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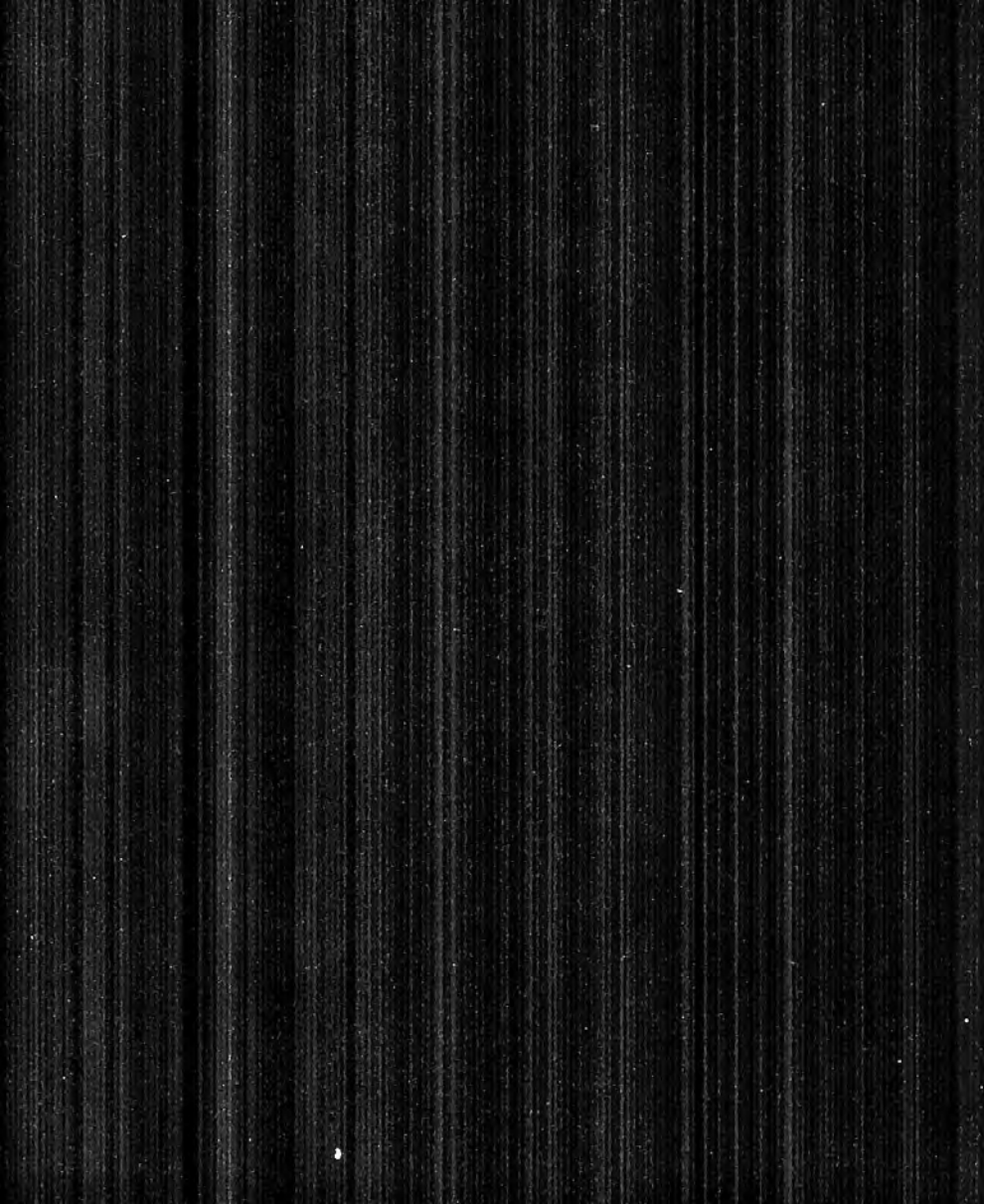


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Editor.

"RESURGO."

{ ROBERT J. MELVIN,
Proprietor.

Introductory.

WHEN boys are born they do not immediately go out into the wood-house to chop fire-wood—neither are girls on their *debut* in this vale of tears commanded to "go right down stairs and get the supper ready," for some allowance is made for their weakly condition. Now in a literary point of view we are just born, and therefore we fully expect to be handled pretty tenderly, until we get our eyes fully opened to the glare that suddenly bursts upon them—till we get our feet well under us—our fists brought up to the first attitude taught by the Professors of the "manly art of self-defence," and our muscular man all ready, so that we can cry out to all whom it may concern, "Here we are," thrown upon the taste of the reading public, content to live or die on their just decision, content to stand on our merits, and on our merits alone; content, if our presence is unnecessary, to retire to the enshrouding shades of oblivion, content, if we deserve it, to be known as the model stamp paper of America; content, when we receive just correction for our faults, to bow before the smiting rod, but still ready, if made a target for unjust aggression, to stand on our right, put our back against the walls of Justice, and say with Fitz James—

Come one, come all, this rock shall fly
From its firm base as quick as I,

and there fight it out to the "bitter end," rejoicing if we triumph, and, if defeated, still knowing that "might is not always right." With this brief preface, picture to yourselves the erudite Editor removing the covering from his venerable cranium and making his opening bow, not like that of Mr. Rumsey, with his "Good evening white folks, how am you? and how am your parents?"—neither as Dan Rice with his back summersaults and his sweeping objurgation, but with all the dignity and deportment of Mr. Turveydrop—the smiles of Mr. Carker, the gravity of Louis Napoleon, and the good heart, high motives and honorable intentions of that ancient gentleman "Cosmo Comyn

Bradwardine of that ilk." Having made our bow, we go on to say, that it is our intention to do our best by the Timbroplalic world, hoping alway that the Timbroplalic world will do its best by us, and favor us with its heartfelt support, both by subscription and advertizing. Support is necessary to existence, and that support we claim. From whom do we claim it? It is not to be supposed that we are going to go to outsiders—barbarians as far as Postage Stamps are concerned—who don't see any distinction between the label on the end of a reel of thread and an issue of the Re-union Island, nor who do not care to have the flood of knowledge burst in the walls of their dark skepticism. It is not from such persons we ask countenance, but from the Stamp Collecting Fraternity, for whose benefit such papers as we are breathe the breath of life. From them we claim our vital spark, and from them we hope to receive it, freely and voluntarily, and without any grumbling or growling. Then, Stamp Collectors, to the rescue! Send us your subscriptions, or your advertizements. Send them in at once; no matter how small; every little helps: "many mickles make a muckle," &c. We will cheerfully answer through our columns all enquiries that lay within our province. We are at all times ready to give publicity to any important information concerning Stamps; in fact, we solicit correspondence, and would rather have it than not. To sum up—we intend to be as obliging as we can to our subscribers and correspondents, and to make our paper useful in its sphere, and to be depended on for veracity.

New Issues.

We hear continual rumours concerning the new issue of Prince Edward's Island. Our subscribers may depend on the earliest information we can give them.

There is said to be a new issue of Wistemburg. Not having seen the stamp we can give no description of it.

Craig & Melvin's July Notices.

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Publications.

We have received the price list of Mr. R. McLachlan, Box 83½, Montreal, but after the praise which has been bestowed on it by other journals our small meed would be insignificant. We can say, however, that Mr. McLachlan, as far as we know, is a gentleman in his business, and one who tries to give satisfaction.

We are also in receipt of Mr. A. J. McIntosh's list. It is something similar to Mr. McLachlan's, and the same remarks will apply to it.

We have also to acknowledge reception of the "Stamp Collector's Record," a postal sheet published by Mr. S. A. Taylor, of Albany, New York, a gentleman whom we think all correspondents will find prompt in the transaction of business. The terms of the *Record* are 50c. per annum, in advance.

Mr. A. C. Kline, of Philadelphia, has issued a third Edition of his "Stamp Collector's Manual." We will endeavour to notice it next month.

