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No. 1.

Man. - " Sonny how many fish have you caught? "

Boy - " O I could not count them. "

Man " Why you haven't caught any. "

Boy " That's why I can't count them. "

Why is a sheet of postage stamps like distant relatives? ANS. — They are but slightly connected.

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WHY is a well engraved STAMP like a centipede ?

ANS. - It is hard to counterfeit ( COUNT-HER-FEET . )

## POSTAGE STAMPS

### HOW THEY ARE MANUFACTURED.

In printing our postage stamps, steel plates are used, on which two hundred stamps are engraved. Two men are kept steadily at work covering them with colored inks and passing them to a man and girl, who are equally as busy at printing them with large rolling hand-presses. After being dried enough, they are sent into another room and gummed. Gum-arabic is not used as it cracks the paper. The paper is similar to that used for bank-notes. They are again dried, this time on racks, fanned by steam-power, for about an hour, they are then put between sheets of pasteboard and pressed.

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A TEAM-STIR—the whip.

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first number can show, just what  
the conductors of a new enterprise  
propose, or how far their purposes  
are likely to be translated in fact,

If this issue gives its reader  
an acceptable taste of our quality,  
and an intelligible hint of our  
plans, that is all we can expect or  
hope today.

We desire able contribution  
on all parts of our subject, and  
we invite all to make free use of  
our open columns, we remain,  
yours truly:

THE EDITORS.

**ADVERTISE!**

**NOW IS THE TIME**

POSTAGE STAMPS.

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The next thing is to cut the  
sheets in half; each sheet, of  
course, when cut, contains one  
hundred stamps. This is done  
by a girl with large pair of shears.  
They are then passed to other  
squads, who, in as many opera-  
tions, perforate the sheet be-  
tween the stamps. They are then  
pressed once more,

It then packed and labeled and stowed away ready for dispatching to fill orders. If a single stamp is torn, or mutilated in any way the whole sheet is burned. About twenty-six million are burned every year from this cause. For many years past not a single sheet has been lost, such care has been taken in counting them. They are counted eleven times during the process of manufacture.

The state in which most political work is done — The state of intoxication.

"This is a better dollar than yours," remarked a coin dealer to a customer.

"I'll bet a dollar it is n't."

The die of the Goddess of Liberty used on our coins was first cut by Mr. Spencer, the inventor of the Spencer lathe. He cut a medallion of Mrs. Washington, wife of General Washington, and some of the first issue of coins were struck with her

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portrait. When General Washington first saw them he was much displeased, and requested that the figure be changed. Mr. Spencer then placed a cap on the head, altered the features a little, and called it the Goddess of Liberty. It has been used ever since then without material alteration.

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There are now 6,700 different stamps known to dealers. One banker in N.Y. city has a stamp album valued at \$30,000. Another, owned by a lady, is valued at \$25,000, and there are several more in this country that are worth nearly as much. In 1876 an album was sold in London for 8,000 pounds ster-

ling. The rarer stamps sell as high as \$175 apiece; among them the provisional stamps issued by the postmasters of Brattleboro, Vt., Baltimore and St. Louis.

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## A SINGULAR HOG.

[Arkansaw Traveler.]

"Yes, Jeremiah Swiggles," said Swiggles' wife, "you're a brute: a regular hog, not fit for decent people to associate with. You could not get any woman in the world to live with you."

"If I am what you say I am, I dare say you are right my dear."

After a brief moment Mrs. Swiggles saw the point—and now she wants to get divorced.

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## FACTS ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS, RATES, & POST OFFICES.

The first Post Office of the United States, went into operation in 1710.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was the first postmaster general, and was appointed by the English in 1753, and held his office seventeen years.

