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POSTAGE STAMPS WORTH FORTUNES.

Some people have little idea of the immense amount of money there is invested in postage stamps. A philatelic once stated: "Money put into postage stamps is as safe as if it were in U. S. bonds, and will invariably yield a larger profit, for stamps appreciate in value steadily and in many cases rapidly." This statement, strange as it may seem to the uninitiated, is proved easily by a glance at one or two instances of the great value of certain rare stamps and in the steadily increasing prices of them.

As soon as the Omaha Exposition issues appeared, hundreds of stamp collectors and dealers all over the world purchased, exchanged and speculated with these stamps.

Mauritius is a small, rocky island in the Indian Ocean, near Madagascar, formerly known as the Isle of France, belonging to Great Britain, and having a population of about 350,000. Two now very rare stamps were issued in this country. There are two varieties of the 1847 issue, a one-penny red and a two-penny blue. These stamps are particularly distinguished. The colonial government in that year got out some new stamps with a bust of Queen Victoria upon them. The day they arrived, and before they were offered to the public, several hundred were used upon invitations to an official ball at the palace of the governor-general, which were sent out in small white envelopes. The next day the entire issue remaining was burned by accident; and now only two are known to exist—one in the British museum and the other in the collection of Mr. Peckitt. Both of them are still attached to the governor-general's envelopes, and addressed by the same hand—evidently that of a lady—so there is no doubt about their genuineness.

The one in the British museum was purchased fifteen years ago for \$350. The other specimen realized no less than \$1,000 in 1887, showing a big advance in value in a few years. But this was not the top price by any means. A pair of the blue Mauritius sold at auction in London brought thirty-four hundred dollars. These Mauritius stamps, rare and valuable as they are, are surpassed in this respect by the 1856 British Guiana, (black or magenta), of which perhaps not more than six are in existence. By an error which was quickly rectified, certain of these stamps were numbered "one" instead of "four," and a specimen with this error will readily bring five thousand dollars. The red variety of this stamp, without the error, is worth a little over a hundred dollars; the blue something like six hundred dollars or more if in good condition.

ONE WAY TO GET RARE STAMPS.

Some years ago a well-known collector, who is also a wag, caused the publication of the story that an old lady in Albany, N. Y., had died and in her will left a provision that her valuable collection should be divided among the collectors in the United States who were fortunate enough to own Brattleboro stamps. He announced himself as executor of the estate. In that way he was able to locate all the Brattleboro stamps in the world, and succeeded in buying one, which he had long coveted.

RARE U. S. STAMPS.

The rarest United States stamp is the \$5,000 revenue. These were printed for use on a Union Pacific bond, and there are but two or three in existence. They are probably worth their face value.

Another valuable American stamp was issued by the postmaster of Baltimore before the national government assumed that responsibility. Three examples only are known to exist—one is on blue paper and two on white. The blue one sold for \$4,400 some years ago. The white ones are quoted at \$2,000 each.

Similar stamps issued by the postmaster at St. Louis bring from \$150 to \$3,000, according to their scarcity—one by the postmaster at New Haven, still attached to the envelope, which is said to be unique, sold for \$2,000. During the civil war about thirty postmasters in the Southern states issued stamps on their own account, and sold them to pay their salaries and expenses. These are rare, and bring from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each. Brattleboro (Vt.) stamps are also scarce, and very valuable.

The St. Louis postoffice 5-cent stamp of 1846, re-engraved on pelure paper, is exceedingly rare. One is in possession of the New England Stamp company. It is worth \$2,500. There is also another interesting United States stamp in the possession of the above-named stamp company. It is a 5-cent Millbury (Mass.) stamp, issued by the postmaster of that town in 1847. A Worcester (Mass.) young lady, in poor circumstances, found it one day while looking through her uncle's effects. She did not at the time know of its real value, but, thinking it might be of some value, inquired into the matter. She was most agreeably surprised when she discovered its true worth. The stamp was purchased from her by the Boston firm for \$1,200—quite a fortune to the young lady.

United States stamps of all kinds are in greater demand than those issued by South American countries.

The United States stamps commanding the highest price are probably the 15, 24, 30, and 90 cent of the issue of 1869. These stamps are printed in two colors, and consequently were run through two presses. By accident several of the sheets were inverted during the second process, with the result that the central picture or illustration was printed upside down. The mistake was not noticed until after the stamps had been disposed of to the public by the Postoffice Department, and gives them great value to collectors. These oddities now bring from \$150 to \$500 each.

A new fad of stamp collectors is offered by the recent practice of printing stamps at the bureau of engraving and printing. Many are now collecting

what are known as plate numbers. Each plate used at the bureau is numbered. The paper used in printing the stamps has perforated margins on the four sides, upon which are printed the words "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," and the number of the plate. It requires four ordinary postage stamps to preserve that inscription, and consequently the collections are known as "blocks of four." Plate No. 89 of one of the recent issues already commands \$50, because it was damaged, and had to be destroyed before many sheets of stamps were printed.

The Spanish war has also given new tasks to stamp collectors. In preparing to enforce the war-revenue law, current issues of ordinary postage stamps were given the imprint "I. R.," and used until the regular stamps were ready. The introduction of our postal system into Cuba and Puerto Rico is another source of profit to the dealers. The United States 1 and 2 cent stamps were run through a press and given the imprint "Cuba" and the denomination. Already some of the United States stamps used in Cuba are salable at \$2 each.

The Postmaster General recently placed on sale 50,000 complete sets of obsolete newspaper and periodical stamps at \$5 a set. They were distributed at the larger postoffices, 5,000 sets being retained by the department at Washington, 3,000 at New York, 2,500 each at Philadelphia and Chicago, and a smaller number of sets at other postoffices, with instructions that not more than one set should be sold to a single customer. The sale commenced on Feb. 15, and so far as returns have been received was a great success. The entire stock is exhausted, and after pay-

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ing all expenses the government is enjoying a profit of \$249,975. There are a million or so stamp collectors in the United States, and the eagerness with which these stamps were purchased makes Assistant Postmaster General Merritt regret that he did not charge \$10 a set for them, and realize a half a million instead of a quarter of a million dollars by their sale.

SOMETHING INTERESTING.

Our country in its different issues generally gave us the pictures of its great men, portraited on postage stamps.

This differs greatly with Newfoundland. They first gave us emblematic designs, succeeded by animal pictures, portraits of the royal family, fishing smacks, the series showing the discovery of, and the kind of a country settled, and the present series bear the heads of all the royal family. So, you see that Newfoundland has given us the greatest variety picture gallery.

Germany has generally heretofore had stamps bearing the emblematic design of their eagle, but the 1900 issue bears the emblematic design of "Germania," with figures of value in upper corners. The higher values have various designs.

The early issues of the British colonies gave us generally the portrait of Queen Victoria, but the newer issues contain various designs, like Barbadoes and Borneo.

ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING.

For a number of years there has raged among young people an interest known as the stamp craze.

But the question has arisen: Why do they collect? Does the collecting interest them? What knowledge can they derive from stamps? Do they think of the people in the different nations, how they dress, what their habits are, and their mode of living?

Or do they think of the country? Their history and geography? How would you answer this question?

Those persons who cultivate some instructive amusements, like painting, drawing, music, growing of plants, and dozen of other things which may be classed under the head of personal recreation, have always something within their reach that makes them independent of the outside world and oblivious to lonesomeness and low spirits.

Such is the amusement of stamp col-

lectors.

It is growing more popular and entertaining than any other amusement of this nature. Once begun, the entire family become interested, and it proves equally as instructive as it is attractive and enticing. From the standpoint of an investment there is nothing better. Old stamps are constantly increasing in value. Many stamps that cost but cents are now worth dollars. But few ever stop to realize what knowledge, education, etc., may be derived from interest shown in stamps.

Many stamps bear the picture and the inscription, which enables one to tell under what country the people who use the stamp are ruled.

You can tell from the date on the stamp as to the time the country was under such a government, also can see their portraits; such as Presidents, etc. Just think of the Columbian Exposition stamps. Is there any person who couldn't tell what he learns from them? History of America, of Spain, the life of Columbus, etc.

In America, stamp collecting at the close of the civil war had gained a foothold. Schoolboys and the younger folk took kindly to the new "craze," and not a few collectors of today can date their philatelic career from the '60s. By 1870 there were dealers throughout the country, and a number of stamp papers were extant. From 1870 to 1885 stamp collecting gained steadily in popularity. Converts, not alone from the youth of the land, but also from the ranks of mature, staid citizens, rallied to its support. Philatelic papers were common, and works on stamp subjects were published.

SABLE ISLAND SINKING.