FROM the tone of the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette" in his "Answers to Correspondents," we had anticipated trouble between our respected city contemporary and the Albany "Stamp Collector's Record," concerning the much vexed question of the College Stamps—and in our conclusions we are fully sustained by a private letter received this morning. Some person's "*har*" will be "*rix*" pretty shortly, if the combatants are unlike the school boys well known to fame, of whom "one was afraid and the other dars'nt." "High jinks" may be expected, and as we are impartial observers we shall look on at the gathering storms until they burst in one grand crash;—then, if we meddle at all it will be on the side of justice and right. At present, not having looked much into the matter we are rather inclined to believe in the authenticity of the College Stamps, from the fact that we have seen a veritable paper, printed in a business College, and in that paper are cuts of the College Stamps and a short article on the College Post Offices. However till the "krisis" is fairly on, we want further developements. We hope their courage will not "ooze out at their finger ends."

POMEROY'S EXPRESS.—On the authority of the "Stamp Collector's Record," we would state for the benefit of sundry enquirers that these stamps were issued in 1849, the large one for parcel delivery, and the smaller ones for letters. The Stamps were engraved by Gavit, now Vice-President of the American Bank Note Company. Subsequently Pomeroy's Express was merged into the American Express Company, and as this merger took place many years since, the stamps are very rare—that is the *genuine stamps*.

We are told on good authority that the U. S. 12 and 40 c. envelopes are *not* to be withdrawn.

Editorial Favors.

Mr. G. STEWART, has our thanks for copies of "The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette." Also we are obliged to Mr. TAYLOR for a set of the back numbers of his paper, and Mr. MASON of Chicago has kindly sent us Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the "Coin and Stamp Journal."

Not wishing to copy from "The Stamp Collector's Gazette," we have not this month made out any long list of new Stamps, next month we will try to be on the alert for earliest information. We have correspondents in the United States and Europe who will furnish us with reliable news in this line for our columns.

In our next issue we will be happy to reply to all correspondence concerning Postage Stamps, at least as far as we are able; only we would gently hint to those persons writing us for information that they must prepay their letters, otherwise no notice will be taken of them.

MANY Collectors are not aware that the 1 c. New Brunswick has been issued in two colors, and that the brown is now obsolete. Also that our 5 c. stamps were first printed dark green, and are now changed to a much lighter shade. The dark green are becoming more rare every day.

PERSONS having any of the obsolete issues of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Canada, will be pleased to learn that the firm of CRAIG & MELVIN will either buy them for cash or give Foreign Stamps in exchange at liberal rates. We also want particularly a Stamp Correspondent in the Colony of Newfoundland.

There is to be a new 1 c. United States Stamp. Essays are now submitted to the Government. The only variety we see noted is one on which is the bust of the late Mr. Lincoln—star with rays suspended over his head—impressions in green, mauve, and vermilion,—on white paper.

The Plates from which the original Confederate Stamps were printed, and which were executed by Barre, the celebrated French engraver, were captured by a detachment of cavalry under the Federal General Kantz, at Columbia, S. C., and are now deposited in the Patent Office at Washington.

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 Publishers will please send their publications, and
 the various Stamp Journals are requested to ex-
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Editorial.

WE come before our readers less awkwardly in this, our second emission, on account of the general favor with which our first issue was received. The Press smiled on us, and taking us by the hand bade us welcome to the flowery paths of literature, and spoke a cheering word to us on our upward way: so we can grasp our baton more firmly, and with sunshine in our heart, and music in our soul, lift our eyes, fix them on our goal, and muttering our "Excelsior," press on—in the words of a certain newspaper-Bombastes, "*Onward to Victory.*"

By the way, at this present moment we are not aware what "Victory" consists in.

During the month there has been little or nothing doing in the Postal line: matters have gone on in their usual even current: the public have not been startled by the Government issuing new stamps, with some erratic design engraved thereon. We cannot very well have a Postmaster General's head on the stamps now, when the person who fills that office only acts *pro tem*. It would be a good idea, if new postals are required during the reign of the present ministry, to have imprinted on the 12½ and 17 cent emissions, the benevolent and expressive countenance of their leader. If the representation were correct, it could not but enliven the recipient to receive a letter bearing on it a likeness of the most affable gentleman in the Colonies; and even though it were a missive announcing death, the person would be infinitely cheered by that benign smile. We write this in all seriousness. Don't let any suspicious person try to sniff the aroma of a joke, because he wo'nt find it. We expect, if Confederation ever comes, that a complete new issue for each Province will then be required. We shall be flooded with Essays; and in the English catalogues will be read entries like this—

"NEW BRUNSWICK ESSAYS, 18—.

"Name. Bust of Hon. S. L. Tilley (Lieutenant Governor) to right in oval—col. imp. on white paper—black, blue, red, rose, vermilion, carmine, cin-

namon, bronze, bistre, mauve, magenta, lake, purple, violet, lilac, brown, yellow, yellow-green, &c., &c."

[FOR THE "ARGUS."] STAMPS.

No one need presume to say,
That stamp-collecting's merely play:
Since heads, whose age should make them wise,
Have almost puzzled out their eyes,
O'er Thalers, Groschens, Centimes, Grotes;
Matching shades and reading notes;
Or peering through Post Office ink,
For some lost red, or latent pink—
For lilac, violet, or a blue,
Or when the Stamp is fresh and new,
To feel suspicion's lurking dart
Like pre-moition to the heart;
With wavering message that so gay
A stamp *may* prove a forgery.
The joy that thrills the antiquary,
O'er relic found of Dane or Fairy,
Acted o'er, when some old Spain
Or "real Connell," (made in vain),
Has found its way by sea or land
Into the *connoisseur's* own hand;
How tenderly he turns it o'er,
How gently holds it up before
His eyes in every passing light
Lest stain should scape his common sight:
When it has stood each jealous test,
And every doubt has sunk to rest;
He puts it down with loving care
Upon its own peculiar square
Within his album's dainty folds,
A casket that his treasure holds.
Don't laugh, for men of high renown,
Some who are fretted by a crown—
Turn from their nation's weighty cares,
To these small, printed postal squares;
Then since it makes *their* troubles light,
Let's cheer for Stamps with all our might.

ABBY, G.

Saint John, N. B.

Publications.

Mr. A. C. Kline has kindly sent us his 3rd edition of the "Stamp Collectors' Manual." We can safely recommend it to all interested as being *par excellence* the best guide to stamp collecting extant—it is the most complete we have ever seen—its authority is unquestionable concerning the North American postals, and is better than any English catalogue; and while treating of the European Stamps, we think it just as reliable. We see it notices the old black-blue Nova Scotia three pence, a Stamp hardly ever inserted in any catalogue—but still a Stamp that was issued and used—but of which we never saw but one specimen, and that is in our own private collection. Success to Mr. Kline for his enterprise: and it is to be hoped that a large number of "Manuals" sold, will reimburse him for the money laid out in the undertaking. Copies may be procured of us, or purchased direct from Mr. Kline; price 50 cents.

By advertisement, our readers have portrayed to them the excellencies of the album, compiled by Mr. Bennett, of Hartford, Connecticut. We endorse his "sentiments" cheerfully, and pronounce it, in our judgment, to be "*the album*" of the year; the price is remarkably cheap—while purchasers have in the front and back pages, the advertisements of a few of the leading Stamp firms, that will doubtless be of use to them in enlarging their collections. Persons wishing to procure it can do so by paying us \$3.00 U. S. Currency, or by sending to Mr. Bennett for themselves. A sample can be seen at Messrs. J. & A. McMillan's.

We note a statement in an English exchange, informing us that the Connell Stamp will be plentier by and bye, and saying that Collectors had better wait till they are lower. We think the persons who wish to get the genuine article, and who wish to get it cheaper, and therefore wait, will find their prospect of procuring it "grow smaller by degrees and beautifully less," as time goes on. Collectors will do well to take a hint from us in this matter: we ought to know something about it.

THE EDITORS of the various Stamp Journals would confer a favor on the Editor of this paper by sending him their back numbers; he is also anxious to procure complete files of a number of Timbrophilic Magazines now defunct. Can any of our readers oblige us? we would be happy to reciprocate in any way in our power.

