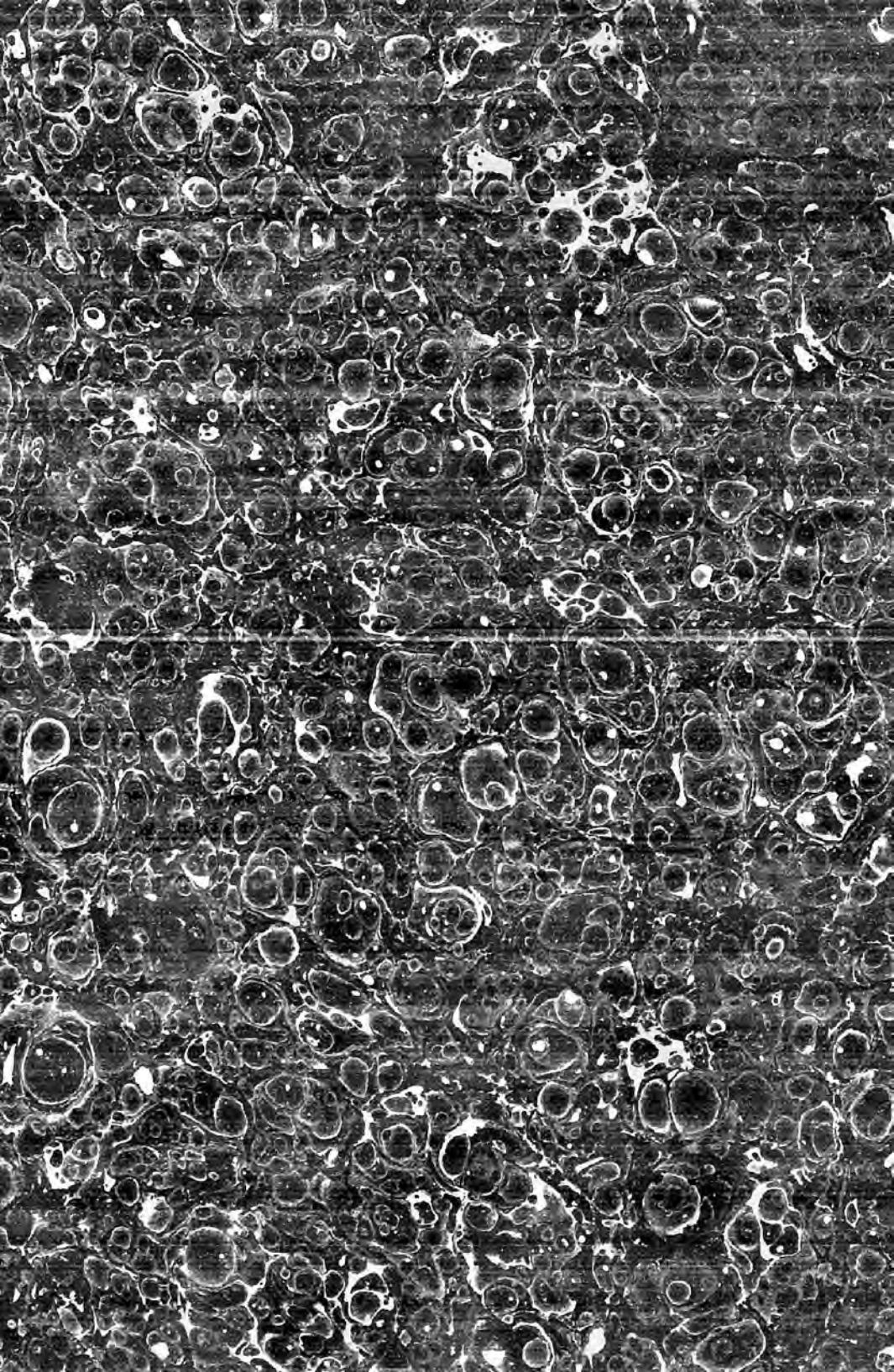








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A Dreamy Adventure.

By CHAS. STAEBER.

Chapter I.

Fred. Benton was a smart boy; at least that's what he thought of himself. He thought he was the smartest boy in the world, and some day he meant to be a great man. Fred. lived with his parents in a cabin on the outskirts of a little village near the sea. His father supported the family by fishing and doing odd jobs round about the village. Now Fred's greatest ambition had always been to go to sea, and, although he had teased his father to let him go more than once, that gentleman had always said no! Fred should stay at home till he had grown up and then if he still desired to go to sea, he could do so. Although Mr. Benton had been to sea himself nearly all his life still he desired Fred. to stay at home, for he knew that a life on the ocean was not all pleasure and sunshine, as Fred. seemed to think; but Fred. did not want to wait, he was old enough he thought to strike out for himself and more than once he had hinted to his companions and playmates in the village that some day he meant to run away from home and go to sea in spite of his father's wishes. But his father and mother knew nothing of this.

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Fred. had done it. He had run away from home and he was on a ship which was bound to some foreign port, Fred. did not exactly know where, but he had what he wanted, he was on the ocean and that was enough.

He hardly knew how it had happened, himself. One night he had made a bundle of his clothes, had left the house without any one seeing him, had made his way to the little harbor in the village and there he had found a ship which was about to sail, he had asked the captain if he did not want a boy

and the captain had said yes; he was just the kind of a boy he wanted, Fred. had got on board and there he was.

It seemed too good to be true, everything had been so easy, no one had tried to stop him and he had found the ship and had been taken on board just as if every thing had been prepared beforehand.

Fred. was happy, although he had to work hard, he liked the life of a sailor so far.

He had been in the ship now three days and the weather had been very pleasant, but at the end of the fourth day a terrific storm arose which drove the vessel far out of her course. As night advanced the storm increased in violence and there was danger of the ship being dashed to pieces on some sunken reef or hidden rock. But although Fred. knew of the danger, he did not seem to care. "I should like to be shipwrecked" was his motto, but hardly had it entered his head when there was a crash, a bump, and the ship trembled from stem to stern and then rapidly settled in the water.

"Jump for your life!" shouted the captain "There is no time to take to the boats, the ship will sink in a moment, we have struck a rock!"

Hardly knowing what he was doing, Fred. sprang into the foaming waters and by throwing out his arms he had the good fortune to catch hold of a piece of timber which had been washed overboard. He had hardly done so when the ship gave a lurch and sank beneath the turbulent waters, never to rise again.

He did not know what had become of the rest of the crew and did not care.

He wished that he had stayed at home and now for the first time since he ran away he thought of his father and mother, what would they think of him, would they—but Fred. had no time for further thought.

(To be continued in our next.)

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DOT FELLER WHAT I HATE.

By CHAS. STAEBER.

Dere vos a feller in our black

Who vos always in mine way,

No madder vere I go or be,

Py night or py der day.

If I go me in dot beer saloon

Und come home purty late,

I vos always sure to meet

Dot feller what I hate.

I vent mit mineself out von night,

To see mine little girl,

Und as I comes up by her house

Mine heart it vos shtood still.

Dere I see my Dutscher gal,

Sthanding py der gate,

Und mit her vos talking

Dot feller what I hate.

Donnerventer, I vos mad,

Mit dot you cin shust bet.

I vent up mit him und says:

Young man, I kills you det

If you don't leaf my cil alone,

Und quickly leaf dere shtate.

Mine poy I got mine eye py you,

You'r dot feller what I hate.

You ought to see dot feller den,

He turn around so qwick,

He taked me py der collar

Und he giefs me von goot kick,

I flied so high up mit der air

I took me over dot whol shtade.

I tinks I'd petter leaf alone

Dot feller what I hate.

(Written for the Golden Star.)

**PERCY THE DUDELET,
OR LOOKING FOR A JOB.**

By A. JAY.

Boston, Mass., July 15, '90.

Gentlemen:

Please insert the following in the ——— and accept the enclosed in payment of same. Wanted by a refined young man, a graduate from Harvard, a position as Editor of a paper of not less than ——— circulation. Yours Very Truly, Percy DeVander.

The above is a copy of a letter sent to the office of———signed by our well known friend Percy DeVande. Percy was sitting in his room in the ——— Hotel when writing the above, and a smile stole as he formed his autograph with a flourish. Now and then he would pull a dead fly out of his ear or a spit ball out of his eye, and, oh, Percy was having a nice time, he was.

Six months have passed and we find our friend still sitting in his room, a place less stylish than before and what is he doing? Why writing again. "Percy, my boy, you'll hurt your eyes." Let us look over his shoulder and read the letter.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 8, '90.

Dear Editor: Insert the following in——— Wanted, by a young man from Harvard, a position as editor of a paper. Inclosed please find sufficient payment of same.

Yours Truly, Percy DeVander.

Percy's face has not such a smile as before still he is happy, for he expects good results from this.

"Do you see that stone wall over there and the squirrel on the other side? See me pop him," said a hunter to another. He aims! A report! A yell! On the other side of the

wall is Percy, a mere tramp now, for it was his head that had been taken for the squirrel. With long hair, beard and ragged clothes, he begins to write again.

Old Inkslinger:

Fire this stuff inter yer old sheet and charge it to me. Bandy Bill.

Wanted: a good job in a printing shop. Must be easy work.

The last we heard of Percy he was working as supe in a theatre.

G. H. Club Notes.

Edited by Frank D. Washburn.

Little Rhody has made her start at last, in the form of a Supreme Branch. Many times have her sister states noted her backwardness in this corner, but now—er well! Success to you, Rourke.

In the "International Stamp Journal" may be noticed a neat little space filled out with the following: "Will Chicago have the convention in '92?" "Why! Of course." Did the Stamp Journal get left? Why! of course. Guess again. You can't guess, eh? Well we will tell you. Boston has the convention in '92. and don't you forget it.

Has J. S. Smith retired from the G. H. C? We sincerely hope not, for he was an able officer and member. Strike again brother Smith.

If the Vice Presidents of the National Golden Hours Club continue to increase, an additional page in Golden Hours will not be space enough on which to publish them. But perhaps a cover will suddenly appear with Golden Hours, who knows?

Chas. H. Hesse, of Maryland, though not having proper support, is struggling manfully for the G. H. C. There are very few members like Mr. Hesse.

The G. H. C. has not made much of an impression on Maine and New Hampshire, but they will awake in their turn, as all the others are doing. Let it be soon.

Lives of Well Known Golden Hours Club Members.

Edited by Frank D. Washburn.

Notice. All communications for this department should be addressed to our Taunton office.

JAMES F. GREALEY,

Secretary of National Golden Hours Club.

James F. Grealey was born in Newark, N. J., on November 11, 1871. He received his education at St. James R. C. School, where he received in 1885 a gold medal for general proficiency in all studies. Leaving school in 1885, he embarked in the dry goods business; not finding this suitable, he left it and returned to school for the balance of the term. He has since then been employed in the grocery, coal and leather business, until Jan. 6, 1890 he was employed by the Newark Evening Journal in the editorial rooms, and about a month afterwards he was given a more lucrative position in the composing room of the same paper, where he still remains.

He first became connected with the Golden Hours Club on Dec. 10, 1888, and has been an active member ever since, as would be readily noticed by reading through the columns of "Golden Hours." In 1889 he organized No. 42 of Newark, and until about a year ago was secretary of that club, when, on account of pressure of business, he was compelled to resign that office, being succeeded by Mr. J. J. Martin, of Irvington, N. J., and our Secretary was elected President of that organization. He is also a member of fifty other clubs in different cities of United States, in many of which he is a Representative in others Official, and he also holds the office of Supreme Secretary of the New Jersey State Club.

Mr. Grealey has recently been elected Secretary of the National Golden Hours Club, and is known by all as an active member and an able officer.