In 1790 there were only seventy five post offices in the whole country, while, up to 1816, the rates of postage were as follows: For any distance under forty miles, eight cents under ninety, ten cents under one hundred fifty, twelve and a half cents. In 1816 a great change was made, placing the rates for distances under thirty miles at six and a quarter cents under eighty, ten cents, and over four hundred miles at twenty-five cents, and these rates were quadrupled upon letters which weighed an ounce. Under these rates of postage, up to 1837, the expenses of the post office were greater than the receipts, leaving a deficit each year to be made up from the public treasury.

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NOTES OF INTEREST.

The Philadelphia Post Office yields \$1,000,000 a year profit over its expenses.

Hereafter postal notes will be printed on blue-tinted paper, instead of the yellow now used.

The gold and silver coins coined in France from the year 1795 to the 31st of December, 1882, amount in the aggregate to 14,242,193,368 francs 35 centimes for the period given.

A new postal card will be issued by the post office department at Washington in a short time. It will be smaller, of better material, more beautiful design, and of a blue tint.

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FACTS &c.

*Continued from 1st. page.*

In 1845 the rates were again reduced to five cents for all distances under three hundred miles, and ten cents for all greater distances. In 1852 a further change was made, putting the postage at ten cents upon all unpaid letters for distances under three thousand miles, and



in this same year the sale of postage stamps and stamped envelopes was begun. In 1855 the charge for letters was placed at three cents for all distances under three thousand miles, and ten cents all greater distance, at which they remained, until Oct., 1883, when it was reduced to two cents.

From the report of the department for 1870, it appears that the number of mail routes were 8861, traversing annually 97,024,996 miles, at a cost of \$10,884,653. The total number of post-offices in the United States and Territories on March 20, 1884, was 40,993.

## CHAT.

**TOLIMA.**—An entire new set, as follows:

5 centavos, brown; 1 peso, red; 10 centavos, blue; 2 pesos, violet.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—New stamps next month.

**GRANADA.**—An 8 penny stamp is announced as an addition to the current set. The color is bistre.

**GREECE.**—A correspondent

to *The Philatelic Monthly*, at Athens informs them that 25 and 50 lepta stamps will soon be in use.

**SIERRA LEONE.**—1-2 d. green.

**TRINIDAD.**—A registered letter envelope: 2 pence, blue, is said to be in use.

## A SPECIAL POST OFFICE.

A post office for letters to foreign parts was established "for the benefit of the English merchants" in the reign of James I, but the extension of the system to inland letters was left to the succeeding reign. Charles I, by proclamation issued in 1635, may said to have founded the present post office. By the proclamation he commanded his post-master of England for foreign parts to settle a running post or two, to run night and day, between Edinburgh and London, to go thither and come back again in six days, and to take with them all such letters as shall be directed to any post town in or near the road. — *Hearthstone*



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Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil has reigned longer than living sovereign, having been on the throne 53 years. He received his crown when six years of age.

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## SHORT CHATS ON PHILATELY.

BY C. O. D.

PART I.

UNITED STATES.

Postage stamps were first issued, in the United States, by the postmaster of New York, in the year of 1842. These were followed by many varieties, issued by the postmasters of St. Louis, New Haven, Providence, Brattleboro, and Baltimore. Each stamp had the name of the office from which it was issued.

In 1847 the government issued a set, as follows:—

5 ct. ....brown,  
10 ct .....black.

This set was closely followed

by others.

The envelope stamps were introduced in 1853, by the government, and there is now nearly as large a variety as of the adhesives. The variation of envelope stamps is greater than of the adhesives, both in design and shape.

The United States local stamps, of which there is a large variety, were issued by private postmasters and companies.

These locals are very rare and many of them would bring \$150 apiece in the market.

The number of stamps issued in the United States up to date is as follows:—

Adhesives.....	192 var.
Envelopes.....	156 var.
Locals.....	278 var.

Total.....626 var.

A complete genuine collection of the above stamps would be worth a small fortune.

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**NOTES OF INTEREST.**

The mail service with Australia has been discontinued, except with New Zealand.