Foreign correspondence is solicited for the benefit of this paper.

WE HAVE great pleasure in recommending to our readers Mr. A. D. Robertson, whose advertisement is in another column. He is a young man of enterprize, and a prompt dealer; try him, and he will give satisfaction.

INFORMATION has been asked of us concerning the "Ocean Postage" stamp. We can give none. Perhaps some one better posted than we are on this point will volunteer it.

The "Stamp and Coin Journal," of Chicago, is enlarged.

That new issue of Prince Edward's Island has not yet appeared, nor there does not seem to be any sign of its coming as yet.

The firm of Craig & Melvin exchange photographs with collectors of note—the object is the formation of a Stamp Collectors' Album.

Answers to Correspondents.

L. G. N.—Fredericton—The Colony of Sierra Leone has only one Stamp: design—head of Queen Victoria to left in octagon, lilac impression on white paper; value, 6d.

J. S.—Gagetown—No, there never was any such Stamp as a 1 penny New Brunswick; we had often heard rumors of this postal, but were never able to see one; so we wrote to a gentleman connected with the P. O. department on the subject, and he informed us that no such label ever was issued.

G. L.—St. Andrews—The two pence British Columbia you enclose us is made in this way: the Stamps of that Colony have two pence on one side of the design and half penny on the other—in order to make a two pence stamp, you clip the side containing the word half-penny, entirely off—and to make a half-penny stamp, you clip the words two pence, entirely off. Whether such a mode is used by the Vancouver Island authorities, we know not; but this much we do know, that only the original unclipped stamp is recognized by the leading Stamp Catalogues.

S. D.—Montreal—Your letter is received—your proposal was under consideration at the time, and a final conclusion in your case had not been arrived at, which would probably have been favorable; but your unseemly haste has drawn us to an opposite conclusion. Please accept this as our final intimation in the matter.

W. E. W.—Roxbury, Mass—Papers mailed as directed.

S. P. F.—Wolverhampton—We are sorry for the loss you speak of, it was unintentional on our part. Will send you the "Argus" to make it up, if satisfactory to you.

Abby, G.—Your lines reached us in time, and are in this number. Please favor us again.

New Stamps.

Under this head there is little or nothing to notice, apart from what you have already seen in other publications. In the United States we have a new local—black impression on red paper—inscription: "Johnson's Free P. O. Box," at top; "Printer, Publisher, and Stationer," at sides; and "No. 7, N. 10th St., Philada., 1865," at bottom; in the centre is a vignette head of the late Hon. Abraham Lincoln, with words "U. S. Pres't" underneath. In shape, it is a large rectangle, in fact, almost too large for practical use.

The following we clip from friend Stewart's "Monthly Gazette,"

LOCAL STAMPS OF DRESDEN.—There are five varieties in all of these stamps, three adhesives and two envelopes. The former are 3 pfg. (green) 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow); the latter are 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow). They are used as follows:—

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Notes on Stamps.

NO. 1.

GHARITY BEGINS AT HOME saith the adage, so we commence with the Postals belonging to our native land, New Brunswick. This Province has had two distinct issues, one valued in pence, and one in decimal currency. The number of varieties in the first issue is three, viz.: the three pence, red; the six-pence, yellow; and the one shilling, violet. In the olden days when these were in use, no commission for sale of stamps was allowed to the several postmasters, and this circumstance accounts in a great measure for the exceeding variety of the one shilling violet. The method then in use for marking prepaid letters was a simple circular hand-stamp, bearing the word "paid" and the value (3d., 6d., &c.) in the middle. It was a great deal easier for the officials to impress them in this manner than to stick the stamps on and obliterate them afterwards. Now that the Postmasters are allowed commission on all labels sold, it is an object for them to sell them, where it formerly brought them trouble without remuneration, and we all know how little persons in official positions will do for nothing. The method of pre-payment on letters going to England by these old stamps was in this wise, either a six pence and a three pence cut corner-wise, or two and one-half three pence stamps was put on to make the necessary amount six-pence sterling, or seven pence half-penny currency. The only place in which the old one shilling stamp could come in would be on domestic letters, over three ounces in weight; or on heavy English or Foreign letters. Comparatively few of them were ever distributed in this Province. They were sometimes cut as the others,—thus in a collection in this city is to be seen a piece of an envelope on which is a fourth part of one of these stamps—making the postage on a Colonial letter. Some idea of their variety may be formed from the fact that in the Government offices at Fredericton there is only one, and that is kept as a specimen. It could not be procured for any amount of money. Then came the celebrated Connell essay—so often described—after which we were greeted by the ones in present use with some exceptions. When first issued they were as follows, 1 c., brown; 5 c., dark green; 10 c., vermilion; 12½ c., blue; and 17 c., black; the way they stand at present is 1 c., mauve; 2 c., yellow; 5 c., light green; 10 c., vermilion; 12½ c., blue, and 17 c., black; the 2 c. is not, as has been supposed, exclusively for soldiers' letters, but

for our local postage. Letters go to any part of the city for 2 cents; and this is the stamp made to do duty on these. The change in the color of the 5 c. from dark green to light green took place about two years ago, and the one cent brown was superseded by the one cent mauve about twelve months since. There is said to be a number of essays of the 2 cent stamp. We never saw but one—a red proof—and, if we are correctly informed, there never was over a dozen of them printed. For variety of design the present issue cannot be surpassed, comprising as it does the head of our most gracious Sovereign, the bust of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales in Scotch dress, a Locomotive and a Steamship; it is therefore to be hoped then that while the steam engine shall shriek through our grand old backwoods and bring our hidden treasures to light—that the steam ship will always have to convey to our Sovereign Lady and her Heir Apparent heartfelt expressions of fealty and love for the best Queen who ever wielded the English sceptre over the liege subjects of her loyal Province of New Brunswick.

Reviews.

WE have Nos. 1 and 2 of the S. C. Examiner, published at Leamington, England, by A. Parsons; the price is only one dollar per annum, quite cheap for a monthly of sixteen good sized pages. It is well filled with information to the fraternity. We believe Mr. Beek is the Agent for it here.

The Stamp and Coin Journal of Chicago, Illinois, is a small four page paper of about our own size, and has a good circulation; it is therefore a good medium for advertizing, which does not cost much, as Mr. Mason has lowered his price to five cents per line. We wish him every success.

The "Curiosity Shop" also comes from Chicago; we like it very much, and it is to be hoped that a great part of its space will be devoted to stamp knowledge. It is about the same size as the periodical last mentioned. We heartily commend it to our readers.

The "Stamp Collector's Record" will hereafter be issued from New York city instead of Albany as formerly. Its date of publication will be the 16th instead of the 1st as heretofore—our readers will take notice.

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Or oughte to be I'm sure,
Since it's gained a notoriety
That's likeli to endure
Longer than manye kindes of fame;—
Such baubles oft are but a name.

For this ye brave designer payed,
Sax hundred pound a yeare,
Or rather lost his salarie,
Which means ye same I feare;
Sax hundred pound to see his fayce,
Posting around from place to place.

'Twas gallantrie that prompted him
As any one might see:
Such business was too servile for
Her Gracious Majestie:
A man can rougher usage beare,
Therefore he placed his visage there.

Some little minds pretend to see
His vanitie quite playne;
Yet who e'er hearde of such a sin
Lodged in a manlie braine,
Tho' true upon the stampe you see
Ye looke of kinde complaisancie.

Collector you should bend before
That image on your booke;
Just as ye miser does his golde
In hidden box or nooke.
Remember that ye essaye cost
Ye salarie—oh "lost! lost!! lost!!!"

St. John, N. B.

PROOF.

☞ We hope to be able in the next issue of the "Argus" to double our size. Our friends will therefore see the advisability of settling up with us all old scores, so that we can go on with a free sheet. And while we are on the subject we might state that we cannot accept stamps in exchange, either for advertising or subscription—we must have the hard cash—our patrons will please bear this in mind.

