and all weakness seemed instantly to depart.

"May we not fall among enemies?" she asked, fearfully.

"We will not," was the confident reply. "I am certain that we are approaching one of the Sumatran islands, and the natives will befriend us."

"Thank heaven!" was the earnest ejaculations that fell from Iloel's lips, and then in silence the twain watched the new found land.

The boat was soon guided into a little cove, and secured to the long grass that drooped into the clear waters from the bank.

"This land seems a paradise," said the English girl, recalling the terrible sufferings through which she had just passed. "The hate of Trett Wartop cannot reach me here."

"Why thinking ever of him?" asked the sailor. "You did well to refuse him your hand. He has only turned

upon you like the trampled adder. His hate reaches to the end of the world; but it cannot harm us here."

The walk from the beach was pleasant since fresh water had been found, and limes and dates had furnished rich food. Bewitching groves of palms were visible everywhere, and the mahogany tree added to the beauty of the scene.

Presently two figures were seen advancing from the distance; and at length a black man and woman—*island natives*—stood before the ship-wrecked ones. The man, richly clad, was evidently a person of note, and the negress his servant. Both were profuse with offers of hospitality.

When Captain Fredericks made known the desolate condition of himself and companion, the man who proclaimed himself the king of the islands, conducted them to his mahogany house or palace, and showed them abundant favors.

"Truly, we have fallen among friends," said Iloel. "But how long will we be obliged to remain here?"

"Until a ship bound for Calcutta touches the island, was the reply. "King Matrha informs me that they sometimes put in here for mahogany. I trust we shall soon be on our way again."

But weeks and weeks passed away, and Captain Fredericks and his beautiful charge were still residents of the island capital.

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Let us return to Melbourne—to the spot that witnessed the opening of our story.

Six months have rolled over the scuttled hulk of the *Austral Queen*.

It is night, and three men are congregated in the elegant bar-room of the *Van Dieman*. They are handsome fellows—Englishmen—and the face of one is aglow with triumph no man could conceal.

He turns to the man behind the counter. "She is lost! I have won!" he exclaims. "The *Austral Queen* will never sight Calcutta. Gentlemen, people risk a good deal when they bet against wind and tide."

"That is so, Wartop," said the youngest of the party. "I have lost my five hundred pounds, and order them into your hands. The man who has just reached the city is the sole survivor of the disaster, you think?"

"I do," responded Wartop. "It was a terrible catastrophe, and I regret, from the bottom of my heart, the fate of the gallant ship."

The last word still quivered on Trett Wartop's lips, when the door was opened, and a tall man stepped across the threshold.

With a wild ejaculation the latter started back, for Rodney Fredericks stood before him!

I need not write what followed.

Justice is swift and sure in Australia. Let me say that Trett Wartop is not in Melbourne now.

His plans had failed!

When accused of hiring men to scuttle the *Austral*

Queen that Iloel Froisart might find a grave in the Indian Ocean, he turned pale and then confessed.

A ship bound to Calcutta took the captain and Iloel from the Sumatran islands, after a brief sojourn there and from the Indian capital he had returned to Melbourne for the purpose of punishing Trett Wartop.

On the island Iloel learned to love Rodney Fredericks to whose bravery and devotion she owed her life, and in Calcutta became his wife.

Trett Wartop's heart is dust; but his death could not lift the Austral Queen and her priceless cargo of human lives from the depths of the sea.

He won his wager, but lost what was far more precious—his life!

[THE END.]



The Country Doctor.

I'm a country parish doctor with about enough of pay
Just to give myself a dinner when the horse has had his
hay,

And I must go on a-working for the pittance that I get—
There's such awful competition, such a lot of human
sweat—

Though I often thought 'twere better if I dropped the
weary load

And just stepped into the pasture from the grinding of
the road,

For I'm almost as familiar with the moon as with the
sun,

For my work is often hardest when all others' work is
done.

And when each man of labor is fast sleeping in his bed,
I must shift a weary body, try to clear a weary head.

It's no matter if the storm carries on its wings the
snow,

And the heavy clouds of winter shroud in darkness all
below,

And the way lies o'er the moorland where you easily
miss the track,

I must carry out the order or they'll jump upon my
back.

So it's saddle up and face it, though before I'm back
the night

May have given place to morning with its raw and
chilly light,

When you find your back has shivers and your feet and
hands are numb,

And the feeling of exhaustion o'er your drooping spirits
come.

For its not like serving uncle when you're 'neath the
parish rule;

The man who thinks it is so—well, he's thinking like
a fool,

And I wish he had the guardians to contend with if he
broke

Through a trifling regulation; then he'd find it was no
joke.

For they'd buzz around and sting him as the gad fly
stings the horse

When you see him in the pastures hold a wild distract-
ed course.

For it is a rule, I've noticed, in the ways of things
below

That the fiercest ones in nature are the meanest of the
show;

And a little brief authority, if ignorance has got,
Makes it just about the fiercest and the meanest of the
lot.

Oh, that I'd enough of practice in a private sort of way
To enable me to parish work to bid a long "good-day!"
But this awful overcrowding fairly chains one to the
mill

Till you moult and shed your spirit from a body weak
and ill;

Then before you're hardly planted where the parson
mows the grass

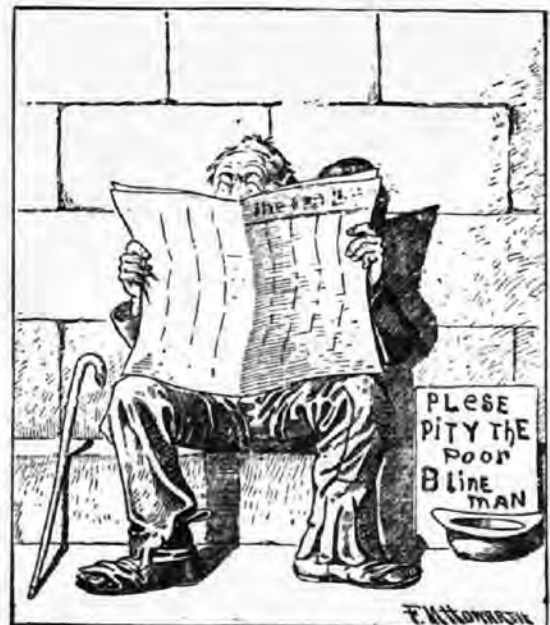
There are many fellows striving to the vacant place to
pass.

"Your husband is not looking well to-night, Mrs.
Rhymer.

"He isn't, and I'm not surprised at it."

"No? Has he been overworking himself?"

"It isn't that so much; it's his originality. Why,
that man is struck by so many original ideas that his
mind must be one mass of bruises."



A HATER OF FALSEHOOD.

Mendicant (in disgust): Them editors is liars, every
one o' them. Here's two columns in this paper about
th' good times an' th' piles o' money layin' idle, an' I
haven't taken in a cent this mornin'.



INDIAN RELICS, CURIOS, ETC.



GOOD and substantial improvements have been made in this department this month in keeping with the rest of our publication. We desire all to gather about us either as readers, contributors or advertisers and help us in continuing the good work. Items of interest in regard to valuable finds are solicited from all. If you are a dealer send us in an adv., and in many other ways our friends can help us in improving our magazine.

The American Society of Curio Collectors is the name of a new organization. Any one interested in the collection of shells, fossils, minerals, Indian relics, coins and medals, autographs and most everything else collectable, excepting tin tags and stamps, may join. The dues are merely nominal. Write to the Secretary, Allen Jesse Reynolds, Connorsville, Ind., for full particulars.

Indian Relics Found.

Alfred McGlavin of Fonda, N. Y., found a string of Indian beads nearly twelve feet long on the new county poor farm at Schenck's Hollow.

He has also several specimens of wampum which he found on the same grounds. He thinks the Indians must have had a camp there for a long time, as there are several feet of clam shells buried beneath the soil of an old orchard, which was probably planted more than one hundred years ago. Among the other relics found in the same neighborhood were pieces of Indian pipes, pottery, bears' teeth, eagles' talons, flint arrow and spear heads, bone needles and fish hooks, and a variety of copper and iron implements, evidently introduced by the early white settlers.

A Good Find.

Thinking the readers of the AMERICAN MONTHLY, or at least those interested in Archæology, would like to hear something about the stone relics we find here in Indiana, I write you about a "Cache" of "Flints" I have in my large collection, and which were found in this (Boone) County in digging a post hole. They were about twenty inches from the surface and there were about one hundred in the lot as near as I can tell, as about twenty of them were badly broken before the man (who was digging in the hole) found what he had struck. There remains now about eighty whole ones and they are a fine lot, measuring from three and three-quarters to six inches in length. Many of them measure five inches in length and they will probably average four and a half in length by one and three quarter inches in width. They are all double pointed and resemble spear-heads more than any other flint implement. When this lot was purchased they were sticking around a flower-bed, being put to that use by the wife of the farmer who found them. I also have six pieces (perfect) out of another "Cache" found in an adjoining county by my cousin in 1877. This lot contained fifty-two pieces, measuring from five to seven inches in length, and three and one-half to four and one half in width. They were also double pointed and made of blue flint; (as was the first mentioned lot). I would like to hear from some of our advanced collectors on similar "finds" of these implements, and hear their opinion about this class of relics, whether they are finished implements or not, and if so what they were used for. Collectors let us have your opinions.

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Our Petrified Forests.

Among the many remarkable freaks of nature to be found in Arizona, the petrified forest is worthy of special mention. It is on Lithodendron creek, a tributary to the little Colorado, and is but a few miles east of Holbrook station (Arizona), on the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad. Limbs and branches and entire trunks of trees petrified into rocks are scattered over the surface, covering an area of many miles. One has been discovered that measured more than twelve feet at the base. Many fossil ferns and plants are also found turned to stone. The texture and form of the dead trees are clearly discernible and resemble the immense red-woods of California. Every fibre of the wood can be distinctly traced, and the hearts of the prostrate monarchs are a mass of sparkling crystals of various hues and colors.

When cut and polished these silicified remains make beautiful mantle pieces, center-tables, and other household adornments. It will repay the traveler to stop over a day at Holbrook and to visit the striking curiosity.

The sites of many cities of antiquity are literally honeycombed with tunnels, and the Greeks and the Romans have left numberless traces of similar activity, which show that they constantly brought their water and carried their drainage long distances.

The oldest known weapon was the club. The club of the lake dwellers of Switzerland, studded with stones in default of nails, and thus making a formidable weapon, have been recovered from their habitations.

It is said that torpedoes, when first employed by our navy in the Revolutionary War, were called American turtles.

INDIAN RELICS—I each celt (or a ceremonial) hatchet, knife, disc, scraper, spear, bead, scrap pottery, doz arrow heads, \$1.00, postpaid. Other Indian relics. Sea and land curios, fossils, lovely geodes, 25c var, minerals, onyx, &c. Indian relics wanted for cash.

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COIN COLLECTING



THE coin department in this issue has grown and we trust is of much more interest and benefit to the collector than the few notes of last month. But we shall not stop at this and shall try each month to make this department more interesting and a leading feature of our publication. We kindly ask our friends to hand in their contributions and notes that we may be able to fill our columns with choice and interesting reading.

Fourteen coining presses at the Philadelphia Mint are working overtime trying to keep up with unusual demand for the glittering small coins. For two weeks 500,000 new pennies a day have been sent away—yet the despairing cry for more is heard.

There is a strong probability that the government will soon authorize the issue of fifty cent dollars for use in our new Philippine possessions. The project most in favor by the administration is to purchase silver bullion and coin it into distinctive dollars having a gold value of about fifty cents each and probably containing a little less silver than the present standard dollar. There is at present a mint in Manila. It is hoped that new coins may be ready before spring. The secretary of war will probably ask one of the house committees to take the matter up.—*The Numismatist*.

In the March issue of this magazine will appear a very interesting and lengthy article on "The Coin of Eucratides." The article is very interesting and we are sure it will help entertain our coin collectors. Extra copies of this magazine can be had at 5c each.

Of all articles of virtu coins have shown the largest advance in prices with the greatest stability of values. Rare coins in fine condition are continually advancing until at present time a collection of large U. S. cents in perfect condition could not be accumulated for much less than one thousand dollars, while a complete set with perfectly legible dates and inscriptions can be bought for about twenty-five dollars, or without the four rare dates for six dollars. The average man seems more attracted by a collection of coins than by any other article, while a fine show of gold is certain to command the admiration of the ladies. Although the intrinsic value of a collection of gold is considerable the premium is very small, and except for the interest account it is much less valuable than copper, while whatever may happen it will always retain its bullion value in any part of the world. Ancient coins are wonderfully cheap; from ten cents to two dollars will buy a coin of Rome or Greece from fifteen hundred to two thousand years old. It is a strange fact that there should be so few systematic coin collectors when at least one out of every ten men has a few old pieces of money on which he sets a great store. As a safe and profitable investment for small sums there is no commodity equal to old coins. The capital and interest is convertible at any time. The security remains in the investor's hands, and the owner has the constant pleasure of exhibiting his treasure to his friends. Profit and pleasure combined.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Mr. Ed. Frossard of 111 East 14th Street, New York, is prepared to receive consignments of coins or medals for auction sale, and in view of the

present strong demand, that collectors having duplicate coins on which they would wish to realize, would do well to send to him for sale. See his adv. on another page.

The Hudson Bay Tokens have had a drop in price of late. These tokens are in brass and are four in a set and in past years have sold as high as \$10 each. Recently a great number have come to light, and the price has dropped to about two dollars each.

The face of a Charlotteville, Va., girl will be represented on the Pan-American Exposition medal. Her name is Maude Coleman Woods and her features are those of a typical North American girl.

The *Numismatist* for January is, as usual, filled with good things. Geo. W. Rice contributes, "The Copper Cent of the United States," a very interesting article, and A. G. Heaton writes about "Old Information for New Subscribers and Collectors," a very interesting article for beginners, besides several other articles of interest are published in this number.

We take great pleasure in announcing to our readers that we have secured the services of Mr. Ed Frossard as New York correspondent for this department. Mr. Frossard is authority upon coins of all kinds and will make a very valuable addition to our staff. No effort will be left undone in order to make our publication a leader in coins and stamps and relics of all kinds.



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COIN COLLECTING.

THE following article on Coin Collecting has been contributed by Mr. Arnold, Treasurer of the Arnold Numismatic Co., Providence, R. I.

The science of Numismatics is one which opens to the inquiring mind, a field of study, embracing a much wider field than any of its sister sciences. It is one of the most intellectual pursuits of the day.



It develops a taste for art, and stimulates research in nearly every branch of learning. It teaches us history and instructive pastime, it has also been a source of profit, for no one knows that better than those who have collected in the past. As coin collections increase in value from year to year, thus proving at all times an excellent investment. Now coins often are the only historical records which we have of nations, which have long passed away, and which would have been buried in oblivion, but for the coins which bear the names of kings and records of events relating to the countries whose money they once were.

With a coin in my hand I feel myself identified with the monarch and his times whose head it bears. Besides the head of the monarch, we have his name, title, and in many instances the circumstances under which they were struck. I see before me, perhaps, the head of one famous for his victories and achievements, his baseness and malignity, or his nobleness and generosity. Can we not also watch the progress of civilization through its coinage? The advanced numismatists cabinet will show specimens which bear witness to its barbarity or refinement, and rudeness or taste. A rude shapeless coin speaks in itself of the low state of civilization in art, while a beautiful and well finished coin speaks convincingly of corresponding ideas and tastes.

Remember we are sending this paper one year for 25c, a special offer.

Auction Sale Echoes.

THE following prices were realized at Frossard's 169 sale of coins on January 25th, 1901:

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| NO. | | |
| 1. | 1858 1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50 cents, dollar. Some tarnished. Rare. 7 pcs in set..... | \$39.00 |
| 29. | Dollar, 1794, entire surface worn all legible, and finer than average specimen. Nearly very good. rare..... | 65.00 |
| 55. | Dollar, 1804, an altered date. Very good..... | 8.50 |
| 56. | Dollar, 1836, Liberty seated <i>Gobrecht</i> at base; rev.; flying eagle in field of 26 stars. Plain edge, uncirculated, v, fine, rare..... | 12.25 |
| 57. | Dollar, 1838, Liberty seated, circle 13 stars, date beneath; rev. flying eagle. Milled edge, brilliant proof, rare..... | 160.00 |
| 58. | Dollar, 1839, as last; shows slight wear, few very short, very light marks in field, fine, rare \$46 | |
| 70. | Dollar, 1851, very light scratch in right field, otherwise sharp, uncirculated, rare..... | 47.00 |
| 71. | Dollar, 1852, stars to right not sharp, otherwise very fine; rev., uncirculated, rare..... | 49.00 |
| 73. | Dollar, 1854, uncirculated, 8.50 | |
| 108. | Trade Dollar, 1873, complete set of the designs for Trade Dollar. Proofs mostly brilliant, very rare, 6 pcs in set..... | 26.00 |
| 122. | Half Dollar, 1796, fifteen stars, prominent parts of head and eagle some worn, stars flat, very good, rare..... | 80.00 |
| 123. | Half Dollar, 1797, condition as last, very good, rare..... | 56.00 |
| 124. | Half Dollar, 1801, very good, scarce..... | 10.00 |
| 125. | Half Dollar, 1802, very good, scarce..... | 6.25 |
| 343. | Silver Five Cents, 1802, very poor, very rare..... | 20.25 |
| 389. | Cents, nickel, 1856, uncirculated, rare..... | 8.25 |
| 425. | Cents, 1793, Liberty cap, lettered edge. Black; entire surface pitted, very good, rare..... | 7.10 |
| 432. | Cents, 1799, worn, good, rare..... | 9.00 |
| 485. | U. S. Cent, 1804, good, dark olive, rare..... | 10.00 |

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| 492. | Gold. Quarter Eagles, 1798, thirteen stars, seven facing. Stars to r. weak, otherwise extremely fine, partly brilliant, rare..... | 17.50 |
| 493. | Gold. Quarter Eagles, 1826 over 1825. Stars flat, some worn, V. good, rare..... | 13.50 |
| 494. | Gold. Quarter Dollar, 1834, sharp, extremely fine and brilliant..... | 9.00 |
| 504. | Gold. Ten Dollars, 1852 Eagle, 884 THOUS. ABOVE, TEN DOLS. beneath, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; rev. inscrip. in four lines. Very good..... | 13.25 |
| 505. | Gold. Ten Dollars. Waso, Moliter & Co., 1852. Lib. head to l., W. M. & CO. on coronet, circle of 13 stars, date below; rev., eagle, S. M. V. CALIFORNIA GOLD. TEN. D. Good..... | 12.75 |

An Old Coin.

The coin known in Austria as the kreutzer has been withdrawn from circulation, and is not accepted even by the Government. The coin has been in existence since the fifteenth century, and took its name from the cross marked upon it.

A Valuable Coin.

The largest gold coin in existence is worth about \$315. It is the ingot or "loof" of Annam and its value is written on the coin with Indian ink.

TO ADVERTISERS—On account of the lateness of this paper for Feb. copy for March ads should be sent at once. See rates on another page.

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Prairie Center, Ill.

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The Editor's Table.

WE would be indeed ungrateful if we did not express our thanks for the many kind and encouraging words spoken to us during the past month concerning our last issue of this magazine, and we deem it a great pleasure to thank those who have so kindly assisted us in getting out this issue both as advertisers and contributors. We believe that all our departments show great improvement over last month, and there is no reason why we cannot make them much better for our March issue. Let us try. Contributions for all departments gladly received.

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We take this means to announce to the public that on or before April 1st we will move our printing office from our present location on Division St., to more commodious quarters on Main street in the basement under Jones' Bakery. This new location is about one half larger than our present office, which will enable us to put in more machinery of which we are greatly in need. The new location is being fitted up to our needs and we believe it will make a very pleasant office.

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During the past month we have received many requests to exchange adv. space. We can't do it. Our rates are too low. If your paper is

satisfactory and the prices are reasonable we will advertise with you and pay you cash for same, and you must do the same with us. We cannot allow you 40c an inch on exchange when we can get the same for 20c cash. Our rates are the same to all.

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Assemblyman Wanhope Lynn has introduced a bill in the New York State Assembly, amending the public health law to provide that books, newspapers or serial literature shall not be published in type smaller than eight point, of which the lower case alphabet measures less than fourteen ems. The lines of type shall be separated by at least two point leads.

What next? This is the most ridiculous bill that has been introduced as yet this winter. Why not regulate the number of pages a newspaper should contain, and also that it should be printed on book paper at the standard price of \$1.00 per year. By the way, why not introduce a bill requiring the office towel to be washed at least once each week instead of annually, and make the health board enforce this law too.

We suggest that a pair of spectacles be presented our worthy Assemblyman, Mr. Lynn, and if he should have introduced such a bill solely to gain notriety, that the tax payers of the State of New York don't care to have any more foolish bills introduced at their expense, and that he be given a cookie and sent home.

If the type in any certain newspaper is too small to be read with ease, people are not compelled to read that paper—there are others.

An Unwelcome Fifteenth.

A couple of tourists who were journeying on horseback in the rural district of the South had ridden many miles when they came to a small log cabin, out of which children of all sizes and ages came swarming like bees from a hive.

The tourists were tired and ravenously hungry. Hailing an old negro at the cabin gate they told him they had come to take dinner with him.

"Yo' is welcum, gemmen!" he

said. "I ain't got much ter eat, but I'll do the ve'y bes, I kin fo' yo', gemmen."

Then raising his voice in a shrill yell, he said:

"Hi yo' Judas Iscariot, yo' run an' catch a chicken fas' ez yo' laigs kin carry yo'."

"What do you call that boy?" asked one of the tourists.

"Judas Iscariof, sah."

"What did you ever give him such a name as that for?"

"Dat's a Bible name, sah, an' it has a meanin'. Ise got fo'teen, en dey's all got Bible names, caze de Bible names has a meanin', sah!"

"What is the meaning of Judas Iscariot?"

The old man was very reticent about giving further information, and it required a good deal of persuasion before he finally said:

"Well, I'll tell yo', sah. Hit's like dis: Yo' see I'd had fo'teen chillun befo' Judas Iscariot was bawn, an' fo'teen chillun is a mighty big fam'ly fo' a po' man to raise en keer fo' 'thout habin' no mo', so when Judas Iscariot come erlong I gib 'im dat name caze yo' know de Bible hit says it'd be bettah fo' Judas Iscariot he'd nebbah been bawn."

Mamma—Don't boil those canned peas, Bridget. They only want to be warmed.

Little Tommy—Mamma, peas can't talk, can they?

Mamma—Of course not, dear. Why?

Little Tommy—Then how do you know what they want?

Mrs. Sleepyize—Henry, the alarm clock just went off.

Mr. Sleepyize—Thank goodness! I hope the thing'll never come back.

Miss Fairplay—Did you see Miss Snippey's beautiful sealskin sack?

Miss Sowergrapes—Yes, but I never let on to her that I noticed it.

Mother—Willie, your face is very clean, but how did you get such dirty hands.

Willie—Washing me face.



STAMP COLLECTING



OUR Stamp Department this month is a little more extended over last issue, which is due to the increase in our adv. department. Our rates are so low that no dealer cannot afford to place an ad. with us, and our large circulation cannot fail to give satisfactory results. Look over our low ad. rates published in another column and send us a trial adv. at once. One firm sent us an ad. last month for five months with the cash, and asked us to notify them when their time expired and they would send more cash. That's the way to talk.

THE American Philatelic Association will hold their next convention at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 20-22. The Philatelic Sons of America have selected Aug. 19-20 as the dates for their convention at the same place.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 64th sale of "rare stamps only" is booked for Wednesday evening, March 6th, at Elks' Hall, Boston.

THE London Correspondent of the American Journal of Philately says: "News from Australia points to some interesting issues from that part of the world both preliminary to, and consequently upon, the inauguration of the commonwealth. It is said that we are to have a series of surcharged stamps first, and then the commonwealth series. The surcharging will be adopted to use up the large stock of the current series in each colony. The surcharge will probably be the words "Australian Commonwealth." Rather long words to print clearly on the ordinary size stamp, unless the surcharging be done diagonally or

vertically and when the business begins won't the eagles be on the watch for varieties. If the surcharging be done by one careful printer under strict government supervision, the number of varieties will be practically nil. But if, as is most probable, each Colony surcharges its own, then we shall have a few things to scramble for. *Ergo*, dear reader, get into position and prepare your nets—first come first served, and the old party take the hindmost."

ONE of the beauties of stamp collecting is that there is something in it for everybody and the different channels of study are countless. Either sex, old and young alike can find it useful as a pastime or business.

IT is reported that the officers of the English Government doing duty in So. Africa have the stamp collecting fever badly, and that it is not a case of buying up stamps on the spot to sell at a profit when they return, but that a number of them are as enthusiastic about collecting as old collectors, and that they take to the purely solid side of the business.

THERE never was a time when the list was more free from objectionable stamps than now, in recent years at least. Omit the Seebeck states and the philatelic horizon is exceptionally clear and satisfactory.

ENGLAND has used water marks in her stamps since 1854. At that time the small crown was used for the 1d. red and the 2d. blue; in 1855, the garter, in three sizes, known as the large, medium and small, was used for the 4d. To-day most countries, including the United States, have

designs water-marked in their stamps.

THE 1869 issue of the United States, which is said to be the prettiest set of stamps ever issued by our government, are engraved as follows: 1c., ochre color, Franklin; 2c., brown, horsemen; 3c., blue, locomotive; 6c., blue, Washington; 10c., orange, eagle; 12c., green, steamship; 15c., brown and blue, landing of Columbus; 24c., green and purple, Declaration of Independence; 30c., blue and carmine, Lincoln.

SEND us the names of your friends to whom we can send a sample copy of our paper. One advertiser sent us along with his ad. fifteen names and addresses of collectors. Thanks. We cannot get too many of these names.

THE Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste states that the remaining stock of the high values of the Canadian Jubilee issue is to be surcharged "7 Cents," for use on inland registered letters.

OUR friends are invited to send any information concerning new issues and varieties that may prove of interest to our readers. Such information will be gratefully received.

Tid Bits.

—100 Stamps Free. See Toledo Stamp Co.'s big adv.

—An ad. in this paper will pay you. Try it and increase your business.

—Neatness in your album shows off your collection, small or large, to good advantage.

—There are some collectors who buy few stamps in winter but many in summer. They claim that as the weather gets warmer, prices come down.

—We have excellent facilities for printing a stamp paper or magazine. Our prices are much lower than such work can be obtained in the city. Let us estimate on your publication.

NEW ISSUES

FRANCE—The new stamps have now appeared and they are reported to be anything but specimens of art and we do not think that the public in France will remain satisfied with them.

The values from 1 to 5c are of the first type, those from 10 to 30c of the second type, and those of 40c and upwards of the third type.

Adhesive stamps

Perforated.

- 1c gray
- 2c violet brown
- 3c red orange
- 4c yellow brown
- 5c green
- 10c carmine
- 15c orange
- 20c brown violet
- 25c blue
- 30c violet
- 40c red and pale blue
- 50c bistre brown
- 1fr claret and olive green
- 2fr gray violet and yellow
- 5fr dark blue and buff.

CANADA—The American Journal of Philately reports that it has received the 20c stamp in the current type, with numerals in the lower corners.

Adhesive stamp.

Perforated 12.

- 20c olive green.

TIMOR—It is reported that the present set is to be increased by the addition of a 78 avos value.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY. — The "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly," has been informed that the ordinary Orange Free State stamps are to be overprinted "Orange River Colony."

SPAIN—The Philatelic Era says: "Mr. A. W. Dunning, Newton, has shown me a curious freak in an envelope bearing a 10c revenue, used postally. This revenue stamp is the same type as R11, but is dated 1899-



"White clouds, whose shadows haunt the deep,
Light mists, whose soft embraces keep,
The sunshine on the fields asleep!"

No question as to the genuineness of the cancellation."

DENMARK—We have been informed that the 25 ore stamp will soon be withdrawn and a 24 ore issued in its stead.

SOUDAN—A set of four postage due stamps have been issued.

Adhesive (Unpaid Letter)

- 2m red brown, centre in black
- 4m green, " " brown
- 10m violet, " " green
- 20m red, " " olive.

NEW ZEALAND—The Monthly Journal says that the Universal Penny Postage stamps, which was to have been issued on Jan. 1st, has made its appearance in London.

Adhesive stamp.

Perforated.

- 1p carmine.

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2 " Dominican map stamps, NEW	5c
6 " Dutch Indies	5c
Canada special delivery, new	15c
Western Union 1890 cat 10c	3c
2 Va Sierra Leone, new, cat 45c	10c
1 dollar green U. S. Rev. uncut	2c
2c playing card U. S. 1894 unused	5c
6c Columbian	4c
3c Columbian	3c
15c Columbian	15c
Heligoland wrappers complete	4c
2 Va Canada Registration	3c

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He lighted on the same one day,
And it is cherished daily.

He sees far more than those who think
He's terribly misguided;
He finds a feast upon the page
Continually provided,

He has the joys he cannot speak;
They are beyond all damping,
And they succeed, upon his face,
Approving smiles in stamping.

—Exchange.

WHY I AM A STAMP COLLECTOR

THERE are various manias for collecting in this country—coins, stamps, curios, buttons, china, etc., but I think that of stamp collecting is the most popular. But many of the people seized with the idea of making a stamp collection give up their project before they have a chance to find out what advantages they would have derived had they persevered.

More history and geography can be learned from five dollars spent in stamps than from fifty dollars expended at an academy or college, and with less exertion and greater pleasure. Whoever besides stamp collectors know anything about Nowanunner or any of the Indian States. Certain it is that during the seven years I attended school, I never even heard of them. I remember that none but the collectors in my class knew what country owned St. Thomas. The principal himself did not know. Neither did he notice any mistake when the atlas declared Gambia to be a French possession, The philatelists did.

Ask any ordinary business man what values there are in the new issues, what people are represented thereon and what will they say? Ask him to explain the difference between engraving and typography or laid and wove papers, and hear his excuses for his ignorance.

These are the reasons for my col-

lecting stamps. I have found my mania extremely interesting, and have derived a good deal of pleasure and information from it. I have found it exceedingly instructive, and, besides, it has not been in the least expensive.

W. B. O.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Philately.

THE word "Philately," from two Greek words meaning literally a friend to the exemption from "tax," is a term employed to designate the collector of stamps in an orderly or as we might say, a scientific way.

To be a Philatelist one must have his stamps classified not only by countries, but also by color, issue, kind of paper, etc. He must be able to tell whether a stamp is a cheap "continental" or a rarer one.

He should keep his collection orderly arranged in an album or blank book. He must have a standard catalogue and know how to use it. He should subscribe for at least one philatelic paper and so keep abreast of the times.

He will in a short time become much better posted on colors than his non-philatelic brothers. He will take interest in studying the history and geography of foreign countries, and he will soon eagerly look for foreign news in the newspapers and will be an honor to his school, his friends and his family.

A Good Stamp Paper.

We received the AMERICAN MONTHLY you sent us, for which please accept thanks. We think it is as good a stamp paper as we ever received.

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Envelopes were unknown in this country until 1837, after Rowland Hill had introduced them in England. Letters were written, folded and addressed all on the same sheet, and stuck with a wafer or with sealing wax.

TO ADVERTISERS—On account of the lateness of this paper for Feb. copy for March ads should be sent at once. See rates on another page.

100 ENVELOPES with name and address neatly printed on sent by mail for 30c. NEWS, Cobleskill, N. Y.

PUBLISH A PAPER—200 copies size of page 9x12 for \$2. Write for particulars. M. R. KING, Cobleskill, N. Y.

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When preparing an advertisement to take a one inch space take a piece of paper note size, then with a fine pointed pen write out your adv. If there is not room on the front put your address on the back.

Always state that you want certain underlined words in large type and that you particularly desire a cut of some kind, and a small border around the adv. The printer never saw an ad. before and therefore he is very thankful for your advice.

Do not forget to mention very emphatically that your adv. must go on the cover. Other advertisers want their ads. on the cover and you may as well be with the rest.

If you receive the paper the day after you send your copy and find that your ad. is missing write to the publisher treating him unmercifully for omitting your adv. If this was not done the publisher would be overwhelmed with joy. This would be a terrible thing.

Always ask the publisher to print and send postpaid a few hundred circulars from your adv. as a favor to an old customer. Of course it is understood that you are not expected to pay extra for the circulars.

If you do not remit on receipt of bill and the publisher writes about it, politely inform him that you are "dead broke" and if he likes to expose you it is all right.

Always quote prices a little higher than other dealers and if you do not receive good returns, tell the publisher that you do not wish to continue advertising in a paper that has not the circulation it claims.

The above rules if faithfully carried out will cause the publisher to rejoice when he reads after your name, "The funeral was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives." —Exchange.



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PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

THE very early periodicals were limited to a few stamp cuts and the occasional photograph of some prominent collector. This is however as far as we can expect to go, for in the first days of philately the publishing of a stamp magazine was a task of herculean proportions and not the mere bagatelle it is at the present time. The innovation however was introduced and, considering the time which has elapsed and the opportunities which have been afforded, it cannot be said that rapid development has been the result in this particular line.

Coming down to the middle ages, so to speak, of stamp collecting we find that the art of illustrating, as far as philatelic journals are concerned, is still of a rather crude nature, although evidences of improvement are plainly visible. In addition to the stamp facsimiles and homely wood cuts of prominent dealers and collectors, the most noticeable feature is the fantastic and somewhat grotesque pictures of a feminine figure supposed to represent the goddess of the pursuit. In the course of a few years this grave and sorrowful duty departed, leaving our editors devoting their spare time and surplus cash to the pictorial betterment of their journals and magazines.

It has been repeated many times that modern philatelic journalism has made a great advancement from a literary point of view, but it is also true that in emblematic representation the same degree of progress has been manifested. Elegant half-tones of prominent collectors and clear cut scenes of philatelic interest are not unfamiliar to our eyes. We are acquainted with the features of T. K. Tapling, of Dr. Legrand, and of Philip von Ferray and have a kind of an idea about the interior of Stanley Gibbons' establishment. The "Rocky Mountain Stamp" has ably demonstrated that it is not unworthily named and Eastern and Western scenery have not been without their champion. Altogether it is a period of congratulation and we are proud

of our pursuit and of the journals which represent it so admirably.

We have been looking on the bright side of the question however; that it may be even brighter and more glorious and extensive, let the darker portion be critically reviewed. From my well littered table of philatelic periodicals, a highly educated person, who was however a non collector, took up a leading magazine. After a turning of the leaves and a seemingly futile effort at reading, the journal was gently thrown down and to my enquiring glance came the words, "it's dry." Having read the magazine and knowing it to be literally teeming with information interesting to stamp collectors, I endeavored to look at it from the standpoint of an outsider. To such a one it did not take long to understand how it could be "dry" and indeed tiresome as a three hours sermon or theological treatise. The paper did not contain an illustration from cover to cover. The above example is not solitary but forms one of a large number and the moral which it contains is applicable to the majority of our periodicals.