The "Ocean Graveyard," as Sable island is called, it is said, is sinking. There have been many surveys of the island made and each new and later one shows that it is shrinking in size. It is only about a mile broad and twenty-two miles long. In 1776 it was thirty-one miles long by a little more than two miles broad.

Forty years later a survey showed that the island was more than a mile shorter and not quite two miles wide. Since that time the sinking process has been going on rapidly. The Canadian government has detailed the steamer Minto to make a series of careful surveys of the Island.—Our Times.

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NOTICE TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

To the beginner, we state, that in order to avoid dishonesty, the publishers have only accepted advertisements of reliable dealers, and our readers are perfectly safe in dealing with any of the same.

We have also established an enquiry department, to further interest the collectors, and any subjects pertaining to stamps, will be willingly answered. The editor of this department has been a stamp collector for many years.

A Camera Club has been started by some of the O. W. C. members. Their object is to open an active exchange of prints, etc. Albert J. Myers, 3728 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., is Secretary. Dues are 25 cents yearly, and 10 cents admission fee. Any amateurs may join, upon approval of members. They are also trying to issue a photographing paper.

Freddie—It's always in damp places where mushrooms grow, isn't it, papa?
Papa—Yes, my boy. Freddie—Is that the reason they look like umbrellas, papa?—Tit-Bits.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.

Friends of the Monarch Monthly are invited to contribute to this department any information pertaining to new issues or varieties that may prove of interest to our readers.

India, Bussahir—This state has recently issued a new set of stamps consisting of three values. The design shows a dejected looking tiger in center, surrounded by a border, in which are the words, Bussahir State—Postage and the value. All values may be found both imperf. and fin. perf. Each stamp has a monogram in pink impressed on it. Adhesive (regular), $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, violet; $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, ultramarine; 1 anna, dull olive.

Austria—Lately there have been issued, wrapper (regular), 2 hellers, gray, green.

Levant—Two provisional cards: 20 P. on 10th rose, black surcharge; 20x20 P. on 10x10 H. rose: black surcharge.

Caroline Islands—There is only one set of these stamps, the surcharge being Karolinen. In addition to the adhesives, there are cards. Postal cards, provisional issue, 5 pfennig, green; 5x5 pfennig, green; 10 pfennig, carmine; 10x10 pfennig, carmine.

German Empire—Has recently issued a new 2 pf. postal card. The formula appears to be the customary one. The impressed stamp is like the new 2 pf. adhesive; both are printed in the same color.

Malta—The adhesive stamps of Malta are inscribed simply "Malta," and the value in words, except the 10s of 1899, which has the words Malta—Postage, and the value in figures.

Panama—Ten centavos, black on light blue, has taken the place of varicus surcharged registration stamp.

Port Said—Recently issued 2 letter cards. Letter cards provisional: 15 centimes on gray, 25 centimes blue on rose.

Japan—The 3-sen stamp, which can only be used on domestic matter, and was issued to commemorate the marriage of the Crown Prince and Lady Sadako, is described as follows: "The design in the center is an "Orishiki," or box, in which food is carried on the occasion of the marriage of distinguished personages. The translations of the

inscriptions are as follows: Left side, 'Imperial Japanese Postage'; right side, 'Crown Prince Wedding Ceremony.' The value is the lower right hand corner (3), and the denomination (sen) in the left. The ornaments in the corners are the wisteria, the crest of the Lady Sada-ko's family."

ENGINEERING BY A MOUSE.

"While digging holes for telegraph poles at Byron, Me.," said a Western Union man, "I became interested in watching the ingenuity and perseverance of a mouse. He fell into one of the holes, which was four and a half inches across and twenty inches deep.

"The first day he ran around the bottom of the hole, trying to find some means of escape.

"The second day he settled down to business. He began steadily and systematically to dig a spiral groove round the inner surface of the hole with a uniformly ascending grade. He worked night and day, and as he got farther from the bottom he dug little pockets where he could lie and rest.

"At the end of two weeks the mouse struck a rock. This puzzled him. For nearly a day he tried to get under and around or over the obstruction, but without success. With unflinching patience he reversed his spiral, and went on tunneling his way in the opposite direction.

"At the end of four weeks he reached the top, and probably sped away to enjoy his well-earned freedom. His escape was not seen. When his food was put in in the morning he was near the surface, but at night the work was seen to be complete, and the little engineer, whose pluck and skill had saved his life, had left."

POLAR BEARS AT SEA.

The captain of a Dutch ship tells of a strange sight during a recent voyage from Amsterdam to Baltimore. When off the Newfoundland banks a large iceberg was sighted, and four polar bears were seen walking about on a flat portion of the surface. They doubtless had been caught on it when it became detached from the glacier of which it was once a part in the Arctic regions. When the berg drifted into the warm waters of the Gulf stream and melted the bears were probably drowned.—Our Times.

SOMETHING ABOUT COINS.

The science of numismatics treats of coins, acquaints us with the metals used in its composition, its various inscriptions and contrivance, its mechanical execution and artistic merit. It tells us of the different denominations of coins, their relation to one another, and laws by which they are governed. The earliest known coins were issued by the Greeks in the seventh century before the Christian era. By the fourth century the whole civilized world used money, each state generally having its proper coinage. This continued to be the case to the present time, so that there are few nations without a metal currency of their own. The number of varieties of coins and metals of which specimens are preserved by interested collectors may be estimated at not less than several hundred thousands, and future discoveries will probably greatly increase this sum. Coins are scarcely less valuable in relation to geography than to history. The position of towns, or the sea, or on rivers, the race of their inhabitants, and many similar particulars are positively fixed on numismatic evidence.

The information that coins convey as to the details of the history of towns and countries had a necessary connection with geography, as has also their illustration of local forms of worship. The representations of natural productions on ancient money are of special importance, and afford assistance to the lexicographer.

This is particularly the case with the Greek coins, on which these objects are frequently portrayed with great fidelity.

The art of sculpture, of which coin engraving is the offspring, receives the greatest illustration from numismatics.

Not only is the memory of the lost statues preserved to us in the designs of ancient coins, but those of Greece afford admirable examples of that skill by which her sculptors attained their great renown. The excellence of designs of very many Greek coins struck during the period of the best art is indeed so great that were it not for their smallness they would form the finest series of art studies in the world. The Roman coins, though at no time to be compared with the purest Greek, yet represent worthily the Graeco-Roman art of the empire. Ancient coins throw as great light upon the architecture as upon the sculpture of nations by which they were struck.

(To be continued)

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Where Dollar Really Began.

The origin of the word dollar has been a subject for newspaper discussion for so many years that one more account of the humble beginning of our revered symbol will be hardly out of place. Carlyle, in his life of "Frederick the Great," says that the town of Joachimstal, in Bohemia, was a silver-mining center in the eighteenth century, and that it was celebrated for its coins, they being sterling, and in request with traders. "Let my ducat be Joachimstal one, then, "the trader would say. The German of "one" or "a" is "er," therefore the phrase came in time to be "a Joachimstal-er," then "thaler," and lastly dollar—"almighty and otherwise—now going around the world."—Star.

Firing at One Spot.

Many years ago an old castle, very strongly fortified, was taken by a single gun. The attacking party had only the one gun, and it seemed hopeless to try to take the castle; but one soldier said, "I can show you how you can take the castle." He pointed the cannon at one spot, and fired, and went on all day, never moving the cannon. Each ball knocked a few stones from the wall. The same thing was repeated the next day, and the next. By and by the stones began to fall away, and by steadily working the gun he made a hole big enough for the army to walk through, and the castle was taken.

When any task looks at first sight as impossible as the taking of this old castle, look the ground over, start a right, and don't give up until the battle is won. Remember that "perseverance conquers all things."—Ex.

Our Trade with Asia Growing.

A report on our Asiatic trade shows that there has been a great development of our commerce with China and Japan during the past ten years. Our exports have gained 256 per cent and our imports 36 per cent in that time. Our exports to the countries mentioned consisted chiefly of cotton, cotton goods, kerosene oil, wheat flour, and manufactures of iron and steel. Aside from these five classes the chief exports have been paper, alcohol, tobacco, leather, lubricating oils, lumber, and scientific apparatus. Silk and tea comprised the bulk of the imports.—Our Times.

An Island of Sulphur.

In the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, is situated White island, which consists mainly of sulphur mixed with gypsum and a few other minerals. Over the island, which is about three miles in circumference, and which rises between 800 and 900 feet above the sea, floats continually an immense cloud of vapor attaining an elevation of 10,000 feet. In the center is a boiling lake of acid-charged water, covering fifty acres, and surrounded with blow-holes from which steam and sulphurous fumes are emitted with great force and noise. With care a boat can be navigated on the lake. The sulphur from White island is very pure, but little effort has yet been made to procure it systematically.—Our Times.