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- P. F. H.—Halifax.—Our General Agent for Nova Scotia is J. Byron Cassett, Esq., Editor of the "Digby Examiner," Digby, N. S.
- C. & R.—London, G. B.—We wrote you on the subject, via Quebec, on the 24th of August last.

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SANDWICH ISLANDS.—From this kingdom we have received direct information that there is to be a new issue of the 5 and 13 c. postals; it is said that the 5 c. is already in use. We cannot give a description this month—but will likely do so in our next.

DUTCH GUIANA.—Disputes are going on concerning the authenticity of the Stamps of this country. We are not in a position to judge and so leave the matter in better hands than ours.

HONDURAS.—These new Stamps were designed by a gentleman in the Consul's Office, and were executed by a Belgian firm. About three millions have been printed in black, on rose and green paper; there is also an essay on yellow: the value of all are two reals, one color is to be used until exhausted, when another will be substituted. The impression is square.

NEW GRANADA.—A postal of lower value than any hitherto used has appeared. Rose impression, shape rectangular with corners rounded off; design eagle resting on shield with nine stars above its head; legend "Correos."

LA GUIRA.—There is said to be a difference in the size of the letters on the medio-real and dos reales. As both varieties were procured by our informant direct from San Tomas, there can be no mistake.

BRAZIL.—From this country we hear rumors of a new issue of stamps; this is to be sincerely hoped for, as almost any difference from the extant series would be a decided improvement; no more of the 20r. black are to be used. The supply was exhausted some time ago and will not be renewed.

FRANKFORT.—The new issue of newspaper hand-stamps for this free town is oval in shape; the design consists of a ferocious looking, impossible eagle, surmounted by a crown; he is sitting on his tail, or on a kind of ornamental hat stand, we are not certain which; something in the style in which you have seen the juveniles slide down the bannisters at the South side of Queen Square. Above this Zoological curiosity are the words "Freie Stadt Frankfurt," and beneath his grasping claws the legend "Zeitungs stempel." The impression is in black ink.

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"RESURGO."

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New Stamps.

SINCE OUR LAST, so numerous have been the postals issued, that we fear we may not have room to note them all—however, we will do our best. There are three new countries for collectors and album-compilers to notice, namely—Persia, Vancouver's Island, and Bermuda. First then comes

PERSIA.

Essays have been made by order of the Persian Government through one of their officials while on a mission to Paris. They have been sent to the said Government, and are doubtless before this accepted. The design is rather peculiar, being a lion with the sun (rays of course included) on his back—while in his right fore paw he grasps a naked sword—his tail curls in a very affecting manner and, altogether, he is quite royal looking. He stands on an ornamented mantel shelf inside a circle in the centre of the stamp—while four smaller circles in the four angles contain a hieroglyphic, which, we are informed, is a Persian figure four. The stamp is an upright rectangle, and its value will be about one cent of New Brunswick currency. Although we do not know the color of the above label, yet we are told, that when it is printed in blue on white, it will be worth about four cents.

There is also said to be an Essay representing a smaller value—the design has the same lion, sun, &c., in a circle, only he is lying down—minus his sword—and probably in good humor with himself and all the world. In this stamp there appears to be no value indicated, the four small circles spoken of are wanting, and the interval between the circle and the sides of the stamp are filled in with filagree work.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

Queen's Head to left in circle—"Vancouver's Island" above—value beneath—colored impression on white glazed paper—5 cents red—10 cents blue—watermark C. C. under a Crown.

BERMUDA.

Similar design to the preceding—Queen's head to left in circle, colored impression on white glazed paper—watermark C. C. under a crown—1d. red, 6d. lilac, and 1s. green—"Bermuda" at top and the value at bottom—in the 1d. both the words "Bermuda" and "One Penny" are in straight lines—in the 6d "Bermuda" is curved—and in the 1s. both are curved.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A new stamp for this Colony has recently come forth, and is stated to be one of the most curious looking in existence. The stamp is an upright rectangle, inside of which is an oval band—touching the four sides on this band is the legend "British Columbia Postage Three Pence," and inside of it, a gothic crown above a capital V,—within this letter is the rose, and between its sides and the band before spoken of, to the right and left, the shamrock and the thistle, while the four corners are occupied by a plaid pattern—blue impression on white glazed paper—water mark similar to Bermuda.

NEW GRENADA.

Three new postals have made their debut since our last. The first is three-cornered in shape, having for its device three scutcheons of arms, joined in a triangle enclosed by a small fancy border and is inscribed E. U. De Colombia Correos Nacionales 2; $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 $\frac{1}{2}$) Centavos. Impression black on lavender. The second is a large Roman capital A in a wreath—inside the wreath are the words "Correos Nacionales" at top and 5 cents at bottom—while at the head of the stamp outside the wreath is the name of the country. Black lithograph on white, large square for unpaid letters. The device of the third is a six-pointed star, in each corner of which is the figure 5—while in a circle in its centre is a large Roman capital R—round the top of the label is the usual inscription, and at the bottom is the value "Cinco Centavos." Large square, black lithograph on white, for registered letters.

DENMARK.

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Legend "Schleswig Holstein" round an oval figure of value in the centre—Rectangular embossed in white relief— $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, lilac—2 schilling, blue 4 schilling, bistre.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Envelope Essays—Queen's head crowned—vacant hand with room for name of country and value—embossed in color on cream-laid paper—colors red, blue and green. These may be all right, but it is "very like a whale" to think that our Sister Province could issue Envelope essays—and we never know it here—till we hear it from England. However, "Time will show," although it does strike us as singular that, the Editor from whom we condense, does not appear to know where he got his specimens from.

"Resurgo."

To the English Editor who has criticised our motto so severely, we explain that as it is an impossibility for anything to "rise again" that has never fallen—it was not our paper that was to exhibit this alacrity, but the "Stamp Trade" in America. The commerce in postals, some two years since, occupied a splendid position in public esteem—but for want of any literary ventilation had well nigh choked and died. It was to give the stifling infant the necessary atmosphere that the "Gazette" and the "Argus" stepped into the arena.

The Gazette we can commend to any interested in these matters—while as "self praise is no recommendation," we modestly refrain from heralding the manifold excellencies of our own publication. "I rise again" said the Stamp Trade when we came; new it ought to exclaim Resurrexi—I have risen again. Mr. S. C. M. is the point visible to the naked eye, or are you obtuse on account of your propinquity to the "green" Island you speak of? We also venture, mildly, to inquire in what peculiar portion of our paper "the everything" is situate? Do you wish us in our ignorance, to think an "everything" is composed of a certain number of words, lines or paragraphs; if such is the case, point out "the everything"

of your own excellent sheet, that we may play a return match at criticism. However, we know our "everything" is very choice—and we can, therefore, we suppose, recommend it to all embryo subscribers on your authority. Be not offended mighty Gulliver at our Lilliputian shafts—we speak in a state of mind befitting our lowly station—but sages have sung, you know, that the grimalkin of spectacular propensities can gaze from afar on the awful dignity of one who wields a sceptre.

Postal Items.

From the Cr. side of the Hon. James Steadman's (P. M. G.) annual report for 1861. we take this item, "By old Postage Stamps on hand (destroyed) £2,996 1s. 3d. These were the pence stamps of this Colony remaining on hand, when the cent issue came into use. Such wanton waste of "Album Gems" seems hard, but there is no use weeping over the lacteal fluid when it deluges the ground. In the same Report, there is also a charge of £56 5s. 0d. for engraving plate and printing 5000 sheets of the Connell essay; 500,000 Connells have melted into nothing, and no one knows what became of them.

An oblong four cent British Guiana, color blue, cut at the corners so as to injure the lettering, was recently sold in England for four guineas—of this stamp only four copies are known to exist.

The United States adhesives, generally stated by Catalogue makers to have been issued in 1857, were sent forth in 1851.

There are no less than 170 varieties of United States Essay Stamps, and no less than 354 varieties of Locals of the same country.

The "Gazette" in his engraving of the new lilac Bermuda, has the words "Six Pence" following the circle in the centre of the stamp, while high English Postal authorities state they should be straight across the bottom. There is a mistake somewhere.

Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General of the United States from 1861 to 1864, was born in Franklin Co., Kentucky, on the 10th day of May, 1813, and is now, therefore, 52 years of age. He is still a member of the Administration, though not actually in the Cabinet. He is a man of great shrewdness and ability. The late President Lincoln esteemed his opinion highly, and President Johnston willingly takes counsel from so able a Politician—thus showing that the head of the Post Office Department is supposed to know something outside of dead letters,

and insufficient prepayment of Postage. By some singular arrangement he is now stumping the State of New York for the Democratic Candidates. He is a sworn enemy to Stanton and Seward.

"Star of Panama."

A number of persons having addressed us concerning this publication, we print the following letter for general information: We may state that the "Star" spoken of, never reached us—and, therefore, we cannot say whether it is a Stamp paper or not. Our readers must judge for themselves from the letter, which we regard as rather obscure.

(ED. ARGUS.)

STAR AND HERALD OFFICE,
Panama, Sept. 14, 1865.

Mr. E. A. Craig, Editor "Argus,"

DEAR SIR,—

A letter addressed by you to Mr. F. Lawley, Publisher "Star" of Panama, has been received. Other letters have reached us from different quarters similarly addressed, and of a similar purport with yours. As no one, except ourselves, has any connection with the "Star," we are curious to know how Mr. Lawley's name, whoever, he is, has become mixed up with it. Although we have a collection of stamps, we are not dealers in them, but merely get them for our friends, and we cannot imagine who has been advertising that we are.

Your "Argus" did not arrive, but we hope to receive it next mail. We send you the "Star" and are your obedient serv'ts,

ARCH. B. & JAS. BOYD,
Ed. and Proprietors.

ESSAYS.—We have in our possession a set of five Essays, said to have been offered to the Government of the United States in 1857. We print one this month, and probably will insert the rest on future occasions. The gentleman from

whom they were procured, assures us that they came into his hands from an officer of the American Bank Note Company. He is a person of veracity, and we see no reason why we should discredit his statement.

THANKS.—The sincere thanks of the Editor are given to Messrs. W. D. Atlee, Henry Watson, jr., and G. J. Church, for files of English Stamp publications. We still want quite a number—can any of our friends assist us?

Apology.

Two months has intervened, since last the "Argus" appeared before our readers; and for the long delay, of course, we owe them an apology. Well then kind reader—we do apologize and most deeply too—for under any but most trying difficulties, the publisher of a paper should keep his implied promise, to send forth his sheet at the regular and appointed time. But when we tell our friends that sickness and consequent absence from the city was our cause, and that change of ownership of the paper was another—we feel they excuse us—on our "renewing our vows," and saying that, hereafter, we will be ready when the bell rings—to come forward and act our minor part on Timbrophilic boards with scrupulous regularity. And now, fancying ourselves pardoned, we beg leave to call attention to the enlarged size in which we come—and by which, without doubling our subscription price, we double our claim to public support. The Argus is now as large as any Monthly Stamp publication in America, that we have ever seen—and we hope, bye and bye, to have backers enough to enable us to double its size again. Our Agents will now have a renewed incentive on which to solicit subscriptions, and all friends to Timbrophily, who wish to encourage a sterling publication, cannot do better than subscribe to the "Argus."

Reviews.

We have received No. 1 of the "Curiosity Collectors' Magazine. It consists of 12 well filled pages and a cover. Some of its contents are really curious. The Hon. Chas. Connell will, no doubt be aghast at the fact, that his Essay was an "imposition," and that while he as P. M. G. of the Province, exercised his authority, he only brought forth a "forgery." We deem our friend's phraseology, rather energetic, and recommend him to "draw it mild" hereafter. He says of the Argus— "It would be unfair on our part, to pronounce our judgement on this little publication at so early a stage of its existence." We apply his dictum to himself, something in the fashion of the pious gentleman of African descent, who had a copy of the Lord's Prayer posted up at the head of his bed, and on cold nights, when hastening to "retire in good order" would spectrally point to it and exclaim endorsingly "them's my sentiments."

We are pleased to note the enlarged size of the "Gazette." Friend Stewart's enterprise deserves every success.—"Long may he wave."



Le Timbrophile, is the title of a French journal devoted to Collectors, and published at Paris. Persons wishing to subscribe, can send 75 cents worth of unused New Brunswick stamps, and receive it for a year. Address—Pierre Mahe, 18 Rue des Canettes, Paris.

Various Items.

Several persons to whom we have sent this number of the "Argus" FREE are requested to take into serious consideration the advisability of subscribing. Advertisers will bear in mind that we have the largest circulation of any stamp paper in this country. Also we will be happy to exchange with any newspaper or periodical that considers our unpretending sheet worthy of such an honor.

Some timbrophilists carry their love of stamp collecting to a great extent. For instance, while talking to a friend the other day on the all-engrossing subject of Confederation of the Provinces, he said—"Well, I hope we will have Union, for all the present issue stamps will then be obsolete, and a new set will be wanted for the new State, there will be lots of essays, and we American Collectors will reap a rich harvest and add to our albums choice specimens entirely unknown to European Philatelists." The truth must be told: the narrator of this incident suffered himself to be led from the straight path of the "Queen's English" into the bye paths of Yankee slang, for he murmured in reply, "Bully for you."

In the American "Statutes at Large," dated March 2nd, 1861, the following passage occurs: "The Postmaster General is directed to run a Pony Express from New York to San Francisco, in 10 days for 8 months, and 12 days for 4 months; carrying for the Government, free of charge, 5 lbs. of mail matter, with the privilege of issuing postage stamps, and charging the public one dollar per half ounce letter, the contractors shall receive £20,000 per annum, and the contract expire July 1st, 1864."

In France for the furtherance of postal arrangements the country is divided into six districts, each having a resident Inspector, whose duty is to see that the Mail service in his department is properly performed, and to take measures for securing the most rapid transmission of letters by railway and other conveyances.

On Saint Valentine's day, 1864, upwards of 453,000 letters were dispatched from London, and 504,000 were delivered by the carriers.

In some parts of Germany a letter, besides the regular postage, is liable to a tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ sgr. for bringing the letter from the Post-office to the recipient's house. This tax is called Bestellgeld, and in Hanover may be prepaid by an envelope bearing a circular stamp pressed in the corner, and bearing the inscription "Bestellgeld frei." They enable the sender to pay his letter direct to the hand of the person to whom it is sent.

W. Mulready, R. A., the designer of the celebrated envelopes bearing his name, was born at Ennis, Ireland, in the year 1786. He died August 7th, 1863.

Lady Herbert, a great grand-daughter of Lord Clive, is said to have the best collection of Postage Stamps in the world, it containing every postal ever issued and all of them UNUSED. Every country is graced by the autograph and portrait of its ruler.

A new style of postage stamp has been patented in New York, the inventor of which claims that it cannot be fraudulently used twice. The body of the stamp is made of gold beater's skin, which is tough, and so transparent, that the printed impression upon it shows almost as well on one side as the other. The design is intended to be seen through, and is therefore printed beneath and in reverse. The ink is also of a peculiar description. When the stamp is wet and stuck on the letter, it remains unchanged until some person attempts to peel it off. He then finds that the printed matter remains attached to the letter, while the gold beater's skin comes off quite colourless and having scarcely a trace of postage about it.

The stamps of Basle were issued in 1845 and withdrawn in 1847. The value was $2\frac{1}{2}$ rappen, about one half of a cent of our currency.

A collection of Stamps was recently sold in London for £300.

In 1683 Robert Murray, a tradesman of London, established a penny post for that city and suburbs, and he carried it on for several years. This was the model for Mr. Hill's postage system.

Death.

At Chicago—"The Stamp and Coin Journal," aged five months. Cause of death—The age was not sufficiently advanced to appreciate the fine typographical appearance—the brilliant editorials—and the thrilling novellettes—that characterized this publication.

T'was ever thus from childhood's hour,
I've seen my fondest hopes enrust;
I never saw true Genius' tower
In paper; but t'was sure to "bust."