(Written for Golden Star.)

The Amateur Magician

By CHAS. STAEGER.

Most boys believe that the art of magic, as performed by professionals at the circus, in shows, etc., is very hard. But this is a mistake. It is true one who gives public entertainments in magic has to be very skillful with his tricks. He has to have steady nerves and must never get excited at anything. But still it is not as hard as some boys imagine. If any bright and intelligent boy will go to a circus, or any other place and watch closely, as he juggles with his magic wand, he will be able to see how most of the tricks are done. But he has to have good eyes and watch every movement the magician makes, for it is very difficult to detect some of the tricks. Very little can be learned by reading books. The best way is to go and see the thing done yourself, that is the way that I first learned to play with the mystic art. I can see a trick performed of which I have never heard, and nine times out of ten I know how it is done when the performer is done with it. In this way I have mastered a great many amusing tricks and have given both private and public entertainments.

Of course some of the tricks require special apparatus, some of which cost a great deal of money. All the apparatus I ever needed I made myself, and I will also tell you how to make them as we go along.

First you must practice all your tricks carefully. Stand before a looking-glass and see that every movement that you make is perfect and don't try to do a trick before anybody until you are sure that you can do it perfectly. When you get so that you can do all of your tricks well, then it is best to give a private entertainment at first. Let your audience be limited. Have only your friends present, and then if you should happen if you should happen to get stuck on some of the tricks your embarrassment will not be so great. That is the way I done. If possible have a little stage, and a curtain too, if convenient. You must also have a little table

made, which I shall describe further on. Place this in the middle of the stage, you yourself must sit in a chair which should stand a little to one side. As soon as the curtain has been raised, and the audience has had a good look at you, then get up with a smile and a bow and strike out something like the following:

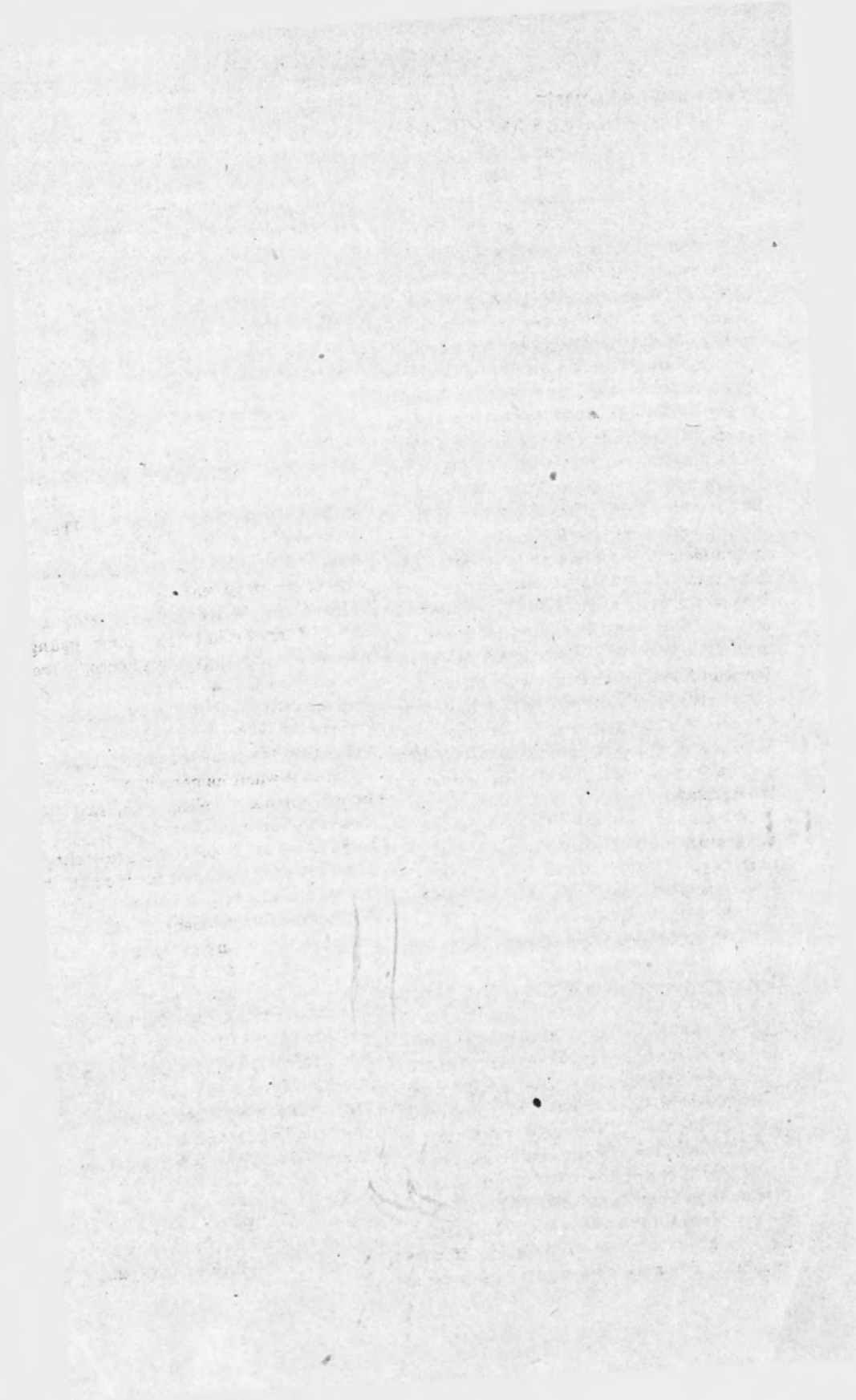
"Ladies and gentlemen, friends all of you, at the request of some of my friends I am before you to-night in the role of an amateur magician. My reason for stepping up here to-night is simply to give you a little amusement. I cannot do wonders, and you must not expect them of me. Although I cannot give you as interesting a performance as a professional could, I will try to please you all to the best of my ability." (These are the exact words that I used in my first performance.) You now step a little nearer to the edge of the stage and say:

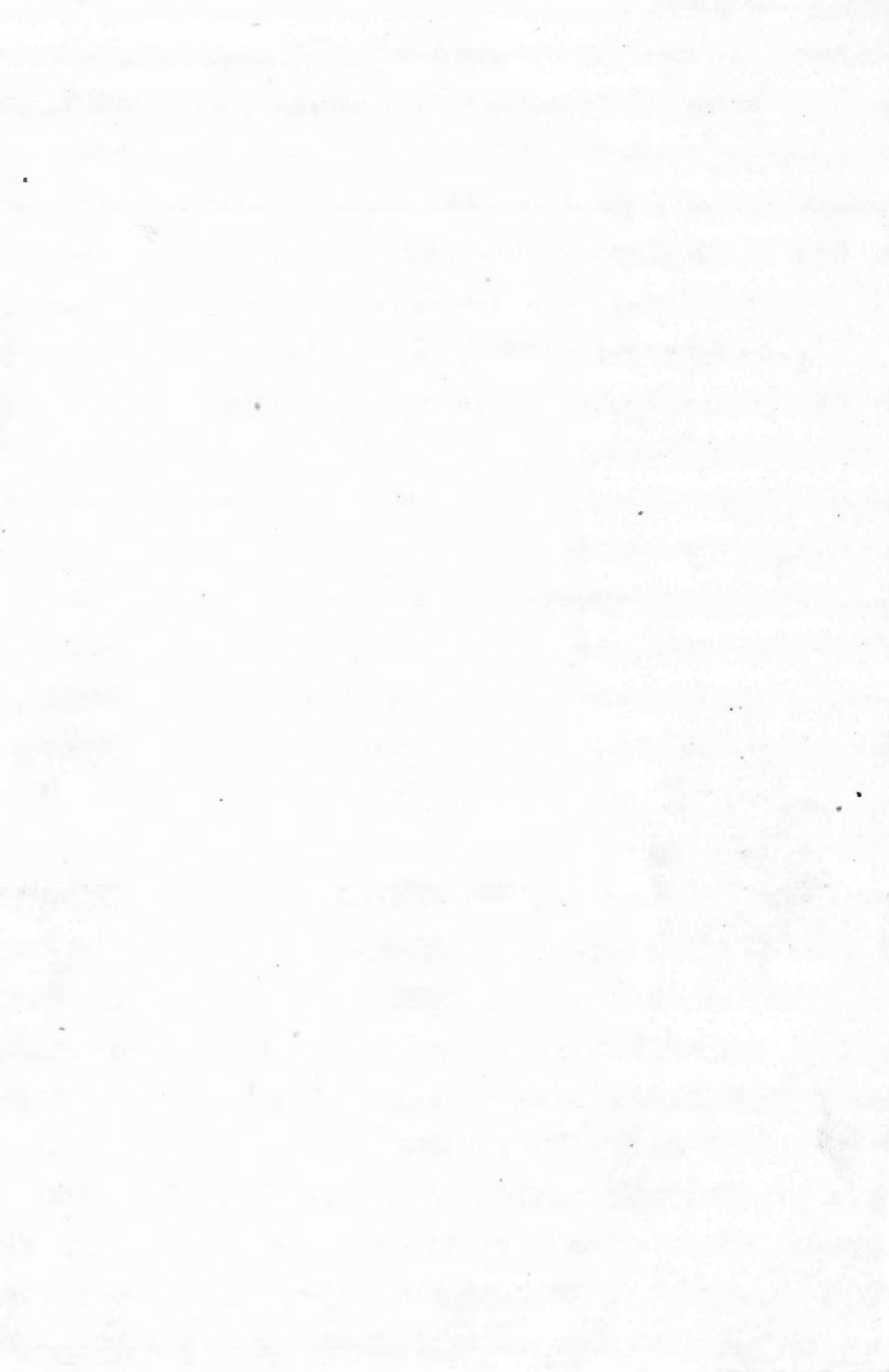
"And now ladies and gentlemen I would like to borrow a hat from some young man among my intelligent audience," (get some one to hand you a stiff hat, the higher the better.) turn it around so that the audience can see that there is nothing in it, then ask the person of whom you got it if there was any thing in it when he gave it to you, of course he will say no. "Well," you say, "I think you must have made a little mistake, for it looks to me as if there was something in it." You then put your hand in the hat, turn up the leather which goes around the inside, and then to the astonishment of all, you pull a bag of candy or any other article out of the hat, and continue to take out things till you have a big pile before you. And then when the audience thinks that the hat must surely be empty now, you plunge your hand away down at the bottom and pull up a big doll, almost as big as a live baby. The astonishment of all can well be imagined, and yet it is very easy when you know how.

I will tell you how this apparently impossible trick is done, in the next paper.

Friend.—I suppose everything is settled in regard to the marriage of your daughter?

Stoakley.—Well, yes; everything but the bills.





  
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OUR GIRLS.

By CHAS. STAEBER.

Now do not say I'm naughty,

I'll say a word or two

About the girls, the darlings,

What they say and do.

I have watched them closely,

I have saw them near and far,

Not as we see them mostly,

No, as they really are.

We see them in the ball room,

At Church or walking out,

With fairy grace like angels

They trip and float about.

We marvel at their beauty,

Their form so full and round,

But ten times out of 'leven

With cotton stuffed 'tis found.

We notice their complexion

Pure as the drifted snow.

But that its not from nature,

They themselves well know.

For with this paint and powder,

By the glass they'll stand,

The cheeks that bloom like roses

Are put on by the hand.

And then with blending colors,

With dresses mighty fine,

They'll try to make us believe that

They'r creatures most divine,

There may be girls who never

These naughty tricks will do,

But my friends remember

You ll find but very few.

So friends I give you warning,

Still water is often deep,

Before you choose a partner,

Oh, look before you leap!

