

# THE TAG PRESS.

Published Monthly in the interests of Tag Collectors.

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## GENERAL ISRAEL PUTNAM,

### PUTNAM IN THE FIELD.

WHEN the shot fired at Lexington proclaimed the opening of irresistible conflict between Great Britain and her American colonies there was probably no man to whom the great mass of people more instinctively turned than to Israel Putnam: A plain country farmer in a remote rural district of Connecticut, he was, perhaps, more widely and favorably known than any man in the colonies. His arrival at the camp in Cambridge was hailed with joyful acclamations by the motley volunteers composing the patriot army. His counsel was eagerly sought by Massachusetts's Committee of Safety and Connecticut's General Assembly. He was at once created a brigadier-general by Connecticut, and on June 19th was made by Congress fourth major-general of the Continental Army. He was entrusted with most important and delicate service. He led expeditions, he acted as representative of the army in the exchange of prisoners, he had the credit of urging and planning the occupation of Bunker's Hill, and of serving as commander-in-chief on that memorable occasion. Equal to every emergency, he kept his holt upon popular favor. His popularity at that period is indisputable. Soldiers and civilians were alike ready to sound his

praise. Silas Dean reports him as "the hero of the day." "His merit rung through this continent, his fame still increases, and every day testifies the unanimous applause of the continent. Captain Chester writes that "he acts nobly in everything." A "friend to truth" declares it needless to expatiate on the character and bravery of Major-General Putnam, whose capacity to form and execute great designs is known though Europe. He was honored with the high regard and entire confidence of Washington and with the unanimous vote and approval of Congress. His conduct while at Cambridge received "the highest veneration" from the Committee of Safety, which assured him that his extraordinary services to his town. "Must always be acknowledged with the highest gratitude, not only by us, but by rising generations."

And how had he gained this popularity, this public confidence? How had a plain Pomfret farmer attained this high position and celebrity? Was it by mere good luck, by aid of friends, by political combinations, by seeking public favor. On the contrary, it came to him unsought, freely, and spontaneously. He had won it by force of character, by doing in his own way whatever duty came to him. He had apparently no special military proclivity and his military experience then was very common at that period.

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### Salutatory.

It is with great pleasure that we bring the "Tag Press," to the attention of Collectors of Tin Tags, and we will endeavor to make it as instructive as possible, but in order to do this we must have the help of beginners as well as advanced collectors. Every collector should have some paper to consult and all we ask is that you give it a fair trial.

Subscribe for the *Press*.

Advertise in the *Tag Press*.

Look out for our Philatelic Department next month.

The latest is a Tag Album, by, Mr. Willcutt, of Cleveland.

All letters repquiring an answer,

must contain a two cent stamp for return postage. This is positive.

The demand, of late, upon Messrs Lorillard & Co. by tag collectors for sets or single tags, has become so great that it has forced them to refuse all requests, and the refusal is absolute.

We want live agents for this paper in every town. Send a two cent stamp for samples, terms, information, etc. We allow liberal terms. Those interested in the hobby of collecting tags, subscribe at once.

We wish that all correspondence with the publishers of this paper be addressed to Bates & Sharpe, Box 125. Titosville, Penn.

A Tag Album has been published by Frank L. Willcutt, of 1114 Woodland Ave. Cleveland. Ohio.

This is a valuable work and all collectors should have one. The price is only 50 cents a copy. Send for one.

### Our Prize Offer.

This month we offer very liberal prizes for selections on tin tags. Any one can enter this competition and his selection will be received if he observes the following rules.

### Rules.

All selections must contain 200 words or over, and must be original. Write on one side of paper only,

All selections must be in by the 15th of February, 1887.

The best selection will be re-

warded by a collection of 150 tin tags.

The second best, by 75 tin tags.

Third best by 50 tags, while all competitors will receive something.

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**How Tags Are Put On Tobacco.**

Tin and paper tags are put en rough an ready tobacco before the first pressure and on smoothed pressed work after the first pressure

They are put on by small boys and girls who get about two dollars per week as wages.—*The Tag World.*

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Rare curiosities, of many kinds, also job printing, in exchange for Foreign (unused) stamps.

A. B. Burkholder, Bellville, O.

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Publishers insert this and above 3 month and send bill payable in anything we advertise.

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BOX 141.

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Good exchange or cash given.

Approval sheets wanted.

Good reference given.

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“ “	2c. orange.
“ “	2c. blue.
“ “	3c. green.
“ “	4c. mawe.
“ “	5c. red.
Bond	25c. red.
Warehouse Receipts.	50c. red.
Life Insurance,	50c. blue.
Mortgage,	50c. blue.
Inland Exchange,	1 D. red.
“ “	60c. orange.
Charter Party,	3 D. green.
Probate of Will,	2 D. red.
Foreign Exchange,	1 D. 30c. or'ng
“ “	1 D. 60c. green
“ “	1 D. 60c. mawe
“ “	50c. blue.
“ “	30c. red
Inland, “	3½ D blue.
Mortgage,	5 D. red.

