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We intend to hereafter publish the Coin and Stamp Journal on the first of every month, and we shall endeavor to make it the leading stamp paper in the United States. In this number appears the first of a series of articles from the pen of a distinguished stamp collector, which will be continued for several months; We shall endeavor to keep our patrons supplied with the latest news conerning stamps and coins and we hope that our efforts to diffuse knowledge will be liberally seconded by the public. At present our subscription price will be $1 a year but if we obtain a sufficient number of subscribers, we shall lower it to 50 cents.

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U. S. Coins.

Fabulous prices have been paid for the issues of the United States mint. The most trifling variations from the regular die are sufficient to make the coin exceedingly valuable and in such cases their price knows no bounds. A quarter dollar of 1827 has been sold for $225. But a great deal depends upon the *fineness* of the coin. A poor specimen of this piece would have brought less than $5. The copper coins bring the same enormous prices. A cent of 1799 has sold for $40, 4,000 times its intrinsic value. A half cent of 1842 has brought $108, 21,600 times its intrinsic value. A half cent of 1847 has brought $105. But these prices have all been obtained in New York. In Chicago the same coins would not sell for a tenth of these amounts. No collector, wishing to sell his coins should dispose of them here. It is far better to send them east where the higher prices obtained will more than counterbalance the additional expense.

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MAY, 1865.

Rise of Coin and Stamp Collecting.

Ancient money hid in England—Coins discovered under an old English Mansion—Treasure concealed by Pirates along the New England Shore—Hunting for it—French Coins and Medals found in this Country—Political Tokens—Jackson—Plan of next Article—Conclusion.

The collection of coins, rare books, and other curious articles of the kind took its rise, during the middle ages in monasteries and convents. While knights, nobles and fair ladies amused themselves with feasting, dancing and tournaments, the monks and nuns, prevented from sharing in the active pursuits of life, turned their attention to employments, more suited to a quiet and retired existence. There became a great desire among them, to collect curious articles of every kind. Pieces of sacred statues, ancient garments, antiquated jewels, illuminated missals and coins, were gathered in almost every religious institution. Antiquarians of the present day owe much to the old priests and nuns for the preservation of rarities, which now deck our cabinets. The Roman coins, gold, silver, bronze and copper were collected by the monks of Italy; the coins of France were gathered by the monks of that country and the "silver pennies" of Saxon kings rested in the monasteries of Saxon priests. The great collection in the British Museum owes its completeness to the cabinets of old religious houses. In the time of "bluff Harry Tudor," monks, nuns, priests, "bell, book and candle" were driven in hot haste from England, and it was at this time that the coins, found in the different monasteries, were gathered together and preserved by some one, whom history has long since this forgotten. But, before the Ecclesiastics went forth, some of them concealed their treasure. The earth of England even now hides much money beneath the surface.

A curious fact comes under my own observation in relation to this. A few years ago the owner of a large old-fashioned mansion, which had once been a house of the Benedictine order, began to fit it up with new conveniences. Among other things, he directed his workmen to dig a cellar. After a depth of three feet had been reached the shovels struck on a mettalic substance; the earth was rapidly cleared away and soon were seen some thousand old English coins! Don't you wish you had been there for a *scramble*? Several of these coins were brought to this country, one of which I now possess. But the discovery of buried money is not confined to England. After the pirate Kidd had been executed it was reported, and, perhaps, with truth, that the freebooter had buried his ill-gotten gains somewhere by the Atlantic. All along the New England shore strange stories were told of pots of gold, concealed in lonely places and protected by magic spells. This belief has been kept alive by the occasional finding of Spanish

doubloons, along Maine and Massachusetts, which were undoubtedly captured by the Buccaneers from the Spaniards. I do not, however think that any great amount of treasure ever has been discovered yet in our land. It used once to be a favorite amusement with the boys of Bridgeport, Connecticut to visit the vicinity of Long Island Sound in search of buried treasure. All day long we would peep mysteriously around, looking in ditches, excavating the sides of mounds, and telling wild stories of hidden gold, dreadful pirates, awful ghosts and apparitions dire, until with beating hearts we walked rapidly away, then quickened our pace, until we entered the town at 8 o'clock in the evening, on the full run. On one occasion some one found a large silver watch, old fashioned and round as a turnip, lying beneath the earth by an old earthwork. After that the excitement about hidden money grew ten-fold more intense.

When this country was first discovered, the French sailed up the Mississippi and St. Lawrence rivers, leaving many traces of their presence, which may be seen at the present day occasionally. Old French coins and medals are still found in some Indian tribes, worn by the chiefs and braves. Their medals are of course very valuable now and form an ornament to any cabinet. In the Lake Superior region, where Father Marquette penetrated and introduced religion, there can be found in the village churches pictures, sacred vessels, and coins, left by the French two hundred years ago. In one church along the shore is a very valuable painting of the Madonna, which would now gain a large prize in Europe.

During the great political tempests, which have agitated this country, every four years, numerous medals and medallets have been struck off either in defence or derision of the several candidates. This was most extensively practiced in the campaigns of Jackson, especially in the second one. "Old Hickory" was represented by the image of a mule branded "executive firmness," and this idea was varied in a score of ways. The General bore it however and was elected by a large majority. But, besides those medals, which were struck in derision of him, several very handsome ones were executed by his friends. I have in my collection, a large one, with the picture of Jackson on one side, and the words "Peace and Friendship" on the other. By the way all the Presidential tokens are yearly becoming more scarce and are well worth getting. In the next paper a more detailed description will be given; but at first it was necessary to review the whole field in a cursory manner before entering into details.

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Coin and Stamp Items.

The old copper and bronze coin of England are called in by the bank, and Birmingham has already returned over £9,000 (three and a half million pieces.—*Chicago Tribune.*

There is an establishment in the Rue Druot where you can buy and dispose of anything. Lately they have been selling coins and among others some very curious specimens. The thalers of Frederick II were stamped in Bruslau in 1751. Among the workmen at the mint was an Austrian who hated the Prussian king and declared that Frederick was a robber of kingdoms and had stolen Liberia. To this man was intrusted the engraving of the image and superscription. The former he left in its native plainness but changed the latter from "Ein-Reich thaler" to "Ein-Reich stathler." When this was discovered the issue was called in; but a few coins got into circulation and were sold in the Rue Druot this week at fancy—not to say fabulous prices.—*Paris Letter.*

The postage stamps of the lowest money value at its ordinary rates is the centime of France, worth a fraction less than two-thirds of an English farthing; the highest being the four dollar California Pony Express, representing the sum of 16 shillings and fourpence. For beauty of form and hue the postage stamps of France and Greece, and among our own dependencies, those of Nova Scotia, bear away the palm; while the English penny postage stamp and the postage stamps of Belgium are about on a par as far as ugliness is concerned. Liberian stamps are of the largest size issued and those of Mecklenburgh Scheverin take rank as the smallest. For scarcity and daily increasing value, the old issues of the Isle of Bourbon and New Calendonia, and those of Spain, Portugal, British Guiana and Van Dieman's Land may be especially particularized. So may the stamps of the Sandwich Islands, the Philippines and Nicaraugua.—*Once a Week.*

Answers to Corespondents.