Taking the Finns' Census.

The Young Man Got the Information He
Wanted, and Some Beside.

CHAPTER I.

"I have come to take the census of this family," said a young man with a portfolio under his arm, when Mrs. Finn opened the door.

"The cinsus, is it," replied the woman in a puzzled tone. Then, remembering that it would never do to confess ignorance, she exclaimed: "Faix, thare's ne'er a wan in this house. I'm afther lindin. it to Mrs. McCarty beyant. But if I had it here ye wouldn't get it, anyhow, wid your stovepipe hat and yer airs."

"Excuse me, madam. You evidently do not understand, I am an agent of the United States Government come to——"

"An agint is it, peddlin bukes. Faith, man dear, I have no time for larnin.' Wid washin' and mendin' and milkin' the nanny me time's is gone intirely. I know ye poor divils has to live along wid the rist us, but if ye were to give me the buke free for nothin' I couldn't rade it, I'm that ignorent o' noll-edge."

Mrs. Finn stopped to take breath, and the young man took advantage of the break to drive a wedge of logic into the conversation.

"I simply want to know your Christian name, your name in full, and whether you have an initial or middle name?" said he.

(To be continued in our next.)

G. H. Club Notes.

Edited By F. D. WASHBURN.

A certain club in New Orleans is way up in the world, with \$1.00 initiation fee and 50c per month dues. It may do for the Rothschilds but "We aint in it."

The 3d Annual Convention of the National Golden Hours Club, at Philadelphia, is said to have been a fine one. There were fully 100 people present. Italians, Jews, Negroes, etc. Parents were conspicuous by their absence. A Jew and an Italian had a boxing match which nearly ended in bloodshed but was happily avoided by one of the finest rough and tumbles. There are few who will forget the Third Annual Convention of the National Golden Hours Club.

If there is going to be an adult club, let it be a Wide-Awake Club with the "Wide-Awake Library" as an official organ and have badges made of the finest tomato can metal.

A great many are sorry to note that our able officer, James F. Grealy, the best National Secretary ever in the Golden Hours Club has resigned from the organization, and also has our late President, Abe L. Beckhardt.

We notice that our friend from Wind Gap got back again into the G. H. C. George is one of the hustlers of the G. H. C.

Percy Rainey states in a letter to us that he has severed all connections with the G. H. C.

We are pleased to notice that some of the old members are getting back into the club.

The "Club Review" would evidently make a most able official organ for some association.

Teacher—"John, can you tell me the name of all the principal stars?"

John—"Yes'm."

Teacher—"Well, which of these is the brightest?"

John—"The GOLDEN STAR."

Indian Doctor—"Somebody ask me a question."

Voice—"Where did you get that hat?"

Lives of Well Known G. H. C. Members.

Edited by Frank D. Washburn.

Louis C. Wurzer, Pres. of Supreme Club of Michigan.

Louis C. Wurzer, President of the Golden Hours Supreme Branch of Michigan, was born in Detroit, Mich., January 6, 1875. He is of German descent and the son of Chas. Wurzer and Theresa Kuher, was educated in the Everett public school and the St. Mary's Academy of Detroit, having graduated from the latter in 1887. At the age of 13, he entered the law office of Hibbard Baker, where he is at present engaged, preparing himself for admission to the University of Michigan.

At the organization of the Golden Hours Club, he became interested and has since been one of the leading characters of that organization being one Vice-President of the National Golden Hours Club, has been a member of the first and is one of the Second Committee on Resolutions. In 1889 he organized the Golden Hours Supreme Branch of the State of Michigan and has been its President ever since. He was one of the organizers and leaders of that well known organization, "Golden Hours Club Alliance," and in the recent campaign he was nominated by them for President of the National Golden Hours Club, although defeated, he took defeat gracefully and came out with more friends than when he went into the campaign. Mr. Wurzer is a member of some of the most noted Golden Hours Clubs, among which is the Cryptogram Club of Taunton, Mass., No. 24, formerly No. 82. He writes a plain business hand and has everything to make him one of the ablest of officers.

Gilhooly: Have the undertakers got an organ like the jewelers and grocers and other trades?

Gus De Smith: I believe so.

What is the name of it?

I don't know; but the Planter's Journal would be a good one.—Texas Siftings.

(Written for the Golden Star.)

The Amateur Magician.

By CHAS. STAEBER.

Part II.

The trick which I describe in the last paper is what is called "The Inexhaustible Hat Trick" and this month I shall endeavor to explain how it is done.

Before I begin I wish to say that it will be rather difficult for me to explain all the tricks clearly without illustrations, but I will do the best I can, and advise you to go and see them done by some professional before trying them yourself.

To do the trick described in the last issue you must first get the head and shoulders of a doll made; tin is about the best material of which to make it, because it is light, although wood will do about as well. Make it large enough so that it will just fit easily into an ordinary stiff hat and it must be hollow inside. Paint the head flesh color, let it dry, then paint on the eyes, nose, mouth and ears. When this is dry then fit a long dress over the shoulders, such as babies wear. You can glue this on. Also put arms on the dress and fold them across the doll's breast and your baby is completed. Now take hold of the dress at the bottom and roll it upward till you get it all rolled up about the head. You now turn the head over and fix a string across the bottom of the shoulder, the same as the handle on a basket, in fact, the whole thing will look as much like a basket as anything when it is finished. Now into this pack tightly such articles as you wish to take out of the hat, when you do the trick and then you are ready for the stage.

I told you last month that you must have a chair on the stage, this chair is there for a purpose and has a great deal to do with the trick. If possible get a chair the back of which is broad. Now take a piece of cloth and tack it on to the back of the chair. You can fix this up to make it look as if it was meant for an ornament. Drive a short nail without a head into the top and hang the doll on it so that it will be hidden from view of

the audience, when the chair stands in the middle of the stage. Now follow the directions given in the last paper and when you have borrowed the hat and have turned it around to show that there is nothing in it, turn it upside down and take hold of it by the rim with your right hand, between your thumb and first finger, go over to the chair, bring your right hand with the hat back of it directly under the spot where you have hung the doll, now take hold of the hat with your left hand and carry the chair over to one side of the stage and while you are doing this you have plenty of time to slip the doll from the peg into the hat. After you have done this and have set the chair aside, remark to the audience, "That now that you have plenty of room you can commence with your performance." Of course, all this must take up only a few seconds and the audience must not suspect that the chair was taken away for any other purpose than to make room.

After you have taken out all the things and only the doll remains in the hat, plunge your hand to the bottom, turn the doll over and then slowly pull it out, give it a shake or two as you do this and the dress will unroll and the audience will think that it really has a body and legs.

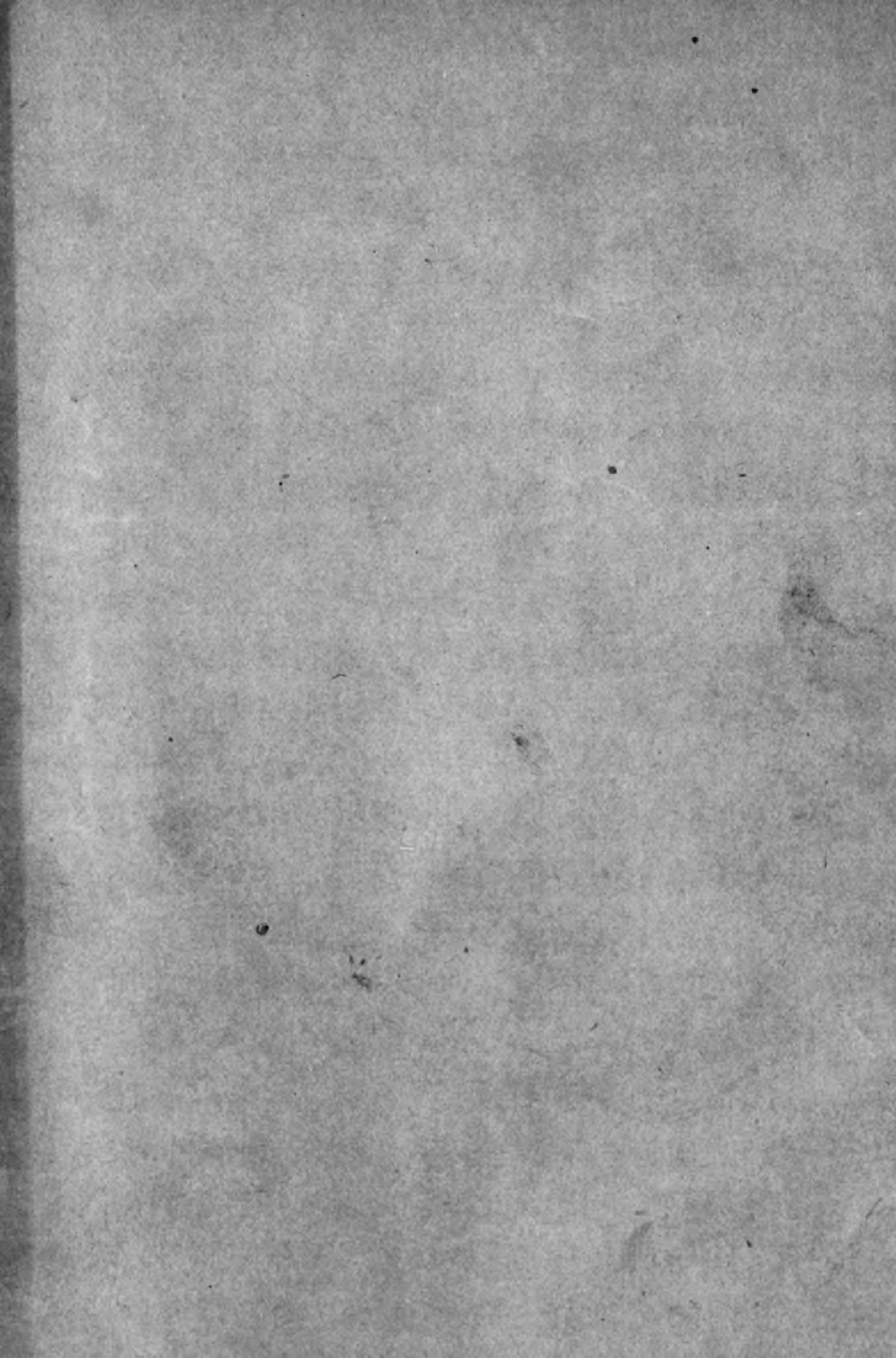
Hold it up so that all can see it, and look admiringly at it and say: "What a darling! I wonder whether it is a boy or a girl,—will some of you ladies please tell me?" With that, offer it to some of the ladies present. This will cause much laughter, but of course no one will take it. Then lay it aside, always thanking the gentleman who loaned it to you.

There are different ways of doing this trick but this is the best and least difficult.

Now we will pass on to a trick which is called "The Magic Glass Trick." You show an ordinary empty glass tumbler to your audience and say:

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have an empty glass, will you all observe that it is really empty" (turn the glass over to show it is so, now go on.) "Now I do not want an empty glass, I want one with something in it, so I will send it away to get it filled with water."

(To be continued in our next.)



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A DREAMY ADVENTURE.

BY CHAS. STAEGER

CHAPTER III.

What Fred did see was a table in the middle of the apartment on it was everything that a king could desire for his dinner and hungry as Fred was, he looked longingly at the food. The girl who stood a little ways from him, noticed the look and pointing at the table with her right hand, she said

"Go, Fred Benton, sit down at yonder table and appease thy hunger."

Fred needed no second bidding but sat down at once and started to eat. The girl meanwhile seated herself on a pile of skins and watched Fred with a smile on her face. When at last he had eaten till he could eat no more, she beckoned to him saying:

"Come Fred Benton, sit at my feet and tell me how thou came to be on this land."