Publishers must remember that it requires more than good matter well printed to hold the interest of the ordinary run of people and their publications to be popular and successful must recognize and act on this truth. Not only is the illustrated magazine necessary to the regular collector but to the new recruit and uninitiated it is absolutely imperative. As a prominent factor in the permanent existence of philately, as a maintainer of interest with the general class of collectors, as a drawing card to the young beginner, and as a converting power among the non philatelic, the illustrated periodical must and does wield a tremendous and far reaching influence.

The opportunities for pictorial representation are not hard to be found in our magazines, neither are they few and far between. In a scientific article on the stamps of a certain country it will lend point to the subject not only to present cuts of the different varieties but also to give one or two bright natural

sketches together with a few portraits of the leading statesmen and rulers. This in itself covers considerable ground but if a writer mentions a well known collector, whether living or dead, it will add to the interest to see the photograph. Then again pictures of philatelic occurrences, either social or business in their nature, will catch the reader's eye and increase his attachment for philately. The list might be continued but it would be at the risk of squandering the limited capital of attention.

It is of course impossible to obtain all the reforms and improvements advantageous to philatelic journalism. It does not do however to be satisfied with the present things. The higher we aim, the nearer will be the mark to ideality. Want of sufficient capital as well as lack of patronage retards the progress of our magazines. That an advance is being made is most praiseworthy. But the matter of illustration has been somewhat neglected of late by our periodicals. Let philatelic publishers take as their motto, *Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum* and may there be no lagging footsteps in the journalistic race. —*Raymond S. Baker in the Philatelic Advocate.*

Our March Number.

Work upon the March edition of this paper will be begun as soon as this number is mailed, in order that we may gain time and eventually get our paper out the first of each month. Advertisers should send in their copy at once. This number will be very neat and attractive and printed in two colors. A large portion of the Mss. has already been prepared.

Biographical Sketches.

We desire for publication in this paper short biographical sketches of philatelic collectors, dealers and publishers. If you have a cut of yourself send it along and we will return same in good condition, or if you have no cut send us your photograph and we will have a cut made. Please consider this a personal invitation.

Send in your subscription.

New Mailing System Begins.

Another scheme which is designed to improve the postal service for large business houses in Chicago went into effect the other day. This is a plan for the precancellation of postage stamps for third and fourth-class mail matter.

Permission necessary for putting order into effect has been received from the authorities at Washington, and the employes in the printing section at the post office were busy all day turning out an order of 410,000 stamps for a mail order house. The first sheet of 100 one-cent stamps was delivered to Postmaster Gordon as a memorial of the establishment of the plan.

The blank albums are becoming more popular as the years pass by. Time was when they were altogether unknown or like their contents looked upon only as curiosities. The beauties and advantages of this form of album have been repeatedly descanted upon and it is a fact patent to all, that fine specimens, artistically mounted on heavy ivory paper, certainly makes a most magnificent and imposing appearance.

If ever a stamp was universally criticised and its weak points brought to the surface, that stamp is certainly the Seebeck. Collectors will not buy them and even some dealers refuse to handle them. Philatelic papers devote a considerable portion of their space in condemning these mutually despised stamps to the darkest oblivion of philatelic hate. Everywhere we hear something to their disadvantage and not one word in their favor.

The last pages of the March issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will not go to press until after the 28th of March, in order that advertisers who reside on the Pacific Coast will have time to put an ad. in that issue if they should desire.

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Frauding Stamp Dealers.

THE Boston correspondent of the Weekly Philatelic Era says: "The approval selection fraud is apparently quite active lately and those sending out selections need to use good judgment, as several schemes, some new and some old, are being worked. One of our Boston dealers has had several requests within two weeks, skillfully worded and carefully prepared, which upon investigation proved to be frauds. One scheme recently used, which is as ingenious as it is dangerous, is worthy of mention. The fraud uses the letter-heads of some prominent and reliable

firm, on which letter-head the names of the individual members of the firm appear. The dishonest one appropriates for the time being the name of one of these members. In order to carry out the details of the scheme the firm is located in some city other than the one the fraud is in at the time. In his application for a selection he represents that he is of course one the firm and is traveling for them, and will be in a certain city and at a particular hotel at a certain date, and desires the selection sent to him at the hotel. It is plain to see that he need only register under the assumed name and call for his mail,

and then depart a richer and a happier (?) man, leaving the stamp man a poorer and a wiser one. The firm that received this request were suspicious, and in consequence delayed a few days in sending, and then mailing direct to the person, care of the firm. As a result the letter was opened by the real member of the firm and returned to the sender with the note that he never ordered the selection and the use of his name was with fraudulent intent. Thus the suspicion of these dealers was proved well founded, and their good judgment saved them many dollars."

—WM. D. ELDRIDGE.



SPORTS IN THE STADIUM.



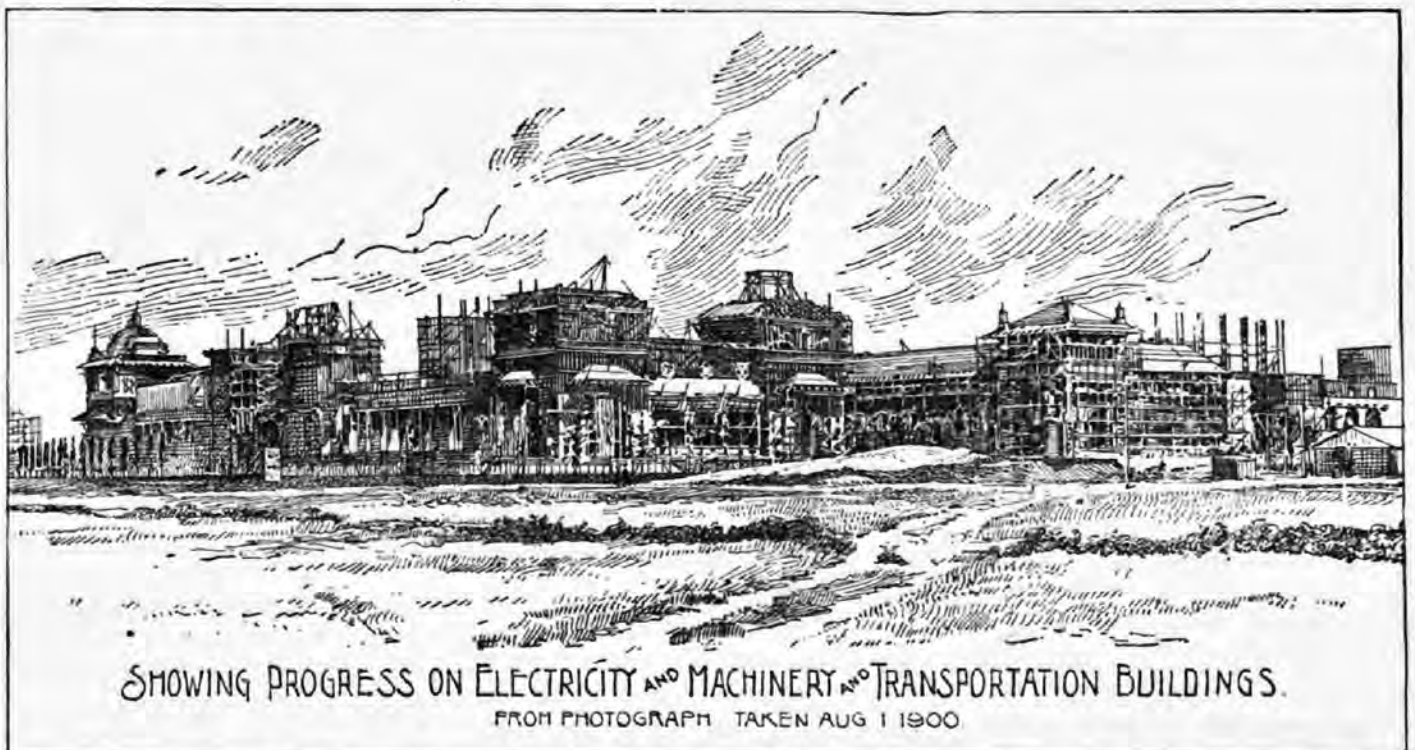
THE marked popularity of athletic sports will be handsomely recognized at the Pan-American exposition to be held next summer. A Stadium, beautiful in design, with a quarter-mile track and ground area ample for the requirements of all the popular events proposed, is provided. It has a seating capacity of 12,000. The nature of the sports planned is varied. Am-

ateur events of all kinds will be particularly encouraged as representing the most desirable of athletic competitions. There will be professional events as well. College sports will be made a feature and inter-collegiate events are being planned. There will be amateur and professional baseball, football, lawn tennis, Marathon race, cross-country runs, lacrosse, cycling, basket ball, roque, shooting, Caledonian games, gymnastics, military maneuvers, turning, cricket, bowling, and other sports. The Marathon race will have its start and finish in the Stadium.

A communication from the Ex-

position management under date of February 1st says: "As the date for the opening of the Exposition approaches, there seems to be a very wide public interest in the great enterprise. It has grown beyond all our expectations and a magnificent spectacle will be presented to the visitors who come to Buffalo this year. Nearly all of the principal buildings are complete and the finishing touches are being applied throughout the grounds."

The grounds contain 350 acres, being half a mile wide, and a mile and a quarter long, upon which about \$10,000,000 is being expended.



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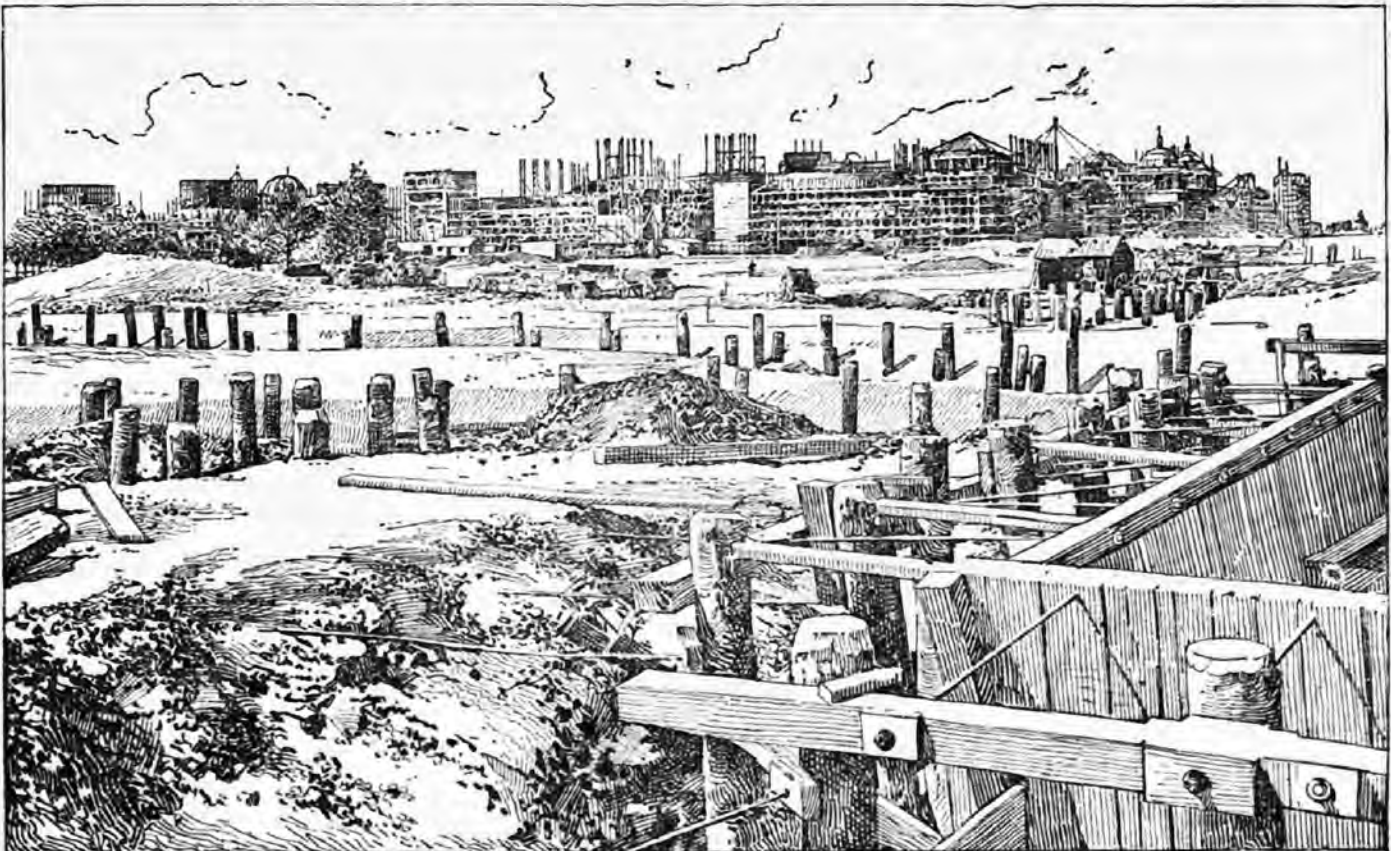
How Trusts Affect Individual Lives in New York.

The conditions of life in the business world are more precarious and more hopeless to-day than at any time in the past three decades. This is the statement of John P. Mowbray in "The Making of a Country Home" in Everybody's Magazine.

The conditions of personal merit and fidelity to an employer have changed in our time. So long as our employers were individuals who

supervision of their business to the new brand of overseers, and the first thing they did was to ship Warner, and put a fifteen-hundred-dollar-a-year man in his place. The agent said that any man could learn to do in a month what Warner did, and if the first man failed there were hundreds of others to pick from. The agent looked Warner's stock of integrity squarely in the face and remarked: 'We propose to run things on business principles with no sentiment; reducing expenses and increase profits. We estimate your worth at

jump for an electric car, and those fellows have a ghastly humor which attributes such an act to a man who has overdrawn his accounts, or has played the tape-line too rashly. But the fact is, Warner suffered a kind of moral paralytic stroke. He couldn't realize that ten years of scrupulous self-sacrificing attention to another man's business could end in that way. It bothered him, and it doesn't do for the average man to get bothered when on Broadway at the rush hour. If he takes his mind off the brink for a moment, he is gone. Poor



VIEW NORTHWEST FROM FORE COURT.
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trained and appreciated special fitness in their employees, and kept their eyes on fidelity, smartness, and honesty, we felt safe. It was to their interest to advance us. But all that is changing, passing into corporate irresponsibility and abstract boss-ship. Look at our friend Warner. He was with McCook & Haverley ten years. He knew every pulse of their business and managed his department like clockwork. He was twenty-four-hundred-a-year man. But the firm joined a trust, gave over the personal

a thousand a year.' Poor Warner. He had four children, and he had been genteel up to the full limit of his twenty-four hundred. The agent said that the corporation did not propose to leave the question of fidelity or fitness to the individual; they had a machine which insured it. Do you know what happened to Warner?

"Why, he was your friend who was killed, wasn't he?"

"He committed what the reckless fellows in the Astor House rotunda called 'hurrycide.' Warner tried to

Warner was probably thinking of his children, and the electric destroyer struck him on the left side."

Steady Reader—Here's an article I jis dashed off about my trip t' Iowy last summer. I thought you'd be glad t' have it t' fill up.

Weary Editor (with fine sarcasm)—Oh, we're tickled t' death t' get it! We've been keeping th' office warm all winter on that sort of stuff.

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THE MAIL ORDER TRADE.

On account of the increasing demand made upon this paper for adv. rates and sample copies by mail order dealers, we have decided to devote a page in this number to that industry. The mail order business is fast assuming tremendous proportions and we believe that the present era is but the beginning of this vast industry where push and energy go hand in hand with capital. The principal factor is the advertisement. One must advertise to be a mail order dealer, and recognizing the importance and vastness of this undertaking we would recommend the columns of the AMERICAN MONTHLY as an excellent medium for the beginner. Our rates are the lowest and our circulation is large and rapidly increasing. Note our rates published in another column and send us a trial adv for our next issue, and thus lay the foundation for a large and lucrative business.



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Money in the Mail Order Business.

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—T. E. Seymour in Northern Banner.

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ANNIE'S BURDENS

ANNIE, Annie! Where are you, child?" called out a coarse, rough voice. "Dear me! you are never on hand when wanted. Here are all these dishes to do up, and everything at sixes and sevens. Now do hurry!"

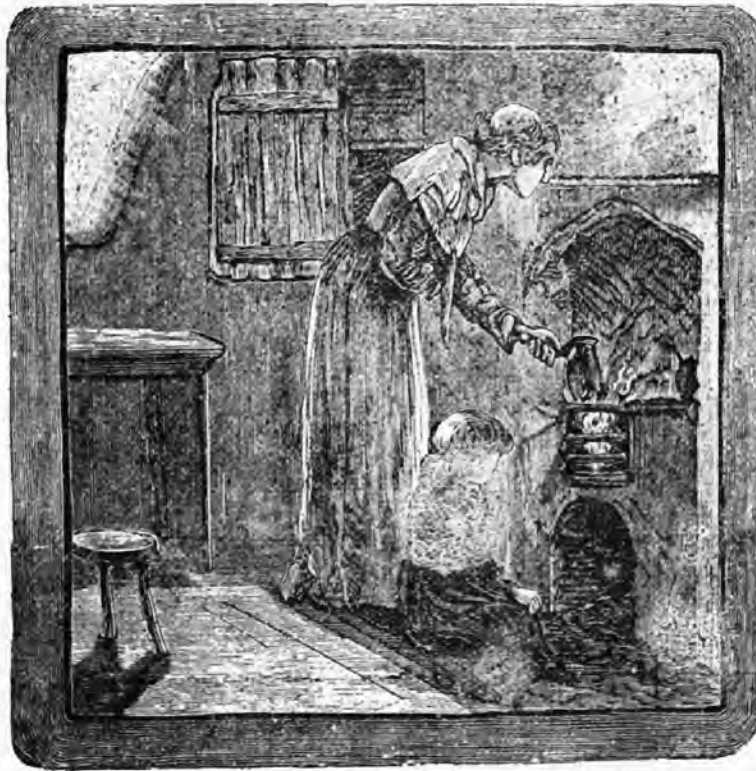
And Mrs. Morgan, called a notable house-keeper, and evidently a hustling, driving one, caught up something, and with a bang set it down elsewhere. Just at this moment a thin pale-faced child entered the kitchen with a pail of water, too heavy to lift an inch or two from the ground. How she had brought it from the well was a mystery.

"Do you mean to be gone all day getting a little water? There, now, see what a splash you have made on the floor!"

And as Mrs. Morgan caught the pail from the hand of the frightened child, she made a bigger splash herself. Giving the child a rough push—nay, almost slap—she then sent her to do up the dishes.

Poor Annie! Hers was a tired, drudging life. Try as she would, nothing appeared to please her mistress, and scarcely a ray of sunshine

or joy crossed her pathway. From early dawn until late in the evening, she was kept trudging here and there. It seemed to the poor child as though there was one continual, "Annie, be quick!" "Annie, come



HERS WAS A BARE, DRUDGING LIFE.

here!" "Annie, go there!" until she sometimes thought if she possessed a dozen pairs of hands and feet, she could hardly do all that was required of her. And oh! how she wished she could change her name, or run from the crossly uttered Annie, Annie! But she was an orphan, and had no

other home to go to; so, with a sigh, and a heavy, sobbing heart, she arose each day, dreading what was before her.

It is sad to reflect that all these trials and sorrows came to Annie as the result of that demon, strong drink, which destroys so many. But she once had as bright and sunny a home as any of you; a loving mother who tenderly cared for her, and a bright, intelligent father who fondled and made much of her, when

business cares were laid aside. And well did Annie repay the love of her parents by sweet, gentle obedience. But, alas! a change came over this bright home. Day by day, and month by month, Annie, child though she was, could note the changes. She saw that her mother's smile was forced, and that her father came home late and spoke crossly. Finally she shrank from running to meet him as of old, or from chatting with him of her books and studies.

We need hardly picture the rapid descent of Mr. Wright after he had become ensnared by the wily serpent that in the form of liquor

"stingeth like an adder." Tighter and tighter it held him in its grasp until, from a respectable, trustworthy merchant, he sank lower and lower, was seized with delirium tremens, and died. Relatives had shunned them in their poverty and his degradation, and, as proud spirited as they

the wife asked no favors now, when in trouble. She struggled on for awhile, but the angel of death came and removed her from all earthly cares and sorrows, and poor little Annie was carted away to an orphanage.

It was from here Mrs. Morgan took her, and imagined, since she clothed and fed the child, she must get all of the work out of her she could. Naturally of a sour temperament, and never having had a child of her own, she little knew the heavy burdens—too heavy to be borne—she was so constantly laying upon these young shoulders. But there came a time when the little tired feet could no longer do Mrs. Morgan's bidding. Up in an attic room, with flushed cheeks and burning brow, Annie raved of home, father and mother.

"Oh! how my back and arms ache! Coming! Coming, I say. Oh, can't my feet ever rest? I'm so tired, so tired!" Then in a louder voice—nay, shriek—she would beseech some one to take her away from that "cruel, cruel place!"

Mrs. Morgan was learning a bitter lesson as she stood over the suffering child, or rather, from a distance, heard her wailing cries—for she soon found she could not approach the bedside without almost throwing the child into convulsions.

The doctor pronounced it brain fever induced by overwork, and advised Mrs. Morgan to keep out of sight of the child. Harsh in her judgment of others as indifferent housekeepers, the doctor saw she had proved a hard mistress to poor Annie, and he did so wish that every father in the land who indulged in strong drink could hear the child's mournful cries, for possibly it might stay their hands from lifting the poisonous cup to their lips, not knowing but that some day a tenderly loved one of their own would be brought to the same sad condition.

Mrs. Morgan had constantly scolded Annie for laziness, but when the work fell to her to do alone—her husband and the farm hands coming in

for their meals, the table but half-set, dinner not yet dished up, no fresh water on hand—she realized what the little steps had actually done for her.

Annie's life was spared but her recovery was very slow. Had she passed away in the midst of her fever and delirium, leaving but the echo of her mournful cries, Mrs. Morgan felt that her's would have been a haunted life, and a just punishment for her harshness; and it was with a new meaning she took up her Bible and pondered over the words: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

It is said that the good people of Niles, Mich., have a great passion for sliding down hill; that young and old, rich and poor, engage in it, to the detriment of business, social demands or spiritual welfare. Especially is this true Sundays, as the following will prove: Wending his way to his church a few Sundays ago the Rev. Mr. Blank noticed that nearly the whole village was coasting. He entered his pulpit and was pleased to see that his pews were full, and he congratulated all upon their piety and ability to resist the temptation to slide down hill, especially as the ice was just right. No sooner had he mentioned the fact that the hills were in good condition than those nearest the door quietly slipped out, to be followed by the rest at short intervals, until within ten minutes not a soul remained. Later the good pastor could have been seen sitting on a near-by fence delightedly watching his congregation while they pursued their favorite amusement.

A country rector, in restoring the parish church, erected a stone pulpit. "I don't usually like a stone pulpit," said the bishop; "I usually prefer a wooden one—something more suited to the preacher inside."

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In order to introduce this paper we will send it four months on trial for only 10 cents, silver or stamps.

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Maude—It must be horrid to be buried alive.

Cynicus—Weil, it's no joke to be buried dead, either.

"Does your husband worry about the grocery bills?" asked the thin-faced lady.

"Why, no!" said the lady with the silk skirt and patent shoes. "We let the grocer do all that."

The Office Boy—Say! I believe the shippin' clerk is thinkin' about marryin' you.

The Typewriter—Why, the idea!
 The Office Boy—On the dead, I do. I heard him asking the bookkeeper how much salary you got.

"No," said the rich old bachelor, "I never could find time to marry."

"Well," replied the young woman with the sharp tongue, "I am not surprised to hear you say so. It certainly would have taken a good while to persuade any girl to have you."

Wife—Horrors! Husband, I've just heard there is a case of small-pox in that flat above us.

Husband—Yes, I know about it. That is all right. It's the young man who plays the flute,

"Good-morning, Patrick. You have got a new coat on at last, but it seems to fit you too much."

"Och! there's nothing surprising in that. Sure, I warn't there when I was measured for it."

"Well, Dennis, how are you getting on? How do you like your new master?"

"Faith, Miss, I dunno."
 "He's a very excellent man; you can't do too much for him."

"An'sure, Miss, I don't mane to."

"Go home and heap coals of fire on your husband's head," said a magistrate to a woman who was complaining of her husband's ill-conduct.

"Well, yer honor, seein' you say so I'll do it, though I'm sure it'll be of no use to heap coals on his head, because three pails of boiling hot water hain't done him no good."



COIN COLLECTING



COIN collectors who have duplicates on hand can generally dispose of them to a good advantage by an adv. in this magazine. Our rates are so very low that all can afford to put in a small adv.

Frossard's 170th auction sale of coins took place on March 18th, and he reports that while but few coins were of a rarity, yet the prices realized were good and much beyond his expectations. If you wish to dispose of your collection of coins Frossard will do it for you on very favorable terms. See his ad on last page.

Mr. E. Gilbert, of New York city, a well known collector of the varieties of the 1794 U. S. Cent, has recently discovered a new variety, which will be known as the "Gilbert." Mr. G. is, without doubt, the best posted collector of 1794 cents, his collection being complete and containing pieces of which there are not five others known.

Mr. Frossard reports that a very fine collection of Fractional Currency has recently been received by him, which is the property of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Mohawk, N. Y. This collection is without doubt the most complete, unique and interesting lot of Fractional Currency, Proofs, Essays, Impressions, etc., ever got together. It is in form of an album, and contains an original slip of paper on which stamps were pasted as a design for first issue of Postal Currency and other pieces impossible to duplicate. The collection will probably go to Chicago, where there are many collectors.

This has been one of the best year's in the coin business. Many new collectors are coming in the field and

the study of numismatics is being taken up by many young men who formerly were interested in stamps, but became discouraged through large discounts from catalogue values.

Mr. Frossard will sell during the first week in May a very choice lot of very fine U. S. silver coins, also some rare Mint Marks and U. S. Half-Cents. Among the latter will be found three of the extremely rare half-cents in the '40's. Catalogues can be obtained on application. See address on adv on last page.

Contributions of any length are always desired for publication in this department. Help us to make this one of the most interesting pages in our publication.

A Coin of Eucratides.

THERE is a delightful zest about it, this finding of a unique coin, a bit of money which remains alone of the thousands which were made years ago, which no one but the true numismatic can feel. The survival of the coins of the Greek and Roman periods appear, when one thinks about it, quite remarkable. It is the fate of the precious metals to change often in form, for eventually all the gold and silver goes to the melting pot. Such discoveries then, as have been made of old coins are due entirely to accidental hoardings, stowed away in the bowels of the earth, which time only, with the purest chance, brings to light. The military chest of some Consul, the commander of a Greek or Roman army, might have been buried to escape capture and thus there turns up most unexpectedly, some thousands of years afterward, the gold and

silver of a pagan Emperor. There may yet be slumbering in the bed of many a placid lake or swift river innumerable old coins which some day may be fished from the depths—coins worth a thousand times more than their weight in gold or silver.

Here is the true story of the rarest of all coins, and how a precious medal came to be the great numismatic triumph of the French collection. One evening in July, 1867, a French gentleman, an expert of the British Museum, was dining in London with Gen. Fox, the son of Lord Holland. In the midst of the dinner-table talk, the numismatic enthusiast was addressed as follows by a gentleman present; "I am sorry you were not in town to-day for I should have sent you a queer kind of a fellow—a glass of wine with you? who says he came from Bokhara and who pretends that he has a rare (your very good health)—a rare coin." The numismatic was all attention.

"It was a gold coin, so he said, of some ancient King of India, and would weigh as much as twenty sovereigns, and was huge—as big as the palm of my hand."

The numismatist's heart was in his mouth.

Sorry you seem so excited about it. It is my belief that the whole thing is a forgery. Just think of it! The shabby-looking fellow who was hawking the coin around had the impertinence to ask £5,000 for it!"

The numismatist thought over it, and, as an expert, reasoned in this way over the story: "Forger he may be. Still there may be something in it. Issuers of spurious old coin never have brains enough to invent new forms; they always vamp up representations of certain well-known coins. Anyhow, it may be worth while for me to look it up as a numismatical montrosity."

"The fellow," continued the informant, "seemed very much down on his luck. He told me wherever he had been to show or sell his coin, the experts had kicked him out, declaring that his piece of money was a forgery."

A hope sprang up in the coin-col-

lector's heart—an inkling that some great find was near at hand. Instinctively he rose from the dinner-table, determined to set out at once in search of the coin. Gen Fox, the host, being himself the most enthusiastic of collectors, understanding what it is to have a fit of numismatic fever, excused his guest's further presence at the dinner. Out started the numismatist from Kensington, and posted as quick as a cab could take him, to Islington, for at Islington he knew an Oriental who kept up communication with those curious waifs from the East, who only turn up in the greatest city of the world. A trail was discovered in Islington itself, and soon the miserable lodgings of the man from Bokhara were found. The landlord of the house said: "The man you want to see is just going to bed. I know he has been trying to find you. Shall I call him down?"

"Yes, at once," cried the expert.

In a few minutes down came the man who had been kicked out by every coin collector in London. With the help of the Oriental who acted as interpreter, the Bokhara man was told to show his coin. Then, the Bokharan individual took off his queerly-cut coat, next his embroidered waistcoat, then his waistband, next his shirt, until there was nothing on him above the waist but his undershirt, and from under his armpit he drew out with great deliberation a dirty, sweat-begrimed leather case, which he laid slowly on the table. Presently the case was opened and in an instant the eyes of the expert were dazzled with that peculiar soft, yellow sheen which only antique gold gives forth. It was indeed a prize. One glance alone was sufficient to show that it was a grand medallion, a unique coin, the chiefest, the rarest in the world. It has taken years of study on the part of the numismatic, a transmitted instinct, in fact, through some generations, for this expert to appreciate a rare coin at a single glance.

Knowing that in dealing with Orientals an intending purchaser must exhibit no anxiety, the expert did

not allow a muscle of his face to move.

It was the Bokhara man who took the gold coin and placed it in the numismatist's hand. If the recipient's hand had trembled in the least with excitement, the wily Oriental would have made a hard bargain. It was a supreme effort, for when the piece was touched only by the numismatist's fingers a thrill something like an electric shock tore up his arm.

Said the Bokhara man, through the interpreter, "That coin cost me dear. It has been sweated in man's blood—his heart blood. Seven of us found that piece of gold. We quarrelled over it. That was natural. It was worth a fight. We fell on one another with knives and daggers. After awhile, for it was hot work, five of the men rolled dead in the dust. Only two of us were left. The other man is still at Bokhara. He agreed that I should come to Europe to sell this bit of gold. Since it was found I have always carried it under my arm. There are, I understand, more skillful thieves in England than in Bokhara. They all say in London, those who have studied old golden money, that this coin is a forgery. I know better. Will you buy it, my Lord?" The expert looked at it again and satisfied himself as to its authenticity. It was an antique. More than this, it was a numismatic prodigy. Its weight was nearly five ounces, or 20 staters, and its value in gold about \$110. On one side was the portrait of Eucratides, King of Bactria, who lived 185 B. C. The bust of the monarch was crowned with a helmet, ornamented with the horn and ear of the bull, a peculiar attribute of the kings of Bactria. On the reverse were the Dioscures, Castor and Pollux, galloping on horseback, with the legend in Greek, "Baselleus Metannoy. Eykratidoi" (the Great King Eucratides). There was a defect, something like a line running across the field of the piece. This defect was the glory of the coin. This showed the number of blows which were required to strike such a big piece. The die with which that coin

had been stamped must have been broken after this piece was made. The numismatist was wild with joy, for certainly this piece was unique. It was the first, may be the last, of its kind, and there never would turn up in this world another piece of gold like it.

"Ask him what he wants for it," inquired the expert, with concealed indifference. "It is worth something, of course, its weight, say, in gold." The Bokhara man's eyes twinkled—they were black, snaky eyes. "I will take £5,000 for it, my lord, and nothing else," said the man coolly as he picked up the coin, slipped it into the bag, and was about putting it under his arm.

Now came the moment of trial. The expert lighted a cigarette and smoked to calm his nerves. Then, blowing the smoke from his lips, he said: "I tell you what I will do. I will give you, right now, my check for £1,000 for the piece. If the coin is not mine in twenty minutes, I shall offer you £800 for it, and so on until I get to £500. If you don't close with me to-night, to-morrow I will not take it at any price."

"Twenty minutes passed," said the expert, "like an instant. The Bokhara man seemed immersed in deep thought. Then he turned on me suddenly," continued the expert, "pierced me through with his black eyes, and put the much coveted coin in my hand, while his long bird-like fingers were bent like talons to take the check. The coin was mine. I slept," said the expert, "with that coin under my pillow; that is, I tried to sleep, but so excited was I that I never closed my eyes that night."

The numismatic took the earliest conveyance across the English Channel. This medal was not for common collections. It was a piece for the French Museum. The Emperor, Louis Napoleon heard of it, as did the Minister of Instruction, M. Feuillant considered an offer of 30,000 francs for the medal as an imperative command that the coin should remain in France. So stay it did, and though 50,000 francs, just double what it cost, were offered for

it. This coin of the Bactrian Eucratides is now the greatly prized ornament of the Cabinet des Medailles. To-day it lies in a glass case all by itself. There is a little handle coming out of the box which permits the public to turn the coin so that both sides of it can be seen.

"This," said the expert to the writer, "is the rarest coin in the world, and the one for which the highest price has been paid. Since it caused the lives of five men, I do not think anything more was paid for it than it was worth. It ought to have been saved for the delectation of numismatic amateurs in all times to come even had 50 or 100 lives been sacrificed."

Victoria's Coins Plenty.

A peculiar impression has spread among the public that the coins issued in 1901 are of special value as being the last struck with Victoria's effigy. Jewelers and coin dealers have encouraged this idea and have been selling for the past few days hundreds of sets of bronze coins, penny, half-penny and farthing, for sixpence. The penny brought threepence, the half-penny, two pence, and the farthing a penny.

But the bottom must soon fall out of the market, for the people will soon discover that the mint has already issued over 4,000,000 pennies of 1901, and it is stated that probably at least 8,000,000 more will be issued before new dies are adopted. The gold and silver coins of 1901 have not yet been issued. They will probably have a somewhat enhanced value, but collectors should remember that British institutions do not know the meaning of the word hurry. No Victorian pennies were put in circulation until 1841, and no other Victorian coins till 1848.

Mr. James Ten Eyck of Albany purchased, a few months ago, a coin for his valuable collection. It was a five-dollar gold piece of the date 1824. The price paid was \$70. It was a specimen of excellent condition.

NEW ENGLAND COIN NOTES

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Mr. Jas. Schofield, of Providence, R. I., has just secured a very fine U. S. \$4.00 gold piece. This makes the 4th specimen of this rare coin now owned in Providence, the other three being owned by Messrs. Barton, Arnold and White who have had them some years.

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Gold Dollars are in good demand. Dealers have few in stock, and are always glad to get an opportunity to buy them.

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The regular meeting of the Providence Curio and Numismatic Association was held last Tuesday evening at the rooms of the Association, 109 Mathewson St., Providence, R. I. It was well attended, and many interesting coins were shown. Following are a list of the officers of the Association:

President, George C. Arnold.
Vice Pres., William Barton.
Secretary, Chas. R. Mathewson.
Treasurer, James Schofield.
Supt. of Exchange, Horace Sweet.
Counterfeit Detector, F. R. McGregor.
Librarian, C. Harris Gurney.