N.B.—The stamps of Vancouvers Island are ½ penny, 2 pence, 2½ pence. E. C. D.—The highest stamp of Brazil, is 430 aries. Its color is yellow; shape, oblong A. B. C. The stamps of Turkey are: 20 Paris, yellow; 1 Piaster, lilac; 2 Piaster, blue; 5 Piaster, pink. The Turkish government has just issued two new stamps, 10 paras, and 25 piaster.

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JUNE, 1865.

Stamp dealers, catalogues are recognized institutions now, and are scattered all over the country. But there is one fault in them. To a tyro in the science they would convey but little information. What we want is a *Descriptive Hand Book*, not only telling the *prices* at which the stamps may be obtained but also *describing* them. The book published by Lever and Francis is too expensive for most collectors, but a catalogue has just been issued which meets every want. We refer to the price list published by A. McLachlan & Co., whose advertisement appears in our columns. It is at once cheap and large, and we are happy to have the opportunity to recommend it to the public. No experienced stamp collector will be without it.

We have been overwhelmed with letters asking information of the stamps of the Southern Confederacy. Nearly all those now in circulation are *fac similies* and our readers should be cautious about purchasing them. The regular Confederate States issues are of the denominations of two, five and ten cents. The two cent stamp is green, with a bust of Andrew Jackson. The five cent is green, blue and red, and has the head of Davis. The ten cent is blue and red, and has the head of Jefferson upon it. Besides these various postmasters have issued stamps. Stamps for two and five cents have been issued in New Orleans. The two cent is blue and red, the five cent is brown and lilac. Stamps for five cents were issued in Baton Rouge, Nashville, Mobile and Memphis. They all vary in color and size. A two cent stamp was published by M. C. Callaway. Its color is blue. R. H. Gloss issued a stamp of the value of five cents. Its color is blue. We advise our readers to hasten to procure genuine Confederate stamps, as they will undoubtedly be extremely valuable in a short time.

N. B.—A new stamp (value 10 cents) has been issued at Charleston. It has a picture of Fort Sumter as the design. Color, green: shape, oblong. A one cent stamp has also been issued by the Government.

Colonial Coins.

In our last number we gave a short history of some of the most prominent coins of the United States. That article referred only to the regular issue of the United States mint and contained no mention of the many coins issued by the colonies while they were provinces of his majesty George III, King by the grace of God, Defender of the faith, &c., *ad libitum*. In this article we propose to give a short description of some of these valuable coins. For a long time after their settlement the colonies contained scarcely any gold and silver. To supply a "circulating medium" was soon an important object. Various articles were used. In the Southern States tobacco was, for a long time, the only currency. The value of everything was stated

in pounds of tobacco, and we read that the price of a wife in Virginia was forty pounds of the weed. In the northern states black and white shells, strung together, and called "wampum" was the standard currency; but by degrees, the want of a more plentiful supply of money was felt, and many of the colonies began to issue coins themselves. The earliest known issues are the Pine-Tree Shillings, Sixpences, and Threepences, which were struck off in 1652 by the province of Massachusetts. Those three coins are alike except in size. The specimens in our cabinet have on one side a pine-tree with the inscription "MATHYSETS," on the other the date "1652" and the values "XII", "VI", or "III" within a circle. Outside of the circle are the words "NEW ENGLAND. AN DOM." These coins are silver. The first copper coins issued by Massachusetts were dated about 1785. We have, in our collection a cent of 1788. On the reverse it has a picture of an Indian standing, with the word "Commonwealth." On the reverse, a spread eagle, holding the arrow and the olive branch. Below is the date "1788," above "Massachusetts."

Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Virginia and Georgia issued cents and half-cents about 1785, '86, '87, and '88, but our space forbids our describing all of them. There were many varieties of the Vermont cents. The most common has Brittania on one side, the date "1788" below her feet, and "*Inde et Lib*" around her head. On the other side appears a head, with the legend "Auctori Vermont." The New York coins are the rarest and those of Connecticut the most common. The latter are the same as those of Vermont, except the substitution of "Auctori Connecticut." for "Auctori Vermont." We have in our cabinet a small coin issued by the city of Boston which is very rare. Obverse: an Indian, sitting on a bale of cotton, below, "Boston;" above "Floreat Commercium;" Reverse, "5" surrounded by a wreath of flowers. This curious piece has no date.

There was a cent issued in 1787, now called the "Franklin cent," we know not for what reason. Obverse, a chain surrounding a circle, which contains the words "United States, we are one." Reverse, a sun dial and a rising sun; Date "1787;" legend, "mind your buisness." There was also a "Roman;" cent struck off by some one in 1783. Obverse, 13 stars legend "Roman;" reverse, some initials in a wreath. Date, "1783" legend "liberty and justice." But we have already made this article longer than was intended. In our next number we will give a description of a few more colonial coins.

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We have determined to make our paper purely American, devoted to the interests of the stamp dealers in North America, and therefore have determined not to insert the list of European dealers which was advertised to appear in this number.

We have received one of the stamps issued by Mr. Hussey of New York. The design is the face of a clock, without hands. The time a letter is mailed is shown by a single stroke of the pen. Above are the words "Time posted." We have also received a stamp issued by J. A. Nutter, of Montreal. The design is Mr. Nutter's portrait, legend, J. A Nutter, Dealer in postage stamps, P. O. Box 519, Montreal.

ERRATA.—Owing to the absence of the senior editor some errors occurred in our first paper, among which was the substitution of J. A. *Miller* for J. A. *Nutter*, and the omission of the name of S. A. Taylor, Albany, N. Y. in our list of stamp dealers.

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We see that it is urged by many that President Lincoln's portrait should be placed on one of the new issues of American postage stamps. We think it would be far better to have the image of the Goddess of Liberty upon all our stamps, the different denominations varying only in color. If this plan should be adopted we should constantly have a uniform series and neither have the frequent changes which make it almost impossible to obtain a perfect American collection, nor the miserable designs (like the head of Jackson) which deform some of our present stamps. In this connection we may notice the fact that while our postage stamps (with a few exceptions) have steadily improved, our copper coins have as steadily deteriorated. From 1792 to 1804 our cents and half cents had a fine figure of the Goddess of Liberty. From 1804 to 1818 we had the same figure but slightly defaced, but it remained for the year 1819 to cap the climax by introducing the *ne plus ultra* of ugliness in the image of liberty which defaced our coins until 1857. Since then we have had a sickly figure of an Indian which certainly has not beautified our cents.

Our thanks are due to J. A. Nutter Esq., of Montreal, for the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette."

Since our last number there have been many changes in the stamp trade. We have been informed that the firm of W. B. McRae & Co., has been dissolved and three new firms have been started. These are Craig & Melvin, St. John, N. B.; Angos I. McIntosh, Box 133½, Montreal, and G. W. Winterburn & Co., Cincinnati.