And Fred, sitting down at her feet, told her everything, how he

had run away from home how he had been ship-wrecked and all that, she kept perfectly quiet while he was speaking, never once interrupting him. When he had finished, he said;

"And now you must tell me your name."

"It is Laratina" she answered.

"Laratina, what a pretty name!"

"Dost thou like my name?"

"Oh yes, I think it's a very pretty name."

"And dost thou also like me?"

The girl drew nearer to Fred as she spoke and there was an eagerness in her voice which she could not conceal.

"O, yes I like you, I think you are the prettiest girl I have ever seen" answered Fred but as soon as he had said the words, he was sorry for it, for Laratina with a glad cry, threw her arms about his neck and almost hugged him to death exclaiming "At last!"

"Listen, Fred Benton" she said "and I will tell thee a story."

(To be continued in our next)

THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN

BY CHAS. STAEBER

PART III.

You now take the glass and set it on the table, then take a handkerchief out of your pocket and spread it over the glass.

"Now ladies and gentlemen," you say, "I want you to watch me closely, I am now going to take up this glass and step up where you can all see me." You take up the glass with your right hand, with the handkerchief still over it and step to the edge of the stage saying

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, watch me closely, I am going to count three when, with the velocity of lightning, the glass will disappear."

With that, you take hold of the handkerchief with your left hand and count one - two - three, at the same time, make a motion, as if you were throwing the glass into the air and pull the handkerchief with your left hand.

The audience will expect to see the glass go flying through the air, but it does nothing of the kind. It seems to disappear right before their eyes.

You now shake out the handkerchief and turn it over, to show that the glass is really gone and say;

"You see, ladies and gentlemen the glass has entirely disappeared but very soon it will return filled with the sparkling beverage which we call water."

"Oh! Here it comes now."

At this moment someone, who must be your confederate, enters the room with a glass of water.

You take it from him, turn to the audience and say; "Well, here is to your health."

Then drink one or two swallows and set it down.

Before I explain how the Magic Glass trick is done, I will have to tell you how to construct A MAGICIANS TABLE.

That is, such a one as any ingenious boy can make, himself, if he is any kind of a carpenter and if not he can easily get it made.

Take a centre table for your model, such as have but one leg in the middle and a round top.

Make it about 2 feet 10 inches in height.

The top must be made oval and 2 feet long and 1 foot wide,

(To be continued in our next)

TAKING the FINN'S CENSUS

CHAPTER II.

"You say you have been here more than twenty years Mrs. Finn. May I ask how much more?"
"Shure ye may. Ask away."
"Well?"

"It's a dacint chap ye seem to be, and it's meself 'ud tell ye; but it's so long ago I forget entirely. If ye'll come around in three weeks I'll tell ye. Ye see I'll get me little son to write to me sister in Kilkerran and find out."

"Well, Mrs. Finn, you may think me very inquisitive, but this is not a personal matter with me. I am hired to get certain facts, if you simply answer the questions briefly it will greatly oblige me."

"Faith I will, me lad. You're ped for doin' it and why wouldn't I put an odd dollar in your way? Of course it's aisier to be carryin' a buke under yer arrum and askin' impident questions nor it is to—"

"Arrah sthoph yer blather, and give the man the noledge he's wantin' Go on sir, and I'll answer meself and save—"

"Dade you will not, thin spoke up Mrs. Finn. Dout be comin in me own house to balyrag me Mrs O'Brien. I know me own business and it's—."

The young man spoke up to prevent the rising storm with another question, as to whether she was suffering from any disease.

"Dis'ase is it' was the reply, with a profound sigh. I'm afraid there's something the matter with me heart. Whin Mickey fell down the cistern the other day, and I fished him out wid a clothes pole I was that frekened me heart went like as if t'was playing l'ap frog in me t'roat. It went tump agin me ribs till I t'ought t'was comin out of me body. Thin whin the weather is wet I have the rheumatiz in me two knase. Shure, I tried everything, mustard water and vinegar and Dr. Borkins's oil 'o gladness, but the pain was there like an aching tooth."

The enumerator could stand it no longer. He arose bowed and started for the door. Mrs. Finn cried; "Come back, sir. Ther's wan of the family you didn't get"

"Indeed! What is the name?" asked the enumerator pausing on the threshold.

"Billy Finn."

"Married or single."

"Married."

"How old?"

"Nine years, sir."

"And you say he's married?"

"Yis sir. He's the billy goat."

THE END.

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He entered the G. H. C. when first started, but took no active part until December 1890, when he nominated Mr. De St. Martin for National pres. of the G. H. C. He is pres. of the N. Y. state branch of the new National club and also Editor of the 'Amateur Critic' and and 'Southern Herald' and a member of many organizations, and being one of the first to enter the new club he was appointed a delegate for Massachusetts.

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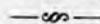
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At last, after many weary months of waiting, the National Club was formed to-night it is certain of success, the men chosen to lead it are the brightest in the old G. H. C. Here they are.

Pres. T. J. Darling, of Texas.
Rec. Sec'y J. Wm. Donovan of Ala
Cor. Sec'y Geo. O. Billheimer, Pa
Treas. Pierce J. Hayden of N. Y.
Election Supervisor P. F. Howard

Under their leadership the Club will steadily move forward, until it reaches high-water mark.

It was a great Convention and the boys will remember it for many a week, when it opened Mr. Beckhardt had the Chair, and your humble servant was Sec'y. The Ball opened when Mr. M. H. Grossman the President E. S. A. P. A. moved that the officers elected should hold office until the.—

club was on a strong basis.

It was amended to read that the convention should not limit the time of office but should leave it to the committee on the Constitution, then came the nominations.

Mr. Beecher Ogden, Kansas's delegate arose and in a short speech nominated T. J. Darling of Texas, seconded by Rob't Scott

Then Mr. T. J. McKenna nominated Jas. F. Grealy of N. Y. J. H. Thomas promptly seconded the nomination. Mr. Levy then nominated L. C. Wurzer of Mich. followed by Mr. Metzger with his nomination of C. H. Hesse.

Before the candidates were voted upon, Mr. Howard read a letter withdrawing Mr. Wurzer.

Then the voting commenced and the eager way in which the delegates watched the two tellers Messrs. Grossman and Parsons, showed the great interest taken.

The result was T. J. Darling 10, Grealy 5, Hesse 2.

Mr. Ogden on behalf of Darling bowed to the loud applause that followed the announcement.

Then came the Rec. Sec'y-ship J. W. Donovan was elected by acclamation, as were also Messrs. Billheimer and Hayden for Cor Sec'y and Treas. It was not until

the election for Supervisor that there was another contest. Mr. Grossman nominated Paul F. Howard, seconded by Harry W. Seckel, and A. L. Levy was nominated by Beecher Ogden and by Pierce J. Hayden, the result was Howard 10, Levy 4 and Percy Rainey 2. As soon as the result was announced, Mr. Levy stepped across and congratulated Howard, the act being received with torrents of cheers. All through the convention, the hero was M. H. Grossman, as the balloting was about to commence, the chair declared that none but paper supplied by him should be used in the balloting, that would have sent our plans to 'Salt River,' as we had a printed ticket but Grossman jumping forward declared as a free born American, he determined to vote as he pleased. Did the club intend to be run by Mr. Beckhardt, NEVER! His eloquence soon brought the chair around and nothing more was heard of the matter. The constitutional committee are chairman Beecher Ogden, P. J. Hayden, A. L. Levy, H. W. Seckel and Jos. Stilger who will prepare a Constitution, Name of Club etc. and present them to the Convention at it's next meeting, in two weeks.

CLUB NOTES.

The following are a few extracts from the letters of Mr. Heineman, the publisher of the new official organ, to Frank D. Washburn.

In regards to our paper, it will be a fine literary venture, the writers are Edw. S. Ellis, Harry Castlemon, Wm. Murray Graydon, James Otis, Chipman, Annie Ashmore and others.

The name will probably be 'Golden Dawn'. The subscription price will be \$1.75 per annum but as soon as the members send in their subscriptions, they can have it for \$1.50.

Will our paper be better than 'Golden Hours'? Well, we should say so! 'Golden Hours' contains poor stories, poor engravings and very poor editing. We hardly care to praise ourselves but let others do it instead.

Percy M. Bailey, the noted blockhead of the G. H. C., will in time, swallow his words regarding the new club. A page headed in this way, does him no credit. THE REORGANIZATION PLAN PLEASES MANY, DISPLEASES A FEW GRUMBLEDERS. The NAME Not Decided CLUB A BIG FAILURE—Its Promoters are Amateur Editors.

He then gets off a poem by that 'Ancient Chestnut' Scriptus who gets his ideas from 'Good News' and puts them in a form of his own

At the organization of the New Mass. State Club, July 6th 1891, the following officers were elected
Pres. Samuel Cohen, Boston.
Vice. A. J. Kirby, Taunton.
Sec'y. F. D. Washburn. "

All persons in Mass. desiring to form a new branch club, are requested to communicate with the Sec'y at 188 School St., Taunton, Mass.

Jas. W. Ward of Boston, the new Vice President of the Golden Hours State Club of Mass., evidently carries his brains in his feet, where club matters are concerned, as all would have said who witnessed his performance at the last election at Boston.

He had better invest 25 cents in a Cushing's Manual.

We have 'Dunn' it! What? Resigned from G. H. C. of course Samuel Cohen,
F. D. Washburn,
Andrew J. Kirby.

Great thanks are due to Mr. Beckhardt for giving the free use of his residence as a hall, at the late Convention.

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A DREAMY ADVENTURE.

BY CHAS STAEBER.

CHAPTER IV.

Five years ago, I lived with my father, whose name is Stanzina in a beautiful land called Lumux, it is many miles from here and my father is the king there.

On the day that I was 12 years of age, he came to me and said,

"Laratina, my daughter, the time has come when thou must leave me."

"Yes," he said, as I looked at him in surprise, "it is written in the book of fate that thou must be put all alone on an island in the middle of the ocean and there thou must stay, till a young prince is sent to thee who will say."

"Laratina, I think thou art the prettiest girl I have ever seen."

"Him thou must marry, he is thy king, with him thou can return to thy father but not till then."

For five years have I waited and at last thou came and thou—

„Well, Fred Benton, what art thou thinking of?" asked the girl who was watching him keenly.

"What am I thinking?" shouted Fred, I'm thinking that this has gone far enough! I won't stay here! I don't want to marry you and I'm going home as soon as I get a chance."

A terrible change came over the girl at these words, her eyes shone like coals of fire, she looked more like an old witch than a young girl and as she started from her seat and caught Fred by the arm, he became alarmed.

"So thou will not marry me," she hissed, "we will see" and before Fred could speak or move, she took him by the hair of the head and dragged him through a door at the other end of the room which he had not before noticed.

Here everything was in total darkness, Fred tried to struggle and cry out but somehow seemed to be powerless to do so.

Laratina advanced far into the darkness and suddenly stopped saying;

"Listen, Fred Benton, at thy feet is a deep hole, into this I am going to throw thee and shall stay without food or water, till thou art ready to marry me."

With that she gave him a push and Fred found himself flying into space. It seemed as if he would never reach the bottom but at last he struck with a bump, and then something wonderful happened, Fred seemed to be lifted up in the air and carried onward, his head appeared to be going around like a ball, he seemed to lose consciousness and then all at once he opened his eyes and found himself at home in his room, lying on the floor beside the bed, with the bedclothes all tumbled about.

He had simply fallen out of bed instead of into a deep hole, and then he realized that it had all been a dream.