Nature's Soap Factory.

Near Ashcroft, in British Columbia, are a number of small lakes, whose shores and bottoms are covered with a crust containing borax and soda in when cut out it serves as a washing compound. The crust is cut into blocks such quantities and proportions that and handled in the same manner as ice, and it is estimated that one of the lakes contains 20,000 tons of this material.

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BOY FIGHTS AN EAGLE.

Earl Hummel, a 13-year-old boy of Reading, Pa., had a thrilling experience with an eagle on the mountain near Port Clinton, fifteen miles north of that city, recently, according to the Philadelphia North American. The boy, who is an excellent shot with a rifle, went out on the mountain for the purpose of practicing. While in the woods near his home he was attacked by a large eagle. The bird attempted to alight on his head. It partially succeeded in doing this, when the lad coolly turned on the bird and struck it on the neck with his rifle, when it flew to the top of a tree near by. Earl then raised his rifle to shoot the eagle, when it again attacked him, sinking its talons into the flesh of his body, but the little fellow kept cool, and again fought it off, and, raising his rifle, brought down the prize, sending a bullet through its head. The little fellow was alone at the time, but brought home his game. It measured forty-six inches from tip to tip of wings. A prouder boy never lived in the neighborhood.—American Boy.

FIRST OWNERS OF CUBA.

One of the men employed in taking the census in Cuba reported to General Sanger, in Santa Clara, that he had found, in Pinar del Rio, a settlement of nearly 900 persons "engrooved in the mountains," as he expressed it, entirely out of touch with the outside world, living on plantains and sweet potatoes, and governing themselves in a sort of primitive republic.

An almost unheard-of settlement among the mountains of Santiago puzzled the enumerators far more than anything else. The people were not Cubans, nor Spaniards, nor negroes, but Indians, the only remnant left of the once powerful tribes which inhabited the island when Columbus discovered America.

The population of the entire island is 1,572,840, which is between 50,000 and 60,000 less than it was when the last census was taken by the Spaniards in 1887.

The population of Puerto Rico is placed in the preliminary enumeration at 957,679. The last census, taken in 1887, showed a population of 806,708.

Telegraph wires will last for forty years near the seashore. In the manufacturing districts the same wires will last only ten years, and sometimes less.

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY TAKES A RIDE WITH A KITE.

Charles Lewis, the 7-year-old son of Henry Lewis of Mt. Morris, N. Y., is probably the youngest boy who ever flew into the air with a kite. While flying a gigantic kite, made for the purpose of carrying a flag high into the air on Dewey day, the boy was carried over the roof of his house through several trees, and thrown violently on the ground several hundred feet from the place where he started. The kite, which was eight feet in height, was attached to a stout rope, which ran out so fast that the boy could not manage it. When the end was reached the boy went, too. It is said that, though badly bruised, he will recover.—American Boy.

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The following is the number of warships possessed by the great powers: Great Britain, 413; France, 340; Russia, 240; Germany, 185; Italy, 195; United States, 64; Japan, 71.

Vessels building: Great Britain, 73; France, 77; Russia, 66; Italy, 32; United States, 58; Japan, 43.

The British navy is much stronger in proportion than these figures indicate. Most of the ships of continental navies are small torpedo vessels, while Great Britain has a large number of great battle-ships and cruisers. It may be added also that the United States navy is composed principally of the larger vessels.

Germany at present only possesses 22, but since the provision for the increase of the foreign service fleet was passed by 20 to 8, the proposals adopted provided that the fighting fleet shall consist of two flagships, four squadrons of eight battleships each; eight large and twenty-four small cruisers; for foreign service a fleet of three large and ten small cruisers; for the reserve four battleships and three large and four small cruisers, and that the appropriation for the necessary supplies shall be included in the annual estimates.

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MINERALOGY.

The study of mineralogy treats us with natural objects which are homogeneous in their mass, of which no parts are formed for special purposes or object. As this study differs from structures, as treated in botany, zoology, etc., it becomes greatly interesting to carefully observe the various forms of its composition. Objects treated in other departments of natural history consist of beings possessed of life and having parts which, being naturally dependent, cannot be separated from one another without a more or less complete destruction of the individual, the objects treated of under the department of mineralogy have so uniformly consistent an individuality that they are not destroyed by any separation of parts, each portion or fragment possessing the same properties and the same composition as the whole.

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SOMETHING ABOUT COINS.

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Under the empire, the Roman coins issued at the city very frequently bear representations of important edifices. The Greek imperial coins, struck in the provinces, present similar types, representing the most famous temples and other structures of their cities, of the form of some of which we should otherwise be wholly ignorant.

The best Greek pieces are too severe a style to admit of an approach to pictorial treatment. The Roman coins sometimes present groups which have a very pictorial character, traceable to the tendency of the sculpture of the period. The art of gem-engraving among the ancients is perhaps most nearly connected with their coinage.

The subjects of coins and gems are so similar and so similarly treated that the authenticity of gems, that are most difficult of archaeological questions, receive the greatest aid from the study of coins. The study of coins also tends to illustrate the contemporary literature of nations which issue them. Not only the historians, but the philosophers and poets are constantly illustrated by the money of their times. A want of technical numismatic knowledge in the editors and carelessness of artists combined to deprive these illustrations of much of their value. This is partly the account, but chiefly in consequence of the change from historical to textual criticism, ancient coins have been but little used in this manner by the new school.

The science is of comparatively recent origin. The ancients do not seem to have formed collections, although they appear to have occasionally preserved individual specimens for their beauty. M. Petrarch, the Italian poet, who lived from 1304 to 1374, has the credit of having been the first collector, but it is probable that in his time ancient coins were already attracting no little attention.

The importance of this study has

since been by degrees more and more recognized, and at present no branch of the pursuit is left wholly unexplored. Besides its bearing upon the history, the religion, the manners and the arts of the nations which have used money, the science of numismatics has a special modern use in relation to art. Displaying the various styles of art prevalent in different ages, coins supply us with abundant means for promoting the advancement of art among ourselves. Its least value is to point out the want of artistic merit and historical commemoration in modern coins and to suggest that modern medals should be executed after some study of the rules which controlled the great works of former times.

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liquid or gaseous state, and their present structure was determined in the process of solidification.

The crystalline bodies present greater facilities of separation of their particles, or cleavage, in certain directions lying in determinate planes than they do in others. Most of them are neither equally hard nor equally elastic in all directions, conduct heat more rapidly in certain directions than they do in others, and when transparent, reflect light doubly except in certain directions.

Crystals may be found in every size, from a yard in diameter to mere specks, requiring a powerful microscope to reveal their existence. Beryls have been obtained in this country more than 4 feet in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in thickness, weighing $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons. The latter has also been found in Canada. In Milan a rock crystal exists $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet long by $5\frac{1}{2}$ in circumference, weighing 870 pounds. The highest perfection of form, and hence of other properties, is only found, however, in crystals of moderate or of small size.

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Of late there has been a decided increase in the collecting of unused stamps, especially those of European countries and the United States. Some of the canceled old German stamps that can be bought for 5 cents will readily bring \$100 if in first-class unused condition. In other instances the reverse is the rule. Often a cancellation mark adds value to a stamp. That is in the case where few stamps were used before the issue was discontinued, and those remaining were sold to dealers. It is impossible to counterfeit cancellation marks in such a manner as to defy detection by experts. It has frequently been tried, but has always failed. South and Central American governments frequently withdraw certain issues and dispose of the stock on hand to speculators. Whenever this is done before many stamps of that particular issue have been in circulation the postmark adds value to the stamp. Engraving companies have sometimes made contracts with small countries to furnish them a certain amount of stamps free of cost, provided new designs are ordered in a few months or a year. The engravers repay themselves by selling a small quantity to dealers at high prices. That explains why some nations have changed their stamps so often.

Orley Truman, Iowa Falls, Iowa, a member of the O. W. C., thus explains a simple method of making wood cuts. Before making the wood cut, I sandpaper off the end of the block by rubbing it on a piece of sandpaper tacked to a board. I then take a piece of carbon paper, such as is used for copying letters on a typewriter, and pin the picture I wish to make a print of to the block, with the carbon paper between, black side toward the wood, and then by tracing the lines of the picture with a lead pencil or sharpened stick, a copy of the picture is made on

the wood. Instead of cutting out the parts which need to be sunken, I use punches to press them down, I think this is a great deal easier than cutting out the wood. A wood cut made this way must be kept dry, for if it gets wet the sunken parts will swell up to their natural size. I also use an ordinary rubber-stamp pad to ink the prints.