We are happy to notice the advent of a new stamp Gazette. It is published in St. John, New Brunswick, by George Stewart, Esq. The first number is well filled, and it will no doubt be a valuable periodical.

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JUNE, 1865.

The firm of Mason & Smith has been dissolved and the Journal is now edited by Mr. Mason. Address all orders to A. B. Mason, Box 2289 Chicago, Illinois.

We have determined to reduce our subscription price to fifty cts. per year. Single copies five cts.

Rambling Papers. No. 2.

Pacific R. R. Surveys—Medals found among the Indians—Indian Money, called "Pook"—Contrast between it and U. S. Money—King of Siam asks for pattern dies of our coins—Continental Money—Confederate Bills—Sanitary Fair—Libby Prison.

When surveys were being made in 1854 for a Pacific Rail Road, several very interesting numismatical curiosities were discovered among the Indian Tribes of the far west, by the naturalists and others, who accompanied the Expedition. A bronzed medal was discovered among the Mojaves, representing a cardinal with an image of the sun and a motto. It was supposed to have been taken from the mission of San Pablo, founded in 1780 and destroyed by Indians on the same year. So at the time of the survey in 1854 it had been in the possession of the Mojaves over seventy years. What a curious history for a medal! It was struck in Spain, brought over the ocean by the old Jesuit, Father Pedro Fort, captured by some Indian brave in 1780, and proudly exhibited by his descendents, to our officers in 1854. Other medals were found, which had been distributed among the tribes by the early Jesuit missionaries, who penetrated to every part of North America, following hard in the footsteps of Columbus. A peculiar kind of money or, in Indian tongue, wampum, was discovered among the Mojaves. The Indians called it "pook," and a foot of it could buy a horse.

The contrast between this "pook" and one of our finely executed U. S. half-dollars was very striking. U. S. silver is justly celebrated for its beauty. Not long ago, as that learned institution, the newspaper, told us, the Siamese king asked for pattern dies of our coins, in order that he might issue his own money in a similar form. Success to his endeavor to imitate the skill of the universal Yankee nation!

The recent rebellion in the South has brought to light many curiosities, which have for years reposed in dust and oblivion in the garrets of Southern mansions. When Sherman's troops marched through South Carolina, stacks of old continental money were discovered by our foragers, and,

side by side, with these old bills were piled "Confederate Notes," bearing the promise "Payable six months after the ratification of a Treaty of Peace between the United States and Confederate States of America." Our shrewd antiquarians are quietly accumulating complete sets of these bills at a few cents for each bill. Soon the demand for them, as relics of the rebellion, may be so great as to considerably raise the price.

At the Sanitary Fair, now open in Chicago, curiosities of all kinds are on exhibition and for sale. The daily newspapers have already described them. The eye is particularly struck by the sight of a common sign, painted "Libby & Son, Ship Chandlers and Grocers," which for years has been nailed to that well-known Richmond dungeon, The Libby Prison.

Stamp and Coin Items.

Arrangements have been made or the unique collection of coins belonging to the Bank of England to be transferred to the British Museum, subject to the right of the bank, to which they still belong, to recall them at any time.—N. Y. Eve'g Post, May 10, '65.

THE NEW THREE CENT COIN. ---A few specimens of the new three cent coin are in circulation. The size of the piece is precisely that of the dime, which may not have been wholly forgotten. The obverse bears the head of liberty with the legend "United States of America," and the date "1865." The obverse has the Roman numerals "III," surrounded by a wreath. The edge of the coin is plain, unlike that of the ten cent piece, which is milled. When new, the piece has a silvery lustre, but the large proportion of copper used will probably cause it to tarnish rapidly. The law authorizing the issue of this coin passed March 3rd, 1865 makes it a legal tender for all sums not exceding sixty cents and prohibits any further issue of three cent fractional currency.—N. Y. Eve'g Post.

The Boston Transcript says "A little son of Mr. Geo., L. Hart while at play in the garden in the rear of his father's house in Fayette Street, recently dug up a coin, which upon examination, proved to be an English guinea of the time of Charles the second. It is in a perfect state of preservation every line sharp and distinct and bears the date, 1676. On one side is a vignette of Charles II. Surrounded by the motto Charles II. Dei Gratia. On the obverse side are four scepters and four crowns, with the coats of arms of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, with the remainder of the motto, 'Mag. Br. Fra. et Hib. Rex,' and the date. This is a very rare coin as there are probably not a dozen extant in the world."

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To Our Readers.

We have been enabled by the generous patronage of our subscribers and advertisers to enlarge the "Journal."

Our readers will no doubt think that this is necessary when thay see that our advertisements have not only occupied the whole of the fourth but have encroached upon the first page. Our 'copy' was handed in so late to the printer that everything had to be performed in the most hurried manner, and consequently this number of the 'Journal" does not compare with No. 3. in outward appearance. We hope, then, that this paper will not be taken as a fair specimen for we pledge ourselves that the next shall be a great improvement on it.

The present state of timbrophalic affairs is very interesting. The principal event which attracts the attention of the stamp fraternity, is the fierce war between the "Record," and the "Gazette." This seems to be rapidly growing and interesting developements may be expected.

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Coin and Stamp Journal.

AUGUST, 1865.

NEWSPAPERS.

The collection of newspapers of "ye olden times" is one of the most entertaining pursuits a person can engage in. We have lately obtained a few very rare papers, from whose contains we will extract a few items.

Glancing over the papers before us our eyes rest on the "New England Weekly Journal" of Apr. 8. 1728. This enterprising period'cal contains news from London to Nov. 16th. — mostly consisting of such startling intelligence as the following.—

London. Oct. 28.

"The Beginning of this Week Dr. John Friend, and Dr. Alexander Stewart were introduced to their Majesties, and had the Honour to kiss their Hands on being appointed Phyficians in Ordinary to the Queen." Turning to the second (and last) page we see the interesting item, "Baptiz'd in the feveral Churches,—Nine." And a little lower we see, in this paper published in Puritan Boston, the following advertisement,—

"A very Likely Negro Girl about 13 or 14 Years of Age, fpeaks good Englifh, to be Sold. Inquire of the Printer hereof.

It is evident, however, that the negroes were not denied learning, for just above is—

"¶ Mr. Nath. Pigott intends to open a school on Monday next for the Infructtion of Negro's in Reading, Catechizing, and Writing if required, if any are fo well inclined as to fend their Servants to faid School near Mr. Checkley's Meeting-House, care will be taken for their Infructtion as aforefaid.

We take up the "New York Post" of 1783, and in the first column is a proclamation by a person calling himself "Sir Guy Carlefon, K. B. General and Commander in Chief of all his Majefties Forces within the Colonies lying on the Atlantic Ocean from Nova to Weft-Florida inclufive. &c. &c." Pretty cool, considering that this country had been recognized as a "free and independent nation" by Great Britain.