2ond. & 3rd. issues.

Revenue Stamps of the second and third issues, of all kinds are wanted.

### TAGS.

Send a list of your tags & we will give good exchange or cash for all selected.

### U. S. LOCALS.

Wishing to enlarge our collection of U. S. Locals, we will give good foreign U. S. or revenue for others not in our collection.

### DEPARTMENT.

We have a large collection of Department, but not large enough yet, so if you have any send your list to us and get a good bargain.

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## General Israel Putnam.

### PUTNAM IN THE FIELD.

#### CHAPTER II.

His farm, though included within the bounds of Pomfret, was an independent manor, exempt from military duty in the town, and it is doubtful if the future general had ever served as private in the militia or participated in the numerous public "trainings." Till thirty-seven years of age he had lived in comparative seclusion, debarred by local position from ordinary town service, devoting all his energies to his farm and family, and had only distinguished himself by one exploit—the killing of the wolf still known as "Putnam's."

He was always awake and alert.

He had great bodily strength and skill, the keenest eye, the quickest ear, the swiftest foot, marvelous facility of decision, and perfect possession and command of all his faculties of mind and body.

He was the embodiment of pluck, energy and yankee ingenuity. Whatever the occasion, he was ready and equal. If he could not overcome an obstacle he could devise a plan to evade it. He could outwit and outrun savages;

he could steer a boat down the rapids, through rocks and whirling eddies; he could fight with fire for a powder magazine and win the victory. So marvelous were his escapes that wondering indians thought he bore a charmed life, reserved, like Washington's, for some great purpose. Reports of their various exploits and adventures were detailed at camp and watch-fire and carried home by returning soldiers; and thus the name and fame of Putnam were borne all over the colonies.

#### Notice

In order to introduce all to subscribe, we make the following offer

For 15 cents we will send the "Tag Press" 1 year and any of the following premiums. 25 fine varieties of foreign stamps. 20 varieties of fine tin tags. 15 varieties of fine paper. Any stamp catalogued at 4 cents.

by CHAS. A. TOWNSEND.

#### Received.

The editors of the following papers please except our thanks.

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### Editorial Ink Drops.

Do not keep your tags together in a box, as they will get very dirty by rubbing together. The best way is to keep them on a board or in an album.

We will exchange regularly with any paper. We will send the publisher two copies, and if we receive none in return, we will consider our paper rejected.

Agents send for our terms.

Rail Road and K. of L. plugs, are the largest tags made.

All letters requiring an answer, must contain a two cent stamp for return postage. This is positive.

Why not get a tag Album in which to preserve your tags? We advise you to get one boys.

We would advise, tag collectors, not under any circumstances, to punch holes in their tags, for the purpose of fastening them on a board, as it decreases the value of the tag by scratching off the paint, and making the name unreadable.

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### Outlook On Tag Collecting.

What is the future of tag collecting in America. It is an important subject, and one which is uppermost in my mind. As yet there are few leaders, to this, our hobby.

## THE TAG PRESS.

There are only two papers to uphold the cause, still it is slowly advancing, as the leaders to the cause have joined together, trying to get up a Natural society, and their endeavors have been fairly well rewarded.

The tag collector has many obstacles to encounter, but they can all be passed without much difficulty. Tags are now collected principally by exchanging of lists. but the difficulty is that many collectors are so unprincipled, as to put false names on their lists, and never make returns for what they receive.

There is now over 5000 kinds of tin tags but this number is fast increasing, as all the manufacturers get out new brands, from time to time.

Over 1500 varieties are now considered a fair collection.

Next month I will give a short discourse on paper tags.

A. K. Bates.

### Philatelic Department.

We solicit all news which is of importance for this department, which should be addressed to the editor of this paper.

### Opening Words.

We started this department only after we found that every collectors paper should have a philatelic de-

partment. We hope our readers will take an interest in this department and send in items of interest, and importance.

-The smallest stamp ever issued is the half-penny of Victoria.

-The postage stamps of Russia, are the only ones printed in water colors.

-The first issues of stamps of the Reunion Isles, and British Guiana, are among the rarest known.

It is surprising to know how few collect postal cards. This will form a very interesting branch to your hobby.

-The postal card, which was reported to have been in preparation has made its appearance. It is a great improvement to the old one. The head piece is in the center and is printed in black.

Send on your subscriptions, it will pay you.

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Charlie Burgers, Jr. Titusville, Pa.

Stamps and Tags for same 1,000  
fine stamps for 1,000 mixed tags.  
Send list or lot of 25 or 50.—Archie  
K. Bates, Box 125, Titusville, Pa.


Cash or good exchange for tags  
not on my list. J. C. Wilcox,  
Beach, Mich.

Tin Tags for the same, send list  
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25 foreign stamps, 5 rare tin tags,  
or 15 paper tags, will be given for  
either of the following tin tags.  
Toll Gate, (oblong) and Victor  
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## Foreign Stamps!