India is a country not half so large as the United States, with four times its population. These 300,000,000 people must be fed from their own crops, as there is, relatively, no manufacturing resource to buy food with, says the Review of Reviews. There are parts of India with a population of 1,000 people to the square mile, and there are millions upon millions of farm laborers, vagrants, gypsies and nondescript classes, whose means of living, even in times of plenty, are inscrutable.

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In this issue the MONTHLY is able to inform its readers that the newly issued newspaper stamp of Hungary is reported as having been seen perforated. Adhesive newspaper stamp, no value, red, perforated.

Dominican Republic—Two new values will be issued. They are $\frac{1}{4}$ c and $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps.

Belgium—Has issued a 10c letter card with the stamp printed in carmine. Letter card, regular issue, 10 centimes, carmine on blue.

Wurtemberg—There are two 2 pf. official cards and stamps. They are catalogue types 01 and 02—inscribed "Postpflichtige Dienstsache and Amtlichen Verkehr."

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Sarawak—Has recently issued a new (20c) value to the current set, just double the Postal Union rate, adhesive, regular issue, 20 cent, bistre and mauve.

New Zealand—There are three new envelope values, viz: $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d and 2d envelopes, regular issue. $\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green, on white wove; 1 penny carmine on white wove, 2 pence, dull purple on white laid.

Corea—The commemorative Japanese stamp has also received the special surcharge for Corean service. Adhesive provisional issue: 3 sen, rose.

Lubuan—The 4c monkey stamp, in yellow, brown and black, has now been issued in carmine. Adhesive, regular issue, 4c, carmine and black.

Salvador—The 26c stamp of the 1899 issue, with the wheel surcharge, has received the additional overprint in two lines—"1900, 5 Centavo." Adhesive, provisional issue, 5 centavos on 26 centavos, carmine, rose.

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Building Limitations in Rome.

Lanciana has shown that a law was passed in Rome at the time of the Cæsars restricting the height of the fronts of buildings to 60 feet. Augustus, Trajan and Nero regulated the heights of buildings. Augusta fixed the height at 70 feet. Trajan at 60 feet, and Nero at the same height.

Violin Making the Only Industry.

The only place in the world where violin making may be said to constitute a staple industry is Markneukirchen, in Saxony, with its numerous surrounding villages. There are altogether about 15,000 people in this district engaged exclusively in the manufacture of violins. The inhabitants, from the small boy and girl to the wrinkled, gray-headed veteran and aged grandmother, are constantly employed making some part or other of this musical instrument.

Limit of Tree Growth.

Fir will grow at as great an altitude as 6,700 feet above sea level, yellow pine at 6,200 feet, ash at 4,800 feet, and oak at 3,350 feet. The vine ceases to grow at about 2,300 feet.

NOTICE!

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New Silver Certificates.

The new \$5 silver certificates, the issuance of which recently began, is giving very general satisfaction. It carries out the principle embodied in all this series of avoiding too much filigree, and leaving a fair amount of open space. The head of the Indian is regarded as a remarkably fine piece of work. There remains the \$10 certificate, for which no plate has yet been made, although several designs are under consideration. It is proposed to assign to the navy the central figure. For this purpose a battleship would naturally be first thought of, but experience has proved that in detecting counterfeits a vignette of the human face is a very much safer reliance than a battleship. Counterfeiters find it hard to catch all the fugitive shadings of a vignette, and so if a battleship should be made the central figure, it is quite likely that one or two human portraits would be included at the sides or below, just as has been done with the new \$1 silver certificates.

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SOMETHING ABOUT COINS.

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EARLIEST SUBSTITUTES FOR COINS.

Before passing to the subject of coinage proper, it will be well for our boys to know some of the reasons why coins first came into use, for there must have been a time with every people when they had no money such as we have to-day, and so before we speak of the earliest coins, we will touch, briefly, on this subject.

The methods of trade between primitive people has been universally by barter or trade. As far as history goes back we find this true. In our knowledge of such people at the present day we still find it true. Abraham came out of Egypt "very rich in cattle," and in some Eastern lands to-day they are a measure of value, when one's wealth is estimated by his holdings of cattle, sheep, camels or asses, and they are used in payment of tribute and the setting off of marriage portions. A Laplander is worth so many reindeer, an Esquimaux so many dogs. In Africa slaves and tusks of ivory pass for wealth. Cowrie shells are still used in some parts of Africa and India for currency. The Fijians have a currency of whale's teeth. The aborigines of this country used wampum, or money made of bone and shells. The Hudson Bay Company declared a beaver skin a unit of value. In Abyssinia a salt crystal is used as a commercial interchange. Egyptian scarabee carved on precious stones passed current thousands of years ago, and so we might continue on indefinitely, but this will suffice to show that the products of one's labor, desire or fancy, have ever been used as a measure of value; and it will further show that the state of civilization of a people can, to a great extent, be determined by the things thus used, and we will right here make the assertion that the money used by any people of any age, illustrates to a great extent that people's development in the arts and sciences,

as well as their degree of civilization. Next month we shall have something to say of the beginnings of coinage,

ABYSSINIA'S CURRENCY.

For standard money the Abyssinians use the Marie Theresa 1780 dollars. For small change they use bars of hard crystalized salt, about ten inches long and two and one-half broad and thick, slightly tapering toward the end. Five of these bars go for a dollar. If this coin does not ring when struck with the finger-nail, or if it is cracked or chipped, it does not pass. Where smaller change than a bar of salt is needed, the natives have recourse to a cartridge, three cartridges to one salt.

LUCK IN A PENNY.

Centuries ago, during one of the crusades, Sir Simon Lockhart, an Englishman, took prisoner a Saracen chief. As the money for his rescue was being counted out, one coin was dropped, and this Sir Simon quickly picked up and pocketed. Later it was discovered that this coin had miraculous properties. Any water in which it was dipped became a medicine which, it was said, was able to cure any ill of man or beast. So great a fame did it have that in the seventeenth century a town smitten by plague borrowed it, giving a bond of over one hundred thousand dollars that it should be returned. The English family of Lockharts still preserve the tiny coin, which is actually worth not more than a penny.

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A Lake that Eats Boats.

A strange lake exists in the center of Sulphur Island, off New Zealand. It is 50 acres in extent, about 12 feet in depth and 15 feet above the level of the sea.

The most remarkable characteristic of this lake is that the water contains vast quantities of hydrochloric and sulphuric acids hissing and bubbling at a temperature of 110 degrees F.

The dark green colored water looks particularly uninviting. Dense clouds of sulphuric fumes constantly roll off this boiling caldron, and care has to be exercised in approaching this lake to avoid the risk of suffocation. On the opposite side of the lake may be seen the tremendous blowholes, which, when in full blast, present an awe inspiring sight.

The roar of the steam as it rushes forth into the air is deafening, and often huge boulders and stones are hurled out to a height of several hundred feet by the various internal forces of nature.

A boat can be launched on the lake, and if proper care be observed the very edges of the blowholes may be safely explored.

Some idea of the strength of the acid saturated water of this lake may be gathered from the fact that a boat almost dropped to pieces after all the passengers had been landed, as the rivets had corroded under the influence of the acids.

Near Ayuthia, formerly the capital of Siam, is a curious labyrinth in which elephants are captured alive. The labyrinth is formed by a double row of immense tree-trunks set firmly in the ground, the space between them gradually narrowing. Where it begins, at the edge of the forest, the opening of the labyrinth is more than a

mile broad, but as it approaches Ayuthia it becomes so narrow that the elephants cannot turn around. Tame elephants are employed to lure wild ones into the trap. Having reached the inner end of the labyrinth, the tame elephants are allowed to pass through a gate, while men lying in wait slip shackles over the feet of the captives. The sport is a dangerous one, as the enraged elephants sometimes crush their would-be captors under their feet.

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Postage Stamp Contract.

Billions of postage stamps of different denominations will be required to conduct the postal business of the country for the ensuing fiscal year. Postmaster General Smith has made out his estimate and has asked for 1,078,186,000 one-cent stamps, 3,109,834,000 twos, 34,500,000 threes, 35,500,000 fours, 62,200,000 fives, 9,800,000 sixes, 16,800,000 eights, 2,100,000 tens, 3,500,000 fifteens, 70,000 fifties, 40,000 one-dollar stamps, 3,000 two-dollar stamps and 4,000 five-dollar stamps. Of the ten-cent special delivery stamps 7,850,000 were asked for. The "postage due" stamps asked for are 6,500,000 ones, 14,150,000 twos, 500,000 threes, 1,500,000 fives, 2,000,000 tens, 4,000 thirties, and 2,000 fifty-cent stamps. Assistant Secretary Vanderlip has authorized the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare these stamps, subject to demand from the Postoffice Department.