This Association was founded in 1896.

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Several choice collections of coins have turned up within the last month, one each being found in Boston, Providence, Lowell and Worcester. The Boston collection contained a general lot of gold, silver and copper coin. The Providence collection being all gold. The Lowell collection contained a choice lot of U. S. ½ cents, cents and early colonials. And the Worcester collection a complete set of U. S. cents worthy the attention of the advanced numismatist.

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THE May issue of this magazine will be our 1901 Souvenir Number. Extra efforts are being made to make this one of the finest and best numbers of any stamp, coin and relic publication issued during the year. It will be illustrated with fine photo engravings and its typographical appearance will be of the best.

The circulation of this number will be 3000 copies. The advertising rates will remain the same, 10c per inch flat, which should fill that number with ads. and it will be as we have several bright dealers who are looking for just such bargains as this. The copy for a number of advertisements has already been sent in, and we would urge all those who wish to be represented in this fine number should send in their order at once that a better position may be secured.

WE have under consideration commencing with the new volume, the July issue, to make the pages of our magazine 7x10 inches in size, with 50 or more pages per month neatly bound. We think this size much more convenient for filing for future reference. We wish to hear from our readers in regard to this matter. Of course our adv. rates will not be changed.

OUR present low advertising rates seem a wonder to many dealers. Although our rates are low our publication is not a cheap affair, and we take as much care in getting it out as if we were charging one dollar an inch. We will make a contract for one year at the present low rate, 10c an inch, although our rates may be increased before the end of the year, yet contract ads will not be affected by this increase in price. One dealer in sending an ad to us writes: "Your low rates seem like a dream." An ad will convince any one that it is something besides a dream. We have our own printing plant is one reason why we can quote and maintain such low prices. Send in an ad for our April issue. The forms will not close until the 28th of April.

WE are at all times glad to let our readers know what is going on among their collecting friends and with this in view, extend to all our friends a cordial invitation to write us from time to time of any little incidents which occur under their notice, and of any changes in their business or interesting additions to their stock or collections. Remember this is the paper for Collectors, Dealers and every body with a hobby and we're going to prove to you that we mean just what we say. We are right "in it!" Are you with us?

WHAT we may induce a number of people who receive a copy of this magazine to become subscribers we will send this publication one year on trial for only 25 cents. Foreign countries, except Canada and Mexico, 50 cents. A number of copies of this issue are sent to foreign countries.

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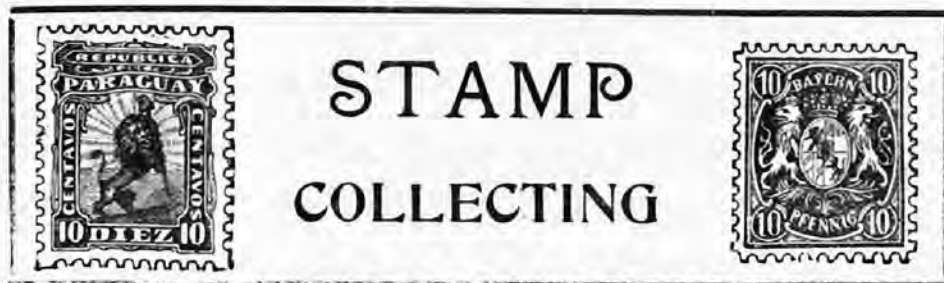
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THE May number of THE AMERICAN MONTHLY will be a Souvenir Number and will be a specimen of typographical beauty. It will contain about 40 pages and bound in a neat cover printed in colors. The edition will have a circulation of 3000 copies and will prove an excellent advertising medium. There will be no change from our present low rates for those who desire to advertise in this number. Advertising space is already being engaged by dealers. By having our own printing plant is the only reason we are enabled to put out such a large fine number without sinking an immense sum of money. We ask our friends to be liberal with us in getting out this fine number. Give us a liberal adv. or send us a contribution. If you have a cut of yourself kindly loan it to us and send us a short biographical sketch of yourself. This will add much to the attractive appearance of our publication. The philatelic publications of to day are quoted as being "dry," help us to make this a "wet" issue.

Stamp collecting has reached such a fine point nowadays that conscientious catalogues give the most minute description of the specimens to be sold. Thus we see stamps "well centered," "a little to one side," "unperforated to left owing to being centre of sheet," "two perforation gone," etc. If all would be as particular in describing the condition of the various specimens, many disappointments would be avoided on the part of the buyers.

An English correspondent writes

that there is little doubt but that Universal Penny Postage is bound to come in the near future. They have at present Imperial Halfpenny postage for bookpost packets, why not the Universal Penny Postage for letters. All England is looking forward to the glad day when the Universal Penny Postage shall have been established.

The columns of this paper are always open to its readers for the free discussion of any matter of public interest.

The London correspondent of the American Journal of Philately says: "I found, during a recent visit to the provinces, that new issues at a little over face were decidedly on the boom, and they have had the effect of re-awakening the interest of many collectors who had, philatelically, gone to sleep. Old collectors have been fetched out of their corners where they had been lying neglected for years, and collecting has been started into active life once more under the stimulus of new issues at investment rates, as they are called."

If you are a stamp dealer and receive this number as a specimen copy, it is a request for your advertisement for our next number. Look up our present rates and send at once.

The February supplement of the Postal Guide announces that the series of postage stamps to be dedicated to the Pan-American Exposition, will not be forwarded to the various offices until the last day of April, and will be placed on sale at the opening of the Exposition, May 1st.

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The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has orders from the Post-office Department to print the new Pan-American Exposition stamps in the following quantities: One cent, 71,000,000; two cent, 160,000,000; four cent, 5,000,000; five-cent, 8,000,000; eight cent, 3,000,000; ten-cent, 4,000,000; total, 251,000,000. We wonder how many of these will reach the hands of collectors.

We are indeed encouraged by the complimentary letters we have received since the appearance of our January number. It is indeed gratifying for us to know that our efforts have been a success. It will be our earnest endeavor to add new features each month. A very welcome compliment just at present would be a year's subscription from each one of our readers.

The New York Herald recently in speaking about the Pan-American stamps says: "While the stamp collector will wail about speculative stamps and heap expressions of disparagement on every thing and everybody connected with them, will step around to the postoffice and buy a supply the government will reap a neat revenue from their sale to help lower the deficit which the auditor for the postoffice department shows in his report each year. What an item stamps like these would make can be judged from the sale of the Omaha series of 1898. The issue of these stamps began June 10th and ceased Dec. 31, and, according to the report of the third assistant postmaster general, 251,533,340 stamps were issued, with a face value of \$5,597,691. This was outside of the receipts arising from the sale of the regular series."

Some collectors imagine that if a stamp is torn or damaged in any way it is of no value, but in this they are mistaken. If a stamp is damaged, it of course is not worth as much as a perfect specimen, but if the stamp is rare, worth say two dollars or over it should not be given away because supposed to be of no value. Hardly a sale is held of postage stamps in which there are not damaged specimens, and some catalogued as "badly damaged," I have seen sell as high as five dollars.

Many collectors will pass by specimens of stamps with imprints attached, as being of no extra value, but such stamps are eagerly sought

for, and the imprint adds considerable to their price.

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THE next issue of this magazine will be known as our "Pan-American Souvenir Number," and will contain many decided improvements over anything we have yet issued. Our columns will be arranged in the most attractive manner—this is a chief fault in many of our Best special issues of our philatelic journals, the reading matter is not attractively arranged so as to catch the eye even though the article in question may be a masterpiece on its subject. We shall try to overcome this difficulty and with many a choice bit of interesting news and notes present a publication worthy of preservation for future reference. We shall have many fine illustrations which will add beauty and grace to our Pan-American number. Many leading features introduced will be retained in future numbers.

The circulation for our Pan-American Souvenir Number will be 3,000 copies; our present low ad rates being retained, terms cash with order. We have 1000 inches of ad space to sell and we trust our dealers will do themselves credit in securing their share of the same. Our rates are: One page, \$2.70; two columns, \$1.80; one column, 90c; one-half page \$1.35; one inch, 10c; two inches, 20c, and so on for as much space as you can use. Any dealer who buys a page

adv at \$2.70 can have that page printed in either red, blue, green or brown ink by the payment of \$1.00 additional. For \$5.00 we will print a page ad in two colors of ink—any two colors selected from above. We are well aware that these rates are ridiculously low, some publications charging nearly as much for one inch as we do for a page, but we make them in good faith, having an experience of 14 years in the printing business we know what we are doing. We have our own printing office which enables us to fill all promises with accuracy. By all means send us an ad.

An exchange says: "Not contented with doing some surcharging for the sake of letting her soldiers send a couple of letters home each month without the need of paying postage, France now proposes to have a stamp of an entirely new value, a one-half centime for use on printed matter. At least, such seems the probabilities, for a change in the postal charges on that class of matter will take a stamp of the new denomination desirous."

The Post Office Department has announced that there will be no more Guam stamps. Collectors who are fortunate enough to possess the set, will have cause to rejoice. Any one who has managed to lay aside a few duplicates of them is to be congratulated.

They will be good property in a very short time.

Will dealers and subscribers in sending remittances please send silver or P. O. order whenever convenient. Of course we accept stamps when not convenient to remit in any other way,

A London correspondent writes that the United Kingdom will not have a new set of stamps in a year at least. The government offices who have charge of the matter have under consideration at present is the position of the King's head on the new stamps. A suggestion has been made from an influential quarter that the head be reversed so that it would look away from the address. This suggestion was received very favorably by the officials, and the matter will be presented to the King himself for a final decision. This question of the position of the monarch's head is practically the only one that has to be settled. The preparation of the dies for the new stamps will take at least twelve months, and when they are ready the printing of the new stamps will be begun at once.

In the opinion of the "old timers" the great interest in philately that is prevalent throughout the country has never been paralleled before. The enthusiasm of both old and new collectors is something to marvel at.

As per note in our advertising columns our readers will notice that the New York Philatelist has changed hands, being now published by C. W. Brown & Co., of Syracuse. We wish the new proprietors success.

German soldiers are allowed to send packages by mail at the low rate of 20 pfennigs (5 cents) up to three kilograms (6.6 pounds), regardless of distance. During 1900 the German postal department handled 3,562,000 soldiers' packages, valued at 712,560 marks.

As an indication of the immense trade in postage stamps, just see the dozens of auction sales held during a season, aggregating many thousands of dollars, and yet the stamp dealers apparently are not affected in the least. In fact their busiest season is while the auctions are being held.

An English correspondent writes that one change in the color of their stamps will shortly be announced to the public, but it was decided on some considerable time since, and has no connection with the death of Her Majesty. All the green adhesive stamps will be abolished and carmine colored stamps substituted for them, on account of the green coloring matter used in printing these stamps being of a poisonous character.

The January issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY is out of print. We have a few copies each of the February and March numbers, which can be had at 5c each while they last.

The Washington correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly says: "There has been considerable talk of late in regard to an altogether new issue of postage stamps. In addition to the name of the subject of the portrait a little more information may be given the public. It is probable that both the date of birth and death will be given on the stamp. No doubt the majority of the subjects will be retained, but it is possible that different pictures will be selected in some instances. Washington may appear again in full face similar to the 10c stamp of 1847. Some of the higher denominations may be adorned by altogether new subjects, but nothing has been definitely decided. These things have to be prepared long

ahead of time and it may be 1903 before the set will be ready to be placed on sale. It seems to be pretty certain, however, that the stamps will be of the present size and that the denominations will remain the same."

A postal station is to be established on the exposition grounds at Buffalo, according to the provisions of a departmental order.

The first Pan-American stamp to reach this office was a 1-cent on a circular letter and arrived on the morning of the 4th of May.

A number of copies of this and preceding issues of this paper have been sent to philatelic publishers with a request to exchange. Those who do not respond to this issue will not receive any more papers from us. The publications that we desire to have on our table will be subscribed for, and their publishers will be obliged to do the same thing with us if they desire our publication on their table.

We have excellent facilities at our office for printing a philatelic publication. New up-to-date type and ornaments are constantly being added and our prices are very low when you consider the attractive work we are turning out.

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I. A. Mekeel, publisher of Mekeel's Weekly, was a visitor to this city on April 6th, in the interest of his publication.

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Mr. Alex. Holland has been a recent visitor to this city.

CHICAGO NOTES.

P. M. Wolsiefler has secured improved quarters at 38 Madison street, to which he moved May 1st.

The regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held April 4th was attended by over thirty members. The exhibit of Sweden and Norway was a popular attraction.

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The interest now manifested in Chinese stamps should serve to bring out much new information concerning them. The status of the issues has been pretty well established. As these stamps are in such demand, it would be well to look out for counterfeits, which of some issues have already been manufactured. Most of the treaty ports original issues are so crudely engraved, and the designs so simple, that forging is no hard task here.—Philatelic Trader, Eng.

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Ever since;
He dropped us—
The envelope and me—
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He hit me an awful
Smash with a hammer;
It left my face
Black and blue;
Then I went on a long
Journey
Of two days;
And when we arrived—
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To a perfect love
Of a girl,
With the stunningest pair
Of blue eyes
That ever blinked;
Say, she's a dream!
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The pink envelope
And tore one corner of me off
With a hairpin;
Then she read what
Was inside
The pink envelope,
I never saw a girl blush
So beautifully!
I would be stuck
On her—if I could.
Well, she placed
The writing back
In the pink envelope;
Then she kissed me.
Oh, you little godlets!
Her lips were ripe
As cherries,
And warm
As the summer sun.
We—
The pink envelope and me—
Are now
Nestling snugly
In her bosom;

We can hear
Her heart throb;
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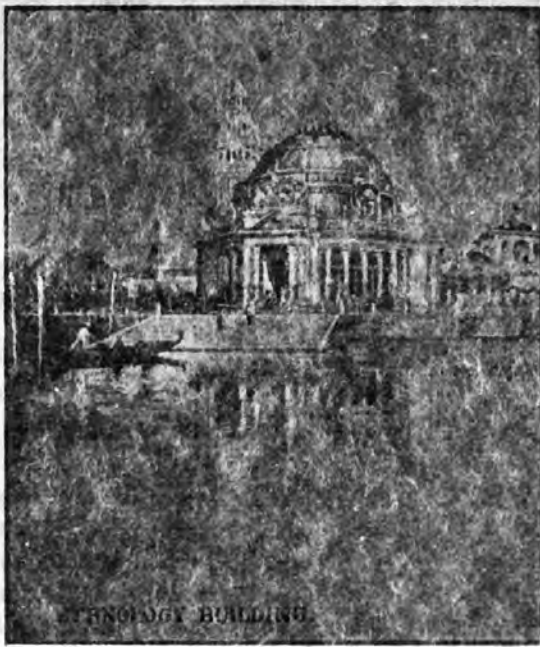
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As our adv pages for our May issue do not close until the 5th of June, that issue will not be mailed until a few days after that date. We are a month behind time and we shall not try and catch up until the vacation days of summer when we shall put out an issue every two weeks until we shall be brought up to date and thereafter our magazine will appear on the first day of each month. We need a new cylinder press upon which to print our magazine. Our subscription money will be set aside for this purpose. 3,000 subscribers will do it.

Short Stories.

This is how he came to swear:

It was four a. m. when he got home. He didn't fumble around the latch for an hour, stutter in his talk or awaken every one in the neighborhood with unseemly noise. He was sober; hadn't drank a drop. Instead, he struck the keyhole at the first attempt and entered. All was quiet. He put his hat and coat on the hall rack and was about to take off his shoes before going up stairs when an old familiar voice sounded gratingly on his ear.

"Is that you, Jack?"

"Yes, Nell."

Then he began: "It's three minutes after four. I did not let the cat follow me in. I've just returned from one of our caucuses. The gas is turned down low. The doors are all locked; the windows fastened. I paid the taxes this afternoon. Mary's baby's got the measles. That isn't our dog a-barking." And when he tumbled into bed, Nell looked at him out of sleepy eyes and said; "Jack, you've been drinking."

He was small for his age, worked in a signal box and booked the trains. One day the men were chaffing him about being so small. One of them said: "You will never amount to much. You will never be able to pull these levers. You are too small." The little fellow looked at them. "Well," he said, "I can do something that none of you can do." "Ah, what is that?" they all cried. "I don't know that I ought to tell you!" They were all anxious to know and urged him to tell them what he could do that none of them were able to do. Said one of the men, "What is it, boy?" "I can keep from swearing and drinking," replied the little fellow. There were blushes on the men's faces, and they didn't seem anxious for any further information on the subject.

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The tongue has no bones.

Rum always speaks the truth.

A new broom is a clean broom.

Money has no blood relations.

The waters that sleep kill people.

The weakest is always in the wrong.

He who takes a partner takes a master.

When the cat's away the rats give a ball.

Every bedchamber has its mosquitoes in it.

When the sky falls, all flies will be caught.

You can't teach an old monkey to make faces.

He who kills his own body works for the worms.

Chickens don't boast what good soup they make.

The American Boy

Is a monthly publication for boys. It has 32 pages, containing fine stories; stamp, coin and curio depts. The publisher's price is \$1 per year, but I am able to offer it to the readers of the American Monthly for only 75c in coin or money order, WALTER EYERS, Negaunee, Mich.



COIN COLLECTING



THE coin department in this issue is not as elaborate as we generally desire to have it. We have many good things in store for our readers and in our next number we shall try and make up what we lack in this. We generally desire to publish at least four or five pages of coin notes and articles, and we trust that our writers will take the hint.

In some future number of this magazine we shall publish a biographical sketch with cut of the well known collector and editor, Dr. Geo. F. Heath. Friend collector can't you help us in brightening our pages by a cut of yourself with sketch?

Dr. B. P. Wright of Buffalo has contributed a very interesting article for our souvenir number next month. He writes about the Roman coin, a cut of which appeared on the front page of our February number. Mr. Wright has one of these coins in his collection. We hope to receive a number of contributions from his pen.

Lubeck is about to exercise its right as a free city to issue a coinage of its own. The city's arms will take the place of the kaiser's head on one face of the coin. The last Lubeck coins were struck 100 years ago, in 1801.

In the next issue of this magazine we shall publish a very interesting article on some rare finds in coins, relics, etc. It will be our souvenir number and will contain many interesting articles. If you have any duplicate coins to dispose of a small ad in that issue may help you out.

See rates on last page of cover. They are very low.

Ed Frossard's 171st auction sale of copper, silver and gold coins will take place on the 17th of May at the Collector's Club, New York city, and will consist of the collection of Howard Newcomb of Detroit, Mich., and Edmund R. Wolcott of Springfield, Mass. There are 502 lots catalogued, and includes some choice dimes, half-dimes, cents and half-cents, etc. Catalogues can be obtained by addressing Mr. Frossard at 111 East 14th St., N. Y. city.

We are greatly in need of contributions to this department. Can't you help us to make this department more interesting?

How Many Cents Make a Pound?

The copper used in the manufacture of pennies is of the very best quality. The metal is shipped in bulk from the mines to the factories. There it is rolled and stamped out in circles of required size. These circles are perfectly plain with the exception of the raised or mille edge. At this stage the pieces intended for pennies are as bright as gold pieces, while those intended for nickels resemble highly polished silver. In this condition they are delivered to the mint. Of course, it is absolutely necessary that all the pieces should be of uniform size and weight.

The transfer from the factory to the mint is made, and the number of pieces in a package is reckoned by its weight. To find out how many small coins the amount of nickel and copper contracted for at present will make, multiply the number of pounds of copper by 100, and the number of pounds of nickel by 70. The calculation will show that the

metal now about to be made up into coin will make 35,000 nickels and 100,000 pennies. One hundred pennies, therefore, weigh exactly one pound. When these pieces reach the mint they are subjected to the finishing process, which consists of stamping them with denomination, lettering and characters seen on the coins when they reach the public. To accomplish this, great pressure is needed, as the pieces are not heated again after leaving the factory. The amount of pressure required is simply enormous, considering the size of the pieces.—Ex.

The fifth edition of the Arnold Numismatic Guide is now in press. We are informed that there is a large demand for this work and the publishers are encouraged to get out a new edition.

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NEW ENGLAND COIN NOTES.

The Representative of the Arnold Numismatic Co., Providence has just returned from a trip through northern Mass., having secured a very choice lot of both large and small gold dollars. 52 were in the lot, and many are mint marked pieces.

F. R. McGregor has just returned from a Baltimore trip. He picked up some coins, but says he is devoting most of his time now-a-days obtaining antique furniture and historical crockery. He brought up with him several fine examples, and says he will go up New Hampshire way in a week or so.

During convalescence a Providence Numismatist was responsible for the following:

CACOLOGY

Causi Caesar collected coins, collecting conservatively crude Cypress chalouses. Cromell's cabinet contained consular coins commemorating Censors. Charles collected curios China concoctions, called coins, celebrating certain cryptic cruelties. Clever counterfeiters continually circulate cast cinq centimes, causing constant criticisms, consequently custodians contriving cautiously confiscated confederate consignments. Capitalists characteristically combined cunningly cumulating costly coffers containing crowns. Candidly chashiers, countrymen, collectors, capture choice coins, crisp currency creditably, courting correspondent's confidence.

Cruciate.

What! say!! convalescence? We fear he had a relapse.—Editor.

Our Coin department will be well represented in the shape of ads for our May issue. Already quite a number have been received. Our rates may soon be increased. Those who desire to be represented at our present low price should make contract at once for space.

Manuel Garcia

MANUEL GARCIA was a Mexican farmer with a small holding in the state of Chihuahua. Garcia was of a thrifter bent than usual with his countrymen. His little patch of land showed evidences of energetic working and the wall-inclosed garden about the abode house bore a burden of bloom through the year. The beauty and abundance of the flowers was due to the care given them by Inez Garcia, the farmer's daughter, a dark-skinned, bright-eyed girl 16 years old who loved nothing better than to tend the flowering cacti, the clematis and the southern spice plants which lent color and fragrance to the little place about the doorstep. The Yaqui river rolled its yellow length lazily by the homestead, completely shutting off approach from the north. It was a picturesque place, and Inez was happy there in the companionship of her brother, Diego, (two years younger than herself, her father and the old grandmother, who had lived with them ever since Inez' mother died, ten years before.

It was in the year 1884 that news reached the little household of trouble to the north and west of them with the raiding and murderous Apaches. They had seen nothing of the Indians, and Manuel Garcia thought that his little family was out of the path of the marauding bands that under pressure from the troops were constantly crossing and recrossing the border between the United States and Mexico. One day, however, the father heard from a passing vaquero that a band of Indians fleeing southward had met some Mexican troops only ten miles to the west the day before. The visitor said that the Apaches had suffered some loss, but that the survivors had separated and escaped. After hearing this father and son took their rifles into the field with them when they worked, and Inez was told that she must give up her afternoon rides along the river bank on her little pony, Buenos.

The day after the visit of the vaquero, late in the afternoon, Inez left her grandmother nodding in the doorway and went to the corral at a short distance from the house where the farmer's two work horses and Inez's pony and the chickens were kept. As she passed along there came scurrying from a clump of bushes a covey of Gambel's partridges, beautiful blue gray creatures that came daily to share the food which Inez scattered for her chickens. The girl, leaving behind her a trail of grain which she allowed to drop from her half opened hand, crossed to the corner of the corral, where there was located a small shack which contained a few farming implements, while above on a flooring which was but little more than a shelf, there were stored a few bundles of forage. Inez stood on the first round of a short ladder and reach-

ed up for one of the hay bundles. Before her hand had touched it she uttered a smothered cry and sprang down from the ladder step, frightening her partridge following into flight. She had seen a pile of forage move. In another instant a head was raised above the hay and the girl saw a pair of wild eyes looking down upon her. She knew that the color was leaving her cheek and that her heart was beating fast. It was with an effort that she kept from screaming aloud. She knew that the face before her was that of an Apache. There was blood on the brow, and in spite of the wildness of his look there was a weakness in the Indian's face that was almost pitiful. Before Inez could think how to act, from the Apache's lips came feebly in Spanish the words, "Wounded; water!"


The girl thought of her father and knew that with the feeling that there was against the Indians this wounded brave's life was worth nothing if his presence were discovered. Some lessons which the good old padre at the mission had taught her about mercy came into her mind. This Indian was unarmed, wounded and helpless; surely there could be no harm in helping him.

"Where are you hurt?" she asked. The Apache thrust forward his shoulder, and, pulling aside a rough, dirty bandage, showed a knife wound.

"Go back under the hay," said Inez, "I will help you." She walked quickly across the corral and looked far off over the field. Her father and Diego were at work some distance away and would not return for at least an hour. The girl went into the house, filled an earthen vessel with water, took some cakes of maize and some dried meat from a shelf and hurried back to the corral. She passed the water vessel up to the Apache, who drank greedily. She gave him the maize cakes and told him to hide once more. The Apache uttered a word of gratitude and drew back behind the forage piles. The next morning Inez went early to the corral. The Indian had disappeared.

It was the summer of 1885. A large band of Apaches had broken loose from the San Carlos reservation in the territory of the United States and had taken to the warpath. The governments of the two republics had arranged that the troops of either nation in actual pursuit of Indians might pass into the other's territory. The San Carlos band, after committing all sorts of depredations, headed, as was Apache custom, for the Mexican border. No news of the loosing of the Apache horde had reached the little Chihuahua home on the Yaqui river. Perhaps Manuel Garcia would have paid but little attention to the report if it had reached him, for long immunity from savage visits had led him to think the safety of his home was assured. Early one morning there rode up to the gateway a hot and tired messenger who had come to summon Manuel to the bedside of a dying brother in the little mission village of Santa Gertrudes, fifteen miles

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Indian Relics, Curios, &c.

Those Kimberley Relics.

A friend at the front, going the rounds of a convalescent hospital, says a writer in Badminton, one day found three wounded soldiers very busily engaged in pulling down the iron water pipes which carried the rain from the roof and diligently breaking them up in small pieces. The earnestness with which the work of destruction was being carried out forbade the idea that the men were doing gratuitous mischief, and my friend was considerably puzzled by the spectacle. They were so busy that they did not see him approach, but looked up when he said: "It seems to be rather a pity to destroy those good pipes, doesn't it? What are you doing it for?" "Well, sir," replied one of the men, looking up from his task, "you see, we gets half a crown apiece for these bits of Boer shells what was fired into Kimberley." My friend adds: "Beware of purchasing relics of the war."

Relics of a Past Age.

A most remarkable discovery has recently been made on the farm of B. A. Prince, at Belpre, near Parkersburg, W. Va. A cave heretofore unknown to even the oldest inhabitant was found. The entrance will permit of one person going in at a time, and after proceeding ten or fifteen feet a large opening is encountered, 20 feet square of solid stone. Dates are carved in the walls as far back as 1598. In one corner of the room a stone door, swung on large steel hinges, leads to stone steps, which led the explorers to a room ten feet below the first room, which contained human skeletons in endless numbers. By the aid of rocks and a rope one can be lowered to another room, 20 feet below the last mentioned room, in which is to be found fish by the hun-

dred in a pond, the fish resembling the common perch. Hundreds of perfect stone fish are to be found on the floors of the two first mentioned rooms, with dates carved back as far as 1598. The people are carrying the odd specimens away for relics.

Historic Find in Arizona.

A party of archaeologists and antiquarians has made important discoveries in the hitherto unexplored region of the northern limit of the Harquahala range of mountains in Arizona. One side of the mountain rises in terraces and presents many features peculiar to the grand canyon of Colorado. This whole mass is of volcanic glass and glitters in colors of green, blue and black.

Aside from the mountain affording an interesting study in geology there are features attractive to the antiquarian. The exploring party found under a high shelving in the rocks a narrow necked olla, or earthen jar, bottom side up, containing human bones, a broken hammer and a "metate," or stone employed by the prehistoric races of Arizona, probably for the same purposes that the aborigines of to-day put them to for grinding maize. Slabs, turquoise stones and other curiosities were revealed by digging and there were marks on buried rocks, taken to be inscriptions on slabs.

The Petrified Forests.

Near the head waters of the Little Colorado river in Arizona, are situated the petrified forests. The area is several miles in extent. The trees are silicified conifers of gigantic size. One has been discovered that measures more than twenty feet at the base, and at a break one hundred feet from the base it was ten feet in diameter. Limbs and branches pet-

rified to solid rock, are scattered in every direction; the texture and form of the dead leaves are plainly discernible, resembling the immense redwoods of California. Many fossils of animal species now extinct are found scattered about among these rocky trunks, solidified to pure magnesian limestone. The heart of some of these fallen monarchs of the forest is a mass of sparkling crystals, while others show sections of the purest quartz. The petrified forest belongs to the carboniferous period, and is evidently a portion of the vast extent of wooded land which once existed in this treeless waste, and which now forms the great coal measures which underlie its surface.

HUMOROUS

She was a severe-looking woman, and she had to stand on the back platform of the car because the interior was so crowded.

She looked at the men about her, Presently she sniffed.

A man next to the rail was smoking a cheap cigar.

The woman glared at him.

"Sir," she said, in chilling tones, "don't you consider it an extremely selfish act on your part to stand there brazenly puffing that cigar?"

The many suddenly looked apologetic.

"Sorry, ma'am," he said, "very sorry, but it's all I've got. If I had another I'd offer it to you."

And he continued to puff.

Horton—I'd have you know, sir, that my ancestors were men of the highest respectability.

Ninkin—I have no doubt of it; but even if they weren't it would be mean to blame them for what happened years after they were dead.

She (reading)—Mice are fond of music, and will get as close to it as they can.

He—Just cut that out and I'll send it to the girl in the next flat.

MANUEL GARCIA

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away. He gave some few directions to Inez and Diego, and, saying that he would return the next day, he rode away with the messenger. Inez felt a strange loneliness and something of apprehension came over her after her father left. She did her work in the little household and toward evening went to the corral with Diego to tend the stock. It was just sunset as they turned their steps back to the abode house. Far off to the north a pall of smoke hung on the horizon, and the sight if it sent a chill to the Mexican peasant girl's heart. Diego saw it too, and felt its purport as quickly as did his sister. They looked into each other's eyes.

"Not a word to the grandmother," said Inez. "As it gets dark I'll keep her at the front of the house, and you, Diego, bring up the pony and the horse that father left, to the inside of the garden."

Diego did as he was told, and when darkness had come down over the little homestead and the swift-flowing river, the old grandmother slept peacefully while the two wakeful children watched from the doorway. That low-hanging smoke, thicker and darker in places at marked intervals, had told them that some large ranch houses lying to the north of them were burning. They knew that if it were the work of Apaches that for the first time their little home on the Yaqui river would be in the direct path of the southward-flying savages. Diego had his father's rifle, which he knew how to use and leaning against the wall at Inez side was a light shotgun. Midnight came and Inez made Diego lie down for a rest. The boy slept for an hour. Then he roused up and made his sister take her turn at a nap. The girl had slept for some time when Diego's ear caught a sound. It came from the westward. He stole to the wall surrounding the garden and strained his eyes to look out into the starlight night. He could see nothing, but, listening intently, he could hear the faint sound of hoof-talls. Then he went back and aroused Inez. The girl was alert in a moment.

"If they are Apaches," she said, "they will go to the corral first to look for the horses, and then they will attack."

For an hour those two children, each buoyed up by a sense of the other's courage, watched and waited. They had taken up their station at the low wall back of the house at a point from which they could see outlined in the night the corral railings and the little shack which they inclosed.

"It will soon be dawn," whispered Inez.

"Yes," answered Diego, clutching his rifle tightly, "that is the time they attack." As he spoke his sister caught his arm and pointed. Stealing around the farther end of the corral they saw dark forms. For a moment the child-

ren's hearts almost failed them. They knew that these Apaches, doubtless hard pressed by the troops, would be maddened by the failure to find fresh horses to help them on their way. A streak of gray was showing in the east. Ten minutes passed. The gloom of night lightened. Six forms came out of the entrance to the corral and separating into pairs advanced boldly toward the house. They were Apaches who apparently felt secure in their advance by the belief that their presence was unknown. Inez and Diego crouched behind the wall. The boy felt that the only safety lay in checking the attack and possibly holding the braves at bay until help might come. He raised his rifle and fired at one of the nearest Indians. In his excitement he missed his aim, but the shot had one desired effect. It stopped the Apache advance and sent the six braves scurrying back to the shelter of the corral. Bright daylight was fast approaching. Two of the Indians came from behind the little stable and making a circle reached the river bank.

"They will follow the bank down, Inez, and get at us from behind," said Diego. "You must go there where the wall touches the bank and try to hold them off, and I will guard this point from the other four."

The girl stopped, kissed her brother, and taking her shotgun kept under cover of the wall to the point where the river flowed by. She looked along the bank, but could see nothing. From the point where she stood the house hid Diego and the corral, which lay beyond, from her sight. Looking ahead again along the line of the yellow flood she saw a clump of bushes growing on the bank move. In a moment the foliage was parted and the face of an Apache peered out. Inez crouched down. Seeing that the way was apparently clear, the Indian, quickly followed by another, emerged from his concealment. The leader reached a point within twenty yards of the edge of the garden and then crawled up boldly over the bank. As his head appeared Inez nerved herself and fired. In an instant she knew that she had missed her aim, for the savage face which had disappeared for an instant showed once more over the bank. With a yell the brave dashed forward with a knife in his hand. The girl began praying. The Apache leaped to the top of the wall with uplifted knife. His companion was at his heels. The girl's consciousness was well nigh numb, yet in that awful moment she seemed to know that somewhere she had seen that second savage face before. All sense and strength were leaving her. There was the upraised hand of the savage clutching the knife. Then quick as a thought the second Apache hurled himself forward upon his companion. There was a blow and the knife was driven into the heart of Inez' assailant, and in another instant his body was hurled into the rapid-flowing river. The girl knew a face was looking into hers and dimly she saw that

It was the face of the Apache whom she had helped the year before.

There were shouts and thundering hoofbeats from behind the house and Inez fainted. Consciousness came back and the girl found an officer in a blue uniform bending over her. As she opened her eyes the soldier turned and said: "The girls all right, captain. Did you get them all?"

It was a troop of the United States cavalry following fast upon the Apaches' trail that had ridden in to the rescue.

In reply to the surgeon's question the captain said: "We got four of them and the boys picked up the body of one out of the river. He was killed by a knife thrust, but who did it I can't guess. One of the band escaped. How or where it is past finding out. I'd like to get him."

Inez remembered. She saw that the Apache who had saved her from death was not among the prisoners. She knew that within a stone's throw, hiding in the bushes of the river bank, must be her rescuer, whom the soldiers sought, but the girl held her peace.

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The Camera



WE shall add a new department to our paper next month, that of Amateur Photography. A larger portion of our readers are interested in this entertaining pastime, as well as the editor, and we believe such a department will prove both interesting and entertaining, and by the aid of some fine illustrations which we shall publish will add beauty to our magazine.

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How He Astonished the Old Admiral

THE old admiral, whose long sea service has given his legs a decided outward curve, once had a singular adventure on this account with a ship's pet.