For the "Stamp Argus."

Jeff. Davis.

Alas, poor "Jeff"! This stamp of thine
Should teach a lesson to us all!
Thine honors, glories and thy fame,
Are like thy postal face—a name—
A memory of thy rise and fall.

In history, thou hast won a page,
And stamped it with a nation's tears;
Thus, when decades a few are o'er,
Thy deeds will prove like Boreas' roar—
Forgotten when the spring appears.

Judging the future by the past,
Our stamp collections then will form
Part of the antiquary's store—
Or, piled away on museum-floor;
And thine, 'mong other stamps will lie,
Yet few will pause, to wonder why
Thou braved ambition's treach'rous storm.

ABBIE G.

St. John, Nov. 15, 1865.

[For the "Stamp Argus."]

Enigma.

COMPOSED OF THIRTY LETTERS.

My 25, 6, 8, 22, 13, 2, 17, 29, is the value expressed on a German Stamp.

My 4, 8, 15, 14, 21, no stamp is without.

My 18, 6, 24, 27, 10, 26, is the value expressed on an Italian Stamp.

My 30, 9, 22, 26, 12, is a stamp, and yet 'tis not a postage stamp.

My 23, 20, 3, 29, 22, is a powerful name among Timbrophilists.

My 16, 28, 1, 30, 21, 24, 11, 5, 6, 17, is the support of the Postal commerce.

My 19, 7, 6, 30, a real Collector can never do.

My whole is the name of a Postal Publication.

CHAMPION.

Fredericton N. B.:

To the three Subscribers who first send us correct answers (postpaid) to the above, we will mail either a 25 cent packet of Colonials, or Foreign as desired. The names of the winners will be published next month. Persons competing, not subscribers, will please send subscription at same time.
—Ed. "ARGUS."]

New Locals, &c.

We clip the following from the "Record;"—Union Square P. O., 831 Broadway, N.Y.—Effigy of Gen. Grant in oval; inscription, Union Square Letter Office, green impression, on white paper.

A. M. HINKLEY'S Errand and Carrier's Express Co., lc.: figure in centre denoting value; pink impression. This is the stamp issued by Mr. Hinkley, now deceased, who was the original projector

of the Metropolitan Express Co. It has remained in oblivion since 1856, until lately "resurrected" for the benefit of collectors.

CALIFORNIA LOCAL STAMPS—There are a number of defunct Express posts in California, which in the early days of the Golden State realized fortunes to the proprietors, but as they were mostly of large size, they do not form a desirable accession to albums of any collector.

PRINCE'S LETTER DISPATCH.—A copperplate impression, exhibiting a steamboat at bottom, the words J. H. Prince in fac simile of his signature. This was used in 1847 between Boston, Portsmouth and Portland.

HANOVER.—Sunday essays have lately made their appearance, printed in all the colors of the rainbow. We would suggest that collectors include them, provided they do not cost singly more than 1d. each, that amount affording a large profit to the manufacturers.

DENMARK.—A Railroad Company has, we understand, lately issued Stamps of the respective values of 4 and 8 skilling. We will doubtless soon have railroad stamps enough. One remarkable fact regarding them is that almost all collectors in Europe who discard the United States locals, include the R. R. Stamps already issued in Great Britain, which never were intended for letters, whereas the U. S. local stamps were never used for newspapers.

Wenden Stamps.

Collectors have expressed a desire to know something respecting the Livonian or Wenden stamps. The "Briefmarke" is for letters, the "Packenmarke" is for Parcels. The colour of the former is brown, centre green, and the latter is red. Livonia is a small province at the east of the Baltic. In a magazine for October 15th, 1863, when referring to one of these stamps we see "We are assured by our correspondent in St. Petersburg, that it has been issued before, or at least, at the same period when the stamps with the German inscription "Postostempel" were in use in Finland about 1854, but official use of the German language being soon after prohibited in both countries by the Russian government, they soon disappeared, and are now counted amongst the rarest stamps; those of Livonia have, besides, not had a considerable circulation, as they were only issued for a single district."

Soldier's Fair, Boston.

The Stamp used at the Bazaar held in Boston in October, 1864, has never been fully described. This stamp is modelled after the fashion of the Memphis Stamp, and exhibits a sailor holding the U. S. flag, with the sea in the background. The value, 10c., is expressed in words at the top and bottom. The use of these stamps was peculiar; for instance, a young gentleman redolent with eu de cologne and cigar smoke calls at the Bazaar P. O. for a letter addressed to say, Mr. Augustus Snob. The name is called out by the Postmistress to her assistant mail clerk, and a letter is forthwith furnished to Mr. S., the only peculiarity connected with it being that the ink is sometimes not quite dry, and if Mr. S. should call a dozen times a day he will always find a letter addressed to him. Postage ten cents, being in all cases to pay.

ADVENTURES OF A NEWSPAPER.—An apprentice lad on board an English vessel in Calcutta, had lately a packet presented to him through the post-office, the postage of which amounted to twenty rupees, or about £2 sterling. It merely contained a newspaper, which some friend of his in London had enclosed in half a sheet of paper, and addressed to him when his vessel was in London, expecting that it would find him at St. Katherine's dock. His vessel, however, sailed before the letter could be delivered, and it followed him—first to Hobart Town, next to Sydney, thence to Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta, thence to the Mauritius, and finally back to Calcutta, when it caught him, after having travelled thirty thousand miles, and occupied on its tour one year and eight months.—*Gazette of Variety*, Feb. 22, 1845.

CURIOUS POST-OFFICE.—Many years ago, at the desolate Island of Ascension, in the Atlantic, between Africa and Brazil, there was a peculiar crevice in a large rock, termed the Sailor's Post-office, in which the crews of vessels passing to India or returning, left such letters as they wished to send back, and which were punctually taken to their destination by the next ship that passed in a contrary way.

A POSTAL EXCHANGE.—A farmer recently observed a man trespassing on his grounds. Being much enraged thereat, he threw an old post at the fellow, at the same time demanding his business there. The man spoke not, but hurled the wood back again at the queriest; so that the farmer received his answer "*per return of post.*"

Answers to Correspondents.

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M. L. F., Genoa, Italy.—Our rule is as you will see by the answer to A. W., unused Stamps of the correspondents country in as great variety as possible.

N. L. L., Chicago.—Your information is acceptable—we will avail ourselves of it.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.—Mr. W. D. Atlee, of 32 Ellington Street, Barnsbury Park, London, N.; Messrs. Stafford Smith & Smith, Queen Square House, Bath; Mr. E. S. Gibbons, Plymouth; and Messrs. Young & Stockall, Central Chambers, South Castle Street, Liverpool; are authorized to receive subscriptions for this paper.

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CHRISTMAS.



IN the merry, merry days,—
That we wot of—long ago;
When the famous "log" for yule
Shed its cheerful, fitful glow
On the faces gathered round,—
Drawing lines, that still, I ween,
Even at the present day,
May by modern gas be seen.
Were they happy, do you think?
Happier than we are now,
As they drained the wassail cup—
Danced beneath mistleto bough?
Let us yet go further back,
'Fore the Christmas times were known,
Take the shepherd from his flock,
Druid from his altar-stone,
Give him back his hopes and joys,
Give him back his native powers;
Ah! I fear me, he would mourn
At these evil days of ours.

Thus the inference is plain,
Man is happier to-day
Than he would be, could he change
To an age that's passed away.
Joy is just as much a joy
As it was in "good old times,"
And the lips in "good old times"
Echoed many a sad heart-sigh.
"Merry Christmas" then to all—
All my friends both far and near:
Where the AGRUS finds its way,
May it find good, Christmas cheer!
May your tables overflow,
May you have enough to spare,
That the hungry and the poor
In these happy days may share.
And I hope that Santa-Claus,
As he takes his annual tramps,
May to young collectors bring
All they wish for most—in "stamps."

Reviews.