Commemorating a Great Work.

In commemoration of the building of the Siberian railway, which is now approaching its completion, the czar has ordered a monument to the late Emperor Alexander III, on whose initiative the work was undertaken, to be erected in front of the Nicaloi railway station, the starting point of the Siberian railway. The monument will be executed according to the design of Prince Trubetzkoï, the sculptor, and M. Schaechtel, the architect.

Nickel in the Slot for Prayers.

In Algeria one can drop a nickel in the slot and get a prayer blessed by the haji. But beware of playing tricks. Over the machine is placed a notice in Arabic to the effect that any miscreant who dares to cheat the prophet by annexing a prayer in return for a disc of lead or a spurious coin will be consigned to eternal punishment.

Journeys Morning and Evening.

On account of the great heat of the middle of the day in Egypt, a caravan journeys in the early morning and in the evening. During the heat of the noon hours the tents are pitched and men and beasts get through it as best they can.

Mr. Dave Taussig, who for a number of years has been connected with the Pan American Stamp Company, recently bought up all of Mr. Taylor's interests in this concern, the former manager. As Mr. Taussig is an old stamp dealer, he will surely make a success of his new undertaking. The MONARCH MONTHLY recommends him to all collectors, for fine approval sheets, packets, etc.

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men. The Turks had lost 30,000 men. The advance on Constantinople had been checked. Skobeloff said: "Osman the Victorious he will remain, in spite of his surrender."—Stephen Crane, in the *New Lippincott*.

Tuckerman's Ravine.

One of the remarkable scenic features of the celebrated White Mountains of New Hampshire is Tuckerman's Ravine, a great gulf in the southerly side of Mount Washington, which is every year spanned by a beautiful "snow arch," or eave of snow, which remains until the latter part of August. The name was conferred upon it in honor of the discoverer, Edward Tuckerman, an enthusiastic explorer of these famous hills.

Pekin, China, has a tower in which is hung a large bell cast in the fifteenth century, and another tower containing a large drum, which is intended to be beaten in case a great danger should threaten the city. No one is allowed to enter these towers.

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HISTORY OF A STAMP COLLECTOR.

BY F. C. LANG.

James was a stamp collector, or he had been ever since he was six years old.

Even as a baby he took up the craze and often tore up stamps which his brother had left on the table and other places, in fact, he would get at stamps, which his brother surely thought were safe.

He started his career as a philatelist in 1864.

His uncle, who served in the Civil War under General Meade, was mortally wounded at Gettysburg and soon after succumbed to his wounds.

Uncle Dick, as he was called, was a great stamp fiend, one of the first to take up the craze in this country. In his will he left all stamps to his nephew James, whom he knew was very much interested in them.

There were a large number of stamps, and many were valuable—and I believe even one or two Battleboros, also a number of Confederate issues which his uncle had picked up here and there during the campaign.

James was a good boy, and he divided the stamps between his older brother and himself.

One afternoon a friend came to visit him, and, of course, James had to show this boy his stamps.

His companion became greatly interested. He longed to obtain possession of these stamps, and while

James was talking about the same he wickedly planned how he could get them. ("Yes; he would steal the stamps, sell the same to a dealer at a fair price and go to the 'West,' shoot Indians, kill bears and live in every respect like the hero of a novel he had read the previous day.")

After he left James he could keep his mind on nothing but the stamps, sleep was not to be thought of that night. The next morning he got up earlier than usual. Being a late sleeper, everybody was surprised to see him get up at this time—even the cat stared at him and the parrot said, "Go to bed." His mother thought the same, but John was determined not to go, and he triumphed.

After eating breakfast he struck the road which lead to James' house, in order to carry out his plans, which were laid well. He proposed to go to James' house, ask him to go fishing, and while his friend would be preparing for the sport he would quietly enter his bedroom and get the stamps (which James had carefully stored in a box), sling them out the window into the yard, then he would return to James, making an excuse that he had forgotten his bait and several other things and he would now return home for the same, but he planned to get the stamps from the yard and triumphantly bear them home.

(To be Continued)

LARGE SUM FOR STAMPS.

What is believed to be absolutely the largest transaction that has ever taken place in the stamp world was lately successfully carried through. Mr. M. P. Castle, a Brighton magistrate and vice-president of the London Philatelic Society, has, through Messrs. Hamilton-Smith, sold his collection of European stamps for about £30,000 to a gentleman interested in the hobby, reports the New York Journal.

There is a big boom in South African stamps. The war has enhanced their value and has enormously increased the demand for them.

The dealers agree that there has never been such a rush on South African issues.

Mr. F. R. Ginn, of the Strand, says:

"The great demand just now is for Free State stamps, commanded by Lord Roberts when he entered Bloemfontein, and converted with the letters 'V. R. I.' stamped upon the back of them in black. They are rare at present for the curious reason that most of them were lost in the Mexican.

"The soldiers in Bloemfontein bought them as soon as they were issued and were sending them to friends in England. There were all sorts, from half penny up to five shilling stamps. I have sold one of the latter unused for five pounds. The 'Drie Pence Oranje Vrij Staat' converted into a 'V. R. I., 2½d' fetches 7s 6d. Possibly these stamps will be worth as many pounds.

"So far no Mafeking stamps have got on to the market, but they will fetch high prices when they come here. The V. R. I. Free Staters are in huge demand, and so will the converted Transvaalers be when Lord Roberts issues them.

"A complete set of Transvaal stamps would cost over £1,000, for a great variety has been issued. The Free State, on the other hand, has kept much in the same groove all along."

Some of the old Transvaal stamps, of the British regime of 1877-80, and of the first republic now fetch from £20 to £50.

Complete Your Collection Now.

There is no better time for collectors to complete their collections than the summer season. This is the period of great bargains. All collectors and dealers are looking forward to a very profitable season during the fall and winter. Certainly there is every reason to expect this, as the prices of good stamps have been steadily advancing for some time past, and there is a greater desire than ever before on the part of collectors to complete their sets and issues of stamps. The younger element has taken hold of collecting again with an interest that has never been equalled in the past. We see in this the truth of that which we have often stated, that the only reason why young people did not collect more extensively during the past two or three years was because we were having "hard times," and older people did not have the money to give them with which to pay for stamps for their collections. Now, however, that business is good once more, young collectors buy more steadily and to a much larger extent than they have ever done in the past. Parents are wise in encouraging their children to spend their money in such a way as this. It is absolutely certain that stamp collecting is the best form in which the collecting instinct of mankind expresses itself. It is simple, it has artistic elements, it is not necessarily expensive, and that which is collected has a greater value in relation to its cost than any other objects which collectors make a point of gathering.

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In our next issue we will give a definition of the most principal philatelic expressions used by collectors, as some of our readers are probably at a loss of the meaning of the same. We will suggest to our friends to carefully preserve this list for future use.

Hong Kong—Have issued their 2 cents stamp in green, and the 10 cents in blue.

Transvaal—The 1d. Transvaal has been surcharged "V. R. I." in small square capitals.

Nicaragua—Has recently issued a 2c card with stamp of the Asenjo type.

Great Britain—The following are the two new stamps which have made their appearance: 1c, green; 6c, light green. Adhesive, Provisional Issue, 10c, carmine, surcharge in black 1900-1 centavo.

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Adhesive, 1897, claret.

Japan—The recently issued stamp to commemorate the wedding has been surcharged for their offices in Corea and China.

Peru—Recently issued a new value (22 centavos), containing the portrait of his Exclmo Sr. D. Eduardo L. De Romania, dated 1900 two times on top. 22 centavos, green and black.

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The totals of the Bourse station run thus:

Stamp sales, one year, \$777,304; registered pieces handled, 56,765; amount of money involved in money orders, \$346,704; money order transactions, 23,882; delivery trips, daily, 8; floors served by carriers, 10; number of carriers, 3; superintendent and clerks, 8; size of building, 362 by 132

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A Cashmere Stamp.

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Owing to the fact that our subscription price was reduced, the contest for "Our Special Inducements" is still open, and the list of successful members will be published in our next issue.

Its object is directed to the increase of collecting stamps, relics, etc. This society will greatly interest the young people and greatly educate them, as everybody knows that a good deal of knowledge is derived from different branches of collecting.

Chapters may be formed, or independent members will be admitted under the condition that you are, or will become a subscriber to this paper.

Fill out the "Membership Coupon" and send us 25c in stamps, or money (well wrapped), and we will put your name on our subscription list for one year. Write plain and be particular about giving correct street address, P. O. box, town or city, county and state; also give age and whether you are out of or still attending school.