It is against the law to send money or valuables through the mail in Mexico.

**CHAT.**

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Another lot of provisional stamps have made their appearance, as follows:

"1834" red on 15 c., of 1867.

1-2

"1884" black on 15 c., of 1867.

1-2

"1854" red on 15 c., of 1867.

1854

"Cuatro Centavos 1885," on 5 c., of 1867.

Also a new 1-2 centavo stamp of the same design as that of 1882, but better engraved and of a lighter brown.

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## LETTER CARRIERS REPORT, OF PORTLAND.

Delivered.		Collected.
100,799	Letters	107,700
27,491	Cards	31,227
79,113	Papers	15,988

## HAMBURG LOCALS.

*Should They Be  
Collected.*

BY B. B. L.

I would like to ask the readers of this little article, if they ever saw a *genuine* used Hamburg Local. I know I never have. Every dealer, who advertises "*unused* Hamburg Locals" generally has the 'unused' in italics, as if it gave them more value. Scott has spaces for them in his "International Album"; but what is the use of having so many shades of colors? I believe, that the so-called 'Hamburg Locals' are only made, with which dealers 'gull' collectors,

Buy them from different sources, and are they alike in every respect? Do you know the date of their issue?

The value of a set in Hamburg would be, *one dollar and eighty cents, not* including twenty stamps with no valuation thereon. Now, what dealer would pay one dollar and eighty cents per set in Hamburg and sell them for *twenty-five cents* per set of 116 varieties.

Again, who ever heard of envelope stamps being on the flap of the envelope? If they were genuine, the envelope would be gummed together ready for sealing. But the flaps on the so-called 'Hamburg Local' envelopes, are not gummed at all. Taking the circumstances all together, we may just consider them a lot of labels, made expressly for—collectors.—*The Stamp World.*

## A SCRAP OF USEFUL HISTORY.

In 1692 the British government first appointed a postmaster-general of the American colonies. The rates then were nine pence to Philadelphia, and twelve pence to Virginia; and it is recorded by a writer of that period, that he had never known the post to take less than three weeks in traveling to Virginia. In 1753 Benjamin Franklin was appointed the postmaster-general, and in 1760 he established a stage to carry the mail from Philadelphia to Boston once a week, starting from each city on Monday morning and reaching its destination by Saturday night. In 1789 the constitution of the United States conferred upon Congress the exclusive control or postal matter for all the states. In 1780 there but 75 post offices in the country. Until 1816 the rates of postage were: For a single letter (i. e. one sheet,) under 40 miles, 8 c.; under 90 miles, 10 cents; under 150 miles, 12 1-2 cents; and under 300 miles, 17 cents; under 500 miles, 20 cents; over 500 miles, 25 cents. Some modifications were made in 1816, 1845 and 1853, which eventually

led to the present rates.

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We see by a New York paper, that the Duke of Edinburgh is a enthusiastic stamp collector. The collection was only commenced last year, and already numbers three thousand.

## A MODEL POSTMASTER.

Referring to his efforts to get certain kinds of stamped envelopes, in his journeying over the country, a correspondent

writes us: "Sometimes I get tired and discouraged looking. It takes many enquires to get what I want. Postmasters are often ignorant and overbearing. The P. M. at Newport refused to sell me some envelopes that he had when I told him I wanted them for collectors. He said if I wanted them for business purposes he felt compelled to get them for me, but, with his nose at a conspicuous elevation, he said if for collectors he could not bother about them!"

We commend this to those collectors who think it is an easy matter for dealers to lay in a stock of all kinds of envelopes.—*The Philatelic Monthly.*

The question at issue between the Hartford Postmaster and a resident is whether mail matter shall be delivered by a carrier at the latter's house, in view of the fact that a dog invariably snaps at the heels of the carrier. The owner says that the brute is simply playful, and he will resort to the courts to compel the

carrier to preform his duty.

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