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consists of torn, dirty leaves, stamps stuck on it are only parts of such, disorderly and without any knowledge, one pasted next to another, no matter whether genuine or counterfeit. Such collections call on the counterfeiters to bring out larger and larger quantities of their stuff into the market and, on the other hand, they provoke the dislike of the public in a great measure.

Here can only the good model of advanced collectors be of valuable service, by giving those beginners a sight into their nicely arranged collection as often as practicable, with instructions, and they will wake the feeling for order and beauty in these minors.

The Usefulness of Chemicals in Stamp-Collecting.

[Transl. from the German by C. J. FUKLSCHER.]

In these few lines we wish to call the attention of our readers to the aid that chemistry may be to our science.

How often does it occur, when in spite of all accurateness and carefulness, perhaps through an accident or some other cause, our album, this temple of philately or even the in it carefully arranged stamps get dirty; how often do we see envelopes and postals that had been stored away in some lonely, forgotten place, till the searching eye of the philatelist detected them, covered with dirty spots, which are insulting to the eye of a real philatelist. Here chemistry fills a long needed want. Mix Carbon of Magnesia with Bisulphide Carbon, Ether or Benzine, till the mixture forms a thick mass. Soak the place to be cleaned with some oily substance, then brush it over with this thick mixture. Ether, Benzin or Bisulphide of Carbon rapidly take up fats, and as they evaporate rapidly, they leave the fats in the Carbonate Magnesia, which is a light, voluminous powder, and absorbs the fat more easily than the fine paper fibres. After drying, the Carbonate Magnesia must be rubbed off with a feather. If the spot is not too large or too old, a single experiment may prove sufficient. On the other hand, if the spot is too large and old, we must add a little diluted Aq. Amm.

to the above mixture and rub over lightly, in which case we will always succeed. Of course, when stamps have greasy spots, obtained through oily stamping ink, this treatment can only be used on the back of the stamp, to prevent loss of color.

The Shanghai Stamps.

BY CAPT. EVANS.

The Government consists of a Municipal Council, elected by the settlers, who make their own laws and see to the lighting, police, etc. The local post-office is under the control of the Council, and its issues are not Chinese, nor anything else but Shanghai (if one may coin such a word) pure and simple. At the same time these stamps are not solely for local use, because they also frank letters conveyed by sea from Shanghai to any other treaty port in China, though they cannot be used on letters to other countries, some of which have their own post offices here.

For instance, there is a British post-office, which is a branch of that of Hong Kong, and at which Hong Kong stamps are employed; an American where United States stamps can be bought, and letters posted to America and Europe, via Japan and San Francisco; a Japanese, through which Japanese stamps will convey letters also to America and Europe by the same route; and a French office, where French stamps are current. In short, Shanghai would seem to be a sort of paradise for stamp collectors, where the stamps of all nations can be purchased at face value in the same street.

Doubtless many collectors have noticed the fact that used specimens of the Shanghai stamps are not so common as might be expected or wished.

There is an especial reason for this, which is, that any one who chooses to subscribe a certain amount per annum to the local post-office, can have all his correspondence conveyed by it free, without the trouble of using stamps at all.

No doubt most of the residents, or those at least who have much correspondence, are subscribers; and the stamps are principally employed by persons passing through the place, or others residing there who do not send a sufficient number of

letters to make it worth while to subscribe.

The subscription arrangement gives use to a peculiar species of post-card, which, I think, has no parallel among the issues of any other country. This is the subscriber's card. It is an unstamped card, and bears no indication of any value; but it does not belong to the same class as ordinary unstamped cards, in as much as it does not require the addition of an adhesive stamp to frank it through the post. Again, it is different to an official card or a war card; for they denote a freedom from liability to the payment of postage, while this denotes to some extent postage paid.

—*Philatelic Record.*

Black Mountain.

Montenegro is one of the least known of the stamp-issuing countries. Its domain is not very extensive, comprising but two thousand square miles, its inhabitants numbering about two millions. The proper name is Czernogora, (Black Mountain), Montenegro being an Italian translation.

Up to the year 1878 there were no towns in Montenegro, the capital, Cettingi, consisting of a collection of about one hundred houses of a poor sort. After the Russo-Turkish war, the independence of Montenegro was recognized, and a slice of territory bordering on the Adriatic was added, giving them a solitary seaport.

In this newly acquired territory there are several towns, the largest containing 7,500 people. The people are very ignorant, hold education in contempt and very few of them can read or write. There are but three or four schools in the whole country and up to 1871 there was not a single newspaper published within its borders. There is very little commerce and the people are poor. They are a brave and hardy race, however, and have many times waged war with their most powerful neighbors and not always to their disadvantage.

Montenegro is very mountainous, in fact, it is nearly all mountains, so that the land is, to a great extent, unfit for agriculture.

Postage stamps were introduced in 1874, consisting of seven values, viz., 2 soldi (or novtch), yellow; 3, green; 5, red; 10, blue; 15, brown; 25 lilac. They bear the

bust of the Hofsodar, Nicholas 1st, within a wreath. The value is at the bottom and an inscription in the native language at the top and on each side. Used specimens are rarely met with, but when it is considered how poor and ignorant the people are, and that few, even among their priests, can write, it is not to be wondered at; probably a vast number of these never saw or heard of a postage stamp.

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," is no doubt a popular saying with the Montenegrins.

About Stamp Collecting.

Judging from the numerous articles which have been written, concerning the advantages to be gained from stamp collecting, the subject would seem to be exhausted and that nothing remains to be said. If such were the case, there are good reasons for keeping the arguments, so often advanced, before the philatelic fraternity, to encourage the older members and enlighten the latest accession to our ranks. The votaries of philately are almost universally intelligent, well bred boys, for no others could have inclination for such a pursuit or diversion. They have, too, those qualities so necessary for success in any enterprise, energy and persistence.

Given collectors of these qualifications, it is easy to see to what extent the pursuit of their hobby will increase their knowledge of the location, extent, kind of government, history and general characteristics of the countries of the world, information which will be of the greatest value to them in after life. There is no risk in saying that collectors of the kind referred to far excel, in accurate knowledge of the world, all boys who have had only the advantages of even the best schools. The latter have as a rule only vague notions of the existence of many of the most remote and least known parts of the globe and of their form of government, political relations, etc., while the former must from the very nature of their favorite amusement, become familiar with all these things.

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—We promised our readers last time that we would be out promptly. Through some unavoidable cause, however, we were delayed once more. We trust that our friends will pardon this. The next number will be mailed in two weeks from date you receive this copy, and this will at the same time complete the second volume of OUR AMERICAN YOUTH. As we have said in previous numbers, we will greatly improve this magazine, and the April number will come out with new rich cover, which is expressly made for us now, full of interesting matter. The name will be changed to THE AMERICAN STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE, thus signifying its purpose. We have not the space left to return the compliments of our contemporaries, but will see that they all receive due notice next month.

—Although we know the Globe Stamp Co. to be reliable as far as filling their orders is concerned, we cannot sanction their actions in advertising in the *March Collectors' Companion* without informing their purchasers of what they are buying. It looks bad for such a magazine as the *Collector's Companion* to insert their advertisement, and condemning it at the same time in another part of the paper. Still, Cowles, who issued the largest philatelic paper published this year, no doubt wishes to defray expenses,—and every fifty cents counts, you know!

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