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MINEROLOGY.

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A crystal is a symmetrical solid, which is transparent, its surfaces being theoretically flat and of a perfect polish. The surfaces of same are called "planes" or "faces." The external planes of a crystal are called its natural planes. The flat surfaces, obtained by splitting a crystal are called its cleavage planes. Crystals bounded by equal and similar faces are called "simple forms." Crystals of which the faces are not equal and similar are termed "compound forms." When a figure is bounded by only one set of planes it is said to be "developed." When an edge is cut off by a new plane it is said to be "replaced." When cut off by a plane which forms an equal angle with each of the original faces which formed the edge it is said to be "truncated."

Axes are imaginary lines connecting points in the crystals which are diametrically opposite, such as the centers of opposite edges, angles and faces.

Crystals are divided into six systems, which are founded upon the relationship of their number, in length and in angular inclination. All crystals may be divided into "orthometric," or erect forms, and "clinometric," or inclined forms, and in similar manner may the systems be—through a consideration of the relative lengths of their axes—divided into three classes.

In the first, or regular of these, the axes are all equal, that is, they are of one length; in the second, there is one axis which differs in length from the others, while in the third, the axes are all unequal, and therefore they are of three lengths. Of the six systems, one belongs to the first class, two to the second, and three to the third. Hence they are thus classed:

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Military Rifles of the Powers

No military rifles are exactly alike. First, as to weight, they vary from eight pounds three ounces to nine pounds twelve ounces. The lightest is carried by the Italians, and the heaviest by the Austrians, while the British Lee-Metford weighs nine pounds six ounces. In calibre the Italian and Roumanian rifles are the smallest, and the Portuguese is the largest. The English is the medium bore, smaller than the French, Austrian and German, and larger than the Russian, Spanish and Swiss.

The heaviest bullet is thrown by the Portuguese and Austrian rifles, and the lightest by the Roumanian and Italian. Here, again, England has chosen the middle way, having a bullet larger than the Swiss, Italians and Roumanians, and smaller than the Belgians, Austrians, German and French. With regard to speed, the Italian bullet travels the quickest of all, but the Roumanian ball runs it pretty close. The slowest bullet is the Portuguese, and the Austrian is also very slow.

Here are a few of the muzzle velocities per second: Portuguese, 1,672 feet; Austrian, 1,700 feet; British, 2,000; German and Russian, 2,034 feet; French, 2,073 feet; Roumanian, 2,295 feet; Italian, 2,297 feet. The Mauser rifle is used by Germany, Belgium, Spain and Turkey, and it carries five cartridges in the magazine. The Lee-Metford and the French Lebel rifles carry ten cartridges.

The Czar's Suite.

The Czar of Russia's suite consists of 173 persons, of whom 73 are general and 76 extra aides-de-camp. To the suite belong 15 members of the imperial family, 17 princes, 17 counts and 120 others.

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A Heavy Armed Elephant.

At a recent meeting of the Zoological Society in London a photograph was exhibited, showing a pair of remarkably large tusks which had belonged to an African elephant. Measured along the outer curve, each tusk was ten feet and four inches long, but they differed a little in weight, one weighing 225 and the other 235 pounds, or a total of 460 pounds, which the elephant had carried about without the least inconvenience.

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WHAT BOYS ARE DOING.

Boys Face Death from a Balloon.

Three boys of Pottsville, Pa., were in great danger during an exhibition of a circus at that town. David McDade, aeronaut, was preparing a trapeze act from a bar attached to a balloon and parachute. Among the thousands near him were three boys. The balloon was inflated and at a word from McDade the guy ropes were severed. In an instant the big airship left the earth and simultaneously there was an outcry of horror from the crowd as the three boys were found dangling among the ropes. In their eagerness to watch the ascension the boys had unconsciously stepped among the ropes attached to the ship. The balloon had risen probably 25 feet when two of the boys squirmed through the meshes of rope and dropped to the ground unhurt. Soaring up with the big ship, however, rose the third boy, Wallace Cartwright, aged 19 years, until he appeared but a mere speck in the sky. The crowd watched in breathless anxiety the boy's plight. Young Cartwright clung with his hands to the dangling rope with tenacious energy. When he had risen 1,000 feet the hot air in the balloon became exhausted. The boy hung directly above McDade's head, and the latter was fearful lest the boy, if he fell, would strike him and both would be dashed to death. By promises and threats the aeronaut induced Cartwright to cling to his flimsy support until the airship dropped safely upon a field, and he was thus saved from death.

Saves Five Lives From Drowning.

Jimmy Dooling, 13 years old, of 38 Front street, New York, is a little life saver, and has rescued at least five persons from drowning. "An' at dat," he said, "I hain't got no medal fer wot I done. I hope dis one'll git it fer me." The following is a description of his fifth rescue:

The pier is being torn away, and the boys from the houses near by have been playing tag on it, jumping from pile to pile. Jimmy Dooling was "it" yesterday. He was chasing James Hart, 12 years old, of 12 Stone street, when Hart slipped and fell into the water. Hart cannot swim, and Jimmy Dooling knew this, and plunged in after him. He managed to boost Hart upon one of the piles far enough to enable a workman on the pier to reach down and pull him up. Then Dooling climbed out himself and went home to dry his clothes. Jimmy Hart was put to bed, and his father, who is a policeman attached to the Old Slip Station, promised him a whipping if he ever played on the pier again unless Jimmy Dooling was there. Jimmie Dooling acquired the habit of life saving last summer. It began when his pet dog fell into the river. Jimmy jumped in and brought the animal safe to shore. Within two weeks he had pulled two small boys out of the river. Then he stopped life saving until January last, when he rescued 10-year-old Michael Tague, as the Sun related at the time. A month later he jumped into the icy water again and pulled out a small boy whose name Dooling can not remember.

American Boy's Bravery.

George Whitton is a young American boy who left his home to help fight English battles. George, who is the grandson of an admiral and the son of a well known painter of battle scenes, has adventure and a love of fighting in his blood. In his short life (for he is still only 14), he has been a cowboy in the far West and steward on a merchant ship. When he heard of the possibility of war in South Africa, he was one of the first to join the mounted police. Young Whitton has already proved his mettle by saving the lives of two men at the imminent risk of his own, and has well won the right to be included among the boy heroes of the British army.

An Old Temple Discovered.

In New Mexico, according to the Chicago Record, an ancient temple has lately been discovered with a lot of interesting relics.

Some gentlemen while excavating one of a large number of stone ruins situated in Pajarsto Canon, between Bland and Espanola, N. M., found the walls of an ancient temple, and many valuable relics were secured. Originally the building was 560x450 feet, entirely of stone, carefully dressed, two or three stories high—but now only walls six to ten feet high remain standing. The upper story evidently was open to the sky, and upon this the dwellers of the building probably spent both night and day. But it is the finds made in a room 9x12 feet that are the most suggestive of civilization of the ancient people. An old furnace or smelter was found, near which was a large iron bar deeply incrustated with rust; also pieces of rich copper ore, as well as gold ornaments and a piece of beautiful turquoise.

Twenty-five pieces of pottery, of great beauty and brilliancy of color, were in the room. They were heavy, fully one-quarter of an inch thick, and decorated inside and outside with unique designs, showing some degree of uniformity. One of the designs represents the picture of three frame buildings, with smokestack and smoke curling out of it. Each communal building had a different set of designs for its pottery. Some woven cloth was found. It was woven in spirals, almost like a huge spider's nest. Around the fireplace in the room which was excavated stood a dozen large pots, each with buffalo bones in them, showing that the inhabitants abandoned the room while they were preparing a meal. Near some of the smelter slag was found scorched corn, together with the bones of birds and animals. Several baskets in the room were more beautiful than those woven by the Navajos to-day, but they crumbled to dust when touched. Iron knives, stone battle axes, polished stone reflectors,

awls, several musical instruments, including fifes, were in evidence and well preserved. Many human bones were found in the regulation burial mounds. In the building are 1,200 to 1,500 rooms, only one of which was excavated.

The Rev. G. S. Madden, a member of the party, gave it as his theory that about 500 or 600 years ago the dwellers of that region, who left their records in numerous hieroglyphic inscriptions, had been driven out either by an earthquake or by the invasion of a stronger race.

The Northwestern University of Evanston will receive these relics, which is a great addition to their collection.

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Out of the box he lumbered,
With many a glance of dread,
Where Tommy, dreaming of the Four
Lay tossing on his bed.

The cracker, trembling greatly,
Then hid him to the wood,
And sought a dark and airy den,
Where drops of moisture ead.