This paper contains "The Tory's Soliloqui," commencing—

To go, or not to go, &c.

and also this

NOTICE TO LOYALISTS.

All those Loyalifts, who intend to fettle at the ifland of Abaco, are requefted to attend the Board appointed by his Excellency at the City Hall this day from Eleven to Two o'Clock.

Rare Stamps For Sale.

At a late sale in London a New England shilling fetched $16, a Maryland one, $25 a Carolina Half-Penny sold for $22.

Send for the $1 packet of Stamps—it contains 110 specimens.

UNITED STATES.

The postage on drop letters has been reduced to the old standard one cent and therefore a new 1c. stamp is required. Essays for this purpose have been already submitteb; one variety exhibits the bust of the late President Lincoln, in ornamental frame work, in upper corners the letters U. S.; in lower corners 1c; Inscription at top; Postage, at bottom; one cent A star with rays is suspended over the bust—Stamp Collectors Record.

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Vol. 1. CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER, 1865. No. 5.

"Ho! To The Combat."

The dispute between the Record and Gazette waxes hotter and hotter.

For the benefit of our readers who have not had the opportunity of seeing these papers, we give the following brief account of the quarrel.

In the Record for May, 1865 was an article which described the noted Connell stamps and the circumstances of their introduction. This article excited the ire of the Gazette which first appeared in June.

After quoting the article from the Record the Gazette makes rather severe comments upon it. It commences by making the assertion that "from the first line to the last there can hardly be found a single sentence boasting a particle of truth." It is a severe article but would have much more weight if it was not liberally sprinkled over with such epithets as "remarkably stupid writer," "writer of this strange medley of humbug and bosh," &c. After stating that the fumes of whiskey, which the Record had mentioned, "exist only in the muddled brain of the author of the story," it savagely attacks the Record for calling New Brunswick an 'obscure' province. Murder will out. This was THE sin; all others might have been excused, but THIS demanded instaut revenge.

After dilating on this for about fifteen lines the Gazette ends its article by asking "Does the 'obscure' genius of the Record see the point?"

This was the defiance; the Gazette had thrown down the gauntlet; would the Record pick it up?

In the July number of the latter, prominent on the first page, was an article headed "Connell."

After a devout thanksgiving for the interposition of Providence which had permitted him to still breathe in a Christian land, the editor says "With singular consistency the editor of the Gazette contents himself with refuting the minor details of Mr. Connell's career. He says

(Continued on fourth page.)

A. B. Mason's Notices.

A large assortment of cheap stamps just received. Fifty for 50c.,one-hundred-and-ten for $1. Also, just received, a fine lot of rare stamps ranging in price from two to thirty cents.

As specimens of my prices I would submit the following to the stamp collecting fraternity.

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THE POSTAGE-STAMP ALBUM, OR; THE THEFT.

Frank Fisher was a merry little fellow,twelve years old who lived in a village not far from Chicago. He had tried keeping pigeons, cats, and calves, and had got tired of doing any of these things,for the pigeons flew away; the cats scratched him, and the calves grew to be ugly cows. At last he caught the postage-stamp mania and was happy.

Soon the pages of his Album were adorned with rare stamps and all his pocket-money was expended in purchasing new varieties. In two weeks he knew more about geography than he had learned before in six months. The words "Russian kopek," "new issues," "continental stamps," "ten cent package," "colonial stamps," and many other sayings of the kind were forever on his lips.

Soon the mania spread among the other village boys and Frank turned many an honest penny by selling stamps to them at two or three hundred per cent profit, which he had purchased from the dealers in Chicago. Some other boys made fine collections but his album and its contents was by far the best.

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PUBLICATIONS.

To those of our readers who wish a very good paper we recommed the "Stamp Argus," whose advertisement appears in our columns. In regard to its merit we cordially endorse the words of the Record,—"the best in America." The August No. of the Record has come to hand well filled as usual. We recommend it to our readers.

One day a party of boys came to see young Fisher.

After playing awhile they went into the house and Frank brought out his stamps.

"O! How splendid!" said one. "How did you get them?" asked another. Every one said "How nice! How many!" "O! dear me, what fine stamps, and what a nice album!" In short, there was no limit to their admiration.

But one boy did not say "how nice." His name was Bill Scragg, the worst boy in the village. He was envious. Bills face was clouded his teeth were shut, and he looked as if he would like to shoot somebody. At last he tried to look pleasant and said in a careless tone "Where do you keep your Album?"

"On the table at the head of my bed," said Frank, "close by the window, so that I can see it the minute I get up in the morning.

"Where do you sleep?" asked Bill Scragg.

Frank thought that it was curious that Scragg should ask so many questions, but he answered politely "In the first story, in that little room which opens into the dining-room."

Soon after the boys said good bye and went to their homes.

That night Frank, who was reading down stairs, heard a noise in his room and supposing that the cat was up there, he went to give her some milk. There was no cat: there was a thief. He saw some one just getting out of the window, very softly, with a book under his arm.

That book was the POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.

(To be continued.)

POSTAL CHIT-CHAT.

There are new essays for Mexico reported. The design is the head of Maximilian.

It is hardly worth while to issue stamps for such a fleeting shadow as an empire. Short life to it.

It seems to be the "rage" for stamp-dealers to issue stamps bearing their features, and a collection of these would be very interesting. Those already out are issued by Nutter, Taylor, Vanderlip, and Mc-Lachlan. The latter differs from the others in having a clock for the design instead of the face of the owner.

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(Continued from first page.)
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After pointing out some errors in his opponent's article, he asks "Does Tear--em see THAT point ?"

It was thought that this would end the wordy warfare but the Gazette steps into the arena again in its August number.

After stating that he will not continue the controversy any farther its Editor makes very sarcastic remarks concerning the state of the Record's treasury and, as a finis, assures the editor of the Record that he has his sympathy but that he would do well if he should restrain his temper in future.

So the matter rests at this time, (Aug. 24th.) but from private letters which we have received we opine that there will be an overwhelming onsault in the next number of the Record.

Time will decide.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

We have been so pressed for space that it is necessary to issue a supplement containing our advertisements.

What is the matter with the Record ? It should have appeared on the first of August, was postponed to the fifteenth, but up to the twenty fourth we have seen no signs of it.

We call special attention to the advertisement of the "Argus."

Our list of new firms is very scanty ----only embracing two names. These are Hugh Becket & Co. Box 19. Montreal, and A. D. Robertson. Box 188. St. John. N. B.

We have received the new price-list just issued by Mr. Nutter of Montreal. It is arranged with special reference to collectors in the United States and tells the price of each stamp in American currency,—a great convenience to collectors on this side of the line.

Persons who are not subscribers to whom this paper is sent are requested to take under consideration the propriety of subscribing thereto.

Coin and Stamp Journal.

NUMISMATICAL
F. R. TIFFANY,
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Vol. 1. CHICAGO, OCTOBER, 1865. No. 6.

THANKS!