The crew of the ship owned a large black spaniel, and took great pains in teaching him to jump. A man standing up would put one foot against his other knee, thus making a hole for Nep, the dog, to make his leap through. The dog always jumped through the aperture readily, though if his trainer's legs happened to be short, it was a tight squeeze.

One day the admiral came aboard from the flagship on a visit of inspection. Happening to walk to the forward part of the ship, he stood there conversing with the officer who had attended him.

Here he was spied by the dog. Nep stood a moment surveying the admiral's bow legs. Suddenly the dog

made a rush at the legs and a mad leap through the tempting gap.

In astonishment at the black tornado that had passed beneath him, the admiral whirled quickly about to see what was the cause. The dog took this action as a signal for an "encore," and jumped again.

Once more the admiral turned, and again the dog jumped. The bewildered face of the admiral and the serious attention of Nep to what he imagined was his business was too much for the gravity of the bystanders, and, forgetting the respect due to rank, they all roared with laughter.

A sailor, however, had enough presence of mind to break from the crowd and catch the dog by the collar. He led him off, and Nep seemed to wonder why he did not receive the praise due such spirited efforts.

The excited admiral got but an imperfect explanation of the affairs from the spectators, for they could hardly tell him that his legs had been used

as a circus hoop for a fore-castle dog. Perhaps to his dying day the occurrence was a mystery.—Sunshine and Shadow.

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12c black.....	1 25	1 25
1882		
1c blue.....	10	15
2c lilac rose.....	50	25
5c ultramarine.....	...	04
10c black.....	1 00	90
15c brown.....	1 80	1 65
1883		
1c green.....	03	03
2c rose.....	15	03
10c brown.....	65	10
10c vermilion.....	1 00	1 00
12c mauve.....	2 00	2 00
25c violet.....	2 50	2 50
50c red.....	6 50	6 00
100c rose red.....	9 00	8 50
1889		
2c red, imperf.....	60	
2c red, imperf, reprint...	15	
2c violet.....	07	03
5c black blue.....	1 50	2 50
1893 Red Surcharge		
1c purple.....	15	15
1c blue.....	15	15
1c green.....	03	03
2c brown.....	20	30
2c violet.....	04	03
5c black blue.....	20	40
5c ultramarine.....	10	07
6c green.....	30	
10c black.....	30	40
Black Surcharge		
2c vermilion.....	2 50	
2c rose.....	08	10
10c vermilion.....	40	
10c brown.....	30	30
10c brown.....	60	
18c red.....	40	50
50c red.....	1 50	2 50
100c rose re.....	4 00	4 50
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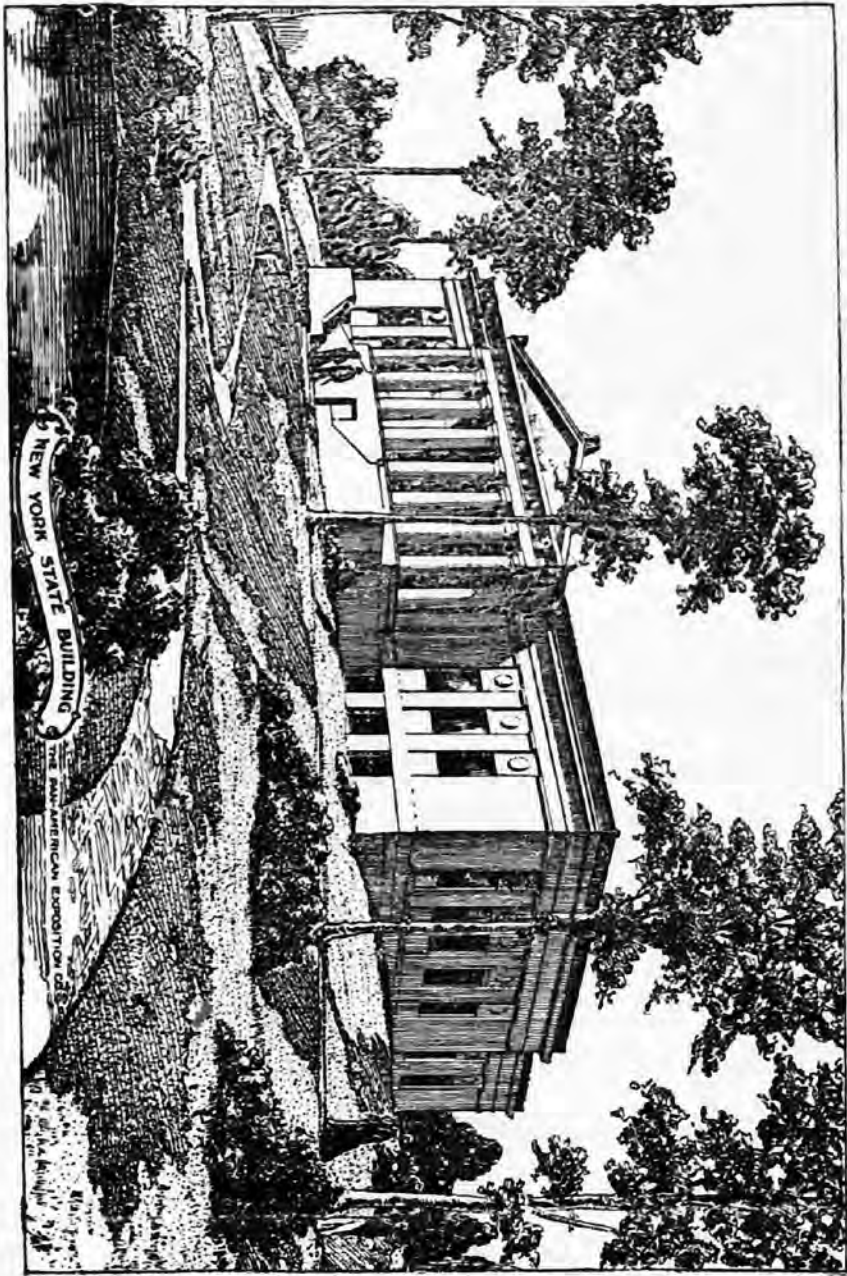
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THE Pan American Exposition is now on. The gates were thrown open May 1st and the Exposition will continue six months. It is estimated that the total cost of the Exposition, exclusive of exhibits but including the Midway, will be about \$10,000,000. It is intended that this Exposition shall be the most artistic creation ever produced for a like purpose. It will surpass all former enterprises of this sort in a number of very important features. These are: First, the court settings, there being more than thirty-three acres of beautiful courts. This is approximately two and a half times greater than the area of the courts at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The second point of superiority is in the hydraulic and fountain effects, there being in all the courts large pools of water into which hundreds of fountains throw their sparkling streams. As a third feature, may be mentioned the horticultural and garden effects. In all the courts and upon the grounds are a very elaborate decorative arrangement of beautiful lawns and gardens. As a fourth feature, may be noted the plastic ornamentation of the buildings, which is very intricate and beautiful. All the buildings are covered with staff, which is moulded into thousands of beautiful and fanciful shapes. To this feature is added the most magnificent display of original sculpture ever used for decorative purposes at any exposition. These wonderful productions are the work of thirty or more of the most noted sculptors of America. There are more than 125 grand works of this character. As a fifth feature is the color decorations. Never before at any exposition has

an effect been made to produce a harmonious color scheme. All of the great buildings are decorated in harmonious tints and the effect upon the eye is very beautiful. Crowning the achievements of the architects and artists, the sculptors, the landscape architects and the hydraulic engineer is the work of the electrician. It is he who completed the magnificent picture when at night he imparts the exquisite radiance of wonderful electric lighting effects to the marvelous picture. More than 500,000 electric lamps are used in the illumination of the courts of the Pan-American Exposition. Never before has such a work been undertaken upon so grand a scale.



IROQUOIS INDIAN BUILDING.

In all the exhibit divisions the Exposition is very complete. The musical features are also of great importance and interest. The Midway, claimed to be the greatest in the world, has more than a mile of frontage. The restaurant features are perfect and the Exposition, so far as human ingenuity and the wise expenditure of money can accomplish such a work, is complete to the last detail.

Buffalo, too, is an ideal city for an exposition, having a summer climate that is tempered by the breezes from Lake Erie and, therefore, the

most comfortable in which one may enjoy his summer outing. The people of the city have prepared themselves in a most ample way to entertain millions of guests during the Exposition. The private dwellings throughout the city have been thrown open to the public and, in view of the ample accommodations, very moderate rates will prevail so that every visitor may have such accommodations as he is willing to pay for. He may have the palatial quarters of the fine hotels, or



the quiet restfulness of a pleasant home. The average rate for accommodations near the Exposition grounds is about \$1.00 per night for lodging, with 25c to 50c added for breakfast, it being expected that guests will take their other meals upon the Exposition grounds. A number of responsible companies have organized to find accommodations for visitors at any price they may desire to pay. The offices of these companies are centrally located and this system of management promises to bring very satisfactory results to all concerned.

Every one who visited the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition during the last few months has been astonished beyond expression upon beholding the magnitude and the exceptional beauty and novelty of the enterprise. It is very much larger than people generally have supposed, and it is apparent that the \$10,000,000, which is the approximate cost of the Exposition as a whole, has been expended most wisely and with the happiest results.

The Service Building was the first structure erected on the Exposition grounds. It is the administrative headquarters of the Exposition, all of the officers whose presence is required upon the grounds having their headquarters there. All around the Service Building the grounds have been given the horticultural and floral decorations that will embellish the entire Exposition plot. This decorative work gives the visitor a foretaste of the wonderful beauty that characterizes the Exposition.

The Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building covers more than four acres, and will contain the very latest productions of the mills and factories of the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere. Exhibits showing the processes of manufacture will constitute a very interesting feature of this division.

John G. Milburn, President of the Pan-American Exposition, is a member of the New York State bar and a resident of Buffalo. His fame as a graceful, eloquent and forceful speaker is as wide as the nation itself. He was born in England in 1851, came to America, studied law and was admitted to practice in 1874. His career has been one of steady growth and progress. Mr. Milburn is conspicuous for his public spirit as well as his great success as a lawyer and speaker. He rendered valuable service to his city as a member of the Charter Revision Committee.

William I. Buchanan, director-general of the Pan-American Exposition, was from the beginning the only man considered by the Exposition authorities for the chief executive office, and they were greatly gratified when he consented to resign from the office of United States Minister to the Argentine Republic to take up the burdens and responsibilities of the management of the Exposition. Mr. Buchanan was a National Commissioner from Iowa to the world's Columbian Exposition, and the first Chief of Department selected at Chicago, where he not only directed the affairs of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Live Stock, but was a most sagacious and helpful adviser in the general management of the Exposition, and was a recognized force in a large organization containing many strong men. The record of his work at that time bears abundant testimony to his uncommon executive ability.

In the early part of President Cleveland's second administration Mr. Buchanan was appointed United States Minister to the Argentine Republic—a mission that he filled with great distinction to November 1, 1899.

The official emblem of the Pan-American Exposition

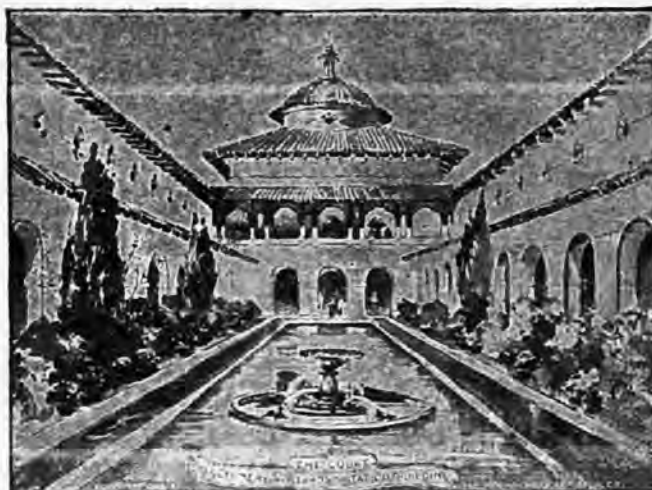


SERVICE BUILDING.



was designed by Raphael Beck of Buffalo. It was accepted as the most artistic and suitable from several hundred designs submitted, and has the especial merit of effectively symbolizing one of the chief purposes of the Exposition, which is to bring into closer social and trade relationship the republics, states and territories of North and South America. The emblem shows a fair maiden typifying the North, extending a kindly hand to clasp that of her brunette sister of the South, thus forming a bond of continental sisterhood and establishing a unity of sentiment and interest among the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

The machinery building covers an area of about four acres, and contains a very wonderful display of modern machinery of American invention, showing the progress that has been made within the last few years. The large amount of automatic and special machinery used in American factories and mills form a most interesting study to all who are interested in the production of the Western world. The transportation exhibits include all of the very latest specimens of locomotives, cars and railroad appliances. These are sheltered in a special building in connection with the large railway station in the northern end of the Exposition grounds. The ordnance exhibits are made in connection with the machinery exhibits, and show very remarkable progress in the manufacture of ordnance in the Western world. This department is distinct from the war and naval exhibits of the Federal Government and are sheltered in a special building.



A Night in a Mining Camp.

ONE night, says the author of a curiously interesting article in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, things came to a climax. Marshal McInness was at Sitka; his substitute, Rowan, was sitting in an all-night lunch room, when a man with blood running down his face staggered in the place. He shouted for some one to give him a "gun," and Rowan, who was a square man, explained that he was acting marshal, asked him what his trouble was. The wounded man excitedly told his story. He had been robbed of his money, and had been beaten on the head when he had protested to the bartender of the Theater Royal, where the robbery had occurred. Finally he had left, promising, however to get a gun and square accounts. "Come with me, and I

will investigate this matter," said Rowan, and he helped the man along, for he was quite feeble from the loss of blood. When they got to the theater the wounded man opened the door, at the same time making a semblance of drawing a pistol from his "gun-pocket." Fay, the bartender, had been expecting him. Quick as a flash he pulled his gun and fired, dropping the poor fellow dead in his tracks. Rowan, his revolver in his fist, pushed his way into the room, only to be shot down by the desperate bartender, who afterwards disappeared. A man who was employed by the citizens to act as fireman happened to be passing at the time. He was intoxicated, and in his excitement emptied his revolver at random. One of the bullets struck the proprietor of the Nugget saloon, who was eating at a lunch counter on the sidewalk, and crippled him. Marshal Rowan staggered to his feet, managed to crawl to Dr. Moore's office around the corner and then dropped dead. Oddly enough, the doctor had recently returned from Rowan's home, where the first baby had just been born at Skaguay.

A Fearful Discovery.

"Dis is terrible," said Meandering Mike, with a deep-drawn sigh.

"What's de matter?" asked Plodding Pete, in alarm.

"Here's a piece in de paper it says we've got muscles inside of us dat keeps up an involuntary action. Dey goes on workin,' whether we wants 'em to or not."

He Counted All Right.

"You've been in a fight," said his mother, reprovingly.

"Oh, not much of one," answered the boy.

"Did you count 100 as I told you when you felt your angry passions rising?"

"Oh, sure," returned the boy, "I counted 100 all right, but I knocked the other boy down first. It's the only safe way."

Happy Retort.

"Now, don't gimme any song about misfortune an' wantin' to be a hard worker 'n' all that," said the hard-faced lady. "I can see right through you."

"Gee!" said Dismal Dawson. "I knowed I ain't had nothin' to eat for three days, but I didn't know it had thinned me down like that."

"Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good!" exclaimed Mrs. Fret. "I know better. The things I worry about don't happen."

Postage Stamp Collecting



WE are late with this issue as is usual with us, but the cause this time is an

unusual heavy rush of job printing. Everything has been neglected in order to rush the work out as quickly as possible, even in our correspondence we have found no time to give it attention. But to day we again assume the publication harness and our readers can look for promptness on our part, and the June, July and August issues will follow this number in rapid succession.

Advertisers can secure space in our August issue by sending in their order and copy at once. The last ad page will not be closed until the 9th and the final pages will go to press the 10th of September. The September issue will close its columns and go to press on the 25th of September, and the October issue will go to press on the 20th of that month. The November number will go to press between the 15th and 20th and will be a Thanksgiving number. These dates will be strictly observed. Our adv. rates are 10c per inch each insertion.

We are making arrangements for a weekly stamp paper to be issued from this office early in September which promises to be quite liberally patronized, as subscriptions and ads are already coming in. This will in no way interfere with this publication but will enable us to get out a better monthly magazine than we would otherwise be able to do.

As announced above we shall in a very few weeks get out a weekly paper devoted to stamp collecting. It will consist of eight 9x12 pages with three columns to the page and will be neatly illustrated. It will be a specimen of typographical neatness. It will have a regular staff of correspon-



dents from all stamp centers and will contain a chronicle of new issues, etc. The advertising rates are 10c per inch each insertion. Advertisers who send in a trial inch ad at once enclosing 10c in payment therefor will receive a 10 weeks subscription free. The subscription price has been placed at the low sum of 50 cents a year. Better send in an inch adv at once.

Communications and contributions solicited for publication in the AMERICAN MONTHLY. We desire to make this an all around collectors magazine.

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It is reported that Indiana is to have a new philatelic paper which will be published by a stock company of eight leading collectors.

We prefer to publish the most pronounced silly article to the personal grievances which flood the editorial sanctum. We will NOT publish any such grievances. We desire articles so plainly and simply written as to be easily digested by the raw recruit, and which may help to initiate him into the technicalities of the terms used by the old collector.

Scott states that the only inverted watermark known is the heraldic emblem watermark of Great Britain in which the roses are upside down.

The first postage stamps were issued in England on May 6, 1840. In 1847 Switzerland introduced postal stamps; in 1849 Bavaria, Belgium and France, and 1850 Austria.

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SHIRLEY EWIN MOISANT.

The subject of this sketch was born in Manteuo, Illinois, on November 10, 1882, and removed to Kankakee in 1889 where he now resides. He became interested in stamps in 1893 and having a liking for the business launched out as a dealer and now does the largest business in the State of Illinois out of Chicago. At one time he had a collection of U. S. nearly complete, then sold it and started a



collection of foreign, having now a collection of about 4500 varieties, among which are many rare gems and complete countries. He published four numbers of the Illinois Philatelist and then sold out on account of inability to get 2nd class rates. Mr. Moisant then started the Stamp Exchange which now serves as a leading monthly. He is a member of nearly every philatelic organization in America and holds offices in a number and is a regular attendant at the conventions every year. He contributes articles and notes to many papers, travels extensively and is personally acquainted with all the leading collectors and dealers in the country.

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One Cent Letter Postage Coming.

WHERE is a strong probability that to the notable and epoch-making achievement with which the administration of President McKinley is already replete will soon be added another, the reduction of letter postage to one cent. The consideration of this important step has been before the Postal Department for some years, but the large additional expense involved in the service has hitherto prevented favorable action. But the recent orders issued by Postmaster General Smith, excluding certain second-class publications from the mails, will, it is believed, effect a saving of several millions in postal revenues, or an amount sufficient to warrant the introduction of one-cent postage and other needed reforms in the service. The orders mentioned apparently apply only to publications which have no legitimate cause for being, and which have imposed upon the mails a vast amount of heavy merchandise which might go the express companies or other common carriers. The checking of this grave and long standing abuse and the saving of revenue effected thereby probably will not involve any hardship or loss to reputable publications, as it was feared would be the case at one time. For this salutary reform, with the promised reduction of postage to follow, and for the extension of rural free delivery also, the country is heavily indebted to Postmaster General Smith, whose long and successful career as a practical journalist previous to his appointment to the Cabinet had given him an appreciative sense of the needs of the situation such as few men possess. In no way has President McKinley demonstrated his fitness for the high office he holds more than by his capacity for selecting strong and efficient men like Mr. Smith as his counselors and department heads. —Leslie's Weekly.

ITALY—According to a letter from Rome the new stamps are expected to be placed on sale very shortly. The photo of the King is three-quarter face.

Leon V. Cass.

Leon V. Cass, the subject of this sketch, was born at Soion, N. Y., July 5th, 1881. He became interested in stamps in 1894. In 1897 he re-



moved to McGrawville, N. Y., and became interested in the collecting of curios and relics, and started dealing in a small way in that year. Mr. Cass published the Bi-Monthly Collector in 1898-1900. In September of the latter year he changed the name of his paper to the Yankee Collector, which is issued quarterly at present. He is Vice-President for New York of the Columbian Philatelic Society and a member of the S. of P. and S. C. P. A. of A. He has been a regular contributor to the philatelic press since 1897, and is at present devoting all of his time dealing in stamps, curios and relics. He is a young man of sterling character and integrity and it is our greatest pleasure to wish him a very prosperous and useful life.

FRANCE—It is rumored that M. Mouchon, the designer of the new French stamps, is at present at work retouching the designs, owing to the unfavorable criticism their issue has evoked.

A rise in the price of the six cent numeral issue of Canada is apparent. It already sells at double face unused.

Items of Interest.

The Toledo Stamp Co. have put a new hinge on the market.

Paris is reported to have more stamp stores than any other city in the world.

The boy trade is reported good in Indiana.

An exchange says that the Japanese stamps surcharged for use in Corea were discontinued April 1st.

Business is said to be good both in England and on the continent.

Dealers in New York report a very successful season.

A new philatelic weekly is soon to be issued from the office of this publication.

More than 40 varieties of the Greek surcharges have seen the light of day.

English dealers are buying a large number of the Pan-Americans.

The Maple leaf on the Canadian stamp is the emblem of the Dominion of Canada.

The Indianapolis Philatelic Society is dead, after more than a year of fairly successful work.

INDIA—The British penny stamp is now on sale at most of the principal post-offices in India for the convenience of persons desiring to pre-pay replies to their letters to England they will also be found useful for making up broken accounts in British postal orders.

The Buckeye Philatelist of Columbus, Ohio, has been refused second-class mailing rates.

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Coin Collecting

AS the days grow shorter and cold weather being soon upon us more attention and space will be given up to the collecting of coins. We have a bright hope in view for the near future of making this a standard 7x10 one dollar magazine of 80 pages monthly devoted solely to Collecting—Coins, Stamps and Indian Relics. We have made the first move on our part to accomplish this grand and noble purpose. Would not such a publication be a grand advantage to our societies? Would it not be an instrument whereby much good can be accomplished and the large circle of collectors be increased and brought to a closer fellowship one with the other. We can all help in this matter by putting our shoulder to the wheel at once and helping it along; a subscription or an advertisement will help. Surely we can all do something in this line.

The Color of Gold Coins.

SOME time ago a Frenchman placed together a number of gold coins of French mintage of the beginning, middle and end of the last century. He was much surprised to see that they differed in color. He set about finding out the reasons for this difference, and the results of his investigations have been published in *La Nature*.

There is a paleness about the yellow of the 10 and 20 franc pieces which bear the effigies of Napoleon I and Louis XVIII that is not observed in the gold pieces of later mintage. One admirer of these coins speaks of their color as a "beautiful paleness" and expresses regret that it is lacking in later coins. The explanation of it is very simple. The alloy that entered into the French gold coins of those days contained as much silver as copper, and it was the silver that gave

the coins their interesting paleness.

The coins of the era of Napoleon III were more golden in hue. The silver had been taken out of the alloy.

The gold coins of to-day have a still warmer and deeper tinge of yellow. This is because the Paris mint, as well as that in London, melts the gold and the copper alloy in hermetically sealed boxes, which prevents the copper from being somewhat bleached, as it always is when it is attacked by hot air. So the present coins have the full warmness of tint that a copper alloy can give.

If the coins of to-day are not so handsome in the opinion of amateur collectors as those issued by the first Napoleon, they are superior to those of either of the Napoleons in the fact that it costs less to make them. The double operation of the oxidation of the copper and cleaning it off the surface of the coin with acids is no longer employed, and the large elimination of copper from the surface of the coins, formerly practiced, made them less resistant under wear and tear than are the coins now in circulation.

No Crowns for North American Birds.

THE small Mexican silver coins have for many years borne on one side an eagle with outstretched wings. The bird grasps a huge snake with its talons and is apparently trying to bite his head. When Maximilian set up his short lived monarchy in Mexico, he ornamented the eagle's bald head with a crown and changed the legend, *REPUBLICA MEXICANA*, to *IMPERIO MEXICANO*. The eagle didn't like this cap, however, so Uncle Sam went down and knocked it off in a hurry.

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Quite Expressive.

ABOUT 1820, a merchant at the British station, Gibraltar, issued a token which is very interesting and fully as expressive as recent cartoons in the political papers. On one side is a representation of a lofty castle, the value of the coin in Spanish, and the date, 1818 or 1820. On the reverse is the legend PAVABLE AT JAMES SPITTLE'S, and in the exergue, GIBRALTAR. But the device on this side is the peculiar part. It consists of a lion sitting back on his haunches

with his head thrown back like a fan-tail pigeon's, his tail lashing the ground, and his tongue impudently sticking out of his mouth. One fore-paw is rested on the ground, while the other grasps a huge key. The whole effect is as if the lion was speaking, and said: "I'm Great Britain, and this in my fist is the key which locks the door to the Mediterranean. Try and get by without my permission if you dare!" The effect of the lion's insolence is somewhat lessened now, for if reports are true, the once famous British stronghold has degenerated into a mere coaling station.

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An Inconsistent Coin.

About 1808 a French half-franc piece was issued, the obverse and reverse of which tell different stories. On one side is a bust of Bonaparte with the legend *NAPOLÉON EMPEREUR* on the other, the legend reads, *REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE*. This very pointedly illustrates the character of Napoleon. Those who shout so loudly the praises of the great warrior should as sharply arraign the ambition of the man who wished to figure as "Emperor of a Republic."

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Primitive Habitations in Ohio.

In a recent discussion between two ethnologists it was advocated that all tribes living in timbered sections constructed houses of logs, bark or saplings, and that the tepee or skin lodge proper, was characteristic of the plains. At Oregonia and Fort Ancient, two points in the Little Valley in Ohio, are large village sites upon which the sunken depressions marking lodge sites are still discernable. One of these areas has been under cultivation; the other is in natural state. Some of the depressions are circular (the deeper ones), while the others are irregular. Ashes, charcoal, pottery and bone implements are found in them to a depth of two or three feet, indicating a considerable excavation for the fireplace of each home. Those which are circular may have assumed such shape by natural agencies, as, the wash of the soil into the deepest part of excavation.

A number of the irregular sites were excavated. While the greatest quantity of refuse was found in the center, yet the debris extended on all sides for a distance of 12 or 15 feet. The site itself would vary from 20 by 25 to 30 by 45 feet, and frequently the ashes, pottery and bones were six or seven inches deep near the outer edge.

No modern relics have been found on either of these spots, although a careful examination (covering many months) was made of each. From the excavations it would appear that the habitations were permanent. At one point, considerably below the surface, remains of small (ends) logs eight inches in diameter were found, but it was hard to determine the character of the habitation.

I am of the opinion that most of the houses were of logs, coated with clay, thus forming "clay domes" after the fashion of the Mandans. My theory

is based upon these facts: The depressions, their extent and character; the fact that the first plowing of the southern part of Fort Ancient revealed circular embankments a few inches high, also irregular and slightly raised masses of reddish clay. When the lodge decayed and fell, the upper portion would naturally fall into the entire space enclosed. As the walls immediately above the base were thick, when they fell, the circular ring which I have described above, was formed.

The farmers also stated that the clay in these circles was in chunks and hard as if sun-dried or slightly baked.—Popular Science News.

Find Some Historic Weapons.

Workmen while excavating under the old jail at Juarez, Mexico, the other day unearthed two old-fashioned cannon and smaller weapons used by the Spaniards during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The cannon are of the brass muzzle-loading style used at that time.

There are seven muskets of the antiquated type, besides two other firearms known as arquebuses, which weigh so much it was necessary to use a brace to support them when firing at an object.

The jail underneath which the relics were found is one of the oldest buildings in the northern part of the Republic of Mexico and was built more than 300 years ago. According to tradition it was used during the time of the Spanish rule as a barrack for the soldiers of the king, but they were forced to flee to escape a fierce outbreak of the aborigines.

We wish to call your attention to the advertisement of the California Curio Club which appears on the opposite page. They make an unusual offer to collectors of sea shells. Send in your application at once.

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Treasure Box Found.

ONE day recently while chopping logs in a swamp near Palmyra, two laborers cut into a hollow log and found a strange metal box therein. When it was opened it was found to contain many coins, none of them of a later date than 1791, and a lot of papers written in a language that none can read. The old Indian road from Geneva to Canandaigua once ran by this swamp and it is conjectured that the box may have been placed where it was found nearly a century ago, after having been stolen or captured in combat. It is recalled that several Indians from one of the western reservations came to Palmyra several years ago, inquired for the location of the swamp, and visited it, evidently searching for something. It is thought they were looking for the box, as described by some of the older members of the tribe.

Ancient Relics in Algeria.

IN some grottoes in Algeria French explorers have recently discovered stone implements mingled with the remains of extinct animals belonging to quaternary times. Further explorations indicate that during the age when grottoes were inhabited the coast of Algeria had a configuration different from that of to-day. Among the animals associated with the ancient and human inhabitants of Algeria were the rhinoceros, the hippotamus and various species of ruminants.

THE collecting of old fashioned door-knockers is one of the latest hobbies in England and promises to spread in this country. The big brass knocker, held in place by a fluer-de-lis of other metal which long adorned the door of Dicken's home recently passed into the hands of an English collector as did also one from the door of that sage old philosopher, Samuel Johnson.—Ex.

Contributions of interest are solicited for this department. We desire to give more space to the collecting of Indian relics.

The California Curio Club



THE object of the "California Curio Club" is to supply its members with a collection of beautiful California Curios, sea shells, mosses, etc., at the actual cost of gathering or collecting them, each member paying an equal share of the expense and receiving an equal share of all shells and curios gathered.

The first shell gathering expedition will be to San Nicholas Island about 70 miles off the coast of California where thousands of beautiful and some rare shells, mosses, Indian relics and curios will be collected. As soon as 100 members have paid \$1 each for membership we will charter a launch and land two experienced shell gatherers on the island with provisions to last them 15 days when the launch will return for them and all shells, curios, etc., that they have collected.

By this plan each member will receive a rare and valuable collection at the actual cost of gathering, that would probably cost all the way from \$10 to \$25 or more if bought from curio dealers.

San Nicholas is a lonely island, uninhabited for many years but at one time thickly populated by Indians who have left many relics such as Arrow Heads, Spear Heads, Scrapers, Mortars, Pestles, Beads, bone and shell fish hooks and jewelry a fine collection of which can be seen in the chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles. The finest Abalones in the world are found on these islands, many easterners paying the Los Angeles dealers \$1.50 to \$2.50 each for specimens that will cost our members practically nothing. Hundreds of other varieties are found, including Pink Murax, Star fish of several different varieties, Large Sea Urchins, Cowries, Tent Shells, Blue Points, Curtain Shells from which beautiful portiers are made. Melon shell, many different varieties of clam shells, Mermaids cradles, Worm shells, Paper Nautilus, Brain Coral, Trochus, Cardium Magnum, Pecten, Pearly Nautilus, Turks cap, Marlinspike and many others too numerous to mention.

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Membership limited to 100 as \$100 is the amount required to pay all expenses of the expedition. Send your application to-day accompanied by \$1 postoffice money order or registered letter or you may be too late. If club is full when your application is received your money will be returned. Membership fee can be paid in four weekly installments of 25c (silver) each if desired. Get two members to send with you and we will send you an "Orange Wood Basket" filled with shells and curios for your trouble.

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A large number of copies of this issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY are mailed to our old friends, members of the N. A. P. A. We believe this publication contains from time to time items that would be of interest to our old journalistic friends, and we trust that we may have their co-operation by a year's subscription. Renew old memories by sending in a subscription to the MONTHLY. It will not break you and may be the means of our getting out a brighter and better paper by having received your subscription.

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Forms for August, September and October issues will close as follows:

August Issue, - September 9th

September Issue, - September 25th

October Issue, - - October 20th

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Postage Stamp Collecting



We wish to call our readers attention to the announcement of a new philatelic weekly which is made in another column. This publication will be conducted on more liberal and broader grounds than any philatelic weekly has here-to-fore attempted, and we predict for it a successful career from the very beginning of its launching. The publication will average eight pages size 9x12 inches, and at this writing mail matter addressed to the Illustrated News is arriving every day, which shows that the paper is already receiving public recognition. The small stamp dealer will now be able to do a little advertising, the rates being but 10c an inch. Send us a postal and we will mail you a sample copy.



over 30 miles and not exceeding 60 miles, 8 cents; between 60 and 100 miles, 10 cents; 100 to 150 miles, 12½ cents; 150 to 200 miles, 15 cents; 200 to 250 miles, 17 cents; 250 to 350 miles, 20 cents; 350 to 450 miles, 32 cents; over 450 miles, 25 cents. This is quite an interesting schedule. By 'single letter' is meant a single sheet of paper. If in writing a letter two sheets were used double rates were charged; for three sheets, triple rates. If a letter contained more than three sheets it became a packet, and for every packet weighing one ounce four times the rate paid for a single letter was charged. So that when General Washington at his home at Mount Vernon, wrote to Hancock or Adams at Boston, if his letter contained four sheets, the postage was \$; in coin.

The philatelic press is receiving quite a revolution this summer. The changes are many and we are losing some of our most interesting journals.

Publishers being about to quit the publication business can have their subscription and advertising contracts filled out by us at very reasonable terms.

In February, 1792, congress fixed the following rates of postage, which prevailed, says Postmaster General Smith, with slight variations, for half a century: For every single letter not exceeding 30 miles, 6 cents;

The five cent Pan-Americans, used, are scarce and will get scarcer; our foreign friends do not use them. Here's a little dialogue that takes place several times weekly in our drug-store:

Italian laborer—Giva me da stampa da fiva cent stampa.

Stiefel—(As he hands out a Pan) Here you are, sir.

Italian—No! No! me wanta da stampa for Italy, da fiva centa stampa.

Stiefel—Well! here you are, this is all right!

Italian—No! No! I wanta da little stampa, da stampa for Italy, for Europa.

The dago then trots off somewhere else and buys a U. S. Grant five center.—The Adhesive.

MY APPROVAL BOOKS filled with attractive stamps comprising all the latest issues at 50 pc com., sent on reference; Scott's catalogue 60th post paid 58c; Eureka hinges, 1000 for 10c; fine Imperial stamp album, post paid, 31c. 1899 Documentary Revenues, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and 80c, 1, 3 and \$5, post paid for 60c. Packet of 50 stamps all different 5c. Packet of 100 stamps all different 10c. F. B. ELDRIDGE, Mansfield, Mass.

DID YOU EVER get a headache from looking over and studying your stamps, or from any other cause, if so you should take our "Good Shepard Headache Tablets, 20c a box by mail, enough to cure a dozen headaches. Will put in a good stamp if you only mention it. The Good Shepard Pill & Tablet Co., Box 290, Mansfield, Mass. 3-5

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Until Nov. 1, 1901, we will give a complete set of unused Pan-American postage stamps with every 10th order we receive for these four formulas—all sent postpaid for 10c. Rheumatic Tablets, Ink Tablets, Menthol Cones for headache Finest Sachet Powder. The 10th order, 20th, and so on receives the stamps. Post mark on envelope will indicate position of order. These are not the cheap formulas you see advertised in receipt books, but were prepared by a specialist of high standing. Send your dime to-day—yours may be a 10th order. STAR P. F. CO., 16 Loring Street, Springfield, Mass.