"Well, I guess I don't want to run away to sea now," he said, as he jumped into bed again.

And he never did.

To this day he remembers his "DREAM ADVENTURE."

THE END.

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THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN.

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PART IV.

Now, about 5 in. from each end cut a round hole, 2 in. in diameter.

These are very handy, when you wish to have anything disappear, as you can let it fall into either of them and nobody be the wiser.

Of course a small box must be fixed under each hole to prevent anything from dropping on the floor. Bore a hole in the centre and screw it onto the stand.

Now make another top exactly like the first, excepting the holes and boxes, paint both alike, and nail a cloth about a foot wide, around each. The reason for having two tops is; after your performance is over, some one may request you to let them see the table, you can easily go behind the curtain, screw off the top in which the holes are, and put on the other one.

Of course, they must be exactly alike in appearance, so that no one will detect the fraud.

Now comes something which is of great importance.

(To be continued in our next)

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THE MAN WITH THE BIG HEAD,

OR,

THE TOM CATS REVENGE,

OR,

Now I lay me down to sleep.

BY CHAS STAEBER

CHAPTER I.

It was on a beautiful September morning in the month of August, the thunder lightened and the lightning thundered.

It had been raining, the last two or three weeks and the snow lay six feet deep on the roads.

It is 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as we pass along the dust covered streets of the beautiful city of Bumfia. Suddenly and without the slightest warning, we see a man. There is something very mysterious about this man, in fact you could not tell whether he had feet or not, because he had shoes on. The other part of his clothing consisted of a stove-pipe hat, a plug of tobacco and a very costly diamond ring.

His face is smoothly shaven and he looks carefully about him as if afraid of being seen and from time to time, he grunts mysterious words into his long and unkempt beard.

Who is this unprincipled stran-

ger? Ah! That is a mystery which we will endeavor to explain a few hundred years from now.

CHAPTER II.

On a green mountain, which was covered with snow, there stood an old cabin. This mansion was built entirely of stone.

And in this cottage there were two windows and one cellar.

It was in this house that an old man was twice murdered.

Now, this old disguised hut stood all alone on an island which was surrounded by water and which stood in the middle of the Arabian Ocean.

How long had it been there?

Oh! who can tell, who knows, who can give us the information?

No one! No one! except somebody and he is dead.

He died only a few years ago and thus we are baffled.

But let us not lose hope, let us seek the villian and wring the secret out of his clothes, and then let us die, we shall be revenged.

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J. S. Smith was born in Phila. in 1873. He joined the G. H. C. on Sept. 11, 1891 and was elected Vice President of branch 28 of Ill. on Nov. 10, 1889 and he was also elected Secretary of branch 51 of Ill., July 8 1890, this club being, at the time, the largest in the West, having 325 members up to the time of its withdrawal from the National Association.

He was next elected President of the Ill. State Branch, on Aug. 15, 1890. He was, too, the chief supporter of the movement to secure the convention for Chicago

In connection with L. C. Wurzer, he revolted against the N. G. H. C. and was elected Pres. of the Western Alliance.

He was nominated for Sec'y at the late election by W. Va., but declined.

He has, at various times, held offices in many branches in Mich. Penna., Ill. and New York and Sec'y of the G. H. Philatelic As'n the only branch that ever enjoyed special privileges in G. Hours.

Since the defeat of the western ticket, Mr. Smith has withdrawn from the G. H. C. and is enjoying peace under the New Club.

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The name of the new club will, in all probability, be 'The International Club,' a very good name to be sure, though that most excellent (?) name Golden Hours Club may outname it, we are inclined to think differently.

We may, in time, need a poet like Scriptus(?) to boom our club but when we do, the club will bear another name and we will not be forced to say; 'We take a few extracts from Scriptus.'

We would then continue with a most distressing poem.

SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY

Then it's Hip, Hip, Hurrah,

We'll fill the flowing bowl;
And to each other pledge
devotion.

Then we'll drink to the

NEW CLUB,

Long may she wave,
And COLUMBIA the gem of the
Ocean.

—Ship Ahoy

We again tender our thanks to Percy M. Baily, that unprincipled, ambitious, young editor of the 'Youth's Press'. Mr. Baily must certainly have a good opinion of himself, for he kindly informs us that the leaders of the club are amateur editors but it may be that he is not an amateur editor but allows 'Scriptus' to perform that charitable work.

We should most certainly not care to run a club of the magnitude of the G.H.C. for we would like to tell our soft club man that we have joined three or four times, ourselves and presume other have 'Dunn' (done) the same.

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We should have congratulated Mr. Harry W. Seckel, the Editor of the Eastern Star, had he not had space for the article relating to the official organ of the new national club.

Mr. Seckel stated that the official organ would be the American Youth's Magazine, published by a stock company and that shares could be obtained of J. S. Smith, L. C. Wurzer or himself.

Both Mr. Wurzer and Smith have informed us that the Magazine had been given up and as we stated in our last number; Mr. Heineman's paper will take its place.

There is also another item in the Eastern Star which he had better have left out i. e. the one relating to the nominations for president of the National Club.

Mr. Wurzer states plainly that he can not accept the office and it is useless for anyone to nominate him.

We also think Mr. Howard (not from any envious or jealous motive) would thank him for leaving his quarrel with Mr. Grealy alone.

In a word the "news" of the Eastern Star makes us sick.

Mr. Chas. H. Hesse, one of the greatest workers of the G. H. C. has again gone back to that club. We noticed in a recent issue of The Tom Cat, a list of the "most noted giants that ever lived."

Mr. Hesse wanted the office of President of the New Club and Mr. Rainey has evidently forgotten the most noted of all viz: name place height period

He obtained two votes (his delegate's and his own) but was Funnem Scotland 11-5 Eugene II Vallemont Rouen 17-0 14th Cen Bucharth Danphiny 22-6 16th " Theutobochus " 25-5 16th " Unknown Palermo 30-0 15th "

Wm. L. Ford, Ex President of the Mass. State Club of the G. H. C. and Jas. W. Ward, Ex Vice The 'American Youth' of Nashville has not arrived, where—!!!— have resigned, and now with us. Next month we shall publish in the New club. The NEW CONSTITUTION.

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A GHOST;

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MYSTERY OF HUCKLEBERRY CABIN.

BY CHAS STAEBER

CHAPTER I.

"A ghost?"

"Yes, a ghost."

"Now surely Mark you do not believe such nonsense?"

Mark Rollston shrugged his shoulders and laughed good humoredly.

"Well Bert," he said, "that's what I've heard, Huckleberry Cabin is haunted. Quite a number of persons claim to have seen the ghost so of course there must be something in it."

"Humbug! I never saw a ghost and for my part, I shall never believe there is such a thing till I do. I never believe anything I don't see."

"Well Bert, let me tell you that I don't even believe everything I see. Never believe anything you hear and only half of what you see.

That's my motto."

"What! do you mean to say you would not believe anything you saw with your own eyes?"

"No Bert, sometimes you can't even believe your own eyes.

If I were to see anything which looked like a ghost, that would not make me believe it was one."

"Oh! then you don't believe anything about this ghost business?"

"Why certainly not. No sensible person would believe such humbug.

The two young men, Mark Rollston and Bert Potton were standing on the steps of a handsome cottage during this conversation. They were chums and constant companions, both being employed as clerks in a dry goods store and had just come home after a hard days work. As usual they had stopped to have a chat before going to their supper.

Mark was the handsomest of the two, but both were manly looking young fellows.

Bert was twenty-one and Mark

was twenty. The former was an orphan, having lost his parents while quite young.

Mark was more fortunate, for although his father had died a few years before, he still had his mother and sister,

The latter was sixteen years of age and quite pretty.

The cottage in which they lived was paid for before his father's death and so the salary which Mark received, together with what his mother and sister earned at home, by taking in sewing enabled them to live quite comfortably.

They had always lived in B——, while Bert had only come there two years before and had taken lodgings at a respectable boarding house. From the beginning the two had been fast friends.

The "Huckleberry Cabin" to which the young men referred, stood alone on the outskirts of the village.

The "Huckleberry Cabin" what a funny name, the reader will say; and yet it was only natural that it should be called thus, for nothing could be seen around it but huckleberry bushes growing in abundance and making it almost impossible for anyone to pass.

Whether they had grown there or been put there purposely no one could tell.

The cabin itself was evidently very old, but still looked quite substantial, although all the windows were broken.

No one ever went there except occasionally a few who went to get berries when they were ripe.

But lately strange stories had been rumored about.

People said the place was haunted, that at midnight it was lighted up with a ghostly light and strange noises had been heard inside.

"Well," said Mark, after a moment, "let us speak of something besides ghosts.

What is your opinion of these recent mysterious robberies?"

"I don't know," answered Bert, "it is so mysterious.

"Here a number stores are broken into, and money and other valuables taken and no trace to be found of the thieves.

A good detective is needed to investigate this affair."

"Yes, that would be a good plan," responded Mark, but ev—

(To be continued in our next)

THE MAN WITH THE BIG HEAD,

or,

THE TOM CATS REVENGE

or,

Now I lay me down to sleep.

BY CHAS STAEBER.

CHAPTER III.

In the last chapter, I believe we told you something about an old shanty. Now, since we started this chapter, strange stories have been rumored around among the fishes about this unadulterated dwelling.

They were strange and amusing and they were very amusing and strange.

Some said it was a graveyard, others said it was mortgaged and some even went as far as to say that once an old maiden had lived in it.

But we know better.

We ought to know better anyway

In this building there had lived for many hundred years—who?

Ah! that is a mystery which will be explained right away.

CHAPTER IV.

It is three hundred and twenty-six years later.

Again we pass along the streets of the beautiful city of Bumfia.

And what do we see? Well, we see nothing, simply because it is at night and there are no lights burning. The sun is shining brightly but the handsome dashing stranger whom we saw before has mysteriously disappeared.

Where has he gone?

Do his bones lie buried under the earth bleaching in the sun, or did a Jersey mosquito eat him?

We ask this question and if any of our readers can answer it, let them send a two cent stamp to our office and get full particulars.

But we must go on, we are in a hurry to day and don't care who knows it.

And as we go along we keep moving, until at last, we come to a lofty mountain about four feet high, and after walking for two weeks, partly on a bicycle, partly on horseback and the remainder by postal telegraph we arrive at the summit and gaze around,

We are now sixteen miles from nowhere and right before us is a house, you all remember it of course, here the last Convention of The Golden Hours Club was fought and Wurzer was defeated.

But, Look! look! Crash! Bang! Boom! good heavens, the house is gone, vanished, disappeared and we have only to write

THE END.

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ADDRESS

THE GOLDEN STAR,

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EDITORIAL.

I beg to inform my friends that I have no more connection with the "Golden Star" after this date, having sold my interest to my former partner, Mr. A. J. Kirby, who will continue it as heretofore.

My reason for so doing, is on account of my removal to Concord, N. H., where I shall publish a paper called "The Argus."

Advertising rates furnished on application. Mss. is in demand and will be fully considered if a stamp is inclosed for return.

Trusting for your further patronage of the "Star" in the future,

I am

Yours truly,

Frank D. Washburn, Editor.

Beginning with the next issue number six, we shall inaugurate a series of changes which shall cause the "Golden Star" to become identified with the leading amateur stamp journals of America.

We invite the attention of beginners as well as advanced collectors, and trust you will appreciate our efforts in your behalf.

Our X department is free to all subscribers, so that for 10 cents you will receive this paper one year (12 numbers) and will also be entitled to the use of the X department free.

Original articles on subjects of interest to stamp collectors in great demand.

Other Mss. considered.

Unaccepted Mss. will be destroyed unless stamps are inclosed for its return.