Our cordial thanks are due to the stamp-collecting fraternity forthe hearty support they have given us for the last six months. We shall endeavor to increase the value of the JOURNAL so that it will be even more deserving of patronage than before.

In order to effect this we call upon our friends to favor us with correspondence, assuring them that their communications will be promptly attended to.

☞Persons wishing to purchase stamps would do well to ascertain Mr. Nutter's prices before buying elsewhere. He is a gentleman in all his dealings and is sure to give satisfaction.

☞Wanted,—To exchange a collection of four or five hundred foreign coins for American colonial coins and the U. S. cents for 1793 and 1804. This is a rare chance to get a good collection. Address "Z," care of the Editor of the JOURNAL.

In response to numerous inquiries we will state that the "Manual" issued by Mr. Kline is not an album but a book which describes in full every stamp which has ever been issued.

We have received the new price-list issued by G. W. Winterburn & Co. It is the largest ever issued in America.

We have been informed of an error in the article on coins which appeared in our second number and as "it is never too late to mend" we propose to 'fix' it. Instead of "connecticut" the legend of the coins of that state is "connec."

REPLIES.

F. D. of Rome. The piece is accepted.

Y. D. V. of St. Louis. Not in stock.

U. N. of Munich. Stamps not in stock

Q.K.E. of Dubuque. No such stamp is issued by the United States.

The American Series.

Any one who possesses a perfect collection of the issues (in copper) of this country might well be proud of his cabinet.

Some of these cents have brought from $30 to $40 frequently;—1799 is worth 39, 1804, 23.

The first cent issued by this country is the copper of 1793. Of this, three kinds were struck off. Two kinds of the cents of 1794, 1795, 1796, were issued.

In 1796, cents were issued with and without "liberty caps." The former is worth the most.

The distinction between the two issues of 1794 consists in the thickness of the coin.

The cent of 1808 has both twelve and thirteen stars

In our next number we will describe those coins following 1808.

A., London, will exchange with you.

Wanted!

AGENTS

FOR

this paper.

The time of publication of the JOUSNAL has been changed to the fifteenth.

Only a few new stamps have appeared. These are New Grenada 1c. Arms in the centre, over them is an eagle, value at bottom, "Correos," and at sides "E. U. de Colombia, the whole enclosed in a fancy frame. Rectangular. Printed in rose on white paper.

It is reported that new essays are in the market,—among them one of Hanover. The design is the head of the king. 2 gr. on blue, brown green and red paper.

There is also a new essay for Wurtemburg. 1 kr. silver and mauve on green, green on yellow, and lake on rose.

Two stamps are issued by a Danish rail-way company. —4 and 8 sk. They will be described more fully in our next.

Our thanks should be given to Mr. Atlee for his stamp circular. Besides important information respecting new stamps, essays, &c. it gives an engraving of a very rare Paraguay which we have never seen described elsewhere. It is oval. Round the top is "Republica del Paraguay," below, a crescent.

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Vol. 1 CHICAGO, NOV., 1865. No. 7

In this Number appears the end of the "Postage Stamp Album", which was commenced in Sept., a fine article on the "Washington Cents and Tokens", written by W. E. C. of Cleveland, description of the American cts., after 1808.

N. S. C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Washington Cents & Tokens.

In 1783 the Washington and Independence Tokens were issued. Two of the four varieties have on one side a large head wreathed, but the reverses differ;—one is a seated figure, with the legend "United States," while the other resembles the reverse of the "W. S". Copper Cent; another variety resembles the first with exception of having a smaller head; a fourth has a small head on both sides; the legend on one side is "Washington" on the other "One Cent".

A small brass token was issued in 1783, bearing on one side "Washington's head, with the words G. Washington," on the other side is a liberty cap surrounded by rays and a ring of stars;—the legend is "success to the United States."

When a national coinage was devised the European system of placing the head of the Sovereign on the Coins of the Realm, suggested the idea of putting the President's head on the U. S. Coins: this led to the issue of the highly prized Washington cts. of 1791,—2, which are so valuable.

There are many varieties of the cent of 1791, but all have Washington's bust, legend, "Washington President" on one side; an eagle with the date 1791, and the words "one cent", on the other.

The cent of 1792 is a very rare and handsome coin, somewhat resembling that of the previous year: but the design and "finish" of the coin, is much finer.

Washington disapproved of

these coins, and therefore they were not put in circulation; but cents bearing the head of Liberty were issued.

Many medals and tradesmen's cents bearing the head of Washington, have been issued within the last thirty years; but they can not properly be called "Washington coins".

N. S. C.

THE POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM,

(*Concluded.*)

Frank uttered a loud cry, and started in pursuit, the thief slid rapidly to the ground and darted towards the front of the house, where he leaped upon his horse, which stood there saddled and bridled, and disappeared in the darkness.

What could poor Frank do? He was about to return sadly into the house when he thought "why can't I chase him, my father's horse is in the stable? I must ride in pursuit!" no sooner said than done. In an instant Frank was on his father's spirited stallion Nabob, and was galloping maldy down the road; he had neither saddle nor bridle; there was no time to put these on.

Nabob was the fleetest stee in northern Illinois and never did he make faster time than on that night.

Soon Frank Fisher came within sight of the thief; he was riding a little mustang, and as the moonlight fell on his face, Frank saw that it was Bill Scragg! Turning his mustang from the road, Bill dashed through a thick hedge and rode rapidly through a field of oats. Well did the mustang gallop; but who could beat Nabob? With one jump that stallion cleared the hedge and stretching out in those long strides which often had won the applause of thousands on the race-courses, he pressed hard on the panting mustang. At the other end of the field was a deep brook. Bill turned his nag into this without a moment's hesitation, and the mustang well accustomed to swimming, bore him rapidly to the other side. Bill held the album high in air to prevent it from getting wet.

Nabob turning to a narrower point of the stream, leaped to the other bank; snorting wildly, he dashed on; he came upon his flying foe, the mustang rolled over and over, Bill Scragg fell, Frank reached over and seized the *album* from his hand!

NEW STAMPS.

Bermuda,—head of Queen to left, above "Bermuda," below value in words, Rect., white paper, 1d., red 6d., lilac, 1s. green.

Vancouvers Is., — same design, 5c. red, 10c. blue, Rect.

British Columbia, — within an oval band inscribed British

Columbia, postage three pence, is a letter "V" surmounted by a gothic crown, the angles filled in with plaid blue on white paper.

Schlewig Holstein. —In an oval is "Schlewig Holstein", in the center figure indicating value Rect. 1½ & 2 Sch. blue. 3 Sch., bistre.

Cape of Good Hope.—Three new stamps will be issued next month for this country, to complete the rectangular series, 1d., red, 4d. blue, 6d. lilac.

Columbia has issued three new stamps, also which will be described soon.

Mexico. — Crowned eagle in center, red brown on white paper, value 3 centavos.