We have received Number 1, of Volume 1, of a new postal publication. It hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, and is styled "G. W. Winterburn & Co.'s Stamp Circular." It is very neatly printed on a good quality of paper, and contains a short editorial entitled "To our Patrons." Articles headed—"Newly issued Stamps," "Beware," "Stamps of Identification," "The Cap of Liberty," &c., with advertisements and clippings. As there appears to be no regular time of issue stated, neither any subscription price—all we can do is to commend its enterprising proprietors for bringing out such a neat little paper *gratis*. Messrs. Winterburn rank A 1 among American dealers, and no further encomium of such a publication is necessary than the simple statement that it is issued by them.

We would, however, recommend them to correct a typographical error in the number now before us, regarding a certain Bermuda 8d., which we take to mean the newly issued 1s. stamp of that Colony. We wish our new contemporary every success.

The "Stamp Collector's Record," issued at No. 3 Cornhill Court, Boston, Mass., by Mr. S. A. Taylor, on the sixteenth day of every month, is a live paper. It always contains something new. You do not read through its columns and quit it impressed by the idea that you have seen it all before. No, you rise with new information, and information conveyed to your mind in such an original style, that you do not easily forget it. Mr. Taylor is a writer of ability, and would he turn his attention to literature of a higher order, we have no doubt would

become a star in the great constellation of American talent. Our good wishes to him and his, even to the third generation.

We have also heretofore omitted to notice the monthly circular issued by our friend and agent Mr. W. D. Atlee, of London, Eng., it gives information concerning new stamps, &c., and commends itself to all our readers. Mr. Atlee's address can be found in our advertising columns.

"What Larks."

Our English contemporaries have a very amusing faculty of inserting descriptions of the most ridiculous and unheard of stamps. As a case in point, we might quote the instance of last occurrence, namely, that of the Nova Scotia Envelopes. When we first read the announcement of their existence, we were greatly astonished, to say the least of it, and in noticing them, our friends will bear in mind that we doubted their authenticity very much. To sift the matter to the bottom, we wrote to the Hon. P. M. G., of our sister Colony, who, in the kindest manner, forwarded us the following reply:—

*General Post Office,
Halifax, Dec. 9, 1865.*

Dear Sir—I beg to acquaint you in reply to your letter of the 6th inst., that Stamped Envelopes have never been issued by the Government of this Province, nor is it at present, that I am aware of, their intention to do so.

I am, sir,

Your obt. servant,

A. WOODGATE.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A. C. K., YARMOUTH, N. S.—The four annas, green, you speak of, came into use about six months ago. We did not know that the four annas, black, is obsolete as yet. In another column you will see notices of New East India stamps *said* to be in use.

R. McL., MONTREAL.—The favor of an answer to our letter of Nov. 18th, is asked, and compliance with the request therein stated requested.

A SUBSCRIBER, CHATHAM.—The Fenian Brotherhood stamp is in a state of preparation, as we hear by a private letter.—But we would not advise you to place too much reliance on the stamp when issued, as, strictly speaking, it will not pay postage. However, it will be worth something as a curiosity.

VINDEX, APOHAQUI, N. B.—We have said before that there was a dispute about the authenticity of the Canadian Envelopes on buff paper. We did not state our own impressions on the matter, and as you request them particularly, we tell you that we believe them to be "unblushing forgeries," the English autocrats to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Enigma,

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My 47, 11, 5, 35, 14, is necessary to test the genuineness of a stamp.

My 27, 37, 28, 25, 46, is a kind of stamp.

My 7, 22, 16, 33, 39, 32, is a European country using postage stamps.

My 23, 8, 34, 10, 40, 6, 44, 12, 29, 21, 3, 43, 45, 1, 4, 42, 9, 19, 35, 2, 16, is the inscription on a German stamp.

My 17, 15, 10, 32, 41, 24, 36, 38, 35, 42, 21, 44, is the person delineated on a certain American stamp.

My 13, 18, 26, 27, 22, 30, you can see on the yellow Ionian stamp.

My 20, 21, 6, 29, 16, 23, 46, 31, 44, 33, is a country whose stamps have no great diversity of design.

My whole is the names of three persons whose faces are pictured on postage stamps.

A. R. H.

To the six persons who shall first send us correct solutions of the above, we will mail a twenty-five cent packet of stamps, either Foreign or Colonial, as desired. It is however expressly provided that the sender must

be a subscriber, or if not, must forward his subscription for one year with his answer.

To the enigma inserted last month, we received about thirty correct answers. The names of the subscribers who receive the packets are—1st, Geo. Stewart, Jun., Saint John, N. B.; 2nd, Edmund C. Johnston, Machias, Maine; and 3rd, S. Allan Taylor, Boston, Mass. We had some difficulty in adjudging the second and third packets;—quite a number of answers having come in on the same day. However, to obviate such trouble in future, we have doubled the number of prizes.

The correct answer to the enigma in No. 4, was "*The Curiosity Collectors' Magazine.*"

New Stamps.

Under this heading we notice

NEW ZEALAND.

We think we are the first to herald the tidings of a new stamp for this Colony. We had hoped to favor our readers with a cut of the infant specimen, but found we could not procure it in time, and so relinquished our intention. The postal we speak of bears the same design as the current issue, but is of a value hitherto unknown to collectors as coming from that country, viz., "*Four pence.*" It is printed in carmine, on white paper.

NEW GRENADA.

Vague rumors have reached us of a set of stamped envelopes being in preparation for this most prolific of all stamp countries. The values are 5, 25, and 50 cents. We wonder if some enterprising timbrophilist has the controul of the postal department, and is issuing stamps which become obsolete in a month or two—merely as a speculation. It certainly looks suspicious so many new issues from this Republic, and we fear there is "*something rotten in Denmark.*"

BELGIUM.

There is a complete new issue for this Kingdom, viz., 1c. grey, 2c. blue, 5c. bistre, 10c. grey, 20c. blue, 30c. bistre, 40c. red, 1 franc, mauve. The smaller values bear the arms of their nation, while those over 10c. are graced by the likeness of King Leopold. Those at present in use will become valueless on July 6th, 1866.

DENMARK.

In addition to the 2 skilling noticed last month, there is a 3 skilling of the same design—color lilac.

BRUNSWICK.

There is said to be a new $\frac{1}{2}$ s. gr. black.

EAST INDIA.

We hear of an elephant series for this country, viz., $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, lilac; 1 anna, brown; 2 annas, light yellow; 4 annas, green; as also 8 pies and 8 annas, color unstated. Collectors wishing to gaze on the elephant had better apply at once. The two annas, yellow, is now printed in rose lilac.

UNITED STATES.

A contemporary says—"The stamps for newspapers carried outside the mails are extant, although not yet issued to the public. A large rectangle 4 inches by 2, upon which within an elaborate engine turned framework the medallion heads of Washington, Franklin, and Lincoln, respectively are shown; in each upper corner the values are repeated in figures, and at the side in Roman numerals, the inscription at the top, U. S. Postage, and at the bottom, Ten Cents, with additional words, Newspapers and Periodicals, sec. 38. Act of Congress approved March 3, 1863. The colors and values are respectively 5c. blue, 10c. green, and 25c. red. As specimens of the steel engravers' art, these stamps are unsurpassed, and reflect credit on their engravers—the National Bank Note Company.

In Chicago, Illinois, the Postmaster has substituted Female Clerks, for the Gentlemen who officiated in that capacity at the Ladies' Windows. Reason, too much flirting heretofore. Our officials in this town are troubled by the inquiring term of mind which agitates our citizens;—but if there were only half a dozen pretty lady clerks, we fancy they would find plenty to do informing the male public "what time the English mail was expected—or if that Western was 'sorted yet?"

New Brunswick Coins—Notes on Stamps—Postal Items—Correspondence, &c. are unavoidably crowded out this number.

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Written for the "Stamp Argus."

The New Brunswick Shilling.

BY WAIV.