Next Month we shall give away a number of valuable prizes including a self-inking printing press and outfit, International Stamp Album, Album containing a collection of stamps, Ingersoll Typewriter and many others.

Every person who subscribes before Jan. 1st., 1892, will receive A Packet of 50 Good Foreign Stamps FREE, if he incloses 2 1 cent stamps for postage.

THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN.

BY CHAS STAEBER.

PART V.

This is a little shelf, generally known as the 'dumb waiter' which must be about one foot long and six inches wide and must be hung onto the back of table, about five in. below the top, so that it will be completely hidden from view of anyone except yourself.

On to this you can set anything which you may wish to have disappear, and no one will know where it went to.

This is the whole mystery of "The Magic Glass Trick."

The handkerchief which you use, must be made double, that is, you must get two handkerchiefs just alike and sew them together.

Between these paste, in the middle, a round, stiff piece of card-board, exactly the same size as the top of the glass which you are going to use.

Now, when you spread the handkerchief over the glass, you must do it so that the card-board will lay on top and it will appear to be a part of the glass.

Now, put your left hand under the handkerchief and take hold of the glass; with your right, take hold of the card-board on top and lift both up together.

While you are doing this, you slip the glass, unperceived, from under the handkerchief and lay it on the shelf or dumb servant, back of the table.

You retain your hold on the card-board and it will look as if glass was still under it.

The rest is easy. Of course the glass which your confederate brings in full of water must be prepared beforehand.

The dumb servant ought to be padded and a rim put around it to prevent anything from falling.

Now, here is another trick and a very simple one at that, it is known as "The Vanishing Ring Trick."

I will give it to you word for word just as I do it.

You step up to the front and say "Now ladies and gentlemen, in my next trick, I will illustrate to you what great power the heat of the human body has upon surrounding objects.

That is, to say, I take a ring, hold it in my hands a few minutes and the ring will be dissolved"

(To be continued in our next)

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He sends us a long list of reputable publishers and dealers, and also a number of aldermen and doctors and the 2nd National Bank of Pittsburg, as references.

They all pronounce him a fraud.

Another one of his swindling schemes will be exposed in the Jan. number of *The Argus* Concord N. H.

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BY CHAS STAEBER.

C. W. Bennett, Detroit, Mich.

Clarence W. Bennett, was born at Adrian, Michigan in the early seventies.

He removed to Detroit in '79 where he remained until '85 when he went to Kansas City, Mo. and in '88 to Toledo, returning again to Detroit, two years later, where he at present resides.

He became connected with the G. H. Club on May 4th, 1890, and became associated with a number of branch clubs, among them branch 19 of Detroit of which he was Sec'y.

He quickly came to the front in the reform movement and originated a bill for the division of states into electoral districts, according to the number of members in each, to insure fairness and full representation at elections.

He was at one time Club Editor on the "National Exchange."

Mr. Bennett was among the first to leave the G. H. C. and lend his aid in the interest of the "New National Club."

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Long may it wave.

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And we, in the future

With freedom be blessed.

Let simpleton's sneer,

'Twill not make us less.

Our efforts at length

Will be crowned with success

To the whip of a tyrant

We never will bend

And let all be assured

We will win in the end.

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We desire correspondents in all the large cities, to represent us at meetings and conventions, and report other notes of interest.

We extend our thanks to the large number of persons who showed their knowledge and appreciation of true merit by sending in their subscription the past month, and trust they will have no occasion to regret it.

CLUB NOTES.

It is reported that T. J. Darling and James J. Hailey have dissolved partnership, Mr. Darling will continue the publication of the "American Youth".

Percy Rainey reports that he that he is out of all clubs and for good.

We are sorry to hear this as he was one of our best supporters.

We are anxiously waiting for Mr. Dunn to officially notice our resignation from the G.H.C. and so are about 5000 others.

We are afraid he hasn't space enough to publish half of them.

It is reported that Mr. Darling has decided on the "Tom Cat" for our official organ, by what authority we are at a loss to imagine.

We however favor the idea as the "Tom Cat" is one of the best amateurs in existence and the "Golden Dawn" has been abandoned as an organ.

James J. Hailey's journalistic career continues in February by the appearance of a publication without doubt equal to the "American Youth." It is essential that Mr. Hailey should do this, as the same will be expected.

NEW YORK NOTES.

—P. F. Howard.—

An unusual month of activity in Club matters, is reported by New York Journalists.

New York has been, for the last few weeks, the Mecca of all International Club members. The Convention, Constitutional Committee etc. meetings have proved of the greatest service to the N.Y. correspondents of the Amateur Press.

The second session of the Convention was but lightly attended, only ten delegates appearing. Abe L. Beckhardt had the chair while Robert A. Scott acted as Secretary.

Beyond the reading of the acceptances of the different officers and President Darlings address, there was nothing of importance transacted.

Arrangements are being made for a final session of the Convention at Covenant Hall; as the hall will hold 800, invitations will be sent to every G. H. C. member and every ex-member in New York, Jersey and Brooklyn.

An attendance of 500 is expected.

The invitations when finished by the printer will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Jas. F. Grealy acts as Chairman.

The Constitutional Committee have at last brought the Constitution into a shape to report to the Convention; with a few possible exceptions it should be adopted as it stands.

President Darling is being deluged with requests to appoint Mr. ——— to the Sec'y-ship of ——— but of course nothing can be done until the Constitution gives him power to appoint.

Col. Wm. L. Ford of Boston is without doubt the best officer in the 1st. Army Corps, N. C. U. S. A.

He would make an efficient Sec'y of Militia, at least most of the New York boys think so and many of them have petitioned President Darling to appoint him.

Treasurer Hayden is preparing for the rush of half dollars that he expects will deluge him as soon as the Constitution is adopted

Mr. Beckhardt says: "That no person under seventeen should be admitted into the new club."

Although we do not approve of the admittance of persons of such extreme youth as are comprised in the G. H. C., we think that character should be considered as well as age.

Out of an association of 25000 intelligent young ladies and gentlemen, Chief Dunn has succeeded in re-organizing a band of hoodlums of the first degree of ignorance.

He should be commended for the great(?) success of his re-organization plan.

The investigations of an inquiring statician have brought out the fact that getting born costs the people of the U. S. twenty-five million dollars annually; that the total expenses of getting married are \$300,000,000 and that getting buried costs the sum of \$75,000000.

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No. 6.

Written for The Golden Star.

A GHOST;

OR THE

MYSTERY OF HUCKLEBERRY CABIN.

BY CHAS. STÆBER.

CHAPTER I—continued.

But just here they were interrupted by someone opening the door behind them and a sweet voice exclaiming:

"Well, are you two going to talk forever, supper has been ready for ever so long, you must come in at once Mark and bring Mr. Potton too, then you can have your chat after you have eaten."

"Why yes Let," returned Mark, "I had quite forgotten about supper although I am pretty hungry."

His sister's name was Lettie, but Mark called her 'Let' for short.

"Come in Bert old fellow," he continued, "and have supper with us, no use going to your boarding-house."

Bert had been to Mark's house frequently and he rather liked the society of pretty Lettie Rollston, so

without much hesitation he followed his friend into the house.

Mark's mother greeted them kindly as they entered the cosy dining-room and an extra plate was soon on the table for Bert.

He also had the pleasure of sitting at the side of Lettie, which made him feel quite happy.

After supper was over, the two young men retired to another room to have a smoke, while Mrs. Rollston and her daughter busied themselves about the household.

"Say Mark," began Bert after they had got comfortably seated, "I've got an idea."

"Well, hang on to it old fellow, hang on to it."

"Do you know what I think, went on Bert, ignoring his friend's remark.

"As I am not a mind reader, I cannot possibly know, so you had better tell me."

"I have been thinking over what we were talking of out there on the steps and I have an idea that these mysterious robberies and this ghost business at Huckleberry Cabin are in some way connected.

"Well," said Mark, thoughtfully, "you may be right and then again you may not."

For my part I hardly believe that there is any truth in it at all."

"But you must admit that there is a great deal of truth about the robberies anyway."

"Oh yes, that's true enough as some of our people have found out to their cost."

"Well, I tell you Mark, the best way to prove if the other is true is to go there ourselves some night and see if we can't make the acquaintance of his ghostship."

"Yes, that would be the best thing we could do and if you want to try it some night I am with you."

"Very well then, the sooner the better, what do you say to to-morrow night?"

"That suits me if it does you. What time will we start?"

"Oh we must get there before midnight."

"Alright I shall be on deck, but Bert don't say anything to mother or Let, it might cause them unnecessary anxiety."

"I won't say a word to anyone."

After an hour more of pleasant chat, Bert arose and after saying good-night to Mrs. Rollston and her daughter turned to go.

Lettie followed him to the door and when a few minutes later, Mark went out to see how the weather was he heard Bert whisper a hurried good-night and also something which sounded very much like a kiss, but he could not be sure.

The next moment Lettie ran past him up stairs to her chamber.

"Well, thought Mark, laughing to himself, if those two take a notion to like each other, I shall have nothing to say against it and I am sure mother will not either.

Bert is a good fellow and will make the best of husbands someday.

(to be continued)

LARGEST NEWSPAPER.

Probably the largest newspaper ever published in this country was *The Illuminated Quadruple Constellation*, New York, July 4, 1859.

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Next month we shall present the first instalment of an amusing and startling story entitled *Billy the Boot Jack or Ten Years in a Warm Place*.

THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN.

By CHAS. STAEBER.

PART VI.

THE VANISHING RING TRICK.

Now I will not take the trouble to borrow a ring from among my intelligent audience, as I know that young ladies do not care to lend their rings, so I have provided myself with one beforehand, (here exhibit a ring which has been previously obtained from some dealer in cheap jewelry) "Now ladies and gentlemen," you say, "This is a very costly ring, the stones which are genuine Dead Sea diamonds are set in the form of a three leaf clover and are valued at \$500 each.

The ring, itself is genuine gold, valued at \$200, making the total cost of the ring \$1700.

I suppose you don't believe that, do you? Well you are a very unbelieving audience anyway.

You see, I bought it for my girl, some time ago and I had pretty hard work getting it back too."

"We did not agree very well, and one day she said to me in dramatic tones: "Take back the heart thou gavest."

I said, "Never mind the heart, but just fork over the diamond ring."

But all this has nothing to do with the trick, so I will get to work.

First, I place the ring in a little box, which I have here ready for it. Now you can all see that the ring is in the box and as I don't want you to think that it passes up my sleeve, I will pull them up."

At the same time place the box on your table, right on the edge of one of the holes so that a slight push will be sufficient to roll it in.

Now put both hands over the box and appear to take it up in them, but you really push is it into the hole.

As the box has now disappeared from the table, the audience will, of course think it is in your hands.

Step over to the edge of the stage and say: "Now ladies and gentlemen, you see that it would be impossible for the box to pass out of my hands, without you perceiving it, but still, I will make it disappear."

Then give your hands a shake, rub them together for a few moments, then open them and say: "You see that the box and all have vanished.

Where have they gone? Oh that is a mystery. Perhaps if you now notice a peculiar ring in my voice you will think I have swallowed it, but I have done nothing of the kind.

Can't you favor us with a "sub?"

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EDITORIAL.

This is the second issue of the 'Star' under a new editor.

This fact was not noted in our last number, as we wished to see what sort of a reception would be accorded our first effort.

We aimed to please, and judging from the encouragement which has been received, our aim was first-class.

Trusting to receive your earnest support, in the future, as in the past,

We remain,

Yours Truly,

Andrew J. Kirby.

Look over our advertisements.

The name and a complete description of the Golden Star will be found in the new edition of The American Newspaper Directory.