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Hereafter, our subscribers will please pay the postage for this periodical at the office where they receive it. The postage will amount to twelve cents per year. For the remainder of this year the amount will be five cents. Our agent in London, C. W. is E. A. Taylor He is authorized to collect claims and to obtain subscriptions and advertisements for us. We publish in this No. a letter by X. Y. Z." slightly elucidating the "Baldwin R. R. Postage matter." What explanation will Mr. Craig offer for this swindle? Our columns will be open to him.

N. S. C.

COLLEGE STAMPS.

We think that we are capable of settleing the question whether there are any "College" Stamps or not. We have seen a paper printed by "Eastman's Business College," which gives a cut of two stamps. One of them is a revenue for "Eastman's National Bank," and the other a 3c postage stamp. In the centre is the well known device "Excelsior." In the corners are F. N. B. C. Above are the words "Postage," below, "3c."

Stamp Collectors who may wish to investigate the matter can obtain copies of this paper by addressing "Eastman National Business College, Chicago, Ill." We have also been assured on high authority that there are college stamps issued by Bryant & Stratton.

We think that our friend of the *Gazette* has been rather hasty in this particular, and that, on investigation, he will find out that he is wrong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Johns N. B. Nov. 8, 1865.

Mr. Editor.

Sir.

It has lately come to my knowledge that a company of swindlers have been established in this city, whose principal trade is the sale

of a so called N. B. local, viz. Baldwin's R. R. postage in all the colors of the rainbow. Now, sir I have resided in St. Johns for the last twenty seven years, and I or anyone else have never seen one like the above except those sold by this company. I have come to the conclusion that it is a base imposition made only to entrap collectors.

I am also surprised that so respectable a journal as the *Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette* should insert the advertisements of these gentlemen, but can only give one reason for the editors doing so which is that he is so busy with the duties which devolve upon an editor, he does not notice the base fraud that is being practiced under his very eyes. I am prepared to give the names of those concerned in this very profitable business, if desired. Hoping that you will please give me the benefit of a place in your valuable columns,

I remain

Yours &c.

X. Y. Z.

A Hunt in an Old Garret

It was a dusty garret in an old New Jersey mansion, full of old papers, among which an antiquarian delights to nibble. On a summer morning, I asked what I could do that day, and was told that I might rummage over the *Old Garret.* Behold me then ascending the stairs. I shut the door and am at once separated form the bustling world of 1865, and carried back fifty or a hundred years ago. Sitting on the floor, by the dim light which filters through the cob-webs, I open an old case and explore its contents. The first document which my eyes peruse, assures me that my grandfathers were fond of good cheer, for it is a receipt, dated 1783 for one barrel of cider, a case of Holland schnapps, sugar etc. Now, you temperance man do not raise your hands with holy horror, for the war of the Revolution ended in 1783, and, no doubts this good cheer was bought to celebrate the event. If a man can't get drunk when his country is made free, I would like to know when he *can* get drunk!

Next, I see something which recalls to me a sad but glorious page in our country's history. The huts of Valley Forge, the snows of Trenton, a starving, ragged army are before me again. Yes! The pages of Bancroft or Hildreth never presented to me such a picture of the Revolution, as this little package of continental money brings before me. Some New Jersey soldier was paid off with these bills. Although they are not quoted in the market by the brokers, yet to the patriot they are

priceless.

Rummaging deeper in the drawer, I drew out a little letter, redolent still with the odor of perfumes. It is signed "Respectfully and devotedly thine, Nathanial Minton." Shall I copy out this love letter? It was written seventy years ago. The hand that penned it, the eyes that read it, and the lips that pressed it, are dust. Poor Nathanial! *shall* I disclose this letter to thousands, which was only meant for one? No, I will not.

Here is a silver shoe-buckle, a sandal-wood fan, an embroidered stomacher, some yellow lace. The young beauty, who wore these a hundred years ago, must have looked bravely. Next comes an old newspaper, "The *Sentinel of Freedom*," 1740. By referring to its columns I find that John Boudinot has lost "a large sorrel colt, white forehead, three years old." Quite a venerable beast if he is living now! John Boudinot offers a reward of "one pound to the finder, who will return him."

In a corner of the case, behind a fat devotional book, I see a leather purse, and opening it, find a gold guinea, with the impress of Georgius Rex on it. I hurry down stairs to display it, shutting the door with a slam, and thus ends my *HUNT IN AN OLD GARRET*.—H.

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OBITUARY.

Suddenly, at the Provincial Penitentiary, St. John, N. B. the 'Stamp Argus, aged 3 months. Upon a *post mortem* examination it was discovered that the entire cavity of the cerebral region was filled with gas, and a verdict in accordance with that fact was duly rendered.

The late editor was last seen describing a *bee* line up Princess St. with several of Her Majesty's bailiffs in hot pursuit. He was heard to frantically repeat the following lines

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A Chapter of First Things.

The first regular newspaper printed in the world was "Ye English Meraerie," published in London, in the reign of "Good Queen Bess," and in A. D. 1588. The first newspaper published in America was the "Boston News Letter," printed at Boston, from 1704 to 1776. The first book printed in the United States was the "Bay Psalm Book," published by Stephen Dave, at Cambridge, in 164; it enjoyed such popularity as to go through seventy editions, and was reprinted in England, where it had a very respectable sale. Gas was first introduced as a street illuminator, in 1640 in Birmingham, England. Spectacles were first made by Spind, a Florentine monk, in the year 1200; may his eyes never have had occasion to use them! Potatoes were first introduced into England from South America, in 1586, and were cultivated in the gardens of the nobility as rare plants. In the reign of King James, they were considered such a luxury as to sell at one shilling per pound. The sun-dial was made in Greece, by Pliny. March was formerly the first month, and derived its name from Mars, the god of war; It was superceded by January—so called in honor of an ancient Latin divinity named "Janus." The Germans have the honor of inventing the watch, the first being made in Nuremberg, in the year 1477. Gunpowder was first made by Roger Bacon. It is supposed the first telescope was made in Middleburgh, in the Netherlands, but the name of the inventor is unknown.

N. S. C.

EARLY COINS.

The earliest coining on this continent was of brass, in 1612, with a hog on one side and a ship under sail, firing a gun on the other. In 1645, Virginia passed a law for the coining of pieces of the value of twopence, threepence, sixpence and ninepence, but the law was never carried into effect. On the 27th of May, 1645, a mint

was established in Boston, Mas., and pieces of the value of threepence, sixpence and twelvepence were struck off. In 1785, copper cents were made in Vermont. In 1786, coins were struck in New Haven, Conn. In the same year ceins were made in New Jersey. In that year, also, Thomes Jefferson suggested that on one side of the copper cent should be stamped, "We are one," and on the other side, "Mind your own business," — excellent mottoes— one expressive of union and patriotism, the other of industry and honor.—*Monthly Star.*

N. S. C.

The Gazette of New Brunswick has been Enlarged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Rare Colonial Coins.

The necessity of coin as a medium of trade was felt in America soon after the settlement of the country. Wampum was used to a considerable extent, but it could not supply the wants of the flourishing New England colonies.