FINE STAMPS CHEAP

35 Var. Sweden for..... 17c
100 Var. of Good Stamps..... 10c
Two above lots for 25c. Post free. Stamps on approval at 50 per cent discount. Send good reference.

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The October forms will close Oct. 20th.

Advertising rates 10c per inch each insertion.

With this issue volume eleven of the AMERICAN MONTHLY is closed. Volume twelve promises to be one of the most successful ever sent out. We shall make this one of the most entertaining collectors magazine issued.—Coins, Stamps and Relics.

We have recently added to our mail list the names of fourteen hundred Canadian stamp collectors to be used in sending out specimen copies. We want 1000 new subscribers before Jan. 1-t, 1902, and we are making a Big effort to get them, and we are getting them too.

The summer vacation season generally known as the dull season, has not been a dull season with us.

Our subscription list has nearly doubled during the past four weeks.

The Auxiliary Philatelist has ceased publication. Thus another philatelic publication passes away.

Patronize our advertisers.

New Greek Stamps.

The new Greek stamps are especially pretty and possess real artistic merit. The series consist of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60lep. and 1, 2, 3, 4 drachmas, in the same small size as the present series of Greek stamps, and a 5 drachmas of double size printed in (color) gold. They resemble the Olympian issue, each stamp being of a different illustration, the whole being typical Greek.

The work and engraving was done in London, where the very pretty bank notes of the little kingdom are printed (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.) and it is hoped that the issue will be a permanent one by the Greek ministry.

Valuable stamps should be kept in a first-class album. A boy's collection that is never expected to raise above the hundred dollar mark can be suitably housed in one of the dollar albums, but if the collection is expected to reach up in the thousands the twenty dollar book is the thing. Again the collection may not be expected to reach very large proportions but to be an exceedingly choice selection of special countries. In this case the individual leaf plan should be adopted, this has the advantage of small cost and can grow up with the country.

Used specimens of all values of the Pan-American are in great demand, and are commanding fair prices, certainly enough to pay for the effort of removing from the envelope. Dealers are now advertising for them, and present prices are better than can be expected when the market is more fully supplied.

The placing on the market of the Pan-American series seems to have had no effect in lessening the quantities of the ordinary set. This seems almost contradictory, yet at the Bureau there is said to be no falling off in the calls for the ordinary issue. As a result it has been necessary for several weeks to operate an additional night shaft.

Advertising Rates, 10c per inch.

Books for Stamps.

I will give 10 complete novels in paper form for every 50 Pan-American, Columbian or Omaha stamps sent me in good condition. J. T. Lively, 1440 E. Dunning St., Chicago, Ill.

P. S.—Will give books for other stamps also. What do you offer?

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1 inch adv in Philatelic West	17c
1 inch adv in Adhesive	23c
1 inch adv in Swap	15c
Circulars mailed, per hundred	8c
Circulars distributed per 1000	1.25

Please send for other rates.

Will mail 100 circulars for 20 names of stamp collectors.

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25 varieties of stamps catalogued at one dollar. No two packets alike. Price per packet....

19c

GEO. H. HOPE,

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Summer Bargains.

All unused entire and very fine except as noted.

1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c Buffalo stamps, unused	\$0 33
Same set used and very fine	13
1 to 50c Omaha stamps, used and fine	25
Complete set Omaha Expo Official Postals, new	18
Complete set Columbian Exposition Official Postals, new	65
Complete set Buffalo Expo Official cards, new	30
Comp set Columbian Env (22) new	10
Comp set 2c 1899 Die A Env (5) new	70
2c inverted I R Revenue, new	12
\$1 00 Omaha beautiful used copies	65
Comp set Centennial Env (3) new	75
1c to 50c Columbian unused O G	1 40
50c Columbian beautiful used copies	30
1861—10c green on buff Envelope entire and new	45
1864—6c purple on white envelope entire and new	40
Finland Mourning Stamp, new	08

The above are all guaranteed goods or no sale.

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PUBLISH A PAPER—We will print 500 copies of a 6x9 paper on book paper for only \$3.00, cash with order, for a four page paper; or an eight page paper for \$5.00. M. R. KING, Cobleskill, N. Y.

→ The Mail Order Trade ←

The Mail Order Business.

To market an article through mail order advertising means to quickly introduce it to the most responsive buying public under the sun. There are millions of people who now look to the advertisements in their favorite family papers to supply nearly all of their wants. For the mail order business does not consist entirely of catch-penny trade, with boys and girls, although this trade is a very profitable branch of the mail order business, but everything that a family eats, wears and uses is now sold by mail. The manufacturer who can supply a good article at a low price can quickly build up a profitable business.

Don't go into the mail order business when you feel you have not the ability to make a success in other business.

To be effective, your ad must be plain enough to be understood at its first reading.

Originality in advertising is a good thing only when it is common sense originality.

An ad crowded with display lines is as unwieldy to the eye as an overgrown soggy booklet is to the hand. A light, neat, attractive handful and eye-ful should be the rule in both cases.

The advertising that is hardest to write is the kind that turns the people after they have started the other way.

"All Nations Welcome Here (but Carrie)" is the sign in the window of a Third Avenue saloon in New York.

The only standard is one of judgment. The advertiser should pay for that publicity only which brings justifiable returns. If a small magazine reaches as many prospective buyers of his individual wares as a vastly larger one, it is the better medium of the two.

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ELECTRIC CLOTHES CLEANER

will remove stains, grease, dirt, paint, from woolen goods, coat collars, ties, hats. It will make old clothes look like new. Sent for 10c a package.

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10 CENTS PER OUNCE, POSTPAID.
Every 5th purchaser receives a 1c U. S. salt '94 o. g. cat 10c FREE.

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8 pages 9x12 inches.

A trial will please you; cant help it.

SEND 10 cents for one inch trial ad and we will give you a 10 weeks subscription FREE.

Subscription price 50c per year.

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PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE. We have a hand press in good running order. Will print two pages of an 8 column paper, price \$60 cash. Worth \$135. We need the room for a larger press.
M. R. KING, COBLESKILL, N. Y.

A BOOK of nearly 400 Money Making Secrets, some of them the best in the world, by mail postpaid 10c. Also catalogue of some of the best patented goods in the world. Agents can make \$3 to \$5 per day with these two lines of goods. Address, M. D. Rowland, Mgr. Grand Mfg. & Introduction Co., Box 837, Grand Ledge, Mich. 5t3

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That has always cured the nose bleed wherever used that I will send to anyone postpaid for 15c, also a sure cure for headache for 20c.

MRS. S. W. SHEPARD.

3-5 Box 290, Mansfield, Mass.

LOOK! Your future prospects in life, and destiny scientifically and truthfully revealed to you through astrology. The Science of the Stars. To be convinced, send 50c for a trial reading, with your address, year, month, name, sex, and date of birth, and the hour if possible to Prof. Gustave Meyer, Scientific American Astrologer, 201 Washington Street, Hoboken, N. J. 33

N. B.—Write for my free literature on Astrology.

PAN AMERICAN STAMPS FREE—Until Nov. 1, 1901, we will give a complete set of unused Pan-American postage stamps with every 10th order we receive for a stick of our Solidified MUCIMENT at 10 cts. sent postpaid. The 10th order, 20th and so on will receive the stamps. Postmark on envelope will indicate position of order. Muciment can be used as a mullage and cement—hence the name. Mends china, wood, glass, &c. No bottle. Cant spill. No sticky brush. Always ready for use. Send your dime to day—yours may be a 10th order. STAR P. F. CO., 16 Loring St., Springfield, Mass.

BOYS AND GIRLS—Send us your name and address and we will send you 10 Beautiful Stick Pins to sell for 10c each. When sold send us 50c. Address, Majestic Mfg. Co., (D) 380 Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.

PRINTERS

Send your name and address for my bargain list of new and second-hand type, cuts, borders, ornaments, &c. Will accept good clean stamps, sets or single in X for printing material. What have you? J. T. Lively, 1440 E. Dunning St., Chicago, Ill.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

To every one sending 10c in silver for our 10 formulas the ones we originally sold for 25c (Look in April No. of this paper) we will give absolutely free one of the greatest novelties, "The Magic Wand and Ring."

Send for one now and you will want a dozen more.

Conker Novelty Co.,

Chas. F. Stasch, Mgr.

Station F, Dept. C, Chicago, Ill. 5t2

Coin Collecting

Bogus Bank Notes.

SAN FRANCISCO—(Special)—Secret service agents have arrested three men here on a charge of passing notes printed from the stolen plates of the defunct State bank of New Brunswick, N. J. The men are Frank J. Perry, William Hogan and E. W. Smith. The latter has been for eight years chief clerk of the life-saving service in this city. Perry, who has been under arrest for a week, gave the information on which Hogan and Smith were taken.

It was discovered only recently that the bank's plates were in existence. It is said that possibly \$1,000,000 will not cover the amount of bogus notes put in circulation since the institution went out of business. No trace of the plates has yet been obtained.

NEW YORK — (Special.) — Government secret service officers to-night visited New Brunswick, N. J., and obtained possession of the plates and nearly \$200,000 face value of the notes of the old State Bank of New Brunswick.

The bank went into liquidation some years ago. Col. John A. Newell, who is now dead, was appointed receiver and in winding up the affairs of the institution, he sold the old note plates to Adam Ludwig, a junk dealer of New Brunswick, as old metal. Ludwig also bought the waste paper and all the junk out of the bank. In the waste he found about half a million dollars worth of notes. These were in the original sheets and uncut and unsigned.

These notes he sold or gave to Jacob Weigel, who is a collector of coins and old notes and who has a large collection. Weigel kept them some years and then sold many of them to dealers in all parts of the country.

Among others he sold some to

Greenburg & Smith, of San Francisco. This firm, Mr. Wiegel says, afterward sent him large orders for the notes and in all purchased some \$175,000 worth, counting their face value. The plates remained in possession of the junk dealer.

To-night the secret service agents saw Mr. Wiegel. They were satisfied with his explanation and he gave them what he had remaining of the notes, except those he kept for his collection. He was not arrested.

Ludwig, the junk man, turned over the plates which were still in the package in which they were wrapped after last being used. There could be no question that they had never been used since last the bank ran off a lot of the bills.

The October issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will please you. It will have many interesting articles. Send in an ad at once.

100 ENVELOPES with name and address neatly printed on sent by mail for 30c. NEWS, Cobleskill, N. Y.

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COINS STAMPS

Old U S half cent	25c
Big U S cent	5c
3 cent nickel (scarce)	8c
3 cent silver	15c
V nickel "no cents"	12c
Foreign coin (500 kinds) each	5c
Chinese coin	4c
Japanese coin	6c
U S half dollars 1820-1830, each	68c
Liberty Head 10 cents	20c
Liberty Head 25 cents	35c
Half Dimes, scarce	8c
\$10 Confederate bill	5c
\$100 Confederate bill	18c
Colonial coin (American)	30c
Ancient Indian arrows, each	5c

Large list of coins, stamps, bills and curios for 2 stamps. Stamps accepted same as money.

R. D. HAY,

Winston, N. C.

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\$100 00 C S A Bill	15c
20 00 " "	6c
10 00 " "	5c
1 00 N C State Bill	5c
2 00 " " "	6c
10c " " "	5c
Confederate Stamp	6c
Big old U S wheel cent	5c
U S half cent	25c
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Indian arrow	5c
Indian Spear	10c
3 old coins	17c
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Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Ancient Coins

JUST IMPORTED
FROM EUROPE.

Genuine Third Bronze Roman Coins, over 1500 years old, with biographical note of Emperor...	15c
5 unclassified Greek Coins (500-100 B. C.).....	45c
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6 different southern state fractional bills.....	12c
Confederate \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20, five pieces, only.....	22c
25 old worn bills, Confederate, State, B. B., etc., 1837 up.....	22c
6 beautiful crisp broken bank notes, bank of N. J., \$1 to \$20.....	55c

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Garnets, Austr. and Mex. Opals, Agates, Onyx, Pearls, etc., each.....	15c
6 Fine Gem Stones—Cameo, Pearl, Opals, Agate, Garnet, etc., only.....	80c

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→ The Mail Order Trade ←

Try your advertisement on yourself. Consider whether or not it would appeal to you, were you a buyer.

Every business announcement should ring with the faith and confidence of the man who pays for its appearance.

With no class of writers do words count for so much as do adwriters. Every word costs; on it may rest success or failure; it should, therefore, have sledge-hammer force, high-pressure steam behind it.

There is really no class of people to whom it is profitable to send cheaply gotten up booklets and literature. The better class are used to and demand the best, while the humbler folks regard it not only as a novelty, but as a compliment.

Getting customers from replies is of more importance than getting replies from advertisements. Few advertisers realize this. The tendency among advertisers is to pay more attention to getting replies than to replies themselves.

"The right goods rightly exploited in the right quarter" is the principle that underlies all other advertising principles. Some communities will buy automobiles, while others are in need of a patent knife for peeling potatoes with the minimum of waste.

There is no kind of advertising so cheap as newspaper advertising and there is no kind which produces such immediate and satisfactory returns. The posting of bills, the use of street car signs and the mailing of circulars costs infinitely more per thousand for the same amount of advertising and it is seldom so effective.

Too Clever.

A CERTAIN drug clerk, whose attempted cleverness the *Pittsburg Daily News* records, had heard the story of the colored woman who, on asking for flesh-colored court-plaster, was given black by the observant shopkeeper; and he treasured up the incident, hoping for an opportunity to imitate the sharpness of the dealer.

His opportunity came. One evening a comely colored girl stepped into the store where he was employed.

"I wants some coun't-plaster," she said. "What color?" inquired the clerk, with affected nonchalance.

"Flesh cullah, sah."

Trembling in his shoes, and keeping within reach of a heavy pestle, the clerk handed the young woman a box of black court-plaster. He was surprised at the time that the situation afforded so little humor. The girl opened the box with a deliberation that was ominous, but her face was unruffled as she noted the color of the contents.

"I guess you mus' 'a' misunderstood my ordah. I asked for flesh cullah, and you done give me skin cullah," she said.

The drug clerk is said to be still a little dazed, and he has firmly resolved to subject every joke to rigid laboratory test hereafter before using.

A Chance For All.

What sunny roads of happiness leads out
Beyond the realms of indolence and doubt!

— ELIA WHEELER WILCOX.

Squire Pippins—Wa-al Hiram, how is all yer folks?

Hiram Hoecake—Our family ain't as big as it was. Pa butchered our pig, an' somebody stole our dawg, an' brother bill got a job in town.

Mr. Goops—Wasn't there some kind of a hitch about the wedding of Mr. Spoonstigh and Miss Mooney?

Mr. Whoop—No; the groom did not show up, and so there wasn't any hitch at all.

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\$1000 FOR 10 CENTS. Remainder Mailed **MONEY**
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ADDRESS

The Illustrated News,
COBLESKILL, N. Y.

RELIGS

Victoria's Autograph Book.

The kaiser is probably the last personage to inscribe his name in Queen Victoria's autograph book. This book has been carefully preserved by her majesty during the 61 years of her long reign and contains a remarkable rich collection of autographs, including those of a pope, four czars and several German kings and emperors. Among French autographs in the royal album are those of King Louis Philippe and Napoleon III. The late shah and the Sultan Abdul Aziz also inscribed their names on the historic roll.

A Relic of 1812.

While working in a potato field on Dr. La Rocque's farm at Malone, one day recently, a cannon ball larger than a croquet ball, and weighing over five pounds, although badly eaten with rust, was found. The ground has been worked several seasons, but nothing of the kind was seen, and it must have been from two to three feet under the ground and turned up by last spring's plowing. It was still under ground when found, but not so deep but that a hoe struck it. People who have seen it are wondering how it came there. Some think it has been there since the occupation of Wilkinson's army in the winter of 1813, when from 7,000 to 14,000 men wintered at Malone, (N. Y.)

Most Beautiful Woman Is Dead.

Miss Maude Coleman Woods, of Charlottesville, Va., died recently at her home in that city. Miss Woods was pronounced the most beautiful woman in America by a committee from the Pan-American exposition, and her profile adorns all of the medals issued by the board of award.

Patronize our advertisers.



Roy Farrell Greene.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Roy Farrell Greene, was born at Three Rivers, Mich., in 1873. In 1878 he moved to the Sunflower State. Five years of his life was spent on an Oklahoma cattle ranch, and subsequently several years on a Kansas farm, which familiarized him with the common life of the Western pioneer. He gives his occupation now as that of a journalist, and lays claim to that title honestly, since for the past few years he has been a frequent contributor to *Munsey's*, *Puck*, *Judge*, *Life*, *Truth*, *Leslie's Weekly*, etc. As a writer of dialect poems and society verses he is best known to the reading public, although he has written a few stories and sketches. His forms are widely copied and he has won no little amount of fame.

As a stamp collector Mr. Greene was well known to the philatelic world some years ago, he having filled several honorable positions in the philatelic societies and being one of the founders of the Philatelic Sons of America and has done a great deal of work for stamp literature of the period, being connected with all important philatelic magazines.

At present he is devoutly interested in curio collecting and is serving as President of the Curio Society until an election shall be held.

The November issue of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will be a Thanksgiving number.

Advertising Rates 10c Per Inch.

SELF-HELP, a magazine of short stories, mutual helpfulness, inspiration and home studies, has a paid circulation in over twenty-five States in the United States and some in Canada. The best paper for advertisers. Rates 10c per line, twelve lines to the inch, six-point measure. Cash with order. Address, **SELF-HELP**, York, Pa.

Speaking of Gifts what could be more dainty than a reliable Thermometer in the shape of a French shoe (1 3/4 inches long). Ladies attach them to fancy work. We send one postpaid for 16 cents. **CHEERY NOVELTY COMPANY**, 216 Box 532, Dept. X, Middletown, N. Y.

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Just to make your business acquaintance, "The Mail Bag" for 3 months for 10 cents and your 30 word advertisement once free, or 1 year for 25 cents and same space 3 issues.

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Advertising space in the October issue can be had now—the forms will close the 20th of October. Circulation 1500 copies.

The closing day for our November number will be announced in the October issue. At that time we shall issue a very neat Thanksgiving number.

Advertisers will please count eight lines to the inch for their ads.

All advertisements are classified in four departments: Stamps, Mail Order Goods, Coins and Relics.

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HE HAD THE MONEY.

A Western millionaire, who has made a fortune out of mines, and who is remarkable alike for his liberality and for his ignorance of his bank account, says the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, was asked one day to contribute to an object of charity. The canvasser suggested that one thousand dollars would be an acceptable contribution.

"That isn't enough," replied the capitalist. "I will give you five thousand if I have the money in the bank. Wait until I call up and inquire."

He summoned a clerk and told him

to telephone to the bank to inquire if he had five thousand dollars on deposit, as he desired to contribute that sum, if possible, to a worthy object. The clerk returned, and reported that the bank advised that he had three hundred and eighty thousand dollars in the bank.

"Dear me," cried the capitalist, "as much as that! Well, make out that check for five thousand dollars."



FULLY QUALIFIED.

Examinations for admission to the bar are easy or severe, often according to the humor of the examiner, says the *Youth's Companion*. A story is told of a judge in a certain district of Florida famous for its bad roads and numerous creeks and rivers.

A young man had presented himself for examination. The judge looked him over, and then inquired, with great gravity:

"Can you ride?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you own a horse?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can he swim?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then, sir, I am very glad to welcome you to the practice of law in my district.



KINDNESS BEGETS KINDNESS.

To say that "kindness begets kindness" is to utter a truism; yet a truism may be worth repeating when it illustrates the efficacy of human sympathy.

A transport returning from Manila with United States troops touched at Yokohama, where many of the soldiers went ashore,

One of their number, while enjoying a bicycle ride, accidentally ran into an aged Japanese, whose movements were so erratic, despite the soldier's warnings, that collision was unavoidable. Prompt arrest and a fine of ten yen (five dollars) followed. While paying, the soldier protested, through an interpreter, that he had given warning of his approach with voice and bell.

He was then told that the old man was deaf and blind, and instantly

indignation became softened into compassion. The soldier's hand sought his pocket, and he drew forth a ten dollar bill. Handing it to the interpreter he said: "Here! It's the last I've got. Give it to the old man," and so saying, he made a hasty exit from the court. The Japanese present were deeply impressed, and the following day a deputation of policemen came on board the transport, found the soldier, and returned to him the amount of his fine,—their own contribution,—with words expressive of their appreciation and regret.—The *Youth's Companion*.



THE FAMILY HOME RUN.

The national game is frequently productive of "home runs," and one of the most interesting of this variety of tallies was made by a Philadelphia batsman in Chicago.

He hit the ball squarely, and drove it over the right field fence. It entered the window in the second story of a house, rolled down the back stairs into the kitchen, and lodged in a pan of dough under the stove.

The natural inference is that the family partook the next day of ball-bearing bread.

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THE October edition of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will go to press promptly

on the 20th of October. It will be one of the best numbers we have sent out, and the typographical appearance will be much improved. The circulation will be 1500 copies. Advertisers will do well to patronize this number. Rates, as usual, 10c per inch.

Arthur R. Magill reports that he has sold his *Philatelic Advocate*,

With the September number Starnaman Bros. cease the publication of their famous *Philatelic Advocate*. The subscription list and good will has been sold to Mr. W. G. L. Paxman of Quebec, who will consolidate the *Advocate* with the *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*. We are sorry to learn of this move on the part of the Starnaman Bros. and we trust that we may hear from them again in the editorial capacity in the near future, as their *Advocate* was always bright and newsy and reflected credit upon its management. The increase in their job printing business is the cause of this move, not having time to conduct both properly.

We too have found it hard at times to get out the AMERICAN MONTHLY and give the necessary attention to our job printing business, and have thus decided to put out a weekly paper in connection with the monthly and will give nearly all of my attention to the editorial management and secure others to do the mechanical work. This will enable me to give each department more careful attention than I would otherwise be able to do. We trust that you will give the weekly a share of your patronage.



We have devoted several years as editor, reporter, foreman and printer of the daily and weekly press which will enable me to

manage the new philatelic weekly newspaper with a greater degree of accuracy than is usually put in a new publication of this character.

The varieties in printing Pan-American stamps will keep collectors busy.

The *Philatelic Trader* says: "Do you know what those characters on the stamps of China means? Translated into English the characters on the right mean, 'Started from this country,' and those on the opposite side, 'To be delivered to whom addressed.'"

We are in receipt of a copy of the third edition of a *Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps*, published by Wm. R. Adams, Toronto, Ont., Can. It is the most complete book of the kind issued, and a copy can be had of the publisher for only 10c.

The consolidation of Redfield's *Philatelic Post* with Mekeel's *Weekly* and the incorporation of the Company under the laws of New York State was a matter of much surprise to us. This will make a strong combination, and will help boom philately in no small way.

J. M. Bartels has moved from Washington to Boston, a much better location we should think.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. announce that the 61st edition of their catalogue will be issued about Nov. 1st, 1901.

Philately is young. The time will come and before many more years,

when all minor varieties will be catalogued and priced, and many of them will bear a good price. Do not be bound to present catalogues. Collect all the novelties and minor varieties now while you can. The time may come when your "minor" variety will turn out to be a "major" variety in the matter of price and scarcity.

Advertisers cannot get good returns from an ad by offering to sell silver dimes for 15c, when another dealer in the same issue offers to sell at 11c. Condemning the publication does not benefit the advertiser. The public generally patronizes those who sell the cheapest. The advertiser who makes his prices reasonable generally has no trouble to sell his goods.

The question is often asked "Why do we not have a registered letter stamp?" To many the reason is plain. Having such a stamp would necessitate the carrying of a supply for emergencies, or a trip to the post-office every time you desired to register a letter. Again, registered stamps would meet with many objections which are now accorded to the Special Delivery stamp. Many people would place them on a letter irrespective of weight, believing that it must carry it because it is a registered stamp. Under the present method, all such errors are corrected when the letter is handed in for registration.

MY APPROVAL BOOKS filled with attractive stamps comprising all the latest issues at 50 pc com., sent on reference; Scott's catalogue 60th post paid 58c; Eureka hinges, 1000 for 10c; fine Imperial stamp album, post paid, 31c. 1899 Documentary Revenues, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and 80c, 1, 3 and \$5, post paid for 60c. Packet of 50 stamps all different 5c. Packet of 100 stamps all different 10c. F. B. ELDRIDGE, Mansfield, Mass.

DID YOU EVER get a headache from looking over and studying your stamps, or from any other cause, if so you should take our "Good Shepard Headache Tablets, 20c a box by mail, enough to cure a dozen headaches. Will put in a good stamp if you only mention it. The Good Shepard Pill & Tablet Co., Box 290, Mansfield, Mass. 3-5

Hints For Beginners.

It has been said 'The way of the transgressor is hard.' In philately this might be said of the beginners. For on the unsuspecting beginner, it is, that the dishonest depend for a living. On him they palm off their trash. All of us pick up a few counterfeits and make various other mistakes, but by these we may profit in the end. However, if we begin our stamp collecting in the right manner, care and system, afterwards, will reduce these errors to a minimum.

There is an old saying to the effect that the cage should be prepared before the bird is caught. This holds good in stamp collecting. As soon as possible, upon the possession of the few stamps that start your collection, get a good album—one which has printed spaces for the stamps and in which you can tell exactly where the stamp belongs. The so-called "Beginners' Albums" are, after all, not so valuable at this stage, as they do not give "our amateur collector" what he really most needs. For instance, they do not tell what other stamps comprise a certain set, and often do not illustrate all the types. A blank album should be used only by the advanced collector.

Every collector should own, too, a catalogue. With its aid, he can study his stamps more carefully and may discover varieties which, without it, he might never have found. Viewed in this light the catalogue is a money saver. Indeed, persons have often been compelled upon the purchase of a catalogue to buy varieties of stamps which they had already owned, but had traded as duplicates. In addition to his album and catalogue, every collector should provide himself with a good magnifying glass, a millimeter scale, a perforation gauge and a watermark detector. These appliances assist him in the study of his stamps by disclosing many different varieties and, again save him money.

Now for the stamps themselves. In collecting, if you have the time and the money, collect generally, if not, some particular country, or set of countries, and specialize. Even if a

general collector it is well to have some certain country to whose stamps you pay especial attention. Always be careful as to the condition of your specimens. This is of prime importance as stamps in poor condition are worth little. Be sure to free all stamps from any paper which may adhere to the back and in mounting use very thin hinges. The lack of neatness in some collections is almost painful. Often the stamps are not evenly mounted; often they have paper sticking to the back, and often yet they are torn or soiled. Avoid all these faults. Arrange your collection neatly and you will increase its beauty fifty per cent.

Beginners are usually very much afraid of unused stamps, believing them to be reprints. Small wonder. Their heads have been filled with nonsense about reprints and counterfeit until they look with suspicion upon all unused stamps. Here, again, the catalogue is of use. The only way to protect yourselves, beginners, is to deal with reliable dealers and collectors.

In conclusion, let me say, do not make philately a hobby, but a study. Begin carefully and methodically and soon philately ceases to be a mere diversion and becomes not only a pleasant, but a profitable pursuit from which great and lasting benefits may be gained.—Buckeye Philatelist.

The Washington correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly writes: "Collectors of private proprietary stamps will doubtless be interested that another of the rarest of all has been discovered by the writer. It is said to be the third known of the Caterson. Brotz & Co. playing card stamp which is now listed at \$200. This stamp was never placed into use as the law was repealed before the supply could be delivered. Twenty-five thousand five hundred were ordered December 4th, 1882. The entire supply is said to have been destroyed, but two other copies besides this one were in some way saved before reaching the flames. Unfortunately this specimen has had the perforations trimmed off on all sides, but is otherwise fine and has the

original gum. How often it happens that when a fine stamp of this kind is found that it has to be damaged in some way.

Dr. Ferrari of Paris is believed to be the most enthusiastic stamp collector in the world. He has abundant means to gratify his whim, and will pay almost any price for a specimen he does not possess. He has spent about 500,000, and has a collection which numbers over 100,000. Dr. Ferrari employs constantly six secretaries to handle new issues, revise and rearrange the old ones and assort, mount and catalogue the stamps that are constantly pouring in.

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Stamp Collectors

Fine stamps on approval sheets at 50 per cent commission. References required. A stamp given to all applying for my approval sheets. I have for sale a second-hand Imperial stamp album places for 3000 stamps in it. I will sell it for 20c. C. F. LEACH, Box 53, Bloomfield, Iowa.

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Stamps—1000 foreign 20c; 100 good do 15c.

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Bargains in Stamps.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Johnson has issued an order designed to prevent clerks in postoffices and superintendents in charge and clerks in branch stations from encouraging the purchase of postage stamps and postal cards by outside persons. The penalty for violation of the order is removal from office. The abuse is somewhat prevalent in the vicinity of every large city, but particularly in New York City, and the sale of stamps to business firms within the territory of the city offices by agents of postoffices in small places it is estimated has grown to an aggregate annual sale of \$250,000 worth of stamps. The advantage gained by the forced sale of stamps is increased salaries for the postmasters and in largely increased allowances for clerks and other office expenses. For instance, a postmaster at a fourth-class office might easily increase his salary from \$320 to \$1,000 per year by selling a single "order" of \$2,000 worth of stamps. In order to obtain purchasers such postmasters are believed to offer their stamps at a discount. By selling \$2,000 worth of stamps for \$1,750—a sufficient inducement to procure a purchaser under almost any circumstance—the postmaster would still clear a profit of \$430. On this principle it is accepted that most of the stamp sales indicated have been made. A phase of this same abuse of the postal regulations is not covered by the changes in the regulations ordered. Large manufacturing firms, particularly such as do an extensive advertising, solicit the establishment of a fourth-class office near their works, have one of the proprietors appointed postmaster, detail a clerk to perform the duties, and credit the salary paid as so much postage obtained free.—New York Sun.

Italy's New Stamps.

The postage stamps of 20 cents, 25 cents and 40 cents for the new issue of Victor Emmanuel II., of which 6,000,000 have already been printed, bear the king's head, says the London Pall Mall Gazette. The printing

of the stamps of smaller value is proceeding rapidly. These will bear an eagle of varying size instead of the king's head. The designs were made by Signor Colletti, a Venetian artist. The engraving is on steel by Alberto Repettati, who has also been chosen to cut the new dies for the coupons of the public debt. They will differ only in minor particulars from the old ones, as they are still to bear the portrait of the late king.

It is very probable that the various issues of Honduras from 1890 to 1898, with parallel bar cancellations are remainders, cancelled by the government and then sold to collectors and dealers. This idea seems very probable, because all of these stamps cancelled with the bars had the full gum on the back showing distinctly. This ought to make even collectors who buy only used specimens of Seebecks hesitate, for the stamps with bar-cancellations (if they were obliterated for the special use of the collector) are no more a postage stamp than an unused one, and ought to receive no more attention from a philatelist than a spool label. A Seebeck is only collectable when it has been post marked and used on a letter. Under such condition one authority thinks Seebecks can be collected.—Columbus Philatelist.

Less than fifty years ago there was really no postal system in this country. Previous to 1847 mails were carried by private firms and rates varied according to distance; Carriers often traveled on foot or horseback and the process was slow. In 1846 some of the postoffices issued stamps of their own, called "provisional issues." The adhesive stamp was first used in this country in 1847, and prepayment was made compulsory in 1856. In 1853 the stamp contained the head of Andrew Jackson was issued, and from then until 1875 the style adopted contained the profiles of presidents of the United States.

We are planning for a Thanksgiving number of the AMERICAN MONTHLY. Particulars next issue.

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HUNDREDS of dollars worth of Stamps given away Free. Send stamp for particulars. This is an offer that you should not let pass and is a good way to get stamps without cost.

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Coin Collecting

Gold Hidden in 1856 Found.

In a safe on the premises of Melville E. Wygant of Port Richmond, Staten Island, is a great pile of gold coins, enough of them to fill a half-bushel measure. According to the best belief of the historians of the neighborhood the money was buried by John D. Hatfield, who died in 1856. John J. Hatfield, the only living male heir, at present is working at Bayonne for \$1.50 per day. The treasure was found while tearing down the old house. Charles Rosenteld, who sold the building to John Darcey, and Wygant, the owner of the land, all claim the gold.

Kaffir Banking.

The Kaffirs have a remarkable simple method of banking. Before setting out to trade they select one of their number as their banker and put all their money in his bag. When an article is purchased by any of those who are in the combine, the price is taken by the banker, counted several times and then paid to the seller, after which all the bank depositors cry out to the banker, in the presence of two witnesses selected, "You owe me so much." This is then repeated by the witnesses. The general accounting comes between the banker and his several depositors when all the purchases have been made, after which all the natives go home.—London Express.

Found a \$20,000 Pot of Gold.

A pot of gold containing an amount of the yellow metal worth something over \$20,000 was found in a remote precinct of Madison county by Frank Jacks, a poor farmer, says a Huntsville, (Ala.) dispatch to the Memphis Commercial Appeal. The gold was hidden away in a spring which has not been used many years. It is be-

lieved that the gold was buried during the civil war.

The commonest of all our silver coins is the twenty-five cent piece. In the words "quarter dollar" are thirteen letters. Thirteen letters compose E. Pluribus Unum. In the tail of the eagle are thirteen feathers, and in the shield are thirteen lines. There are thirteen stars and thirteen arrow heads, while if you examine the bird through a microscope you will find thirteen feathers in the wing.

In tearing off the roof of an old farm house north of Eldora, Iowa, recently, Marvin Finster found a barrel of money, and to his astonishment was almost buried by the rain of silver dollars. It is believed that some old miser at an early date hid the money, as the dates on the coins are some of them quite old.

The Philadelphia mint sent to St. Louis last week 10,000 new pennies. The shining coins were packed in twenty stout bags of white canvas, 500 to the bag, and went by express. They were not, of course, of any great value, but they were good to look at in their brilliancy because they resembled pieces of gold. One of the mint officials said as they were going off: "There is always a scarcity of pennies in the west, and a superabundance of them in the east. Every little while the banks out there set up a hoot and a cry for pennies, but our banks here are ever glad to rid themselves of their surplusage in these coins. It is difficult to see why such a state of things should be. I'm sure a penny is just as dear to the easterner's heart as to the westerner's; one would no more throw a penny away than the other, yet here we always have too many pennies—there they

never seem to have enough.—Philadelphia Record.

Prosperity has reached Missouri. A Moberly man sold an old pair of trousers with \$165 in one of the pockets for 50 cents.—Minneapolis Times.