On flowers and grass. He chuckled,
"This is the place for me,
And sat down on a cold, damp spot,
Beside a mossy tree."

The woodland creatures gathered
And gazed with startled eyes,
And listened to his tale of woe
With a murmur and surprise.

Said the soft-spoken, beautiful cracker,
"You see, I used to be
My brother's in that fatal box
With all my bows to be."

While I, because I treasure
And cared to act "per HANG"
A tall box, exposed
Throughout the woodland ring.

It was a tricky little fly
Took with that dang'ling lure
And into countless places
The cannon cracker flew.
Mary Marshall Parks, in St. Nicholas

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And I very sadly se her but one
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"Said mamma, "I know it well."
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ORIGIN OF PHILATELY.

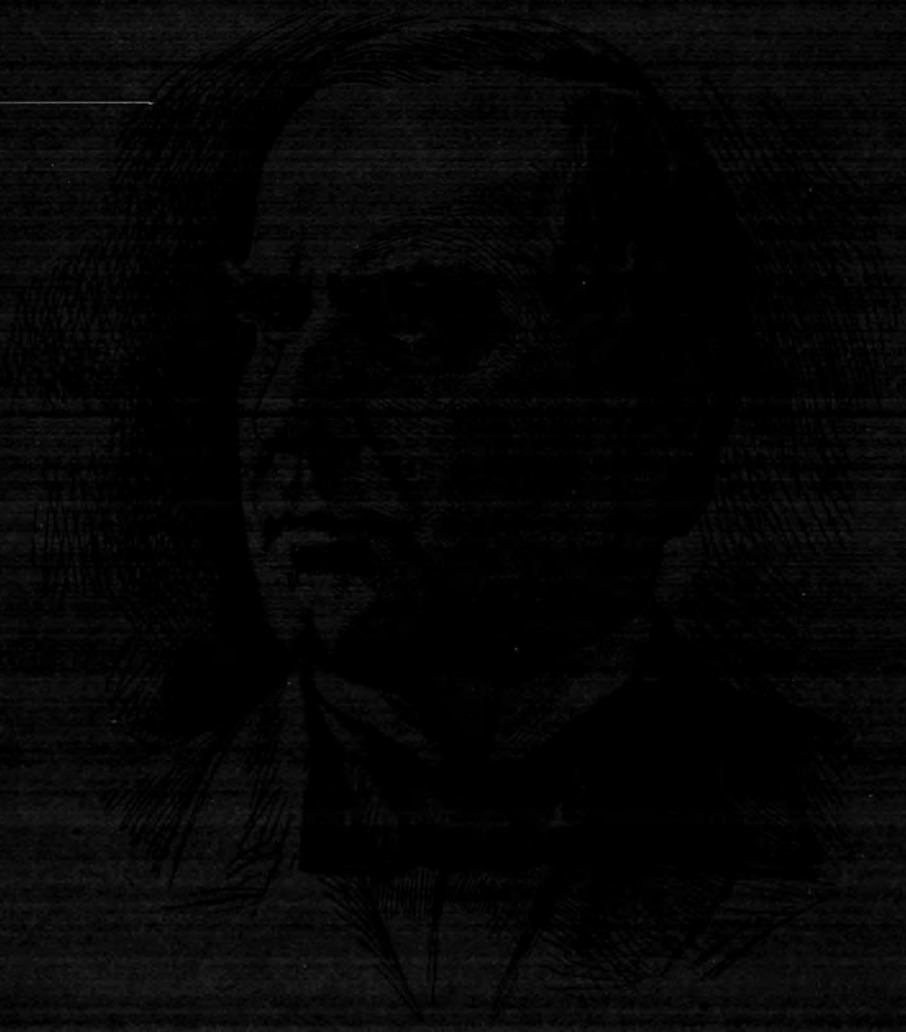
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THE CANNON CRACKER.

It was a Chinese cracker,
All clad in glowing red,
Lay trembling in a wooden box
Beside our Tommy's bed.

"Tomorrow," sighed the cracker,
"Unless I swiftly fly
Long ere the shining sun is up,
I shall most surely die!"

Out of the box he clambered,
With many a glance of dread,
Where Tommy, dreaming of the Fourth,
Lay tossing on his bed.

The cracker, trembling greatly,
Then hid him to the wood,
And sought a dark and lonely dell,
Where drops of moisture stood

On flowers and grass. He chuckled:
"This is the place for me,"
And sat down on a cold, damp stone,
Beside a mossy tree.

The woodland creatures gathered
And gazed with startled eyes,
And listened to his tale of woe
With murmur and surprise.

Said the selfish, boastful cracker:
"You see, I used my wits;
My brothers in that fatal box
Will all be blown to bits,

While I, because I reasoned,
And cared to act—"per BANG!!!
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Hurrah! for the success of Y. P. C. S., and three cheers for the members.

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We will probably publish a complete list of members in our next issue.

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HISTORY OF A STAMP COLLECTOR.

BY F. C. LANG.

(Continued from Previous Issue.)

John had now reached his destination.

He knocked on the door and was soon greeted by "James' mother."

"Come in, John, and sit down. I suppose you are after James; he went out with his father, but I expect him to return any minute. How are the folks getting along at home?"

"Oh, they're pretty well," John replied.

Mrs. Colby (James' mother) was a kind-hearted, friendly woman. She loved boys and often helped them out of trouble. She trusted John and knew him to be an honest, straightforward lad, as he always had been, and therefore thought it was perfectly safe to take him to James' room and let him look at his minerals, curios, and even his stamp collection, or amuse himself with books, games, etc.

Mrs. Colby unlocked James' room and told John to enter and amuse himself while waiting. This was a point of advantage for John; he could now carry out his plan. The window was open and he was alone, John was nowhere about, and everything was all right for him.

He was now ready to steal the stamps—a very mean thing for him to do. He was treated nicely by the Colby family, and was now going to steal James' valuable stamp collection, which was very precious to its owner; but John only

thought of a novel he was reading, and therefore proceeded at once, without first thinking what would happen to him if detected, etc.

He looked for the stamps, but they were not in their usual place, nor here, nor there—nowhere could John find them. Everything was in vain and he was just about to give up when he thought of the trunk. The trunk was open, and sure enough they were in there.

"I will throw them out through the window," John said, "and then I will go down and tell James' mother that I will go home and return to see her son later."

He threw the stamps out into the yard and was about to go down stairs when he was startled by somebody's voice, addressing him.

It was Mr. Colby's hired man.

When John threw the box which contained James' stamps out into the yard they landed on the servant's head, and produced a number of fierce yells from the darky. He saw the boy throw them out into the yard, and because they fell on him he thought the intention had been to hit him.

"Here, here, young feller, I'll tache yer to throw boxes at an old man. I'll tache yer. It hain't a-been the first time I larned a youngster to hab respect foh an old man. Just you wait till I git you."

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Butt von quistion I must aisk und dat ish ver did yoo hav de luk uf findink out apout mi fames ash a pusslemann, so farr I hav kebt dat bizzness all seekret.

Inclosed find seviral dings uf vich dake yoor shoiche und putt in yoor piper. Mi vife saids dat de baymend yoo sents ish ainoof to lasht us fur 2 yaers mit tobacer und lager beer.

I remane yoor fathfull sarvant,
PETER MUDDLEMEYER.

FIGUR REBUS.

BY PETER MUDDLEMEYER

The figures below indicate letters of the alphabet, for instance, if 1, 2, 3, should stand for tar, then 321 would stand for rat, each figure (after one knows what letter it stands for) always indicates the same letter wherever it is found. Of course this does not mean that 1 always is t, and 2 always a, or 3, r. In one example 2 might be m and in another l, and so on; this, of course, we leave to our bright

readers to guess. If more figures are added in every example it means that there is a letter in that name which they did not have before and which our young people will have to think about.

- 1 2 3 4 a president
- 3 5 2 6 an animal
- 4 6 5 7 8 an instrument of steel
- 8 8 3 a snake-like fish
- 2 9 3 a bird
- 9 5 6 8 a liquor
- 1 2 2 0 a classification
- 0 8 1 0 2 2 7 an expression of blame

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When he was fast asleep the monk took off his cangue, shaved the man's head, put the wooden collar on him, and took to his heels.

On recovering his senses the man exclaimed, "Let me wait until I have counted everything. Let me see. Bundle and umbrella are here." Then feeling his neck, he cried, "And the cangue, too; and here beside me is the warrant!" Then, half scared, "H'ai-yi! I don't see the monk, but," rubbing his itching pate, he gleefully added, "The monk is still here, but where am I? Bundle, umbrella, cangue, warrant, monk. But where am I? Bundle, umbrella—!"—Youth's Companion.