Massachusetts established a mint in 1652, and first coined shillings and sixpenses, with the legends, N. E. XII, and N. E. VI. But these coins were soon suppressed and the Pine tree coinage took their place. Although this coinage was continued for thirty-three or thirty-four years, the date (1652) was never changed. The pine tree twopences were first coined in 1662, and always afterward bore that date. One variety of the shillings bears an oak, and on another, of which but two specimens are known, a group representing the story of the Good Samaratan is substituted for a tree.

The highly prized "Granby coppers" were the workmanship of a Mr. Higley, of Granby Conn. There are many varieties; the obverse of one is a deer, legend, *Value me as you please*: on the reverse are three hammers; legend, *I am Good Copper.* On another variety the legends are "*The value of Three Pence*" and *Connecticut* 1737." Another has instead of the hammers, an axe; inscription, *I cut my Way Through.*

The only coin issued during the Revolution was a large pewter medalet, differing from the Fugio or Franklin cent on the reverse only, in having on each link of the chain, the name of a State. On the obverse, the sun-dial and legend "Mind your business," is surrounded by *Continental Currency*, 1776.

After the revolution, many of the states established mints, and in the years between 1784 and 1794, many hundred varieties of coins were issued for the use of the United States, both in this country aud in England and France.

W. E. C.

N. S. C.

Early Coinage of England.

The earliest coins of England, after the Romans had left, were pennies of Ethelbert, king of Kent. In 560, King Athelson decreed that money should be uniform, and that it should be coined only in the principal towns and that the clergy should share with the crowned heads the privilege of coining. In 975, the edicts of his predecessor were carried out more fully by Edgar.

In Saxon England, the pound currency consisted of a pound in weight of silver, coined into 240 pennies, or into shillings from 20 to 40 in number. Richard I, and Henery I attached seven penalties to the counterfeiting of money. Up to the period of 1108, the halfpenny was semicircular—that is, it was literally one-half of a penny. Henry ordered them coined. In the reign of Stephen, money was shamefully debased. In 1222, silver farthings were first coined. Henry III, in 1248, ordered the base coin to be brought to the mint and recoined—removing the dross and purifying the currency. A few years later, gold coins were made in England of the purest metal, and the standard value of gold was fixed at twenty times that of silver. To this there was a storm of opposition raised by the brokers of that day, but the Government finally prevailed. In 1279, Edward had a decree made that articles of merchandise sho'd only be exchanged for coin, and that parties going abroad should buy with their own currency a sufficient sum of foreign money to answer their purpose until they returned. In 1335, he made his money laws so strict, and watched the currency with such jealousy, he made a law that all innkeepers should search the pockets of their guests, to ascertain whether or not they had foreign money in their possession. About this time counterfeiting, which is not one of the lost arts, became common. From 1394 to 1416 the counterfeiters had so corrupted the currency that it was found necessary for Parliament to pass an act declaring that counterfeiting was treason, and that a counterfeiter was a traitor; and about five years after the passage of that act it was determined that coins should be weighed, and that light coins should be recoined at the mint. During the reign of Henry VII, shilling pieces were first coined. In 1523 silver farthings were coined for the last time. Queen Elizabeth, who was in many respects a model ruler, restored the silver coins to a pure state in 1801. She caused to be coined, shillings, sixpences and threepences, and stopped the circulation of leaden tokens. In 1627, Charles I made coining a prerogative of the crown, by proclamation. In the time of Charles II (1676) the entire value of the coins of England was estimated to be £6,000,000 Owing to the scarcity of money during the reign of William and Mary, the Government had to pay from 40 to 50 per cent. interest, and on the 25th of April, 1694, the Bank of England was established to meet the necessities of the Government.—*Monthly star.*

In the next number will appear an article on the "Rosa Americana," Series.

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What is the matter with Mr. Craig? We have heard nothing of him for some months. Has he again assumed an *alias?* Does he find even euphonious "Ridgeway Jones," unable to cloak his counterfeiting? Alas for Craig, *alias* Jones! What will he do when his favorite amusement of counterfeiting is taken away? But, truly, his perseverance is wonderful. When no dealer, no collector, except a few gudgeons, will buy of him, he still adds forgery to forgery.

Soon his name will be ranked as high in that art as the Paduan engraver's. This is evidently the pinnacle of fame which Craig is seeking. How happy he will be when his name is placed on a par with the most noted criminals in stamp annals! We wish him every success. Long may he wave!

N. S. C.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the "Stamp Collectors' Record," in this number. This paper has entered upon its second year, and is edited by one of the few honest stamp dealers in the United States. —S. A. Taylor. It always contains the latest timbrophilic news from all quarters, and every American collector should take it in preference to any outside journal, especially the one edited by a man who has been compelled to change his name, to escape the punishment of his crimes.

Mr. Taylor, in the last number of the *Record*, asks any one having any knowledge of cheating on the part of any advertiser in that journal, to announce it. We would call Mr. Taylor's attention to the fact that he once accidentally permitted the advertisement of the notorious Craig to be inserted in his valuable paper. Craig is the gentleman (?) who forged the stamps of Buenos Ayres, Hamburg, &c., to such an extent. He

is also the individual who has lately changed his name to "Ridgeway Jones," to avoid detection. Every honest man should beware of him. We are ready to show any one a letter, *written by himself*, which acknowledges the selling of counterfeit stamps by his firm. If he wishes, we will publish it.

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My 9. 10. 4. 19, is used by all fairies.

My 1. 6. 17. 5. 7, is what Americans wished for a short time ago.

My 15. 6. 9, is what little girls don't like to do

My 16. 3. 4. 6, is part of a ship's gearing.

My 9. 17. 11, is a great calamity.

My 13. 14. 15, is a nickname for a little girl.

My 16. 17. 18. 19, is what sailors are glad to see.

My 1. 11. 3. 18. 5. 7, is a name for royalty.

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Coin and Stamp Journal.

Vol. 1 CHICAGO, MARCH, 1866. No. 11

N. S. C.

We have received tidings of the fall of the "Star" of Postal Literature.

"*Requiescat in pace.*" We will only say that the announcement, that when Mr. Craig published his first attack, he *thought* that the Journal was defunct, is *unqualifiedly false*!

Our thanks are due to the editors of the late "Curiosity Shop" for a file of their publication.

We would also acknowledge the kindness of George Stewart Jr., in sending us the fifth (and last) number of the Argus.

Special attention is called to our advertisement of Stamps.

On dit. that a new paper devoted to Timbrophily is to appear here under the editorial care of Wm. Olcott. We hope that stamp collectors will be spared the affliction.

Owing to the loss of our Records, we are not certain of having sent the February number of the Journal to all our subscribers. Those who have not received them will please write and inform us.

The answer to the Enigma in our last was "Prince Edward's Island." Only one correct solution was received, that of W. F. Mendsen. In this number we publish another. We will give a 25c packet of stamps to the person from whom we receive the first answer to this.