I have a large stock on hand which I will  
sell at bottom prices. Will send a nice ap-  
proval sheet to any collector sending 2 stamps  
for postage and promising to return the same  
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N. B.—Stamp papers copy once in 1 in.  
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#### CURIOSITIES

Sea Beans, 15c. Japan postal card,  
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## National Tag Association.

Please let me inform the readers of your paper that the tag collectors of the United States have decided to organize a national Tag Society. The following committee have been appointed to act upon it: Mr. Frank L. Willcutt, 1114 Woodland Ave. Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. James Whitsett, Golden City, Mo; Mr. Charles Reimers, Rock Island, Ills. The above committee have excepted the position and will do all in their power to the point of organization. There will be a bureau of exchange. All members can send tags (not exceeding fifty) to be exchanged. Tags can also be exchanged by list. Each month a circular or paper will be issued. It will give all the new issues, where they can be obtained exchange and correspondence columns, valuable information concerning this hobby, etc. Everybody write the following on a postal card and send it to one of the committee:

..... date.

I will join the National Tag Society about to be formed. Please advise me when any action is to be taken for permanent organization.

Name.....

Age..... Postoffice.....

Ten cents per month will be required of each member to print the monthly papers, etc. I trust that collectors to whom this appeal is is sent, will respond and give us

their aid at the earliest possible convenience. Many members are already enrolled and the number is being constantly swelled.

Yours Very Respec't,

FRANK L. WILLCUTT,

Pub. of Tag World.

To Old Curiosity Shop.

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For The Tag Press.

## A Short Chat On Paper Tags.

There are many paper tag collectors, but still there is collectors of tin tags, and then, there are many collectors who collect both. The collecting of this branch of our hobby is indeed interesting, and collectors of tin tags would do well to start a collection of paper tags.

There are a great many paper tags, and they are less value than tin tags, still they make a very fine show, and a good collection mounted in a blank book or album, look very pretty, and the various colors show up nicely. These tags can be bought very cheaply of tag dealers and there are a great many collectors, who are ready to exchange with you at any time, and a bright boy by watching his chance with exchangers could in a few months get up quite a large collection.

One tin tag generally trades for two paper ones therefore tin tag collectors could easily trade some of their duplicate tin for paper tags.

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The National Tag Association is slowly advancing. Join!

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Collectors should notice that there is two kinds of "Red Cross" on one the letters are clear and bright and on the other they are dull and blunt.

Those receiving more than one copy of this paper, would confer a favor upon the publishers, by handing it to one of his friends.

We are now ready to offer greater inducements to agent's than ever. Send two cent stamp for samples, terms, information etc. Those interested in the hobby of collecting tags should subscribe at once.

Tin tags were first used by the well known firm of P. Lorillard & Co. It was placed on the inside of the wrapper and was simply in design having only the word Lorillard stamped upon it. The firm of Finger & Co. were the first to place their tags on the outside of the plug.

Good M. S. always in demand at this office.

We have received a copy of the "Tag Collectors of the World," published by F. L. Willcutt, the well known editor of the *Tag World*. every tag collector should have one

Boys: have a prescribed method for collecting tags. Do not try to collect every thing at once. Do one thing at a time and do that

well. Have a place for each tag and put each tag in its place. Do not have a herterogeneous collection. Have order if not method and have both if possible.

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**Philatelic Department.**

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We solicit all news which is of importance for this department, which should be addressed to the editor of this paper.

The most remarkable method of stealing the postal fee is that lately brought to light. The stamp is lightly varnished before mailing. In this condition the postmark merely adheres to the coating without coming in actual contact with the stamp, and permitting all the marks to be easily removed by the recipient. By resorting to this device the same stamp serves for postage untill it actually wears out.

—*Exchange.*

From the Curiosity World.

**How Stamps Are Made.**

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In printing postage stamps steel plates, on which are engravings of two hundred stamps are used, they are usually printed on a large hand press, taking four persons, two inking the plates and the other two running the press and, taking care of the printed sheets. When the sheets are dried sufficiently they are gummed, the gum used being of the powder of dried potatoes and other vegetables mixed with water. Some crank has suggested that the government should use gum of "assorted flavors" as it would make it more in-

teresting for those whose duty it is to "lick" the stamps, but as yet the government has not complied with the request. After the sheets are gummed, they are placed between sheets of cardboard and put in a hydraulic press which applies a weight of about two thousand tons.

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Five postmarks for every stamp sent me. Twenty stamps for every "V" nickle without cents.  
E. D. Melville, Chester, Pa.

Stamps for the same.  
Ted Kelly, Tionesta, Pa. Box 88.

Tags for Tags, A. K. Bates,  
Titusville, Pa.

Stamps for Tags, H. W. Sharpe,  
Titusville, Pa.

1000 paper tags for 1000 U. S. stamps, (except 1 & 2 cent present issue) A paper tag for every 2 revenue stamps, (not less than ten taken). Send list to

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