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"Well," said the captain, at the same time handing the Irishman a piece of rope, "if you can find three ends to that rope you shall have some work."

The Irishman got hold of the rope end, showing it to the captain, said, "That's one end," your honor." Then he took hold of the other end and, showing it to the captain as before, said, "And that's two ends, your honor." Then, taking hold of both ends of the rope, he threw it overboard, saying, "And, faith, there's another end to it," your honor."

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Some Common Weather Signs.

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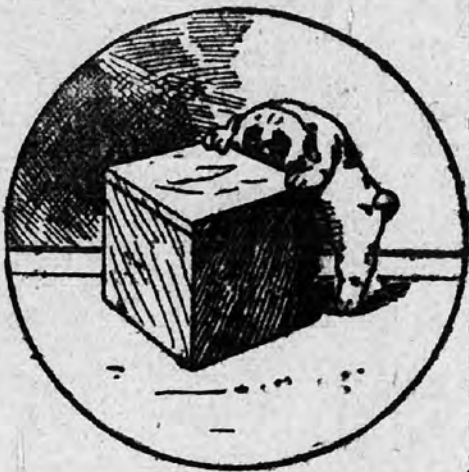
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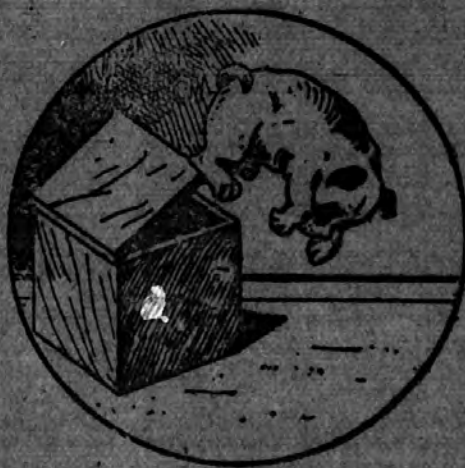
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When the sharp whistle of the train is heard Nep gives an excited bark and hurries to the crossing and waits for the coming of the mail. The mail clerk kicks the leather bag out of the car door and it falls somewhere in the vicinity of the road. Nep at once goes to the sack and carefully taking it by the middle, so that neither end will drag on the ground, walks sedately to the store, where he lays the sack down behind the counter by the side of the wooden letter-case, into which the mail is soon distributed.

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A HANDY BOX FOR NEGATIVES.

As negatives accumulate it becomes a question of how to keep track of them. Envelopes can be procured at the supply houses, but this adds quite an item to the cost of the "fad." A simple and inexpensive way is to get some cigar boxes, which will cost nothing, as the law does not allow them to be used for cigars again; knock them to pieces and then cut down sides and bottom to the size desired. To keep the negatives apart line two sides of the box with corrugated cardboard, which can be fixed in place with glue or a few tacks. One box can be used for landscapes, another for portraits, a third for interiors, and so on through the whole list of subjects. Be sure and have one for "the baby," and take a picture at least once a month. It will be a perpetual source of delight to thus record its growth.

FIXING THE BATH.

To fix negatives properly it is necessary to use a fresh solution of such volume that no factor of uncertainty exists. When an unlimited number of negatives are fixed in a small quantity of solution the bath soon becomes loaded with chemicals and fails to do its work properly. In cool weather a plain hyposulphite of sodium bath is all that is required. During hot weather use one of the chrome alum and hyposulphite formulas given in this book, or make a fresh solution for each lot of plates developed. If the latter plan is adopted, no alum will be needed. Commercial hyposulphite of sodium usually contains

foreign matter, which, if allowed to remain in the solution, will cause spots on the negatives. These impurities may be removed by filtering the solution. When the white bromide of silver is just dissolved, the plate is only half fixed. Thorough fixing is as necessary as thorough washing to insure permanency in the negative.

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Don't expect clean, faultless negatives to come out of dirty developing and fixing solutions.

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The Admiral, a neat little amateur paper from Bay City, Mich., published by James A. Smith, in an editorial states that there is something lacking in the MONARCH's makeup, and that is (?) a Department devoted to Amateur Journalism. If Mr. Smith or any other amateur journalist, who reads this is willing to conduct a department for this hobby we will cheerfully set aside some space in our monthly for the purpose.

NOTICE!

Beginning with the January issue the MONARCH MONTHLY will contain a curio department, which will be edited by Mr. Allen J. Reynolds, a gentleman who has had seven years experience in collecting in several branches of natural sciences.

He undoubtedly needs no further introduction as we can promise our readers some very good articles under this heading from the pen of

A WORD FROM MR. WIMMER.

To the Subscribers and Advertisers of the Nebraska Stamp News — It is with the deepest regret that I am obliged to cease publishing my paper, the Nebraska Stamp News, published at Minden, Nebraska, but owing to lack of time, being engaged in other pursuits, I am obliged to give it up. The Monarch Monthly will hit out all unexpired subscription and paid advertisements. Some of the ads are not paid for yet, and the ones who insured them are requested to pay all money for advertisements contracted for, to appear in the Nebraska. I am certain the publishers of the Monarch Monthly will please you with their publication. Although I haven't the time to publish the Nebraska Stamp News, I am going to continue in the stamp business and offer just as big bargains as I did in the columns of the Nebraska Stamp News. Hoping you will be pleased at my selection for a suitable paper to carry out the Nebraska Stamp News, I am yours truly,

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When it comes to damaged stamps the question is a harder one to answer. Some collectors hold that a used stamp is not perfect unless the cancellation is light, and that every perfect stamp should be well centered, and even in color, and if a perforated variety, that the perforation should be on all sides. However, we find that catalogue values refer to average specimens and not to extra fine ones; also that the name of "condition crank" has been applied to the person who is too particular about the condition of his stamps, all of which leads us to believe that the average philatelist considers a stamp slightly off center or even quite heavily canceled as good enough. With torn

stamps the question is different. Of course they cannot be worth full value, but for that reason we do not believe they should be considered valueless. We believe that a mere fragment of a very rare stamp should be worth something, and considerably more the damaged specimen that can be repaired.

The fact that damaged stamps are put up for sale and actually sold at all the large auctions proves that an intrinsic value may be attached to these stamps. We are told that a rare Hawaiian 13c stamp skillfully mended by an European stamp doctor once sold for \$1,000.

So neatly have some badly-torn stamps been mended that it would be almost impossible to distinguish them from perfect specimens. Cut-round envelopes are mounted on square pieces of paper of the exact shade and texture of the original envelope. A hole nearly the size of the envelope stamp is cut out in the center of the square piece of paper on which the envelope is to be mounted. The edges of the envelope are then rubbed to the thinness of tissue paper with emery, and the stamp is next glued over the hole. The two pieces of paper

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are then pressed together by rubbing a hard, smooth surface over them, and the envelope appears to be a perfect, cut-square specimen.

Rents are successfully mended with liquid glue so as to stand soaking in hot or cold water, and grease stains, discolorations, etc., are removed by the application of chemicals. Stamps that have age stains are made to look as if they were printed but yesterday. Carboard proofs are also cut down to the thinness of ordinary paper and perforated upon a machine such as is used in the manufacture of the real stamps.

Perforating has lately become an important part of the work the stamp repairer has to do. Stamps off center are brought to him for re-perforation on one or two sides, as is the case with some stamps coming from the margin of the sheet. Where a part of the perforation has been torn out of a stamp a small piece of perforated paper is glued on the back of the specimen extending over to the margin, to supply the place of the missing perforation.

False cancellation marks also help to cover up any defects in a patched stamp, and the repairer must have several varieties of canceling stamps on hand to use for this purpose.

One party who makes it his business to mend postage stamps and restore old engravings and manu-

scripts, has published a small book on stamp repairing in which he describes briefly his method and gives prices for the various kinds of work, charging 25c for mounting envelope stamps, repairing small rents, etc., but for "stamps expertly repaired so as to appear perfect and which will stand soaking in hot water," he charges \$1. He also advertises repaired stamps for sale at a low price.

The man who makes it his business to repair stamps is as useful to the collector as the watchsmith to the man who carries a watch. But some of these fellows know too much about stamps and go into counterfeiting by supplying false surcharges upon genuine stamps, by altering the size of perforations and by placing false grills on the back of certain stamps worth more in that condition. To such an extent has this work been carried on that one scarcely knows when he is purchasing a rare stamp that is genuine in every respect, unless he is fully aware of the many tricks played by unscrupulous parties upon the unwary and uses his eyes, both of them, before investing his money in stamps of the rarer grade.—
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