In order to begin the New Year with a new volume, our volumes will consist of but six numbers.

We would like to get 150 new subscribers before April 1st, 1892, and in order to induce our readers to aid us, we shall give away a large number of new and valuable prizes. [See list elsewhere.]

We are unable to furnish back numbers previous to number 5, and our supply of that issue is limited.

We hope to start a Fraud Column next month, and dealers are invited to make free use of it.

Owing to lack of time we were unable to present with this issue, as beautiful a cover as at first intended, however, we hope to appear again soon in a much better cover, in fact, if the support which we are at present receiving is maintained, we shall adopt a colored cover permanently.

Have your name inserted in our Dealers Directory next month.

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We would like to hear from all persons, between the ages of sixteen and twenty, who are interested in Philately, in regard to forming a society, to be known as THE STAR PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, and of which The Golden Star shall be the official organ.

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Chicago, Nov., 23, 1891.

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Taunton, Mass.

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"The Golden Star" is typical of the emblem it names.

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I inclose one of Uncle Sams dimes that I may enjoy reading "The Star" one year,

Yours Truly,

Edward Loring.

Gt. Barrington, Mass., Nov., 1891.

The "Star" is one of the best Amateur papers I have ever received. I wish it success.

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—FOR—

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WILLIAM L. FORD,

—OF—

BOSTON, - - MASS.

WM. L. FORD, the subject of this sketch, was born in Boston, Mass., March 22, 1873, and received his education at the Lawrence school of that city.

He was first noticed in Club circles at the organization of the G. H. C. and was unanimously elected Pres. of Branch 20, and when the re-organization was ordered, he with some more enterprising young men formed Branch 34, of which he was elected Secretary.

When the time came to organize a State Branch, Mr. Ford was unanimously elected Supreme President, but held that office but a short time, when he, like many other self-respecting young men, becoming disgusted with the G. H. C., resigned and joined his old friends in *The International Association*.

He has always taken a lively interest in Club matters, and has been a zealous worker.

He is Secretary of *The Highland Associates*, of Roxbury, Mass.

Mr. Ford is also greatly interested in *The National Cadets, U. S. A.*, in which organization, he is Colonel of the 24th Regiment, and is quite tall for a young man, he measuring 5 feet 11½ inches in height.

No one is more fitted for the office of Sec'y. of Militia, *I. A.*, to which his many friends are trying to have him appointed, than Wm. L. Ford.

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Write before sending.

Chris. Clinton, care Kerr Thread Co. East Newark, N. J., \$15 worth of of reading matter, a small steam-engine cost \$2.50, 300 pictures and other articles (list on application) for a Printing Press and outfit.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

MEMBERS OF THE E. A. P. A.

Enjoy themselves at their

CONVENTION

—ON—

Thanksgiving Day

—AT—

New York.

The Mystic Order of Night Hawks.

The Third Semi-Annual Convention of *The Eastern Amateur Press Association*, was called to order by President Carey, at the Metropolitan Hotel, Thanksgiving Day at 10 A. M.

The meeting was called to order, a Recording Sec'y appointed, the roll called, and two committees appointed in five minutes.

The fun came in the afternoon when the election took place.

There was a difference of opinion between the Wilmington delegates.

The ladies voted on one side, while the boys voted opposite and lost.

The *Eastern Journalist* had promised that "IT" would be there.

Some said that the "IT" was Walter C. Chiles new neck-tie, but Walter didn't wear a red tie after all.

Among the new members admitted were Frank D. Washburn, Concord N. H. and Andrew J. Kirby of the *Golden Star*.

Just after the adjournment for the noon recess, the delegates went down in the courtyard of the hotel and had their pictures taken.

Some one laughed each time but the pictures are good.

The banquet in the evening was a grand success.

All the New York boys will accept the paid invitation of the Wilmington Club and attend the next Convention on Decoration Day, in that city.

The Mystic Order of Night Hawks for the mutual benefit of its members, and to aid them in controlling elections, was organized Thanksgiving night. For fear they will not be successful in their plan of furnishing each member with an office in some A. P. A., they have made it a rule that all members shall be officers in the M. O. of N. H.

It is a secret society of course, but the High Chief Cannibal was talking over the telephone to the Grand Scribe and let fall these items, which have been duly chronicled.

If you don't hear more about them next month, you may know that I am dead.

Cadmus.

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3 Barbados	2 Grenada	4 Roman States
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"I have enough from one night of watching and I'm sure we would not see anymore any other night than we did to-night, it's all humbug and if you want to come again you will have come alone, it was all your fault that we came at all anyway."

"Well don't get mad, you wanted to come as badly as I did, and if you don't want to, we need not come again."

Little did these two young men dream, as they walked silently homeward, what startling adventures they were soon to go through in this same Huckleberry Cabin.

Next morning as they entered the store together, they were surprised to see Mr. Farrell, their employer, who usually greeted them with a cheery "good morning," sitting at his desk, looking very grave.

As soon as he caught sight of them, he beckoned to them, wondering at this unusual proceeding, both went over to his side.

Mr. Farrell regarded them in silence for a few moments and then burst out with: "*Where were you two last night?*"

Bert and Mark were very much surprised. What object Mr. Farrell could have in asking such a question they had not the least idea.

Did he know of their exploit on the previous night?

How that could be possible was beyond their comprehension, and even if he did know, they had not done anything wrong and he had no right to ask such a question.

"We were out on business of our own last night," answered Bert, "and there is no reason why we should want to keep it secret, but first we would like to know what your object is in asking such a question."

Mr. Farrell eyed them sharply for a few moments and then slowly said:

"Last night burglars entered the store through one of the back windows, broke open the safe and stole \$700.00, *and you two are suspected of being the thieves.*"

(to be continued)

AGENTS.

On January 25, Mr. Eugene B. McDowell, Richmond, Va, sent us \$1.00 in payment of 10 subscriptions, which he obtained for us during spare hours; he received an Eagle Typewriter by next mail.

Reader, you can easily do as well or better, by showing copies of the "Star," which will be sent on application. *Don't delay! Begin now!*

Written for The Golden Star.

A reply to a recent article in

THE EAGLE PHILATELIST.

ENTITLED

PHILATELIC FRIENDSHIPS.

There are various shrines at which one may worship, emblazoned with emblems of knowledge, which inspire friendships, that outlive both youth and age.

There are many temples, replete with the history of the struggle of of man to become wiser and better, builded by patient labor, and enduring as the unity of the effort which caused their construction.

The memory of youthful collections and collectors may inspire much golden recollection and personal philatelic friendship, as we travel toward the place of no sin; may save, by educated interest and reliable fellowship, established, many from walks of ill, and make both wise, strong in culture, and with numbers who might never otherwise have known the value of a true friend.

But that the shrine of Philately is superior in added worth to all others known, from compass and square to the "Word;" from art worshippers, to him with knowledge of The Christ, may be questionable.

That in all walks of life, in all temples, at all shrines, and before all mystic symbols, we must at times find our faith misplaced, and that in all paths of knowledge and in all bonds of friendship we must find much that is pure and trustful, worthy and faithful, that the Goddess of Philately is well seated, and the Eagle wings shed their protecting care, that friendships created under her sway are lasting and valuable, rich in power and in wisdom, none can well deny.

Its truth is apparent to any who care to examine the data and the Philatelic press of the hour.

But that only before her throne, "The Goddess of Philately," can we find perfect friendship, or that the friendship there found, is superior in worth to all else obtainable, we are of the idea, is an exalted statement which misleads.

It is more than probable that The Christ, the three links, the square the four triangles, have assisted and inspired the progress of all humanity; and that even the proud "Goddess of Philately," at whose shrine I worship, has drawn much of her inspiration from the sources above outlined.

Edward Loring.

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* NOTES. *

Well, friends we are around again. Having been resting for a month, we have found time to add several new features and improvements, and, having established on a more substantial basis, for the continuance of this publication, we are bound to make things hum during 1892.

If you want to be with us, send on your dimes at once, before we start. Watch the splinters fly.

Our subscribers will please bear in mind the fact our temporary suspension will not affect them in the least. We guaranteed to send them 12 separate numbers and we intend keeping our word.

We are always pleased to forward free sample copies to any address, but unless stamp inclosed, they must be mailed with our regular issue on the last Friday in the month.

Special attention is invited to our PUZZLE COLUMN, which opens in this issue. As it is instructive, as well as an interesting and attractive feature, and in the hands of an able and experienced director, we fail to see why it should not attract general attention. Desirable prizes given.

ADVERTISERS.

With this issue we have increased our circulation 50 per cent and next month we shall have double the circulation of our December issue. We are enabled to do this, by reason of the liberal support which we are receiving from both advertisers and subscribers. You are not expected to accept our word for the above, as we shall have proof, in the shape of P. O. receipts, which we will be pleased to send to anyone interested, if they will return them.

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I

WORD SQUARE.

1. To labor. 2. A musical drama.
3. Royal. 4. An African village.
5. To rush forth. *Tezzo.*

II

DIAMOND.

1. A consonant. 2. Profession.
3. Wheat. 4. The end. 5. A letter. *Council.*

III

TRANSPOSITION.

Ti si rebett to vige haat ot creevie.
Council.

IV

DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. Part of a circle.
 3. Oily substance obtained from milk. 4. A vehicle. 5. A consonant.
- Count Mozell.*

☞ To the first person sending me a correct list of answers to the above puzzles, I will give a year's subscription to *The Golden Star*.

To the person sending the second complete list, I will give 100 varieties of foreign stamps. Send full name and address every time you write.

• Answers will appear next month •

The German Philatelic Association (Deutsch-Amerikanischer Briefmarken Verein Germania) held its annual election recently at 21 Bond street, New York.

The following board of officers were elected for 1892: President, F. Heinsburger, re-elected; secretary, A. Palman; treasurer, H. Herman; librarian, F. Philips, re-elected.

After the election, the "Philos" conversed about their hobby and many rare specimens were exhibited.

A resolution was adopted in memory of Patrick Chalmers, who during life, so actively fought for the rights of his dead father, Jas. Chalmers, of Dundee, Scotland, the alleged sole inventor of the adhesive stamp.

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The new wholesale stamp and Coin price list, issued by PH. Heinsburger 9 First Ave., N. Y., will interest anyone looking for bargains.

The Fraud List, A. B. Merrill, Box 445, Everett, Mass., arrived too late for mention in our December number. Nearly everyone has been supplied, but if you have not, secure a copy before they are all gone. Price 25 cents silver.

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J. E. B. (Ont., Can) United States gold dollar of 1853 commands a premium of ten cents.

E. S. (New York) 1. Yes, we have a good Foreign circulation. 2. About 40.

Written for The Golden Star.

THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN.

By CHAS. STAEGER.

PART VII

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"Now ladies and gentlemen this is a very simple trick to do and you can try it yourself some day if you like.

You won't need a diamond ring either, a silver dollar will do as well.

Just take the dollar in your hand and walk into an ice cream saloon with your girl on a hot day and very soon the dollar will disappear till you won't have a cent left."

And in this way you should continue all through your performance, always talking.

The more you talk the easier it is to do your tricks.

I could name many more tricks but it will be better for you to purchase a book on magic, legerdemain or sleight-of-hand and select such illusions as you think will be best suited to please your audience.

At the end I would like to say a few words about bashfulness.

A beginner is always sure to be bashful more or less.

In the first place convince yourself that you can do all the tricks properly.

When you get up on the stage, get up with the idea that you are there to entertain the company and that you are bound to do it, come what may.

If you do happen to blunder occasionally, you must always have a way out of the difficulty, either by changing the trick into some other or by witty sayings.