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- Confederate \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20, five pieces, only..... 22c
- 25 old worn bills, Confederate, State, B. B., etc., 1837 up..... 22c
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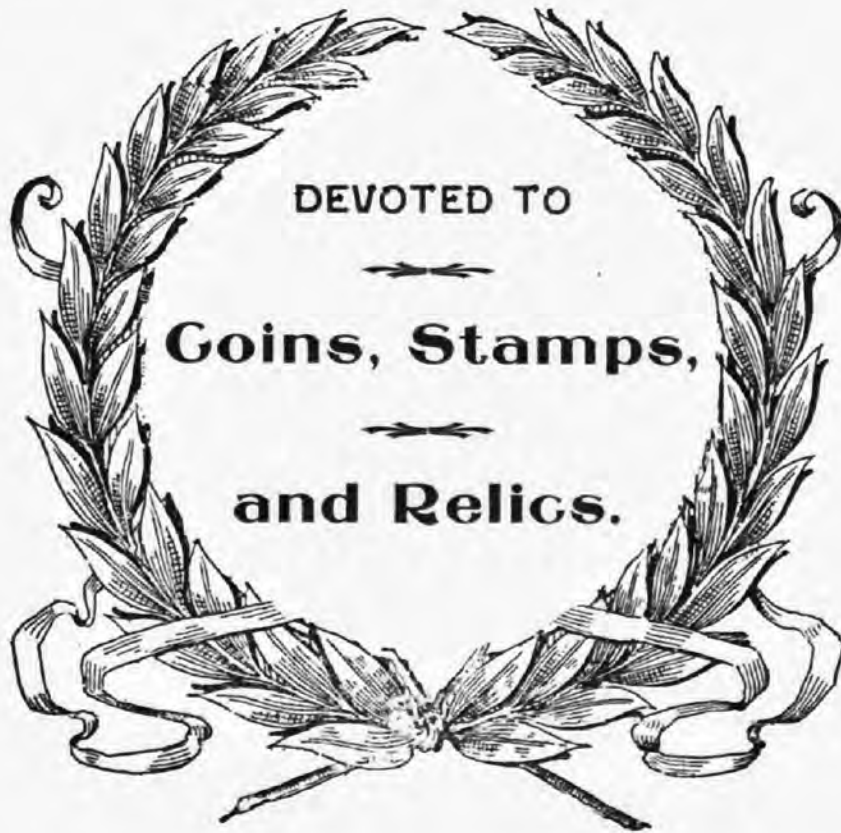
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Will be as distant then as 'tis to-day.
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The largest flower in the world is the Rafflesia Arnoldi, of Sumatra. Its size is fully three feet in diameter—about the size of a carriage wheel. The five petals of this immense flower are oval and creamy white, growing round a center filled with countless long, violet-hued stamens. The flower weighs about 15 pounds, and is capable of containing nearly two gallons of water. The buds are like gigantic brown cabbage heads.

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IN THE SHADOW.

I'm sitting in the shadow of the years,
I'm counting up life's sorrows and its tears,
Its gladsome days, delusive hopes and fears
Of long ago.

Once life was bright and full of joyous song;
Once life to me seemed ever right—not wrong—
Ah! I had then not felt the thorny prong
Of human woe.

For every day of sunshine I have seen,
For every promised joy I've chanced to glean,
For hope beyond life's shadow and its sheen,
It's sunset glow.

I thank the God who sits enthroned on high,
And watcheth with a tender Father's eye,
Our trials that shall vanish bye and bye,
When Heaven we know.

Till then beneath the shadow of the years,
I'll wait until all shadow disappears—
Until from weary human eyes all tears
Shall cease to flow.

—WM. LAURIE HILL.



A THANKSGIVING PRANK.

THE wind cut some mad capers as it rushed along Cottage Grove Avenue, in Chicago, one Thanksgiving afternoon. It tore awnings from buildings, and snatched signboards from their proper places sending them careering wildly through the air. It played sad havoc with the clothes of the people that were hastening to seek shelter from its blistering blasts. However thankful it might be in its own wanton freedom, it did not seem to afford others much cause for thanksgiving.

Men, women and children whose course lay in the same direction as that chosen by the wind, were borne swiftly onward without effort of their own. Those who were compelled to face the frantic gale found themselves

brought into continual conflict.

All at once there arose a quivering cry: "There's a bear in the avenue."

It rent the air far and near, and its echoes spread in every direction.

On one side of the avenue there came moving along, at a rapid rate, a huge black bear. He towered erect, his hind feet alone touching the pavement, and he clung with his fore paws to a powerful staff for support. A suspiciously wicked leer was apparent in the monster's eyes. One could readily imagine he was on mischief bent. Others had set out for a Thanksgiving frolic. He and the wind would interfere in a frolic of their own, it would seem.

The pathway was quickly cleared before him. People fled into the middle of the street, and finally a vast

horde of excited mortals, headed by a troop of children, followed Bruin at a respectful distance.

But the stately being paid no heed to the dire confusion he was causing. He went onward at a more giddy speed than that of any of those who thronged after him. At times, relaxing his grim dignity, he would permit the wind to snatch him up in its arms and roll him over and over again, thus accelerating his progress to an alarming degree.

On what errand was the lordly fellow bent? His eyes were staring straight before him. His head turned neither to the right nor to the left. The raging of the elements could have no terror for him.

Every building on his route poured forth its inmates. They joined the

procession, and tumbled forward pell-mell in pursuit of the rushing furry coat. Frantic shouts and frenzied screams blended with the howling of the wind.

Finally, the fiercest gale that had yet blown caught Bruin in its savage embrace, turned numerous daring somersaults with him, and then landing him on the pavement played a pretty rough game of foot-ball with him. Rather savage thanksgiving sport it was. It did not last long before the victim was struck with violence against the sharp edge of a curb-stone.

Poor Bruin, with all his proud dignity; he was powerless before the majesty of the fierce element that had chosen to humble him!

He lay very still. Could it be that he was mortally wounded? A hush came over the wondering throng, that now, drawing not too near, closed around him.

The wind still hovered about in fitful gales. Suddenly it was apparent that a quantity of peculiar dust was being whirled about. It was caught up by the wind, sent flying through the street, and flung sharply into the surrounding faces. What manner of dust could it be?

A lad, bolder than his companions, approached the motionless monster. He peered into Bruin's wide-open eyes. He cautiously touched the big fellow's gaping wound. He put his finger in the dusty stuff that lay in a heap close by. Then he looked up into the awe-stricken faces of the bystanders, and burst into peals of laughter. He laughed louder and louder. He doubled himself into a heap. He jumped up and down and shouted at the top of his lungs.

The startled group pressed forward. In the twinkling of an eye, the explanation of Bruin's strange behavior became known. The merry lad who had fathomed the mystery no longer laughed alone.

Bruin, this majestic, awe-inspiring Bruin, was nothing more or less than a sign-post—a bear-skin stuffed with saw-dust. Later investigation proved that it had stood guard for many a long day in front of a respectable furrier's establishment.

Never before had he forsaken his post. The wind was responsible for his Thanksgiving escapade. It had seized him, and borne him onward without asking his leave.

Boreas is responsible for many strange pranks.

DORA'S DECISION.

BY MAY B. BROWN.

"Yes," grumbled Henry Carter, casting a withering glance at his sister, "that's always the way with a woman. She starts out so brash, sure that she can do a man's work; but before long she comes back, all broken down, to be taken care of. I told you how it would be when you went away.

Dora Carter, sitting pale and dejected in the wooden arm-chair, raised her head and shot an indignant glance at her brother.

"But, Henry, you know it wasn't clerking that broke me down. The doctor said that my health was undermined when I came back and helped nurse your children through the scarlet fever, and that working right along after that, without rest, was too much for me. He says it is no wonder women fail in business so often, since they always go into it exhausted from doing so many other kinds of work."

"Stuff and nonsense!" snorted her brother. "Just like a woman to blame some one else for her own failings! I helped nurse the children, too, and my health wasn't undermined. But no matter about your notions; you are here, and I have you to take care of, and I only hope you will appreciate what it is to be supported when times are as hard as they are now. And you might lend me a hand with the milking, since that doctor you're so fond of quoting has ordered outdoor exercise for you."

And Dora, meekness in her bearing, but rebellion in her heart, followed her brother to the corral, where the cows were shut up for the night. She thought of much that was past. She remembered that her brother had secured a deed of the large farm he owned from their father on promise that he would always take care of Dora; and now, after the old man had died, she had endured life with him and his pale, rejected wife, as dependent upon him financially as she was herself, to whom never a penny went except grudgingly; how she had worked at all kinds of work, indoors and out, a veritable pauper, and how, at last, in an unusual burst of indignation, through the influence of the circuit minister, she had secured a position as clerk in a large dry goods store in Big Bend, the nearest large town—a good-sized one, indeed, for Kansas.

Her eagerness to master the details of the business, her quickness, and absorption in her work, soon advanced her, until she was in charge of two or three departments. Then her brother's children were attacked with scarlet fever, and he had summoned her back to the farm to help, from which nursing she had gone back to work broken down in

health, and a long illness ensued, during which her brother had not troubled himself to inquire what might be her chances for life. When she was able to leave her room, the doctor issued an edict to the effect that she must not return to the store for a year, and that at least two-thirds of her waking time should be spent outdoors.

So, against her will, she had been forced to go back to her brother, who had at once taken the opportunity to use her case as proof of all his arguments against women in business life, or, indeed, women who thought for themselves at all.

But Dora, since her entry into the business world, had learned to think for herself, and was quite different from the meek, cowed little drudge that she had been. As she seated herself on the milking stool, and gave the sleek cow a pat, there was a rebellion in her blue eyes and a defiant curve about her lips that said Henry Carter's ascendancy was over, so far as one woman was concerned in it.

"I can't stay here," she said to herself. "I know my own place in the world too well to be the servant that I was once. Between now and morning I must think out another way of living for the next year."

And while Dora was "thinking out" her problem that night, her brother, in the room below, gave his wife economical counsel.

"Now that Dora's come back, Marcia, I want her made use of, for we can't have any ladyfied airs around here. She



FOLLOWED HER BROTHER.

can help you with your fall cleaning, and with the whitewashing and soap making, so you won't have to hire anyone. And you can send word to Abbie Snow to-morrow that you won't need her to sew for you; so there will be three weeks' wages saved, anyway."

"But, Henry," deprecated his wife, "do you think it would be just right to treat

your only sister that way?" She won't get strong very fast if we keep her at work indoors."

"Marcia, I'm surprised at you," retorted her husband, with asperity. "You act as though I had nothing to say about such matters. If Dora don't like the way I treat her, she may better herself, if she can, but I happen to know that she hasn't any money left, and so she can't choose. And as for 'growing strong,' you women never are anything but bundles of aches and pains, and the most of you wouldn't be strong if you could. Now go to sleep, for there's lots to be done in the morning, and I'm going to ride up to Iron Mound ranch after another cow; for if Dora's going to be here to help milk, we may as well make more butter."

Dora followed the directions of her taskmaster quietly enough the next morning, but when he had mounted and galloped off toward the ranch in the hills, she saddled another horse and rode in the opposite direction. She was home long before her brother, who rode into the yard about noon, driving the cow he had just purchased. No mention was made of the addition to the herd until after dinner was over, when Henry turned his unsmiling face toward Dora.

"I'll milk that new cow to-night, Dora, but after this I'll turn her over to you, for my hands are full already."

"I'm sorry to disappoint you, Henry," answered she, demurely, though with a spark in her eyes, "but I don't think of staying here longer than this afternoon."

Her brother stared, as much aghast at her independence of manner as at her astonishing communication.

"Good heavens! What do you mean? Do you think of boarding at the poor farm?" queried the exasperated man.

"Not exactly, Henry," sweetly returned his sister. "But I've hired out to Father Hayward as 'chore boy' for the winter. He will give me ten dollars a month and board, and I shall have only four cows to milk there, while here I should have five, and get only my board."

"You must be crazy, girl! Do you suppose a man worth as much as I am wants his sister to hire out as a farm hand?"

Then Dora did what certain tragic novel heroines are said to have done—"rose to her full height;" and, though even that was not great, she certainly looked stately enough to curb her brother's wrath, as she answered him:

"Henry Carter, do you think that the place of unpaid drudge with my own people is much more respectable than that of paid help on the Hayward farm? There I shall do certain work outdoors, and then rest. Here I should work outdoors and come in, fatigued, to be urged to other tasks. I have grown a trifle



ROSE TO HER FULL HEIGHT.

broader in my outlook at life since I broke from your rule, and have decided that just so long as a woman refuses to expect the consideration that one sex should pay to the other, just so long, if she deals with some men, will she be ignored. My work will bring money somewhere, and there I am going."

Henry pulled himself together to snap out his reply: "Well, you're of age, and can do as you please; but a woman who respects herself isn't going into the fields to work with hired men."

"A woman who respects herself," answered Dora, "may go anywhere; but Father Hayward hired me because his men are up river husking corn, and do not come home at night, and he has rheumatism, so that he cannot even do his chores; and as only Willie is at home with them, and he is but 12, they must have help. So Willie and I shall do the milking, take care of the stock and the chickens, all of which I have done for you, and when we are going to husk that 20 acres of corn near the house, and after the men have in the feed and wood for the winter, he will have no help but me; and next spring"—Dora was becoming enthusiastic—"he is going to raise my wages; and I can drive his cornplanter and his mower and harvester, and hayrake, too, for I have done all that; and raise the chickens, if I have time; and I can stay outdoors all day, and grow strong and brown; and I've always loved the dear old folks, anyway."

And Dora broke off her speech, and went along with her thoughts, clear across the year ahead of her, while Henry sat with his hands in his pockets, gazing moodily at the floor, and did not answer.

"There comes Willie Hayward now for my trunk, and I will drive back with him. I'm sorry for Marcia, but she seems to prefer to let you do her thinking, so I may as well save my

pity. And I'm sorry to disagree with you, Henry. I would have staid with you if you had appreciated me enough to give me wages and kind words. You see, it's just the old question of the financial dependence or independence of women, and I choose the latter."

So Dora fed cattle and horses, and milked, and drove machinery all the year, growing each day stronger and more full of spirits. And when, the next year, the plump, rosy-cheeked young woman left her friends and took her old place in town, you might have examined her behavior with a microscope, and not found a shade of unwomanliness resulting from the "man's work" that she had done.

"That's what comes of a woman having charge of her own affairs," said Henry to Marcia. "Just give her a chance, and she won't stop at anything. You ought to be thankful, Marcia, that you've got some one to keep you from making a fool of yourself."

And Marcia sighed.—*Woman's Journal.*

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Coin Collecting News and Notes.

To Have New Coins.

FOR the first time in many years the British mint will not issue any new money at Christmas. The first issue of the coinage of King Edward VII. will be as early in 1902 as possible. Before the date of issue the coinage will be heralded by a royal proclamation describing minutely the character and appearance of each coin, without which formality no coin could be legally issued into circulation. Most of the dies of the Victorian coinage will then be destroyed, but, of course, specimens will be preserved.

The mint is already more than usually busy in connection with the special army medals and the issue of the new coinage, both of which involve enormous labor. As soon as the issue is made there will certainly be a tremendous rush for the new coins. Precedents show that first issues from the mint in a new reign are long hoarded in enormous quantities. In view of this a sufficient quantity must be issued to counteract the tendency of scarcity, to inflate the face value of the coinage in its ordinary use. This may partly account for the postponement of the new issue, as the fewer Victorian coins that are in circulation the stronger will be the provocation to put the new money into circulation. The second issue may be made within a shorter interval than usual, as it is the first issue alone that has charms for the collector.

Thirty Years' War Relics.

In a forgotten chest lying in one corner of a garret in a mansion of the Bronx were lately found some interesting relics. Among others some coins of the date of 1642—not remarkable

for their antiquity, but especially so for their rarity, being reminders of the time when every man in the little principalities of central Europe was his own mint.

The Thirty Years' War impoverished Europe from Spain to Norway. The aristocrats managed to gather in all the gold and silver, leaving very little money in circulation, and that of the meaner quality. An edict was promulgated throughout the German States permitting any man to manufacture coins of copper of the regulation size and weight, the same to be brought to the government and subjected to inspection as well as the stamp of the principality.

Ten out of every hundred of these coins were taken by the government as a tax, and the remainder were current throughout that particular domain. If the owner of the coins wished to transact any business in any adjoining province, however, he was compelled to first submit the coins to the second principality, yielding up another ten per cent for the necessary stamping process to make them genuine there. Thus, a man with a hundred coins had but to transact business in ten provinces successively to find himself penniless, all his money going for taxes on his amateur mintage.

These coins are now quite rare, and are severe reminders of the times when the Blacksmith mint was in evidence, and a crude copper piece had the purchasing power of an equal weight of gold to-day.

Etherage Hay of Catskill, owns a collection of 12,000 old copper pennies. They weigh in the neighborhood of 300 pounds.

The largest insect known to entomologists is a Central American moth, called the *Erebus strix*, which expands its wings from 11 to 18 inches.

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Lost Treasure Found.

Ten thousand English sovereigns, after lying for nearly a century and a quarter in an old hulk at the bottom of East bay, Lake Champlain, have been recovered and are now deposited in the Allen National Bank in Fairhaven, says a dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean. For many years there had been a tradition in this part of the state that at the bottom of East bay, near Carver's falls, was a sunken boat containing a large amount of English gold, with which it was intended to pay off the troops of Gen. Burgoyne in 1777.

The gold was shipped from Quebec in a small sloop, with crew and guard of ten men, the expedition being under the command of one Capt. Johnson. It was intended to deliver the money to Burgoyne, as his men were almost in a state of mutiny because they had not been paid. The vessel was attacked by Americans, scuttled, and the crew killed.

A civil engineer, who drew the plans and superintended the construction of the big dam at Carver's falls for an electric power station, concluded that he would investigate. Taking with him about 30 men, he changed the course of the stream, and then with pick and shovel soon had one side of the sloop free. A charge of dynamite broke up the hull. The timbers were found in good condition.

In the cabin was found considerable glass and other ware, 15 muskets, much the worse for their long immersion, and other minor articles. An old iron chest was found in the captains room. When opened it was found to contain 10,000 sovereigns.

Treasure Trove.

While plowing recently in a field near Princeton, N. J., which has been in cultivation for more than 50 years, a son of John Crews unearthed a pile of money amounting to about \$400. Some of the coins are Spanish, and date back to the year 1811. Most of them are, however, American half-dollars, the newest dating 1845.

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At Niles, Mich., on a farm formerly owned by the late Ira Smith some miles south-east of the city, \$1,600 was lately found in an old wagon box in a corn crib. When Smith was killed by lightning some months ago it was known that about \$5,000 was hidden about the place, as he feared banks. A search revealed nothing and the \$1,600 was accidentally found by a man who was shoveling corn out of the crib. A search will be made for the remainder of the money. —Ex.

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The Genesis of Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING day is purely an American institution. This national holiday we owe to the New England Puritans. After their first harvest in the new land, in the autumn of 1621, Governor Bradford sent out four men to gather game so that the whole colony "might rejoice together" over the harvesting of the fruits of their labor. The following year the colonists again assembled when they had taken care of their crops, and "solemnized a day of Thanksgiving unto the Lord." It is said that the Massasoit and his men were asked to participate in the fasting and that an abundance of venison was supplied for the occasion.

But the first duly recorded and authorized public Thanksgiving in America was the one proclaimed in Massachusetts Bay in 1631. Scarcity of provisions in the colony caused serious grieving and February 22 was set as a day of special fasting and prayer for relief. Before the day came, however, the delayed vessel arrived with an abundance for all and the day of fasting was changed to a day of feasting and thanksgiving.

In the New Netherlands, too, they observed Thanksgiving at an early date. Governor Kieft in 1644, proclaimed a public thanksgiving for victory over the Indians, and another one the following year for the conclusion of peace.

Eight times during the Revolution

the Continental Congress appointed public Thanksgiving days and Washington twice during the war appointed general thanksgiving days for the army. As President, he appointed Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day for general thanksgiving throughout the Union, and again, Thursday, February 19, 1795.

The Book of Common Prayer, revised 1789, for the use of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, directed the first Thursday in November (unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities) to be observed as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth, etc.

In New England, Thanksgiving was for more than a century the great holiday of the year, outranking even Christmas, and was the occasion for family reunions.

President Lincoln, after the victories of the Civil War, in 1863, issued a proclamation for a general Thanksgiving, and for a number of years the last Thursday in November has been appointed as a day of public thanksgiving, and it has been made a legal holiday throughout the Republic. As the New England poet sang.

"Once more the liberal year laughs out
O'er richer stores than gems of gold;
Once more with harvest song and shout
Is Nature's bloodless triumph told."

"Our common mother rests and sings,
Like Ruth among her garnered sheaves,
Her lap is full of goodly things,
Her brow is bright with autumn leaves."

Our December Number.

The December number of this magazine will be a Christmas number and will be filled with appropriate stories and illustrations. Advertisers will do well to be represented in this number; and if you have not sent in your subscription do so at once.

No issue of this magazine was sent out for September and October. All subscriptions are extended two months and thus they will lose nothing, and we are the gainer by being caught up with father time.

A Novel Trip.

FOR the second time Peter Nissen, whose real name is Mr. Bowsey, made a trip through the whirlpool rapids at Niagara Falls, in his steamer, called the "Foolkiller." The little steamer weighing about five tons remained in the water above the rapids about four minutes, and in the whirlpool twenty-three minutes. The adventurer intended to steam through the rapids, but he was advised after taking soundings below the rapids, not to attempt to have fire on a boat which might capsize. Before he entered the ship he had the fire deadened. Mr. Nissen went below, where he was under cover during the time the steamer was in the rapids. He is certain that there is little danger in making this trip, and is anxious to establish a pleasure steamer to make this trip during the summer season. He thinks if the Canadian government would build a wharf and an inclined railroad to the river landing that he would have no difficulty in managing the steamer trip.

The greatest empire in the world is the British Empire, extending over one continent, 100 peninsulas, 500 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers and 10,500 islands. It surpasses the Assyrian Empire in wealth, the Roman Empire in population, the Spanish Empire in power, and the Persian Empire in area—all of which empires have passed away. The population of the Empire—402,515,800—is 27 per cent. of the population of the world; the 11,339,316 square miles of imperial territory is 21 per cent of the land of the world.

The greatest sea depth known to man is in the South Atlantic Ocean, midway between the Island of Tristan de Cuba and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, the bottom being here reached at a depth of 40,236 feet, or eight and three quarters miles.

There is a tear for all who die
A mourner o'er the humble grave.

—BYRON.

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Scott's catalogue for 1902 is promised us the last of November. Some radical changes are promised, and its appearance is awaited with interest.

An English correspondent reports that the Pan-Americans are beginning to lag on the market. This is not more than can be expected at this time, but five or ten years hence the demand for this beautiful set of stamps will be quite active and complete sets will be hard to get.

It is announced that the New English one penny stamp will be printed in black and purple on rose paper.

The auction season has already opened in England.

The approval sheet swindlers are getting numerous of late and are using many cunning devices in securing stamps by fraud. It is only on



rare occasions that their captures are made, but it would be untold service to the cause if they were frequent. These petty

thieves are exceedingly numerous and the small amounts usually taken hardly pays the defrauded dealer to go to any trouble. The injury done is not only to the pocket of the dealer, but it causes him to be suspicious of others who mean him no harm. If the dealers would be more persistent in following up the cases of those who swindle them, I believe there would be less of it done.

The lowest bidder for furnishing the government with postal cards for the next four years is 21 75-100 cents per thousand for the large size, and 17 50-100 cents a thousand for the small size.

The stamp season is really just opening. Get your ad in early while the collectors are collecting vigorously. Our December issue will be a holiday number and we will circulate 2,000 copies. The forms will close the 20th of December and it will cost you but 10c an inch to advertise with us. A big ad of bargains will pay. Try it.

The French post-office has introduced canceling stamps on which the hours are numbered from 0 to 24, thus obviating the A. M. and P. M.

A correspondent states that Japan will issue a new three-sen postal stamp in memory of the late Prince Kitashirakawa. Its size will be about the same as the present issue.

Contributions and notes on stamp collecting and new issues are solicited from all.

If you have not sent in your subscription yet do so at once.

Billions of Postage Stamps.

The amount of work performed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is indicated by the statement in the annual report of the Superintendent, made public recently, that 121,558,291 sheets of bonds, United States notes, internal revenue, postage and other stamps were printed during the last fiscal year. It was the greatest number in the bureau's history. Notwithstanding the smaller number of internal revenue stamps required on account of the repeal of a part of the war revenue law, the total number of all kind of sheets printed was increased by about 5,000,000 over the number of the year before. The total number of postage stamps printed was 4,235,088,000. The printing did not keep pace with the demand, however, as 4,276,087,682 stamps were delivered to postmasters, the balance being made up from reserve stock. The number of postage stamps printed was more than 200,000,000 more than last year, and nearly twice as large as in 1895.

TWO VIEWS OF COURAGE.

The old Spanish saying that a quarrel needs two to begin it but only one to end it expresses the gospel of reconciliation in practical terms. It is a rough draft of the first lesson of the Prince of Peace.

George Whipple and Edward Forsythe were not only class-mates in college, but rivals. Near the end of their junior year the rivalry culminated. The literary society the two factions of which they led elected Forsythe president for the ensuing year. The officer was always chosen from the incoming senior class and the honor was a coveted rank of popularity.

Whipple failed of election by only one vote, and up to the last minute had believed himself sure of the place. When the meeting adjourned he crossed the hall and facing his successful rival, denounced him as a liar and a hypocrite. The latter was the more stinging word for Forsythe was active in the religious life of the college.

The epithets were counted, and in-

deed were intended as a challenge to fight, and there were those who looked to see Forsythe strike his angry antagonist. He reddened and clenched his fists; but he mastered himself, and turning on his heel went to his room without a word.

Vacation came, and the young men separated. Forsythe's hurt pride rankled and repeatedly urged him to retaliate. To save himself from a rashness he would afterward regret cost him an all summer struggle. Whipple, he was sure, now counted him a coward in addition to all the rest. Still, he felt that he had done right.

The fall term opened, and the society held its first meeting with Forsythe in the chair. There was no outbreak of opposition and no very serious attempt at literary exercises, but merely the general reunion and good time characteristic of such an occasion. After the meeting had adjourned Whipple walked to the desk, and the members gathered curiously around.

"Forsythe," said he, "I've felt mean all summer, and now I want to ask your pardon for what I said to you and of you before vacation. You are no hypocrite. If I had no other proof of it I should find it in your self-control when I insulted you. The man whose religion helps him to do what you did has the real thing. I want to take back what I said. I congratulate you on your election to the presidency of this society, and I wish you every success."

The little speech was greeted with a hearty round of applause. The other men admired not only the Christian courage of the man who could manfully admit his fault.

From that night the rivals were friends, and they came to be workers together in the college Young Men's Christian Association, and afterward in wider fields for which that furnished introduction and preparation.

CURIOSITY.

The term "curiosity" may be used in two senses, namely, a well and an ill-directed curiosity. There is no

person living who is entirely free from this great characteristic of human nature. Some persons may possess more than others, and some may possess less, but, still we all have our share.

One's first thought in thinking of curiosity is of the evil which comes from it, and it is only natural that it should be so, for among us the evil out shines the good. However true this may be, it is a fact that there is equally as much good.

If used properly it is, and has been, a help to humanity. Explorations have been made through curiosity and as a result new lands have been discovered. Science and literature are both much indebted to this desire, and even now some of our best school work is accomplished through curiosity. To become a scholar one must have interest in his work and as in the sciences one must be curious to see the results

There are many more things which might be spoken of to show the good qualities of curiosity, but some time must be given to the poor ones.

It often leads us into trouble and bad friends are made. People are often anxious about matters which do not concern them in the least and by trying to obtain the desired knowledge get themselves into trouble. Unkind remarks are caused, and it is not seldom that a curious person hears ill spoken of himself. He often brings himself where he is not wanted, and his inquisitive nature is plain to be seen.

So it is that curiosity has its good and evil points. It would be well for us if there were less of the latter.

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of the stamps of Great Britain are intended to indicate the position of the stamp upon which they occur in the sheet. The alphabetical order is down the sheet of stamps and across it from left to right. Thus there are no two stamps in the same sheet which have the same letters. This was originally intended as a guard against counterfeiting, but, like many other things, invented for this purpose, it has been abandoned in recent years as unnecessary,

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THE GUMMING OF STAMPS.

JUST as you see your car coming you happen to think of that unstamped letter you have been carrying around in your pocket for a week, and you sprint into a drug store, buy a stamp and try to lick it on as you rush out. It doesn't stick, however, has not been properly gummed, and as your car goes by you stand on the corner using words not found in Webster's and threatening to go down to Washington and punch somebody's head.

This, of course, is not a common occurrence, but it sometimes happens, and when it does you musn't be too hard on the government. If there is one thing above another that the United States has tried to bring down to an exact science, it is the gumming of adhesive stamps.

Uncle Sam's postage stamps are made at the bureau of engraving and printing in Washington, and the process of gumming them is carried on in a well lighted room, 80 by 50 feet, made especially for this purpose. The stamps, after being printed, reach this room in sheets of 400 each. Women operators feed the sheets on an endless chain belt that passes under a glass gumming roller automatically coated with the exact proportion of mucilage to be received by the sheet. The endless chain belt then carries them into a covered drying box 50 feet long containing coils of steam pipes. They emerge from the other end after a journey of about one minute perfectly dry and all ready to be counted, tested and packed for shipment.

A most interesting part of this work are the precautions taken to insure uniformity in the gumming. When the workmen report for duty in the morning, they receive a series of blanks, which must be filled out during the day as the work progresses. A careful account of every ounce of gum and of every sheet of stamps given to them is kept. As scientific calculations and exhaustive experiments have determined that it takes exactly 26 pounds of liquid gum

to cover 1,000 sheets of stamps, these are given the workman at a time, and it is an impossibility to neglect any sheet or dispose of the gum except to spread it with absolute uniformity.

The little vats which hang over the rollers contain delicate instruments, and a graduating scale indicates at any moment just how much gum has been used. To tell if each sheet is receiving its exact proportion of gum the foreman has only to compare the figures on the graduating scale with the strict record kept of the number of sheets gummed.

Mr. Fred J. Crocker is the expert head in charge of this division of the bureau of engraving and printing and has a scientific knowledge of this work that requires such accuracy in preparing stamps for the public. He has made a special study of handling gum for eight years and is one of the best known experts in this line in the United States.

The greatest problem to the operators in the gumming room is the moisture in the atmosphere. It is necessary to keep the room at a temperature of 80 degrees. The temperature and humidity are taken every hour and recorded on a black board made for that purpose.

Experiments have shown that the Mississippi valley is the worst part of the United States to furnish with stamps owing to the humidity prevailing there at all seasons. Stamps that will give satisfaction there are suitable for any part of the country.

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The Aurora Borealis.

A PARTY of scientists from Denmark, recently traveled to the regions of the far north that they might make a special study of that wonderful and beautiful light called the aurora borealis. Professor Poulson, of the Academy of Sciences of Denmark, was at the head of the party. The members of the party were able to make one measurement of these clouds and they found them to be 40 kilometers above the earth. They tried to make another measurement, but they were not able to accomplish the task. Professor Poulson says: "At first it looked like a horizontal band in the south western horizon at a height of thirty-five degrees. Then it moved slowly toward the east, stopped and finally returned to its original position. During its retrograde motion a part of the cloud was torn off, the fragment assuming a circular shape, and floating alone with the rapidity of one degree in four seconds toward the south. It is evident that these motions are peculiar to the mother of pearl clouds," because another cloud which was in the same track of sky at the same time remained motionless. The color of these formations at the edge was mostly red, but toward the middle it changed from rose color to green. The clouds were visible in broad daylight about noon. An observation through the spectroscope gave only the lines of the common spectrum of the sky at the day light, together with some absorption line, which indicate a great quantity of vapor. It was perhaps the strong sunlight which prevented the observation of any peculiarities in the spectrum of these clouds. Their motion can be caused by any wind."

The largest geyser in the world is the Excelsior Geyser in Yellowstone Park. Its basin is 200 feet across and 330 feet deep. This basin is full of boiling water, from which clouds of steam are constantly ascending. At long intervals water is spouted into the air to a height of from fifty to three hundred feet.

Miss Stone.

NEARLY three months have passed since Miss Ellen M. Stone was seized by brigands in the Balkan Mountains and carried toward the Bulgarian frontier.

She was journeying from Banskots Dinmia in the Turkish province of Macedonia and was accompanied by eleven others. These were surrounded in a mountain defile by thirty or forty armed men, with masked faces. Two of the party were immediately seized and taken into the mountains and there held for ransom.

Miss Stone is a charming and cultivated woman, from Chelsea, Mass. Twenty-five years ago she started from America, having been sent to Macedonia as a missionary. During the summer she kept a training school at Banskot and was a favorite among her scholars.

The United States government is doing its very best to rescue the captured missionary and Mr. Dickinson, United States Consul at Constantinople, is at Sophia, the Bulgarian capital and is exerting his greatest influence to induce the Bulgarian government to do its share toward the rescue of the captives. Russia has also taken a hand in the rescue and exerting a great influence in that section. What cannot two of the most powerful nations on earth do when joined together in lasting friendship.

Miss Stone alive is worth money to the brigands and if she is killed they will know that then no ransom will be offered. For these reasons alone the writer thinks that if not rescued before she will be held in a long captivity and during this time if the Russian, Bulgarian, Turkish and United States governments unite, the captured missionaries will be rescued, or on the other hand if the \$110,000 is not given the captors will take less.

Some think that if the ransom be paid a precedent will be established and more missionaries may be captured for the same purpose. But humanity demands the rescue of Miss Stone whether by force or by paying the ransom and let the United States

government show in some other way that the rights of American citizens in foreign countries are to be respected.

THE SWEETEST OF ALL.

Something of the poetry of the home appears in a little story told by the Philadelphia Times.

As soon as it was announced that Mr. Alexander Simpson had been elected to the office of President of the Philadelphia Bar Association his lawyer friends went to his house and offered him their congratulations. Mr. Simpson's small son was in the room, and for several minutes he watched the scene with round eyes. Then he made his way through the crowd until he reached his father's side.

A gentleman had just said, "I congratulate you, Mr. Simpson," when the newly elected president felt a tug at his coat-tails. Looking down, he saw his son.

"Well, what is it, my boy?" he asked.

"I love you, papa!" piped a tiny voice in reply.

Overcome with feeling the father lifted up his son and kissed him, then set him down. As the little fellow trotted off the men nearest Mr. Simpson extended their hands in silence. Conventional congratulations somehow seemed out of place.

The most magnificent tomb in the world is the Taj Mahal, in Agra, Hindustan. It was erected by Shah Jehan to the memory of his favorite Queen. It is octagonal in form, of pure white marble, inlaid with jasper, carnelian, turquoise, agate, amethysts and sapphires. The work took 22,000 men 20 years to complete, and though there were free gifts and the labor was free, the cost was \$17,500,000.

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Curiosity Collecting.

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SOME people call curiosity collecting a "hobby," others call it a pastime; but to me it has always been a pleasant study, free from text book and curriculum, into which the deeper I inquire the more interesting it became. It carries one into all fields of knowledge without being tiresome, and the fund of information acquired is never to be under-estimated.

A cabinet of curiosities in the house is always an object of interest to visitors, eclipsing the worn-out album with its collection of unknown personages, or the basket of chromo cards and invitations.

The cost of a collection is optional with the collector. The starting of the cabinet may be made with a very small sum—in fact, with pocket money.