"Well, now, I never! I've lived too long in this here sinful world to feel surprised at seeing children and other foolish things," here the speaker, known as Janet, in the Smiler family, cast a glance of commiserating contempt at a young girl, whose pretty face was bowed over a small stamp periodical, "a wasting their precious time sorting them nonsensical bits of paper; but when it comes to Mr. William, as I nursed when he was a baby, and always thought had more sense than anybody else, a helping them, I am astonished."

Mr. William, who happened to be quite a dignified specimen of the genus homo, did not appear in the least disconcerted at this energetic criticism on his employment; but pausing a moment, he answered cheerfully, and rather artfully, too, I'm obliged to say, though men are never supposed to understand that word practically—"You see, young ladies, and you James, what an easy thing it is to be mistaken. Here our good Janet has been cultivating a mistake concerning the quality of my sense, while I always thought that her perceptions were too acute to permit her to call anything nonsensical before she had made herself acquainted with its principles. Now I am very sure, that when I have a little leisure to explain the different views of stamp collecting, she will coincide with my opinions exactly."

"Well, well, perhaps so, Mr. William; you always did have a better way of making me understand things than anybody else," and Janet, completely mollified by the bit of covert flattery she had received, was converted, in expectation, to the utility of stamp-collecting. Poor Janet, tall and angular,—looking as if she might have been born a corporeal feud with the graces—looking as uncompromising and bristling as does the image of his majesty Kamahamaha, on the Honolulu imitation at the head of the "Stamp Collector's Gazette," was only a woman after all!

"For once the impertinence of that old woman is quite apropos," exclaimed Helen Grant, a young lady from a distant State, who had availed herself of a remote and almost forgotten family connection, to spend the summer months in the shady and beautiful town of Portland, as soon as that wor-

thy dame had disappeared, "I am often surprised, cousin William, to see how patiently you bear with her."

"Habit is second nature, you know, Helen, and besides, Janet is privileged. My mother was an invalid for years, and the kind soul gave a mother's care to my neglected baby-hood."

"She was paid for her services, I presume," answered the young lady.

"For her services, undoubtedly, but not for her kindness; that cannot be bought, cousin."

"Oh, that is only one of your odd theories," replied Helen, "which I could prove untenable in a short time, only by so doing we should digress from the subject introduced by Janet. Only look at Miss McGregor!" and a slight sneer, sounding like a discordant note in a strain of music, accompanied the low laugh that ran through the room, "I do believe that the old woman's inuendo was entirely lost on her senses, so oblivious is she of everything save that paltry sheet of paper."

If the harsh tones of the old house-keeper had failed to rouse the unconscious girl, not so the mocking laugh of the beautiful and accomplished belle, who had been her companion for some weeks in the house of her sister's husband, William Smilie. It must have jarred some sensitive chord as it echoed through her heart, for a rich glow suffused her fair face as she laid down the paper and said, "I do not care for anything that Janet says, for she is in reality very kind, and I have always found her so."

"Not care when she impugns your beloved stamps, Miss McGregor?"

"Not even then, Miss Grant; she has a right to an opinion as well as another."

"You will please excuse me," said Helen, turning to Mr. Smilie, "but I think with Janet that this stamp business is completely puerile, and wonder how you can adapt yourself to it so easily. Why I shall expect to see you playing marbles or flying a kite next."

"And you will please excuse me, also, cousin; but I think you are like my old nurse in another respect, you condemn the business before you have inquired into it."

"What is there to inquire into, I should like to know! The whole thing can be summed up in a few words. A certain number of different governments each have a

stamp for forwarding letters; these stamps bearing a different device, different value, and the value named according to the currency of the country they represent. Every child learns such things at school, with no extra study and no extra expense; and Helen Grant leaned back in her rocker as though she had settled the subject forever.

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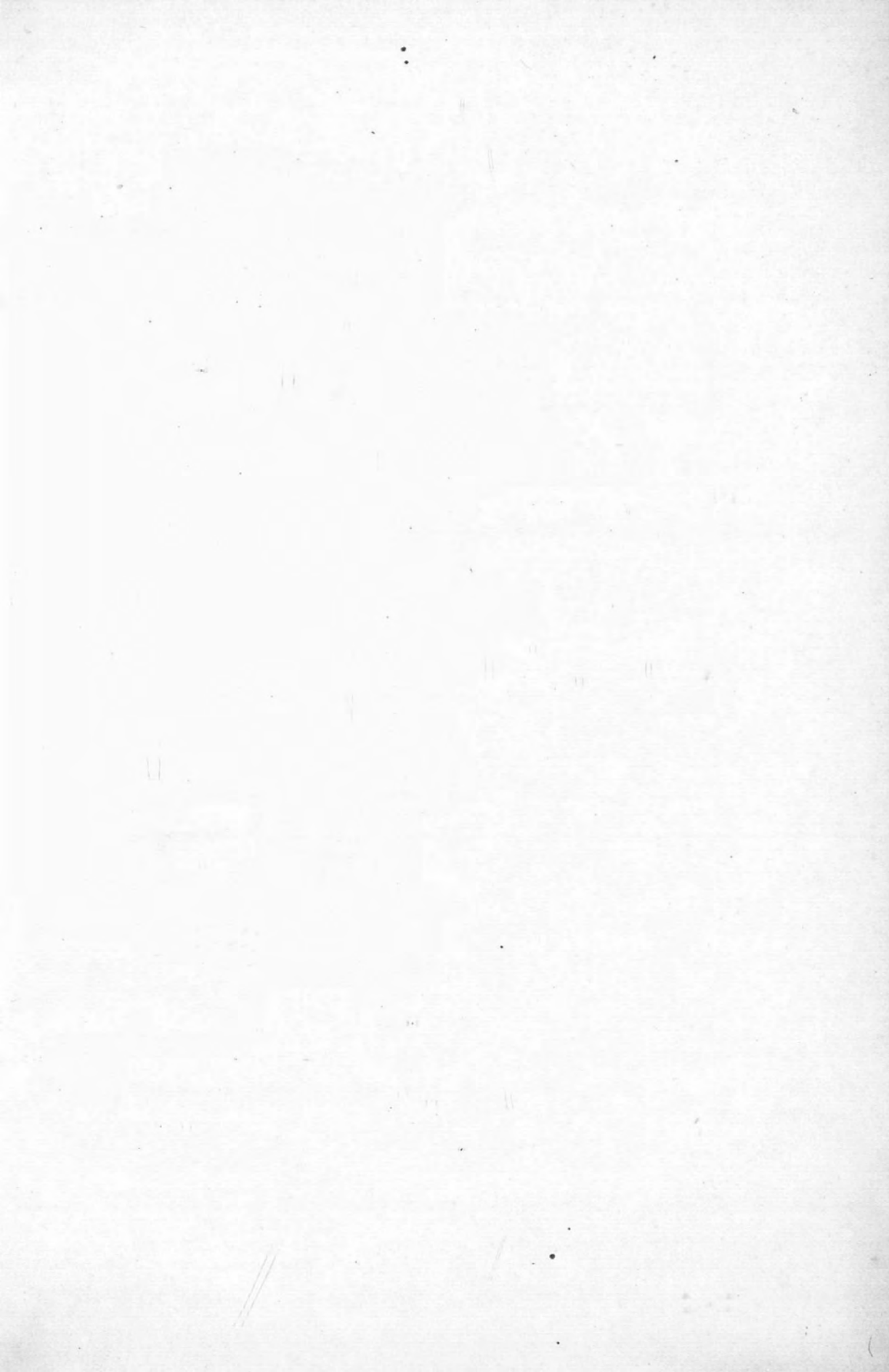
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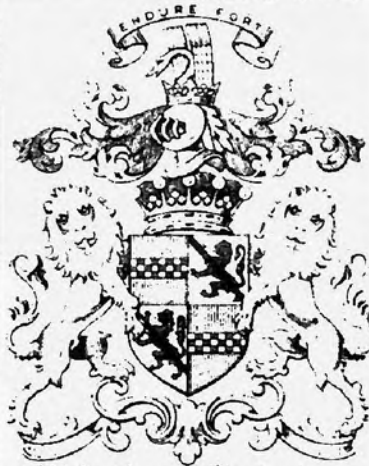
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