I consist of 12 letters.

My 2. 10. 9., is what everybody does.

My 6. 2. 8. 9., is the name of the copper cent.

My 3. 4. 1., is what everything is at twilight.

My. 9. 5. 8., is a weight.

My 11. 12. 9. 7., is what every

colored man should have. My whole is an inscription on the stamp of a South American Republic.

Answer in next number.

N. .S .C

RAMBLING PAPER, No. 4.

Postal Currency—Autographs—Egyptian Stamps, Photographs for Postage Stamp Albums—"XIX"—Curiosities under Bunker Hill monument—Collection of the Messrs M—Rare books—Waiting for our Postal papers—Coin and Stamp Journal—Curiosity shop—

The government presses are printing so many varieties of paper money nowadays, that the collector of the different specimens of greenbacks must be on the alert if he desires a perfect collection. A few days ago Congress called in a new issue, because it had upon it the picture of a private citizen. Since then I have not been able to find one of the kind. It must soon become a rarity, for all of this kind, which will be redeemed by the treasury, will be burnt. Collectors must be on the lookout.

Those who are fond of ransacking garrets, exploring archives, and haunting auction rooms for the purpose of finding autographs of distinguished men and women, may wish they had been in London a few weeks ago, for at that time seventeen interesting letters of Lord Byron were sold by Messrs Sotheby.

The eagle eyes of the timbrophilic fraternity are at this time directed towards Egypt because the Egyptian government have just adopted the use of postage stamps. It will not be long before they will grace our albums. Our brotherhood are very fond of novelties.

When timbrophily was first cultivated in America, we adorned our collections with the flags of the respective countries, but we are getting tired of that device and some one talks of illustrating his book with photographs of the sovereigns of the various countries to which his stamps belong. This is indeed a pleasing idea, and I learn that amysterious corporation, called "XIX" will soon be prepared to supply us with these photographs in any numbers and of a high degree of finish. If this be so we can guarantee to "XIX" a run of business and sure returns.

In these times when vandals secrete the door knobs of the White House, and snip off the coat tails of the President, as curiosities, even Bunker Hill monument would not be safe, if it was generally known what things were placed in the corner stone.

Concluded in our next.

MARCH NOTICES.

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Coin and Stamp Journal.

VOL. 1 CHICAGO, APRIL, 1866. No. 12

TO OUR READERS.

For a year we have met you, coming once a month, through rain or shine, bringing you tidings from the timbrophilic profession and scattering knowledge broadcast over the land, but now our race is run, our course is ended. The result of our year's experience has been on the whole satisfactory. The stamp dealers of America *as a rule*, are honorable, trustworthy men, but there are a few exceptions. Against these men we have ever striven, from the moment of their discovery, with might and main.

The Stamp Trade has not been behind the other professions in commercial defaulting. It has had one absconder and two or three defaulters.

When the Journal was first issued only one other paper devoted to Timbromani was in existence,—the *Record* of Albany, which is still alive and flourishing.

Soon after the Journal had set the example the *Gazette* appeared, which is generally vacillating in everything except hatred of S. Allan Taylor.

Next in order was the *Argus* which has sunk to rest after a brief and troubled existence.

The *Curiosity Shop* was last. This is also dead.

Of them all, the *Record* of Albany seems to us the best. The only thing in it of which we have to complain is the scarcity of reading material.

If Mr. Taylor will cut down his advertisements somewhat we will warrant him a greater number of subscribers. His paper has decidedly more talent employed upon it than any other.

We had nearly forgotten the project of a free stamp paper which, however, was smothered in its cradle.

The present state of the Stamp Trade is flourishing and trusting that *our* endeavors have had something to do with this desirable result we must now say *FAREWELL.*

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Rambling Paper No. 4

(*Conciuded.*)

We read from an account of its dedication that among other things the following articlas were deposited in that place:—

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These curiosities were put in a leaden box, and covered with melted wax. This was put in another leaden box somewhat larger, the interstices filled with pitch, and the box hermetically sealed. An ardent collector might say "If this box *should* be smashed, may I be there to see—and take!"

The extensive collection of coin and medals, belonging to the Messrs M, of Chicago has been divided, one taking the foreign coins, the other the American. At one time it was thought the entire assortment would pass under the auctioneer's hammer, but this was a mistake.

The bookworms of this city have been delighted by the arrival of some rare volumes at Bamford & Baldwin's. The timbrophilic fraternity are however rather quiet. We are waiting for the different postal papers to arouse us; for all are anxious to learn the details of the warfare between the Coin and Stamp Journal and the ARGUS (if that is in existence now) all from our sagest collector down to a mere NOBODY.

N. S. C.

Facts and Freaks of Currency.

MANY things have been used at different times as money—cowrie shells in Africa; wampum by the American Indians; cattle in anci-

ent Greece ; beaver skins in Canada ; tobacco in Virginia ; soap in Mexico.

The Carthaginians used leather as money, probably bearing some mark or stamp.

Frederick II., at the siege of Milan, issued stamped leather as money.

In 1360, John the Good, King of France, who was taken prisoner by the celebrated Black Prince, and sent to England until ransomed, also issued leather money, having a small silver nail in the centre.

Salt is the common money in Abyssinia ; codfish in Iceland and Newfoundland.

"Living money," slaves and oxen, passed current with the Anglo-Saxons, in payment of debts.

Adam Smith says that in his day there was a village in Scotland where it was not uncommon for workmen to carry nails, instead of money, to the baker's shop and the ale-house.

Marco Polo found in China money made of the bark of the mulberry tree, bearing the stamp of the sovereign, which it was death to counterfeit.

Tobacco was generally used as money in Virginia up to 1660, fifty-seven years after the foundation of that colony.

In 1641. the legislature of Massachussetts enacted that wheat should be received in pay ment of all debts.

The convention of France, during the revolution, on the proposition of Jean Bon Saint Andree, long discussed the propriety of adopting wheat as money as the measure of value of all things.

Platina was coined in Russia from 1828 to 1845.

But the metals best adapted and most generally used as coin, are copper, nickel, silver, and gold; the first two being now used for coins of small value, to make change ; the two latter, commonly designated "the precious metals," are used as measures of value and legal tenders.

On the continent of Europe, a composition of silver and copper called bullion, has long been used for small coins, which are made current at a much higher value than the metals they contain. In China, sycee silver is the principal currency, and is merely ingot silver of a uniform fineness paid and received by weight.

Spanish dollars also circulate there, but only after they have been assayed and stamped, as a proof that they are of the standard fineness.

As Asia Minor produced gold, its earliest coinage was of that metal.

Italy and Sicily possessing copper, bronze was first coined there.

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I am composed of 13 letters:

My 8, 9, 7, 7, is what all soldiers in service belong to.

My 6, 4, 5, is where metals are found.

My 3, 2, 10 is the terror of evil doers.

My 1, 13, 4, 10, is the name of a certain sort of string.

My 10, 11, 12, is the Imperative of a Latin Verb.

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