Perhaps the neighborhood in which you reside abounds in petrifications, or some minerals, shells or Indian relics. Investigate this at the start, and if such be the case you have the capital at hand for a good cabinet. It is a very poor neighborhood that can't furnish something worth the collector's attention. If you are able to get more than one of a certain sort of specimen, then exchange the extras for something not yet represented in your list.

Seek information and endeavor to know all about each and every specimen you get, and be sure to label them correctly. Pen-written catalogues, with the history of each specimen proves interesting reading to your visitors. Study books on natural history; you will be surprised how extremely interesting the reading becomes, in connection with collecting, no matter how dry it once seemed to you.

In one corner of my study near a big bay window stands the writer's cabinet of curios, started and built up on the plan above outlined. No money could buy it. A card of very fine Indian arrow-heads stands close beside a group of perfect fossils gathered not many miles from my home. Petrified and agatized wood from California and the Bad Lands of the northwest, petrified nuts, flowers, buds and leaves, crystals in groups and detached, glistening minerals and minerals in every known color, shells, fish and corals from old ocean.

It is always necessary that you possess a cabinet for your curios. This, to the person with little money, may seem a nifty problem, but a little ingenuity will quickly solve it. A second-hand bookcase with glass doors, or an old china closet, can be put to good use. If neither can be procured, an ordinary pine box or shipping case can be made to look all right, and will serve the purpose as well as a costly piece of handiwork. The cabinet should not be much over a foot in depth, but any size will answer as to breadth and width, according to the space at hand. Smooth the box well with sand paper, then stain with dye of the color wished. A coat of good varnish will give it a finish to correspond with other furniture in the room. Shelves about one foot apart can be easily fastened in. An inexpensive curtain, which can be drawn aside on a rod is a most important adjunct to keep out the dust. A cabinet of this description will be found to answer the purpose very nicely.

One thought above all others I wish to impress upon the prospective student: Do not endeavor to see how large you can make your collection, but how good. Poor specimens are costly at any price, and a cabinet's worth depends on the perfection of its contents, not on its size.—*The American Boy.*

Dug Up Stone Plow.

Harry Brown, a mason of Williamson avenue, who is building a culvert in upper Broad street, near Watchung avenue, unearthed a brownstone plow which is believed to be at least three hundred years old, says a Bloomfield (N. J.) dispatch to the New York Sun. On one side of the stone is a peculiar mark, which those who have seen it declare is the head of an Indian.

Wants Relics of Lafayette.

J. Pierpont Morgan has deposited a check for 200,000 francs at the United States embassy at Paris to be paid over to any man who delivers there two relics of Lafayette. One of these is a sword, believed to be the long one chiefly worn by him when in the United States. The other is a gold cup. Both were pawned in London many years ago by some needy relative of the general. The chief difficulty now is to have them conclusively identified.

Redwood.

A great many beautiful specimens of redwood can be seen at the Pan-American. Large quantities grow in California, and many of the largest trees there are of this wood. Great quantities are shipped to China, Japan and England. The wood admits of a high polish and makes very handsome building material. A trust has recently been formed for handling the wood. This will doubtless raise the price of the wood.

Valuable Cup.

An Elizabethan cup of the year 1577, eight inches high, was sold in London lately for \$3,687, or at the rate of \$295 an ounce.

Bones of the mammoth mastodon which is being unearthed at Monroe, are being gradually dug up. Recently a portion of the vertebra two feet long was found. The aperture through which the spinal column passed is as large as a man's wrist. The animal when in life had four tusks, one of which has been found. It is four feet long.



The Collecting of Sea Shells.

One of the most interesting and at the same time the least expensive curiosities to collect is that of sea shells. Our friends always admire them. As ornaments in the parlor they rival the finest China or bric-a-brac. They are decked in all colors of the rainbow, and this coloring is natural and lasts forever.



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The "Cowry" is one of the prettiest and most prized shell offered for sale. At one time it was used in place of money by a certain tribe or race of people. There are many different varieties and colors, and of varied markings in the "Cowry" family, all interesting and pretty.



THE TURRETED SHELL.

This is another interesting specimen and one that should grace your collection. It is a beautiful long, symmetrical shell, odd and strong, light brown and yellow in color. A very striking specimen.

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These "Urchins of the Sea" are the oddest and at the same time the prettiest of all salt water curios, and an ornament fit to place beside any bric-a-brac of the finest handiwork.



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"Silver King" Fish Scales.

The scales of the "Tarpon," or "Silver King" fish are very large and pretty, and make nice ornaments and specimens. They are as large as a silver dollar with a rich silver lining.

The largest searchlight in the world was exhibited at the columbian Exposition. The reflecting lens, 60 inches in diameter, weighs 800 lbs., and is mounted in a brass ring which weighs 750 pounds. The reflected light from the great electric lamp is equal to that of 750,000,000 candles. A newspaper could be read by the light 100 miles away.

A set of Blackstone's "Commentaries," each volume of which contains George Washington's autograph, is owned by Henry Davenport, Jr., of Clay Court House, W. Va. The books are said to have been in the library of the first president.

General Nelson A. Miles has added to his collection of arms, which is one of the best in this country, a sword worn by Simon Bolivar during one of his South American campaigns,

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Indian Arrow Heads.



The Indian and all that pertains to him are fast disappearing from view, and in a few short years he will have become almost an imaginary being, and his handiwork, the only memento of his existing here in this country, will become scarce and sell at fancy prices. If you want a remembrance of "poor Lo," get a few good arrow heads now while they are selling at a reasonable price.

A Plant That Travels.

This strange plant made famous by song and story comes originally from the Holy Land, and is called by some the "Rose of Jericho." The old-time pilgrims, who brought back this plant with them from the Holy Land, told wonderful tales of its power to bloom out on Christmas day, and gave it the name of the "Resurrection Flower." This plant when ripened, rolls up its sprays and branches into a curious little brown ball, waits for a favorable breeze to break its frail root from the earth, then goes sailing over the desert sands, and rolls until it strikes a damp spot, where it takes up its abiding place, grows and again becomes green. It is a novelty and very pretty, and thrives well in a saucer of water, and seems never to die. Put it away in a box for six months, take it out and put in water again, and it will soon become green.

The longest wall in the world is the famous stone defense made by the Chinese against the Tartars about 200 B. C. It is 20 feet high, 27 feet thick at the base, and stretches for 1,280 miles over hills, valleys and rivers.

The greatest bell in the world is in an edifice before the great temple of Buddha, at Tokyo. It weighs 1,700,000 pounds, and is four times greater than the great bell at Moscow.

Pentremites.

Through the process of petrification many objects of the past ages are preserved for us, to wonder and marvel at. Among the many curious specimens thus preserved, the Pentremites are the most interesting and odd, being perfect in form, clean and clear in markings.

"Wampum."

A hundred years ago the Indians of this country used a small, hollow shell for money, which was called "Wampum." It was also used in ornamenting their moccasins, belts and head dresses; it was strung on strings of skins and made into necklaces and bracelets.

Scrapers, Gouges and Chisels.

Such implements are too often classed as one by persons who have not made archæology a study. Scrapers are beveled from one side only, chisels from both sides alike, and gouges have a convex edge, all entirely different in construction. Scrapers and gouges seldom show any wear from the fact that they are invariably made of flint or chert, and are as hard as a file. They are used principally for carving pipes and ornaments made from slate or steatite which when taken fresh from its bed is so soft that it can be readily cut in any shape by a knife with an iron blade. Chisels were no doubt used more in general for cutting leather and wood as well as cutting out blocks of slate, consequently many of them show some wear and are even polished by continued use.

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"My lad, you are an honest boy."

"Yes, sir."

"And you look like a good boy."

"Yes, sir."

"And good boys should always be encouraged. In a box in the back room there are eight dozen eggs. You may take them home to your mother and keep the basket."

The grocer had been saving those eggs for days and weeks to reward some one. In rewarding a good boy he also got eight dozen bad eggs carried out of the neighborhood free of cost, and he chuckled a little chuck as he walked homeward.

The afternoon waned, night came and went, and once more the grocer went to his dinner. When he returned he was picking his teeth and wearing a complacent smile. His eye caught a basket of eight dozen eggs as he entered the store, and he queried:

"Been buying some eggs?"

"Yes; got hold of those from a farmer's boy," replied the clerk.

"A lame boy with a blue cap on?"

"Yes."

"Two front teeth out?"

"Yes."

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HE Christmas tree stood bereft of its treasures,
While the children still lingered around
And talked of their soldiers, their toys and their dolls,
And the lovely new games they had found.

Old Santa Claus too, lingered still near the tree,
In his costume so furry and white,
While twinkling with fun 'neath the shaggy white brows
Were brown eyes so merry and bright.

Then quickly he spoke "Come, little ones, say;
Don't you think it is quite too bad
That poor Santa Claus has no Xmas gift,
After giving away all that he had?"

For a moment silence oppressive reigned,
Then quickly from each little store
A tiny gift was lain at his feet,
While "Aunty Lou" smiled from the door.

Her golden curls gleamed as the amber light
Shone on the mistletoe bough above,
Her soul blue eyes breathed of joy and peace
And she seemed created for love.

The children came and exclaimed in a breath
"Poor Santa Claus! dear Aunty Lou,
He hadn't a gift, but we all gave him one,
And now you give him one too!"

Then Santa came forward and asked for a gift
"One gift if you please just now,
And I beg your pardon, my dear Miss Lou,
But you're under the mistletoe bough!"

The amber light changed to a crimson glow,
The children went back to their play.
The gift was won, and two will be one,
Ere another Christmas day.

A LITTLE SONG FOR TWO.

A song from me to you, you say,
A tender song for every day,
A little song for two?
Why dearest heart, no note or word
Which I have sung and you have heard
But sings to you, to you.
To you, my love, to you, to you,
My every song is ever true,
And gladly, gladly yields its due,
As does my heart—to you!

And were there but one theme to choose,
One motive evermore to use,
It were no task to do.
I'd sing all songs of life in one,
And when the gallant strain were done
'T would be a song to you.
To you, my love, to you, to you,
The tender strain were fully true,
And gladly, gladly sings its due,
As does my heart—to you!

—J. Edmund V. Cooke, in N. Y. Sun.

CAUGHT IN THE DRIFT.

Inspector Henderson's raid has been unsuccessful. With two troopers and Sergt. Warren he had rounded up six of the worst lawbreakers on the Canadian side of the line, but, nevertheless, from his standpoint, at any rate, he had failed. The commissioner had suggested that he take at least a dozen men when he set out on his expedition, but Henderson only laughed.

"Give me Harvey and Fields and Warren," he said, "and I'll arrest every half-breed between here and Battleford."

And so he rode away from the post on a crisp January morning with his little squadron jogging through the snow behind. It was a long ride, 20 good miles over the not too well broken trail along the river bottom, and it was dusk before the troopers halted within carbine shot of a long, low, rambling building, which stood in the middle of the prairies, surrounded by several other structures that served as barns and wagon sheds. Lights shown in the lower windows of the house and as Henderson paused to reconnoiter a door opened and a man with a muffer round his throat and his coat buttoned up to his ears stepped out with a lantern in his hand. As he did so he raised his head, and his eyes rested on the little knot of mounted men halted over on the crest of the hill not more than 300 yards away. Then bounding back to the door he lifted the latch and disappeared within the patch of light beyond.

Two minutes later Henderson's fur gauntlet came down with a crash upon the rude panels of the door. Sergt. Warren was right behind him, and Troopers Harvey and Fields stood on either side with their wicked-looking carbines full cocked.

"Vat ees it?" came in cracked half-breed accents from behind the still quivering wood.

"Open the door or I'll kick it in," said Henderson, decisively. "You know who I am and you know what I want."

Slowly the door swung back on its hinges and the inspector and his men entered together. There was no trouble. The men they wanted, smugglers and cattle stealers, gave themselves up without so much as an effort at defense.

"Michel Rene, John Fidele, Joe Snake, Dominick Levine, Angus McLean and Philip Leseur," said Henderson, half to himself, as he ran over the names, keeping tally by short nods in the direction of each man mentioned.

"Six in all," he repeated slowly, and then wheeling sharply on his heel so that his spurs jingled as he turned, he faced the owner of the house.

"And Big Martin?" he queried, "where is he?"

Old Simon Michaud, whom his half-breed friends had nicknamed Simon the Crane, because of his long, thin legs and great, bony nose, wriggled under the question and shifted uneasily from one foot to the other.

"He ees not in ze house, sair. He hat not pass zis vay since Chrissimas. Vaf haf—"

"That will do," interrupted Henderson. "I know you're the biggest liar in the northwest, and I believe you're lying to me now. Sergt. Warren, take Harvey and search the place, barns and all; Fields, you stay with me and mount guard over the prisoners."

The sergeant and trooper did as they were bid, and Henderson settled himself



"OPEN THE DOOR."

in a chair by the table to await their return. First, however, he unbuckled his belt, and, after removing a big revolver from the holster, threw it on the table beside him. Inspector Henderson was not much beyond 35, tall, gaunt and square-shouldered, with arms of phenomenal length and hands that could grip like a vise. His brother officers at the post were fond of calling him the "uncanny" Scot, because there was an air of taciturnity and mystery

about him that baffled inquiry into his antecedents. He was known, however, to have been a Sandhurst man and to have held a commission in a Goorkha regiment that got badly cut up in one of the several Afghan expeditions. When, after six years of service in her majesty's Anglo-Indian army, he sent in his resignation on account of some liver trouble and sailed home on the Jumna, it was with the intention of again taking service in some semi-military organization in a more temperate section of the empire. So he joined the Cape mounted rifles six months after landing at Portsmouth and was knocked out by fever while engaged in a small raid upon the unhealthy territory of some miserable little African chief. Then he left the cape and went to Canada, where family interest and his Sandhurst training combined to secure him a lieutenant's commission in the Northwest mounted police. Thereafter his rise to the post of inspector came as reward for good service, particularly in the second Riel rebellion. He was a determined man, and when any hard or difficult work was to be done Commissioner Lawrence always sent for Inspector Henderson, and the trust was never misplaced. Henderson invariably fulfilled his mission to the utmost, and that was why in the present instance he chose to consider his raid a failure because the prime outlaw of the lot had eluded his clutches.

"If I could catch Martin," he said to himself, "it would round out the job in shipshape style."

Half an hour later Sergt. Warren reported to the inspector that a thorough search of the premises had failed to disclose any trace of Big Martin. A watch was set on the prisoners and Inspector Henderson threw himself on a long, hard settee with the intention of taking a nap. It must have been midnight when he awoke with the startled feeling of a man who has seen a horrible vision in his sleep. The wind was whistling around the house in the maddest fashion and as Henderson raised himself on his elbow some fine particles of snow sifted in through the crevices of a nearby window and fell upon his face. The floor creaked in the next room and through the half open door Henderson saw, or thought he saw, a huge shadow glide past. He was on his feet in an instant and gave the alarm. A moment later there was a clicking of carbine locks as Warren and Harvey answered the inspector's signal. Then

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came a crash of glass from the next room and a gust blew a cloud of snow in



A GAUNT WHITE HAND PROTRUDED.

the faces of the three men who sprang to the shattered window. A man was floundering along through the drift a good hundred yards from the house. A sharp tongue of fire shot out into the darkness and a Remington bullet sung past the fugitive's head. But he never paused for an instant.

A moment later the entire establishment was gathered around Inspector Henderson, who stood with his hand on the door latch.

"It ain't safe, sir, to go after him such a night as this," remonstrated Sergt. Warren in his usual respectful fashion; "it's ablowin' hard from the nor'west and a man ud freeze to death on the prairie."

"Zat is so," promptly interposed Simon the Crane, "an' beside ze groun' dreeft—he is drefful bad."

"You rascal," snapped Henderson, turning upon the last speaker, "you had him hidden here all the time waiting to let him loose when we left. No, Warren. I'll do this thing myself. There's no need to risk anyone else and I'll catch Big Martin, ground drift or no ground drift," and with a last glance at the cylinder of his pistol he passed out into the night.

He was as good as his word. He caught Big Martin half a mile along the edge of the trail that led from Simon Michaud's house and here, two days later, Capt. Jackson, with a squad of six troopers, found a little hillock of drifted snow from which a gaunt white hand protruded. When they dug Inspector Henderson out his other hand was fastened on Big Martin's throat and the half breed's face looked up at the winter skies with an expression of unutterable agony frozen upon its distorted features.

"I thought Henderson had more sense than to try and face a ground drift at midnight," was Capt. Jackson's com-

ment as he escorted the bodies back to the post.

"Ze groun' dreeft," moralized Simon the Crane, "he ees t'ree times as bad as ze snowstorm."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Spiced Corned Beef.

Ask your butcher to place a good round of beef in pickle for 48 hours. Take it out, wipe dry, and rub it over with brown sugar and allspice, adding a little cinnamon. Set in a cool place, turn it every morning, whenever it looks dry add more sugar and allspice, but if it appears moist rub it with the pickle which has drained from it. This should be continued for a fortnight. Then put it in a tin or jar in which it will fit tightly with a very little cold water. This is placed in a large saucepan of water which is made to boil very fast, and left on the fire five or six hours; it need not boil all the time. Leave it in the jar until cold. When taken out scrape it, as the spice turns it black.—*Good Housekeeping.*

He Got There.

GOING down the great Jackson route from Grenada, Miss., a regular old homespun native of the state entered the sleeping car and paid for a berth. He had never been inside of a car of the kind, and everything astonished him. When the porter came to make up the beds I saw that the native was greatly perplexed, but as he made no direct appeal it wasn't my duty to post him. He was the first one to make preparations for bed. He glanced anxiously around, pulled off one boot, and then took a rest of five minutes. When the other boot came off he had solved the problem. Pushing his boots under the berth he started for the rear platform, and nothing was heard from him for about ten minutes. Then he put his head into the door and called out:

"All you uns in thar, look out. for I'm coming!"

And come he did. He had disrobed while standing on the platform, made a bundle of coat, vest and pants, and as he shot into bed after a run up the aisle he gurgled out:

"Old Mississip' may be a leetle slow, but she allus gits thar jest the same!" **KENNETH LORD.**

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BY JAC LOWELL.

You ask for a breath of my bud-like lips,
But isn't there something more?
You long for a touch of my finger tips,
And you say your heart is sore;
You ask for a bit of the golden hair
That over my brow has curled,
But not till you ask for my honest love—
A kiss? No! not for the world!

Couldn't Scare Him.

A Union Street girl discovered her young brother out behind the barn, pulling away at a sweet-fern cigar.

"There, young man!" she exclaimed, as the cigar hastily disappeared behind the boy's back; "I'll tell your father of you—see if I don't."

"Yes, you tell 'im," retorted the brother, suddenly recovering himself; "you tell 'im, an' see how quick that feller o' yourn'll skip. I'll tell father how you an' 'im was sittin' on the parlor sofy, an' him huggin' you like blazes. You jes go and tell, that's all I ask."

The sister very discreetly withdrew while the young statesman finished his smoke in tranquility.

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DIANA AND THE SPIDER.

Mrs. Jack's Tale of How She Met Defeat on the Big Muddy.

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The demure maid who serves bouillon, tea and chocolate to the society's fair Dorcas, hears tales from every quarter of the globe, of life in the summer colonies along the New England coast, of yachting cruises through Norwegian fiords in the yellow wake of the midnight sun, of walking tours in the Landes, and camping trips in the north woods. She knows her planet better than many whose orbits are less circumscribed, and can safely be relied upon for information regarding elk in Oregon or salmon in the Columbia, the proper time to hunt the grizzly in Assiniboia, and the relative merits of the Andalusian donkey and his twin brother, the Rocky mountain burro.

After serving the Bradamante of the society with a cup of tea and a caviare sandwich, she retires to a dusky corner of the room, refills the lamps under the brazen kettle, and rearranges the Dresden cups and saucers and the jewel-mounted spoons upon the teak-wood table.

When the fluffy-haired Mrs. Jack, the society's president and the hostess of the occasion, begins her story, there is a lull in the talk, which the wind fills in with a neatly-executed arpeggio.

Mrs. Jack's mouth droops in wistful curves, and beside her eyes an infant's would seem sophisticated.

"Jack says I must go with him to Africa, but I shall never dare to look a tiger in the face, after my experience on the Big Muddy."

Mrs. Jack's adventures have familiarized the society with Tin Cup, Big Bug, Bumble Bee and Medicine Hat. But the Big Muddy offers delightful fields for speculation, for it has not yet found a place on any map and its only high-roads are the half-obliterated trails left by the Utes when they unwillingly departed for new hunting-grounds.

"You remember the big horn I shot after Jack and the guides had tracked him for ten days over the Rattlesnake range in Wyoming?" Mrs. Jack continues, plaintively.

The society remembers the big horn, as well as the giant shark in the Mexican gulf; the mountain lion and the

cinnamon bear with amber eyes picked off by Mrs. Jack's rifle in the San Francisco mountains. The idea of her not daring to look a tiger in the face under any circumstances taxes the credulity of the society. Has she ever known fear, ever quailed before beast, bird or fish—this modern Artemis?

When she accompanies her husband on his hunting expeditions she wears the woods' autumn livery—leaf-brown and scarlet—an abbreviated skirt and leggings of brown corduroy, a scarlet leather shirt with elks' teeth for buttons, a hat festooned with trout and salmon flies and shining leaders. A cartridge belt girdles her slender waist, with its depending revolver and hunting knife.

It is remarkable that Mrs. Jack has escaped the cinnamon bear's embrace, and Bruin might well be pardoned such an indiscretion.

"Jack has always said that my physical courage first attracted him. But I had never confessed to him that there was one big test to which I should be



I TOOK DELIBERATE AIM.

unequal. It came on the Big Muddy Listen:

"We were camped in the quaking aspen. Snow had fallen, and the elk were coming down. You could hear them bugling on every side just before dawn. It is easy to stop a band of elk, as they pass near your camp, by imitating their call upon an empty cartridge shell. I have learned the trick, and Jack had no hesitation in permitting me to choose my own trail one morning and follow it alone afoot, he and the guides scattering in other directions. The taste of the camp coffee was still upon my lips; my cheeks tingled with the frosty breath of the morning air as I kept cautiously to the windward of the elk, whose trumpeting stirred me like martial music.

"A stray bear track showed here and there in the fresh snow. But I was

after elk. A hundred miles lay between our camp and the nearest settlement. Ah! the solitude of those woods!"

Mrs. Jack leans back in her chair and sighs reminiscently as she gazes into the blazing hearth fire—a charming picture in her house gown of old blue, brightened with gleams of Persian embroidery, inwoven with uncut jewels.

"I had gone three miles, perhaps four, over fallen spruce, up the steep side of ragged mountain, when crash, across my trail came a band of elk, headed by a magnificent bull.

"Crouching behind a boulder, I waited. I have waited so often for big game, from Alaska to the gulf. Jack says I have seen more than he can ever hope to see, if he lives to be a hundred. My hand was steady. Jack often gets buck fever. I never do. I took deliberate aim. The elk came toward the bullet and dropped dead without a struggle. Blazing the trail, as I retraced it toward the camp for the pack animals, I saw that there were new bear tracks. I was not out that day for bear, and I did not care to come upon one alone, although I had no thought of shirking the encounter were it forced upon me.

"A bear in a bear pit is a clumsy creature. In the woods he challenges your admiration by his clever fashion of covering the ground without apparent effort. The one I soon desisted ahead of me was lumbering along like a bunch of tumbleweed, lengthening the distance between us at a rapid rate.

"Foolishly I indulged myself in a shot at him, striking his shoulder. He turned upon me with a roar of pain. At that instant I needed all my nerve. This time I chose a tree for cover and waited. He came on, without a halt, straight toward me. I fired again, missing him. I was just about to try a third shot when the test came, of which I have spoken."

"The test?" murmurs the society, breathlessly.

"The test of my courage to which I had always felt I should be unequal. The thing I had dreaded in my forest wanderings with Jack."

"What?" the society demands, with one voice.

"I had raised my rifle when I felt something fluttering in my hair. I fancied a leader had slipped from my hat rim. Oh, horror, it was a spider—and as I shook my head violently to dislodge it, it struggled into my ear.

"I have never been conscious of having fired that third shot. Somehow the rifle was discharged, and by the same chance the bullet laid the bear low.

"I fainted, and when I came to myself, I was lying across the bear's body, with six strange men standing around me.

"Ten thousand boiler factories were at work in my brain. 'Hear the noises,'

I cried. 'Will no one stop them?'

"And now comes the strangest part of my story.

"The engineer of Jack's yacht once got a mosquito in his ear. It drove him quite mad before we could find a doctor. He hung over the yacht's side, held by six of the crew, begging for death. When the doctor arrived upon the scene, he applied a handkerchief, wet with ether, to the man's ear, quieting the mosquito's struggles and restoring the man to sanity.

"I believed myself in the man's plight,



I WAS LYING ACROSS THE BEAR'S BODY.

stark, staring mad, when, upon this peak of Darien, 500 miles from an ambulance and a surgeon, I heard one of the men to whom I had so wildly appealed reply, quietly: 'Have no fear, madam, you are in safe hands, for we are all doctors.'

"They deluged my ear with water from a near-by stream, which they brought in a tin cup. Finding the spider still unsubdued, one of the doctors asked for a hypodermic syringe. Five were instantly proffered. An icy arrow penetrated, seemingly, to the seat of the gray matter, still without effect upon the spider, whose pernicious activity caused me indescribable agony.

"'Ether is the only remedy,' I said, at last, and as coherently as I could I repeated the story of the engineer.

"'Ether'—cheerfully returned the doctor who was attending to me—'why, of course. Brown, fetch out your ether-bottle,' and if Brown did not produce from the depths of his waistcoat-pocket a small bottle of ether, may I be instantly retired from the presidency of our society. It transpired later that Brown was a physician with an alien hobby—entomology—and carried ether with him everywhere to anaesthetize his specimens.

"In an instant relief came — such blessed relief as only one who has passed through an experience like mine can appreciate.



A TYPICAL WINTER SCENE.

"The rest of the story is soon told. When I had gathered myself together, the six doctors presented themselves to me with due formality. They dined that night at our camp, on my elk.

"Jack was thoroughly ashamed of me. For what did the elk and the bear matter, with the memory of the spider fresh in our minds?

"No, decidedly," Mrs. Jack repeats, as the maid fetches her a second cup of tea, "I shall never dare to look a tiger in the face, after my Waterloo on the Big Muddy. It would have been a pleasing legend for my tombstone—this:

"One
To whom the forests were an open book;
Who joined to Diana's daring the skill of
her spear
Lies here
Slain by a bug in her ear.'"

An old deacon of many years standing says it is the simplest thing in the world to distinguish between the man who is honestly asleep and the man who is shamming asleep in church. The man who has actually fallen asleep is ashamed of it and wears the expression of mortification on his slumbering face, while the man who shams sleep at the sound of the contribution box, wears an expression of childlike innocence and honesty that only the most hardened cheek and long patience can assume.

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TO OUR READERS.

THE AMERICAN MONTHLY greets its readers to-day and wishes them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next month we shall begin a new year and at the same time a new volume of the paper. We do not at this time wish to make any new promises, which are generally partially filled, but we do wish to say a word in regard to our January issue. It has long been our desire to make our magazine of a more convenient size with smaller pages and neatly bound and trimmed, but we needed more machinery to successfully accomplish this. During the past few months the necessary machines have been secured and have been placed in our office ready for use. We are now ready to use them and we take great pleasure in announcing that beginning with the January number the size of page of this magazine will be 6x9 inches, and that number will contain 42 pages neatly bound. This will make a publication more convenient for filing and preserving, which we believe will be greatly appreciated by our readers.

Advertisers will find this size more convenient and we trust that they

will liberally patronize our January number. The cost will be as follows: 1 page \$1.40; ½ page 70c; ¼ page 35c; 1 inch 10c. Two insertions will cost just twice the above, and so for as many insertions as you wish. We make no discount for time or space. Send in your copy at once as we desire to go to press about the 15th of January.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

The Youth's Companion for 1902 promises to excel any previous volume of that excellent youth's publication ever issued. The contributors are numbered among our best writers and the letter press is all that can be desired.

Among some of the well known and most distinguished contributors for the year are: Pres. Roosevelt, Sec. John D. Long, Justice David J. Brewer, The Duke of Argyll, Frank R. Stockton, H. Rider Haggard, Booker T. Washington, Rev. Henry C. Potter, Capt. Charles King, Gen. Sternberg, Margaret E. Sangster and many other eminent writers.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1902 is the finest piece of work we have ever seen in the line of a calendar. It is in the form of a dainty folding screen, 11x24 inches in size, printed in twelve colors with embossed gold borders. This charming souvenir will be given to those subscribers who pay at this season of the year their subscription for 1902. Renew your subscription at once, or if you are not a subscriber send to the publishers for free sample copies and then you will surely subscribe. Address, Perry Mason Co., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

The AMERICAN MONTHLY will have 42 pages for January. This will be a good number to advertise in.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S TRAINING.

The father of the late President's widow was an Ohio banker, James A. Saxton of Canton. His daughter, Ida, in her youth was "a girl of many personal charms, a tall blonde, with expressive blue eyes, winning manner and quick intelligence." Sketching her life previous to her marriage, a contributor to the Philadelphia North American, who seems to write with knowledge, as well as with sympathy, says:

Her education was the best attainable, and she was well equipped for "elegant leisure," if she had cared to follow that kind of life. But she did not care for it, and fortunately she had a father with the good sense to train his girls as well as his boys to business.

So it came about that the beautiful daughter of the banker went into the bank and mastered the work of the cashier. There were questions about it at first. Rivals whispered things unfavorable to the Saxton bank, and some society women were inclined to withdraw their favor from the independent girl who was unwilling to be a drone.

But Miss Saxton's culture and ability were of a nature to wither gossip. Were the family funds giving out? gossip at first inquired. That was soon found not to be the case. Mr. Saxton himself explained the matter.

"I have seen many girls left stranded by sudden losses of means," he said, "and I don't intend that this shall ever happen to my daughter. She can be taken care of at home now, but I may be poor some day. I want her to be able to support herself if trouble ever comes. Above all, I don't want her to have to marry solely to be supported, as I have seen so many girls do."

These sound doctrines were a bit ahead of the times in 1870 and in that place, and they created something of a sensation. Still more commotion was caused when the face of the prettiest girl in the whole town appeared at the cashier's window.

But through all the flutter that her presence caused in the place of business Miss Saxton preserved a businesslike calm, worked diligently and learned the business thoroughly. She was accurate, quick and reliable, and she has to-day the equipment to take her place in the business world and hold her own with men.

When the young lawyer, William McKinley, found her at the cashier's window, they two were already good friends, and on January 25, 1871, they were married in the old Presbyterian Church in Canton.

If you have not sent in your subscription yet do so at once.



STAMP ♦ COLLECTING

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

We take pleasure in announcing that beginning with our February number we shall open a department devoted to Amateur Photography, of which the editor has had several years experience.

This department will be neatly illustrated and will prove a very attractive feature for our magazine.

Beginning with the January number the size of the AMERICAN MONTHLY will be changed to the 6x9 page size and our February number will be our Mid-Winter Holiday Number and will contain 60 pages.

Dealers in photographic supplies should see to it at once that their ad. appears in this number. See adv rates on last page of cover. By the way, only 10c per inch.

A dispatch from Constantinople states that the Turkish post-office there has issued a notice that no closed letters will be accepted for distribution hereafter, and that all correspondence within the precincts of the city must be conducted by means of post cards.

As late as 1892, entire sheets of the different value stamps of Bremen were given away as a premium to anyone that would buy a thousand cigars of the manufacturer. As they were as common as this it would seem that the present high prices for these stamps in an unused condition were considerably overrated. Used Bremen stamps are worth having.

Any subscriber who would like to have specimen copies of the AMERICAN MONTHLY sent to friends can send the names with addresses and we will be pleased to supply them, free of cost.

If you have not sent in your subscription yet do so at once.

As announced on the opposite page the size of the AMERICAN MONTHLY, beginning next issue, will be changed to the 6x9 inch page and will have a 7 inch column. A more convenient size for a stamp journal. We shall try and have a page of notes each month from each of the stamp news centers, such as New York, Chicago, etc., which we believe will prove of interest to our readers and greatly benefit our advertisers. There is no magazine issued that gives such low adv rates as we do, and we could not do it if we did not have our own printing plant. We hope to receive several full page ads at \$1.40 for our January number which will go to press the 15th, and possibly we shall be obliged to put in more than 42 pages in that issue, which will have a circulation of 1,500 copies.

The Minnesota Philatelist published by Ed. B. Howe and L. C. Folsy at Minnesota Lake, Minn., is a new philatelic magazine that promises to be of unusual interest. We wish the promulgators success in their venture.

In selecting stamps for your album always use great care in selecting those that are the best centered and are lightly cancelled. Of course we do not believe in going to extremes in this matter as some collectors do, but we believe in selecting the best and cleanest at hand or that you can afford to secure. In mounting great care should be taken as a carefully mounted page makes the stamps look fifty per cent more attractive.

Never mount your stamps with home made hinges when others can be had from most any dealer at 10c per 1000.

In 1853 the uniform rate of postage was, without regard to distance, fixed at three cents, and in 1883 was reduced to two cents.

All useful printed matter not reaching its destination and cannot be returned is distributed among the inmates of the various hospitals, etc., in the District of Columbia.

We are not an advocate of one cent letter postage and believe that the post-office department cannot undertake such a measure and make it a financial success at this time. Our postal system is not a perfect one yet by any means.

What we are in favor of is a currency that could be sent through the mails to take the place of postage stamps, for the fractional part of a dollar. Postage stamps, during hot weather, stick together and cause any amount of trouble. All firms that do any business through the mails would willingly sanction such a currency, even though we had but 10, 25, and 50c fractional currency bills. We hope to get the views of others on this subject and perhaps we may get the ball a rolling and some good may come of it before the end is reached.

Star in the East.

Emblem of hope, of peace and love,
Thou beacon light, thou guiding star,
That led the Shepherds to our Lord,
And shone upon them from afar.

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CAN YOU USE OUR MONEY—Then if you have any good U. S. or Foreign stamps on original covers, blocks, pairs, etc., send same to us with lowest cash price you can sell and if satisfactory will send cash by return mail; or e's: we can use your money, but give full value for it. 20 fine foreign cat \$1 or over for only 20c postpaid. Write us. We buy stamps. Bedford Stamp Co., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Christmas Bargains!

100 calling or business cards worth \$.40
1 leather combination pocket book	
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1 packet of stamps, catalogue	1.25

The above worth \$2.30, for 50c.

H. J. COOLEY,

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DON'T SPEND YOUR MONEY—But send us your duplicates cataloguing 5c or over, and for every dollar's worth catalogue value sent us we allow you 75c worth catalogue value for our stock, your selection. Send a trial lot and we will give you perfect satisfaction, or else we can sell you a few good stamps, for instance 40 and 80c documentary, 1898 revenue, fine, both for 12c. Why not write us? Yes—Bedford Stamp Co., 702 Duff St., Pittsburg, Pa.

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POSTAL SYSTEMS.

WID you ever stop to think of the wonderful organization that insures the regular transmission of every little letter, and its final safe delivery to its owner, even at the remotest ends of the world, the crowded foreign city, or the solitudes of the mountain or the forest? You cannot go to a point so isolated as to be beyond the ministrations of the postoffice; but in some foreign countries you would find very strange messengers and methods employed.

In the United States the system is so admirably organized that the work of the letter carrier ceases to have any individuality. If you were to cross the ocean, however, and visit some of the countries of Asia, you would see some very queer postmen. In northern India, among the Himalayas, letters are carried by native runners at the end of a cleft stick. Sometimes one of these postmen will travel a hundred miles to convey his precious missive, the letter being delivered in as clean a condition as when it started.

The commonest type of Indian post-runner, or "toppal-wallah," wears a long white coat, very light trousers, and a huge light-blue turban. His letter bag is slung from his shoulder, and he carries a long stick with a sharp iron point, which can be used as a weapon in case of need. The stick is adorned with six little brass bells which serve to give notice of the approach of the post.

If you were in Japan you would see lithe, wiry runners, with very little clothing on their brown bodies, darting here and there among the crowd. Everybody gives way before them, for they are the postmen of the empire. Their mail is carried in small baskets strapped to their sides. They are capable of sustaining a good deal of fatigue, and make wonderful journeys at times.

Among the placid Chinese, hurry is a form of vulgar impatience, consequently very little dispatch is used in carrying the mails in that great empire. They are contented to convey all ordinary communications either by slow paddling or poling boats, or else by foot-runners, whose high sounding title of "the thousand mile horse" does not quicken their pace beyond about twelve miles in twenty four hours. They carry a paper lantern and a paper umbrella, and their letter bag is secured to the back by a cloth knotted across the chest.

Among the most picturesque letter carriers of the world are the "Camel Express Messengers" of Bokara. The men wear

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5 var Roumonia	2c
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*Salvador '67 1 real (cat 6c)	2c
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Postage 2c extra, or the lot prepaid for only 10c.	
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575 Wells St., CHICAGO.

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a serviceable red uniform, and a large green turban embroidered with gold thread. From their girdle hangs a curved saber in a red sheath. The camels are adorned with trappings of gay tassels ornamented with blue beads and cowrie shells, and with small brass bells round their necks to give notice of their approach. The rough and rapid trotting of these animals, sometimes at the rate of eighty miles a day, is so trying to the riders as to shorten their lives.

Of vehicles, we find every conceivable variety used to aid the post-runner in his labor. In Natal the post-cart is a light four horse vehicle, not much to look at, but capital as a means of getting over vile roads with deep ruts.—*P. Advocate.*

ERRORS IN SURCHARGES.

There are so many collectors interested in collecting all minor varieties that for the benefit of these I herewith give a short list of some errors in surcharge.

The common 1890-91 2c on 50c claret newspaper stamp of Italy, exists with the surcharge inverted. They are very scarce however, I doubt if there are a dozen collections in the U. S. or Canada which contain them. Scott does not catalogue it, although several of the other values are listed in that condition.

The U. S. surcharges for Cuba, 2c red and 5c blue, adhesives, have been found without the words of value "2c" and "5c de Peso" printed on the stamps, the name only "Cuba" being on the stamps. They are, no doubt, really genuine errors, caused by an over-sight of the printer.

The 2½c de Peso for Cuba, exists in several distinct shades, vermilion, red, carmine. The last is very scarce. The 2½c value is regarded by many as an error as there was no use for a 2½c stamp, in fact, had not been for several years, as that value issued by Spain for Cuba, had no longer been printed for Cuba prior to the American occupation. Scott's last catalogue lists this stamp but it is not designated an error, as it should be, for such it is.

The so-called errors in surcharges, that is the inverted surcharges on the Egypt 1 and 2m surcharged "Soudan" now turn out to be rank forgeries. So collectors should not buy these.

I have the 1892, 1c black on blue of "Diego Saurez," with the lower part of the "U" cut off, making it read, in capitals, "SI IARES," making "U" double "I."



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Sales of Postage Stamps Increases.

In a statement issued by the post-office department, making a comparison of the sales of postage stamps for the quarter ending September 30th, this year, as compared with the corresponding period last year, the total increase in the sale of stamps for the three months is shown to be in value \$3,611,431. There was an increase in the sale of stamps in general and stamped envelopes, with the exception of postal cards. There was a decrease in the sale of postal cards to the amount of \$58,673. The increase in the number of stamps and stamped envelopes sold was 13.7 per cent, while the increase in the value was 16.5 per cent. This is regarded as a sure indication of the growing prosperity of the nation.

Representative George W. Smith of Illinois, will introduce a bill in Congress providing for the reduction of letter postage from two cents to one cent. He believes that, as was the case when the rate was reduced from three cents to two cents, the increase of mail matter will soon make up the loss of income.

A little carefulness in hinging your stamps, will save many unnecessary words and trouble later on.

It is easier to make your collection neat when you first start, than to change it afterwards.

If you have not sent in your subscription yet do so at once.

THOUSANDS of DOLLARS worth of stamps free to all answering this ad and mentioning this paper. Let us hear from you at once.

NEPTUNE CO.,

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25 var cat 75c for	25c
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GIVEN AWAY

Only to catch the eye of the Bargain Hunter and add 1000 names to our list of customers.

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50 var stamps	cat	\$1.00
5 var Cuba unused	cat	.16
5 var Mexico unused	cat	.53
5 Blank sheets and packet of hinges		.70
1 Copy sheet music (new out of stock)		.40
3 5-cent libraries, new		.75
1 Nickel plated pencil holder		.70
1 Brass puzzle		.10

Total value \$2.64

Send names of two stamp collectors and 26c in stamps and all above will be sent you postpaid. This of course does not cover cost but a pleased customer is a good advertiser.

C. L. HOEVET,

Stamp and Novelty Dealer, FAIRFIELD, NEB.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHICAGO.

BY FRED C. LANG.

Business in general is greatly improving. The school boys have again taken the fever and are adding many stamps to their collections.

Chicago collectors are proud of their home society, "The Chicago Philatelic Society." You ought to see the crowd of collectors there when meetings are held.

A great desire exists among the school boys to become stamp dealers. I know of one family in this city, four boys belong to this family, two boys of the same have established the Washington Stamp Co., one boy the Franklin Stamp Co., and the other the Chicago Stamp Co. After trying to deal for some time they soon found out that a small dealer's path is not strewn with roses.

It is far better boys to enlarge your collection than to enter the fruitless fields of amateur stamp dealing.

A sign painter of this city has a new idea. He now uses stamps for borders and letters, making very attractive and neat signs.

A Japanese here is buying up all the Pan-American stamps he can lay his hands on. He informed me that he realizes an excellent profit in them selling them to dealers and collectors in his native land.

Mr. Robinson proprietor of the Randolph Stamp Co., although only recently established, as I hear is doing very good business. His price list is full of bargains of U. S. and foreign stamps.

The Open Window Philatelic Society, organized some months ago, seems to be meeting with great success, new members are enrolling right along. Mr. Birr the Secretary of this Association is also a local dealer who has worked up a good stamp trade.

Mr. R. Greene's stamp trade is greatly increasing, through extensive advertising, and he knows how to advertise too. Mr. Greene has many good things in his stock.

We desire to make this an advertising test notice. By mentioning this notice and enclosing 10c silver we will send you the AMERICAN MONTHLY one year on trial. This is your opportunity. Our Jan. issue will contain 42 pages and our Feb. number 60. These two numbers alone will be worth the 10c.

Uncle Sam is making all the way from \$40,000 to \$60,000 a day in stamps upon stock bought and sold in the New York stock exchange.

Some idea of the vast amount of work done in the London post office may be gathered from the statement that 8,300,000 letters passed through it daily last year.

The AMERICAN MONTHLY will have 42 pages for January. This will be a good number to advertise in.

Do not be afraid to invest your money in good stamps. They increase in value from year to year.

Since the adoption of stamps in Iceland in 1873th at country has issued only 30 varieties of stamps.

The United States stamps used in Hawaii are postmarked with violet ink.

Advertising Rates 10c Per Inch.

ADVERTISERS—Be sure and read announcement on last page. Important!

It's to Your Interest

to buy stamps for your collection where you get them cheapest. My approval sheets contain 2500 different stamps marked at the lowest retail market prices. No catalogue value considered. First class reference required. Write to me. C. E. COOLEY, 927 Elm Street, Peekskill, N. Y.

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1c Pan American	15c per 100
2c Pan American	7c per 100
4, 5, 8 and 10c Pan American	1c each

Collections and job lots bought for cash, also will take your duplicates at $\frac{1}{2}$ cat in exchange for stamps from stock. What have you? C. L. HOEVET, Stamp and Novelty Dealer, Fairfield, Nebr.

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AMERICAN MONTHLY
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A Transvaal 1py Jubilee given free to all purchasers of our famous imported packet contains 20 diff Australian stamps from Tasmania (picture set) and other fine stamps from Queensland and New South Wales only 25c. Nyassa 1901 Seraffe 2½ 5, 10, 15 R per set only 8c. Approval sheets 50 per cent dis. Pioneer Stamp Co., 92 Kinsman St., Cleveland, O.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED and in order to do so I offer the following bargains

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100 Stickers name and address	12c
25 Komikal or satanic cards	6c
50 All diff stamps (Many rare ones)	10c
Buffalo Hinges 500	5c

Everything post free and prize stamp thrown in. Walter J. Hatch, 9 Faunce Place, Brockton, Mass.

Must Be Sold!

1829 silver half-dime, old style liberty head, 13 stars, fine condition; 1, 2, 4, 8 and 10c unused Columbian stamps; used 2c blue Prop., 2c orange Int. Rev bank check, 2c Int. Rev. orange, 3c Int. Rev. Prop. green, 1c Int. Rev. Express; buff two stamps not detached; 2c blue Prop.; 3c light red U. S. with embossed squares covering head of stamp.

Who will buy any or all of the above? Address,

W. G. BALLOU,

Box 45.

Columbus, Neb.

"PLEASE DON'T!"

A group of rough young fellows were standing on the corner, joking loudly and with rough talk, and neither changing the character of their language nor lowering their voices for passing pedestrians. One young man, as rough as any of his companions, and quite the equal of the worst in profanity, was in the midst of a sentence, every second word of which seemed an oath, when a woman, making her way across the street and hurrying to escape the passing teams, gained the corner and landed almost in the midst of the group. She stood a moment, horrified and bewildered, face to face with the young man.

"Oh, please don't!" was all she said to him, but she looked him for a moment squarely in the face. It was not wholly a bad face. It turned crimson under her look, and the sentence stopped unfinished.

She was gone in a moment. A brief silence fell on the crowd, followed by a laugh at the expense of the young man whom she had addressed. But he did not join in the laugh, and after a time withdrew, manifestly uncomfortable because of the incident.

It was not long before he swore again, but when he did it the memory of that mild rebuke "Please Don't!" also came to mind. He seemed to hear it everytime he spoke coarsely or profanely. Before he would have admitted it he was making an effort to purify his speech, and when his companions noticed it and rallied him on "turning parson," he began to avoid them and to seek better society.

But in due time his old companions themselves began to respect the change which they saw in him, and to notice that he was doing better in every way. He found steady employment and became more careful in his dress. The change in him was too genuine to be sneered at, and those who in the beginning had laughed began to envy and admire him, and to seek his friendship anew.

So it came about that one young man's life was permanently changed and others were indirectly uplifted,

merely because of a gentle and timely rebuke.

It is a rare transgressor who cannot be touched by some "angel of his better nature." The timely word of a friend, or even a stranger, is often more efficient than a sermon.—*Youth's Companion.*

THE WRONG BOY.

A small boy on a railroad train can easily get into trouble. A Detroit man had to leave his little son while he transacted some business with the conductor, says the *Free Press*, and, as was natural enough, he gave the boy careful instructions as to his behavior.

"Now, Willie," he said, "I'm going to be away just a few minutes. You sit right where you are, and don't you move a bit. If you do, I'll spank you good and hard. So don't stick your head out of the window. You might have it taken off if you do. Then you won't have any head, and you'd get a spanking besides."

The man went away to find the conductor. After a few minutes he came back.

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There was his son two seats behind and across the aisle, with two fingers stuffed in his mouth to keep his merriment in. The man looked again and rubbed his eyes, but there was no mistake.

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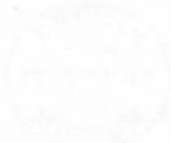
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Floralette.

Happy when they gazed at me ;
 Laughing eyes, laughing eyes ;
Surely, surely it must be
 They came out of paradise !
And that wavy floating hair,
 Golden as the sunset hue,
Surely some sweet angel, fair,
 Gave those pretty locks to you !
And that voice—sweeter still—
 Sweeter yet than all to me—
And my heart and soul does fill
 With the sweetest melody !
And that precious love of thine—
 Don't forget, oh, don't forget,
Ev'ry fraction of its mine,
 Floralette, sweet Floralette !

Give to me thy trembling hand ;
 Let us walk—and not apart—
Through the rosy, cozy land
 Of the unit of heart !
There the waters, as they go
 Rushing onward to the sea
Seem to tell me as they flow
 Of a bright futurity.
And the sunbeams—sparkling bright—
 Dancing, prancing in the skies,
Promise there shall be no night
 If you'll loan to them your eyes !
How I long for promised blisses—
 Don't forget, oh, don't forget
That I long for promised kisses,
 Floralette, sweet Floralette !

—J. ROGERS GORE.

A PHANTOM LOVE.

Why a Young Man Made a Wild Goose Chase Abroad.

Four Girls Get Revenge—He Had Offend-
ed One of Them, But Blanche Wil-
loughby Made Matters
Even for Her.



HE was a maker of musical instruments and his eyes twinkled as he looked around at his friends, who had been relating queer experiences of their own or their acquaintances. Then he began this remarkable story of a man who was decoyed into chasing a phantom sweetheart from this city to Europe, and over a large part of the land on the other

side of the water, only to learn on returning that the whole thing was a practical joke, planned to secure revenge for an exhibition of ill temper which had deeply grieved and mortified a young woman.

"It was in a fashionable boarding house," said the instrument man, "in an uptown street, that four young ladies lived. With youth they combined good looks, cheerful dispositions and the woman's proverbial proneness for a desire for the admiration of the sterner sex. But all their blandishments were lost on a handsome young fellow who boarded in the house, and who, while not exactly a cynic or a misanthrope, seemed to frown down any exhibitions of youthful frivolity.

"He frequently chatted with the girls after dinner, and when, one evening, the conversation turned upon flirting, he expressed himself very forcibly on the subject, saying no lady could descend to such an action, while a man of true honor would only despise her if she did. This, of course, coming from a young, good-looking fellow, was a surprise to the girls, who

at first thought he was joking, but as he repeated his views on several other occasions, and as his conduct, which was carefully looked into, seemed to justify his views, they came to the belief he was in earnest. Thereafter he was known as 'the prude.'

"He surprised the girls, one summer afternoon, by inviting the most modest looking of their number to accompany him to Manhattan Beach. She accepted and they left. Not to go minutely into details, they had a nice dinner and were listening to the music when two young men passed. One of them looked rather intently at the girl and



"THIS LADY SEEMS TO DESIRE YOUR COM-
PANY."

smiled. She was somewhat near-sighted, and, telling of the matter afterward, she said she thought the young man was a friend, whereupon she smiled and bowed. 'The prude' saw it all, and taking her by the arm he led her to the young men, and addressing him who had bowed to the girl, he said:

"I don't know your name, sir, but this lady seems to desire your company more than she does mine. She is Miss Blank, of No. — West — street, and I will leave her in your care, hoping you will see her safely to her home."

"Before he had concluded the astonished girl had discovered that the young man to whom she had bowed

was a stranger, but she had not time to make any explanation to 'the prude,' for as he finished he strode rapidly away. She dismissed the strangers, bought a railroad ticket and returned home, where she recited the mortifying story to her friends. And it was then and there that, after putting their heads together, they hatched the scheme which sent 'the prude' to Europe on a wild goose chase."

The conspirators, the narrator continued, had a friend who was the postmistress in a small near-by town, and they enlisted her aid, she being only too willing, after she knew the circumstances. Soon "the prude" received a nicely scented letter, in a woman's

hand, and the girls had the pleasure of seeing it on his plate at the breakfast table, and of noticing the pleased expression as he read it. They knew that the letter purported to be from a lady who had seen him, but had never met him, but was extremely desirous of knowing him—so much so that she suggested to make an appointment to meet her. She signed herself "Blanche Willoughby," and said she lived in Brooklyn, and requested him to send his reply to the Brooklyn post office, where she would get it by calling for it.

Whether he felt flattered or what it was that actuated the man who so detested flirting, he answered the letter, which, by prearrangement, was forwarded from the Brooklyn post office to the out-of-town postmistress, and from her hands it went direct to the fair plotters, who had all manner of fun with it. Then ensued an animated correspondence between "the prude" and Blanche, and it tickled the girls immensely to note his flush of pleasure when on going to the breakfast table he would find the daintiest notes from his supposed fair innamorata. Never did he read them at the table; they were too sacred for that; he gently put them in his pocket, waiting till he got to the seclusion of his room before breaking open the envelope.

But the young fellow was becoming impatient to meet her, so Blanche told him to be at Trinity church the next Sunday morning and to wear a large red rose as a boutonniere. He was on

hand, and so were the four conspirators. As luck would have it, a young woman fainted and was carried from the church, placed in a carriage by her relatives and was driven away. Blanche's next letter expressed the deepest regret that the writer had been overcome by the heat and had to be helped from the church. She was still ill, she added, her doctors had ordered her to go to Europe, and she was to depart the following Saturday. She was sorry to go without having had the pleasure of meeting him, but after her return she would make it a point to find him.

Of course the young women thought this would end the whole matter, for they were becoming tired of the joke. But what was their amazement when another letter was received by Blanche, in which the smitten young man said he would follow her to Europe, and begging her to send him another letter informing him where he could meet her there. The next week he announced in the boarding-house that he was in need of rest and that in two weeks he would leave for Europe, where he expected to remain two or three months.

The news, instead of invoking sympathy, spurred the girls on to further efforts. One had a relative in Hamburg, another a married sister in Geneva,

the third had some one in Paris in whom she could confide, while in London the fourth had a friend whom she would let into the secret. So five letters were written at once, four of them to go abroad and tell the friends how to act, the fifth being sent to "the prude," telling him where Blanche was to stop in London and how long; how she would go to Paris and where she could be found, and the same data concerning Hamburg and Geneva.

All the girls were on hand to see "the prude" depart, and he was very happy over what he thought was the secret locked up in his breast.

From letters received from the friends abroad he appeared at the address given in London, only to be told that Miss Willoughby had been there and had looked anxiously each day for a friend whom she expected. Much



THERE WAS A LETTER ON HIS PLATE.

dejected at his non-arrival, she had departed for Paris earlier than she expected, leaving word that should a young man call for her he should be asked to follow her at once.

In this way he was sent to the four cities named, and then, losing all track of his phantom sweetheart, he traveled around on his own accord, hoping to find her. But, of course, he didn't, and when, three months later, he returned to this country and to his boarding house he was a heart-broken man. The next morning when he appeared at the breakfast table there was a letter on his plate which made his eyes twinkle with joy. He took it to his room, and this was what he read:

"POOR OLD SIMPLETON: It is not very strange that you did not meet me in Europe, for I was never there. I had intended to take a slight jaunt through South America, so you might have the fun of following a will-o'-the-wisp; but when I saw how foolish you were my heart softened. I am not Blanche Willoughby, and never was, but I took this means of punishing you for your contemptible conduct to a friend of mine. When you get this I will be another man's wife. Don't forget.

"BLANCHE."

"Now," concluded the story teller, "if you don't believe this I will introduce you to my wife, who was Blanche Willoughby."—N. Y. Herald.

An American Fable.

Once upon a time a Young and Frisky Mule wandered away from its Mother's side towards a Hive of Bees, which the Farmer kept in order to procure Beeswax for the children to chew on. Observing his Tendency to Investigate, the Mother observed:

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The Youngster pretended to Submit, but at a Favroable Opportunity he cantered up for a close Investigation. He got an ear full in about half a Minute, and had not the Farmer and his son turned out to his Aid he would have been Stung to death. As it was he was Badly used up by the Sharp and Remorseless stings, and he was standing on Three Legs with his eyes closed when his Mother drew near and queried:

"Did I not warn you against the Bees?"

"You did."

"Then why didn't you Heed my Words? I told you that the Bees and Mules did not Agree."

"So you did, but I went over to the Hive to ask them why it was!"

MORAL.

Mules, always put confidence in your mother.—Detroit Free Press.

Force of Habit.

The genial captain of a steamer plying on one of our American rivers was appointed a vestryman in an Episcopal church in a city which lay at one end of his route. One day shortly afterward it was reported to him, when on shore, that there was a leak in the church. He was accustomed to promptness, and on receipt of the message he went to the church, took a candle and started down into the cellar to find the leak, evidently thinking of the basement as the hull of the good ship Zion! The captain himself tells the story, with much apparent enjoyment of its humor.—Youth's Companion.

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A MOUNTAIN COURSHIP.

BY W. J. LAMPTON.



SHE was by all odds the best looking girl on Grassy Lick, without being remarkably beautiful, for beauty is not a noticeable characteristic of mountain women, old or young, and how she had ever come to marry Lem Skaggs was a wonder to me, for Lem was by all odds the homeliest man on the Lick, and homeliness is a characteristic of mountain men. I knew Lem quite well, and had befriended him on many occasions, even loaning him money enough to get married on, as his crops were not in and he was scant of funds, and when they had been married about a month I asked him one day how it happened. He was a good fellow all over, was Lem, as guileless as a baby and as honest as the sunlight, and when I asked my question he blushed and grinned.

"She was tuck by my good looks," he laughed.

"Of course, of course," I laughed back; "anybody ought to see that, but my eyesight is weak. Tell me what you did to win her?"

"I didn't do nothin', colonel. I jist wuz."

"That won't go, Lemuel. You are not the kind that win that way; you must have made yourself attractive in some other way."

"Hope to die, colonel, ef I did," he insisted. "I jist wuz and she got tuck."

"Didn't you court her pretty hard?"

"Did I?" and he drew a long breath as of relief at the thought of its being over. "Well, I should say I did. Why, I come mighty nigh mortgidgin' the farm to git her things she didn't seem to want when I give 'em to her."

"What did you give her?"

"Everything, colonel. It got so bad

to'rds the last the folks at the store told me ef I'd lump my dealin's they reckoned they could let me have 'em at wholesale prices."

"She couldn't stand your liberality, Lem. That's what got her."

"Not a bit uv it," he contended. "All the time I was takin' her all sorts uv things, she wuz makin' eyes at every feller that come along, and sorter expectin' me to keep up my end uv the swingle tree, jist case I kinder seemed to hanker atter doin' it that a-way."

"But you kept at it?"

"I reckon not," he laughed. "All uv a sudden I sot in fer Mary Finnel, and give the store folks a rest on buyin'."

"Then what happened?" I inquired, with a hope that I would now get some information.

He laughed a low, gurgling laugh, such as a boy would give vent to when caught in some of his natural depredations.

"Well," he said, "she kinder swapped eends on t'other fellers, and swung 'round my way, but I wuzn't givin' a inch, and I didn't have no talk with her fer mighty nigh two weeks, and then



"'GOOD EVENIN', SAYS I."

one evenin' as I wuz passin' her house on my way to Mary's, and she knowed it, I seen her hangin' on the gate lookin' out into the future, er somethin' uv that sort that I seen a picter uv one't an agent wuz sellin'.

"'Good evenin', says I, not offerin' to stop.

"'Good evenin'" says she. 'Pears to me you're in a powerful hurry.'

"'Kinder,' says I, slackin' up some. 'I promised to be down to Mary's 'bout this time.'

"She kinder looked down at the ground when I told her that, and kicked a little rock out of the path that wuz layin' thar, and I felt like a sheep-stealin' dog fer sayin' what I had.

"'I reckon you'd better be hurryin' along, then, for Mary ain't the kind that likes to be kep' waitin'," says she.

"'I s'pose,' says I, 'that you don't keer ef I stop and talk to you fer a minute, do you?'

"'I ain't keerin' what you do,' says she, kinder sullen.

"'You look like you wuz expectin' somebody yerself,' says I, feelin' ez ef I'd like to choke whoever the feller wuz.

"'That's what,' says she, and I felt more'n ever like chokin' somebody.

"'Who is it?' says I, watching the streaks of a laugh 'round her mouth and eyes.

"'That's fer me to know and you to find out,' says she, laughing right out.

"'I reckon I'll be goin' on down to Mary's,' says I, thinkin' that I wasn't makin' nothin' hangin' 'round Susan.

"'Mebbe you wouldn't ef you know'd who wuz comin',' says she, kinder reachin' over the gate.

"'Well, tell me,' says I, 'and see ef I'll stay.'

"'I reckon not,' says she, still a-nagin' me, 'mebbe they wouldn't like it!'

"'Who's they?' says I.

"She give a little chuckle, and I come up to the gate and rested my hands on it to one side uv her'n.

"'Pap and mother,' says she. 'They've gone down to the schoolhouse to preachin' and won't be back tell eight o'clock.'

"'Ain't you kinder lonesome waitin' hyer by yerself, Susan?' says I, half way tryin' to pull the gate open, but she held it shet.

"'I reckon I wuz,' says she. 'That's why I come out and hung on the gate. It's mighty still like in the house.'

"'You reckon you wuz?' says I. 'Ain't you now?' and I chuckled myself for ketchin' her.

"'P'raps I am and p'raps I ain't,' she sniggered, and tossed her head.

"'I tried to open the gate, but she held it shet.

"'Ef you want me to stay, why don't you say so?' says I, gittin' ugly.

"'I reckon you kin if you want to,' says she, mighty pesky.

"'Susan,' says I, 'what's the use uv foolin'?"

"'Foolin' about what?' says she.

"'About me and you,' says I.

"'I ain't a foolin', says she.

"'You air,' says I, 'and you know it.'

"'Ef you don't like me, Lem Skaggs,' says she, bridlin' up all over, 'you kin go 'long. I didn't ax you to stop, did I?'

"'But I do like you, Susan,' says I, gittin' skeert, an' tryin' to pull the gate open so's I could git clos't enough to her to coax her.

"'I reckon you like Mary Finnell a sight better,' says she, holdin' the gate ag'in me.

"'I reckon I don't,' says I, and I could feel the gate give a little.

"'You wouldn't talk that a-way ef she wuz in hearin' distance,' says she.

"'Wouldn't I?' says I, and I heaved



"'HOLDIN' THE GATE AG'IN ME."

and sot on the gate, but it didn't move a peg. 'You jist fetch her up here and sec ef I wouldn't.'

"'No, you jist go down thar,' says she. 'That's whar you started fer.'

"'I didn't do nothin' uv the sort,' says I, gittin' despriter every minute.

"'You told me you did,' says she, and I could feel the gate give some and then shet up ag'in.

"'You oughter know, Susan,' says I, seriously, 'that I wuz jist a-foolin',' and I could feel the gate a-givin' way and shettin', and then givin' way ag'in.

"'An' you ain't lyin' now, Lem?' says she, a heap sight softer than any time in her life.

"'Course I ain't, Susan,' says I, and the gate come open about six inches.

"'Ef I only thought you wuzn't, Lem,' says she, lettin' the gate slip my way a leetle more every minute.

"'You know I ain't, Susan,' says I, givin' the gate the strongest pull yit. 'You know it, and you know I never give a snap uv my finger fer any other gal in these parts, and that all the time I've been a-hankerin' atter you and wantin' you for my wife, but you kep' foolin' with me all along and bustin' my heart mighty nigh, and makin' me want to go off and chop a tree down on myself. You know it, Susan, you know it,' and she h'isted her hands and the gate swung wide open.

"'What about Mary?' says she, standin' thar before me lookin' sweeter'n peaches and rosies.

"'Dern Mary,' says I, clean forgettin' my manners, and I retch out both hands fer Susan.

"'Oh, Lem!' says she, "and—well, colonel," he laughed as his honest face reddened beneath its saffron hue, 'I reckon you're old enough to know the balance.'"

"I wouldn't be surprised, Lem," I replied, blushing just a shade myself as a memory or two came slowly back from the rosy past.

He looked up smiling.

"And say, colonel," he said, "I wuzn't any purtier that night than I wuz before."

"Come off, Lemuel," said I, slapping him on the back, "it was so dark Susan couldn't see you."—N. Y. Sun.



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[From the Numismatist.]

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Sketches of the new Philippine coins, as proposed by the Philippine Commission, were shown to the members of the House Insular Committee by Director of the Mint. They show a Philippine design with a native head and wording on one side, while the reverse shows an American emblem and the wording is in English.

Ed. Frossard the New York cataloguer of coins, who succeeded his father in the business on the death of the latter, has discontinued the business and gone South. The old and honorable name of Frossard thus remains with us a pleasant reminiscence of a numismatic past.

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The Brooklyn Stamp Society have secured larger club rooms and they hope to greatly increase their membership list.

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One of the German states will disappear as a stamp-issuing country in a few months. At present the kingdoms of Wurtemberg and Bavaria are the only states of the German confederation which have their own special postage stamps. It has long been the desire of the German emperor to have uniformity in this respect. Quite recently the Reichsanzeiger announced that after April 1, 1902, Wurtemberg will cease to issue its stamps and will use those now in use in Germany generally. Bavaria has been approached on the subject, but the Bavarians will not listen to the proposal to give up their own stamps.

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THE demand for the stamps of our new possessions is and has been very great for some months, and is much commented upon by the various publications. We have noticed several articles treating of the stamps of these colonies, and as philately and history go hand in hand we will give a short historical sketch of Porto Rico. Similar sketches of Cuba, the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands may be given later.

Porto Rico was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage in 1493. The natives, like the Aztecs of Mexico, had a civilization of their own, though it was probably not so far advanced as that of the dwellers on the mainland. The Latimer collection in the Smithsonian institution leads to the inference that the natives of the adjacent islands resorted to it, and it may have been the Mecca of the Antilles.

The natives number not far from eight hundred thousand. Of these three hundred thousand are of African descent. In 1508 Ponce de Leon and his faithful followers waged a war of extermination against them. He took everything the simple people had and his example was emulated by succeeding Spanish rulers during a period of over four hundred years.

For one thing only the Spaniards deserve credit. They built the splendid military road from Ponce on the south to San Juan to the north.

The island is thirty-five miles wide and ninety-five miles long and has an

area of thirty-seven thousand square miles, being five-sevenths the size of the state of Connecticut. The natural resources make it the most beautiful, the most healthful and the most productive of all the Antilles.

Porto Rico's first postal issues was in 1873. Her stamps are medium priced, and a comparison of catalogue values with those of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands stamps show that next to the Cubans they are the cheapest of any of the issues of these recently acquired possessions. Time will show that the future means for the island regarded from a philatelic standpoint, but doubtless its stamps will be such as will add to the interest now shown in the fairest of our colonies.

San Juan is the capital and is said to have the best harbor in the West Indies. Ponce with forty thousand inhabitants lays claim to being the healthiest city on the island. Nature has freely bestowed her gifts and the people live unharmed in the midst of filth that would insure pestilence in any country lacking the fine natural drainage of Porto Rico.

The Spaniards could not destroy the resources bestowed by nature, and the island remains to-day as they found it, it awaits American energy and civilization to transform it into a verdant garden spot. Undeveloped, it is yet as virgin soil. For American brains and American capital it promises much, and eventually the scene will change, the spirit that has blessed our country for more than a century will descend on this future queen of the Antilles.—P. West.

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REVENUE GLEANINGS.

BY WM. C. STONE.

There are probably not many collectors who are aware of the fact that we came near having a new set of state revenues last year. A bill was introduced in the New York legislature providing for the collection of certain taxes by means of stamps but it did not pass. As far as I can find, it was renewed at the last session. Had the act become a law it must have had a stimulating effect upon the collection of these stamps.

The New York Tribune of June 24, had an editorial article on the advertising poster nuisance and advocated the adoption of a stamp duty to check it somewhat. A letter from the Paris correspondent gave quite an account of the French law on this subject together with the rates of taxation. The idea is a most excellent one and would bring in quite a revenue to the state as well as abating what is getting to be a regular nuisance.

The exhibit of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Buffalo contained cardboard proofs of all the current revenues and also of the \$5 ultramarine and \$10 purple which was not issued on account of the adoption of the uniform gray color. Thanks are due to Mr. Bartles for calling our attention to them.

One or two specimens of the stamp paper of the insurgent government of the Philippines was shown in the government building as well as a

number of the fiscals issued by the Spanish authorities,

The value of the \$30 revenue may be estimated somewhat when it is known that only one printing of 62,000 took place and that fully one-half of these were destroyed when the stamp was withdrawn from use. I have this on the authority of J. D. Bartels who obtained this information direct from the Bureau. Uncut, the stamp ought to become decidedly rare, and it will be by no means common in any condition.

The new cigarette stamps are printed in green ink on blue paper and are similar to those of the previous issues.

On the Stamps of the Confederacy.

CLAUDE T. RENO.

More than once within late years has some philatelic scribe given expression to the thought that, as in all other things, Dame Fashion holds and exercises a regal sway in the realms of stampdom. Indeed, more than once during the last several years has the truth of this statement been proved, and each time it leaves an impression upon us, which argues not only well but propitiously for the cause. Just at present Dame Fashion has decreed that revenues, and the stamps of such countries as Porto Rico, V. R. I., etc., should be and are the proper thing, and collectors have not been slow in adopting and following this edict. But a few years ago, or perhaps better a few months ago, the same mistress ordered that the "wee

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bits" of the Confederate States of America should be sought for, and we still hold in pleasant memory the rush made for these historical remainders and the assiduity with which they were collected and mounted.

However, while there was a decided rush at that time, it cannot be truly said that the efforts to secure these stamps has fallen to any great extent. Indeed, within recent years, collectors have reviewed and amplified their old time interests in the stamps of the Confederacy, and the great desire of a few years ago was only the outburst of a hoarded enthusiasm which was bound sooner or later to manifest itself under conditions similar to, and with effects similar to the conditions and effects existing and occasioned by the "rush" we speak of. There was a time—not so very long ago—when these stamps were utterly neglected, and only considered after the field of collecting had been fairly well exhausted. And even when accorded consideration, it was the kind of consideration which a giver usually bestows to a beggar. Or, to lengthen the smile, these historic stamps, the last obtainable docu-

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But as was to be expected, a reaction set in, and with the advent of *The Virginia Philatelist* (a magazine devoting quite some space and attention to these stamps) the long dormant interest was again revived to a generous measure. Not only was the collection of the general issues advocated, but, moreover, especial efforts were then made by the philatelic press in general, to encourage and foster the hunt for old postmaster stamps and other postal curiosities. As a result interest was revived. Varieties in the general issues discovered, and more than one, valuable stamps of the aforementioned type were unearthed and described. Besides this, collectors came to regard the collection of these stamps, not as a side line or an outside issue, but as a legitimate, an integral part of a collection and as important as England or France. As a net result of the revival we are able to say to-day, that while the "rush has fallen off to a small degree, there is still a perceptible effort made by collectors to secure and own these interesting specimens.

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