Professionals will often do this and I advise you to watch them closely whenever possible and in this manner you may learn a great many of their ways.

THE END

THE STAR PHILATELIC ASS'N.

But 7 persons have signified a desire to join us in forming the above.

On this account it has been decided to delay organizing until at least 25 names have been received.

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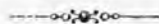
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The Fraud List, A. B. Merrill, Box 445, Everett, Mass., arrived too late for mention in our December number. Nearly everyone has been supplied, but if you have not, secure a copy before they are all gone. Price 25 cents silver.



The following are general agents for *The Golden Star*. No more are wanted. Subscriptions and advertisements received at regular published rates:

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THE AMATEUR MAGICIAN.

By CHAS. STÆBER.

PART VII

"Now ladies and gentlemen this is a very simple trick to do and you can try it yourself some day if you like.

You won't need a diamond ring either, a silver dollar will do as well.

Just take the dollar in your hand and walk into an ice cream saloon with your girl on a hot day and very soon the dollar will disappear till you won't have a cent left."

And in this way you should continue all through your performance, always talking.

The more you talk the easier it is to do your tricks.

I could name many more tricks but it will be better for you to purchase a book on magic, legerdemain or sleight-of-hand and select such illusions as you think will be best suited to please your audience.

At the end I would like to say a few words about bashfulness.

A beginner is always sure to be bashful more or less.

In the first place convince yourself that you can do all the tricks properly.

When you get up on the stage, get up with the idea that you are there to entertain the company and that you are bound to do it, come what may.

If you do happen to blunder occasionally, you must always have a way out of the difficulty, either by changing the trick into some other or by witty sayings.

Professionals will often do this and I advise you to watch them closely whenever possible and in this manner you may learn a great many of their ways.

THE END

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But 7 persons have signified a desire to join us in forming the above.

On this account it has been decided to delay organizing until at least 25 names have been received.

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POST SERVICE IN THE LEVANT.

By PH. HEINSBERGER.

PART I.

Well known to American stamp collectors are the Levant postage stamps of the european nations in Turkey, but something certainly *new* to them is the "interior side" of this Levant Post Service.

The old man on the rotten throne of Mohammed, the "Padishah," sultan of Turkey, is always kicking about these christian post-offices in his land.

The feeble man claims that the native post offices do good service now, and were in perfect condition to conduct the turkish postal service themselves; no doubt the turkish post service, in our day, has greatly improved, but to compare the native service with the european Levant post-office work, is going a little too far.

The european Levant post-offices are, there and intend to remain there, and make money.

But not alone this; above all is the fact that a large part of the native Turks avail themselves of the

known safety and regularity of these european Levant post-offices.

"Franken-Post," Austria, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Italy and Russia have their own post-offices in the Turkish Empire (european and asiatic parts) and sell their own stamps.

Some years ago the german Levant post-offices sold their 20pf stamps for 18pf in turkish money, and the smart business men in Turkey used this means: they bought up large quantities of the german 20pf stamps as above and profited 2pf (4pf=1c.)

They purchased merchandise in Germany with them and made money.

But the German manufacturers complained about this nuisance, and in 1884 the stamps of Germany were surcharged in the corresponding turkish value.

France, Great Britain and Austria followed suit in 1885, Italy always had surcharged Levant stamps and Egypt always sells her own stamps.

Russia always had her own Levant postage stamps (1864).

The native turkish post-office has street letter boxes in the capital, Constantinople, and other seacoast cities, but, "a turkish wonder," the common people were forbidden to use them, because they had the habit of dropping in abusive letters

addressed to the Sultan or other high court dignitaries.

But the european Levant post-offices have no right to hang out street letter-boxes there (though they gladly would do it.

The mail delivered at the native turkish post-offices, cannot be mailed with stamps affixed, but the stamps necessary for the prepayment of a letter, must be bought, and at the same time, affixed at the post-office.

This is the only way to force people to buy turkish stamps.

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About ein year ago,
I likes to be a Yankee wonce,
But how I don't vas know.
So purty quvick und very much
I opens up mine eyes;
I look me how dot Yankee does,
To be like him I tries.

I trinks me not dot lager beer,
Excepting on der sly.
I preach me on dot demperenz,
So dot der peoples cry:
"O, shust look at dot Sherman once
He vas der model man!"
But vhen at home in mine own house
I trinks me all I can.

I be so gcot shust like a saint
I goes to shurch und pray.
I buy me lots of Sunday gloths
For vlich I don't vas pay.
Ven der landlord for his rent vas cum
I move me from dot room.
Yah, I trinks me if I vas keep on
I'll be a Yankee soon.

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"Perhaps you are right," said Mark, "and if you are determined to go, I shall not hold back."

That night before going to their supper, they each purchased a pair of fine revolvers with plenty of ammunition.

After supper Bert went to Mark's as usual received a joyous welcome.

An hour later they were seen to leave the house together.

Next morning it was found that Mark had not been home during the night; his bed was untouched.

Of course Mrs. Rollston and Lettie were greatly alarmed and the latter went at once to the house where Bert boarded to see if he knew aught of her brother, but found that Bert, too had been absent all night; more alarmed than ever she hurried to Mr. Farrell's store, only to find that neither had been there.

CHAPTER III.

To look at Huckleberry Cabin as it stood there desolate and forlorn, no one would have suspected that beneath the rough hewn boards which formed the floor there was a cellar; yet such was the case.

It was a low cave-like apartment.

On the night that Mark and Bert so mysteriously disappeared, two men with hang-dog looking faces which bore the unmistakeable stamp of vice and crime, sat in this underground hole, conversing in low tones at a rickety table, with a bottle of rum between them, from which they helped themselves liberally from time to time.

One of the men was evidently about 40 years of age, the other was much younger.

"Well," said the latter, "let's have another drink Mat an' congratulate ourselves that we are all here safe an' snug."

"Don't yer be too sure o' that Bill," responded Mat.

The first speaker looked startled, as he said: "why what's ther matter with yer, are yer gittin' skerry?"

"Yer know well I wouldn't talk that way without reasons, I'm afraid we'll have to vamose out o' here, ther ghost business is about played out and that last crib we cracked stirred up quite a rumpus and the've offered \$300 for our capture."

"Who told you that?"

"Dutchy, he saw the bills to-day."

"Where's Dutchy now?"

"O he'll be in purty soon, he went out for something or other."

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KING GEORGE AND SISTER.

....BY....

EDWARD LORING.

PART I.



Many years ago, a maid of wonderful beauty was seated amidst the flowers of a beautiful garden, one golden summers day, turning the leaves of her Philatelic treasure from the "Queen to the Swan"

Butterflies sought the flowers they loved best, the bee hummed his wing tune as he tasted the sweets of many while the maiden closed her album with a sigh.

King George came strolling down the garden pathway.

"What's the trouble with sister Mabel?" said he.

"Tis simple, brother, very, Father has offered to the one of us four girls who shall make the best collection of stamps before New Years, the very loveliest little watch, set with bright jewels, you ever saw, and I have so many spaces to fill, I fear I shall be defeated."

"Well little sister, I have a remedy which seldom fails for your trouble."

"What is it George?"

"A long purse."

"That will be useful, brother, but is not all that is required, Father

insists that each stamp added, must be mounted in its proper place."

"I comprehend, wealth and wisdom are both needed, I can supply the one, the other you must obtain."

"Can you not help me study out where the stamps should be placed?"

"Mabel, fair sister, ask not such a boon. To stick a stamp neatly, leaves a bad taste on the tongue; to learn its Philatelic history, requires much patient reading, I fear that I was designed for greater conquests.

I shall shortly visit town, where there is a place where they confine people who have grown crazy over dates and issues, perforations and watermarks; I will there, purchase the collection of some poverty-stricken collector, and send a crank from their museum to assist you in transferring them to their proper places in your album and another year, when I ask the time, you shall consult your Philatelic Timepiece."

The same afternoon a rather plain young lady called on Mabel, with a short note from her brother:

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Although a trifle 'off' typographically
we are promised something better
next time. We tender our best
wishes for a bright success.

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We are pleased to note the great
attention which our Puzzle Column
has received. Up to date of sending
in his report, (March 7) the Puzzle
Editor had received no less than 16
complete lists. As the last issue of
the *Star* was not mailed until March
1st., this speaks well for our circula-
tion. All are invited to contribute.

Exchanges containing a Puzzle
Column are requested to send a copy
to our Puzzle-Editor.

A story with a moral, for non-
collectors by *Edw. Loring* opens in
this issue.

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NEW PUZZLES.

V

CHARADE.

My *first* are true and brave,

One died this world to save.

My *second* is a preposition small.My *third* has caused many a nations fall,My *whole* are used by nations all.*Count Mozell.*

VI

WORD SQUARE.

1 A month of the year. 2 Suspense.

3 A Russian Coin. 4 A small island.

5 Courts of record. *Tezzo.*

VII

BEHEADMENTS.

Behead unwilling and get an affirmation.

Imaginary and get to trade.

Fine and get a cold substance.

A small bottle and get a flower.

A fruit and leave to roam at large

A frame used for ascending get a viper.

Nothing and get to be obliged.

The beheaded letters reading downward form the name of a once great statesman.

VIII

DIAMOND.

1 A consonant. 2 Crazy. 3 Having a mane. 4 one of the twelve months.

5 A pet name. 6 Thirsty. 7 A letter. *Lyceum.*

• Answers will appear next month •

Answers to last months puzzles.

I

WORKS

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III

It is better to give than to receive.

IV

C answers to Jan. puzzles was received from H. CREAM T. Spooner, 37 west C A R 32 St., New York, to M him is awarded first prize, viz: a years subscription to the *Golden Star*. The second list was

received from Theo. G. Bachran, 518 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., which entitles him to the second prize of 100 Foreign stamps.

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For the first complete list of answers to this months puzzles, we will give a years subscription to the *Golden Star*.

Second complete list, a monthly *Star* magazine.

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We will insert notices of not more than 30 words in length, Free to subscribers. To others a charge of 1 cent for each 6 words or less, will be made.

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A few more *active* agents wanted. A. J. Kirby, - Taunton, Mass.

POST SERVICE IN THE LEVANT.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

PART II.

Now I want to inform the many subscribers of *The Golden Star* about the history and stamps of "Mount Athos," as such stamps are falsely called in American stamp Catalogues.

I mention right here that "Mount Athos" never has issued its own postage stamps.

It is an island in Turkish waters having 6000 inhabitants, *all men* and no females are allowed to settle there.

200 years before Christ, a tribe lived there called "Athonites" and the name of the isle is derived therefrom.

Mount Athos is a so called Monk-Republic, semi-independent, but under Turkish rule, situated in the Aegæian Sea and is very mountainous.

Russia, in fact, is the owner of the island because the inhabitants are all Russians (none others are allowed there) and their religion is that of the Greek-Oriental Church.

Centuries ago, Russia settled the island with Russian Monks, and once, in time of need, the Turkish Sultan, Murad II. gave the people valuable privileges (almost independence) because the smart Monks, *when forced* declared themselves under Turkish authority.

The Turkish Representative is located there and has the title *Agâ Bostanschi*, but no Turks are permitted as settlers.

These Monks are indeed skilled Russian soldiers and praying is only a pretext for their name.

Their occupation is the making of crosses, crucifixes, rosaries of sweet smelling wood and are maintained by Russian subsidies, in short the island is an "Avantguard" of the Russian army, if the time comes that they they are needed against their so called authorities, Turkey, who are powerless to suppress them as Russia is protecting them.

The postage stamps used in Mount Athos are those of the Russian Levant port or regular Turkish stamps.

Those catalogued "Mount Athos Stamps" are simply an American humbug for money making.

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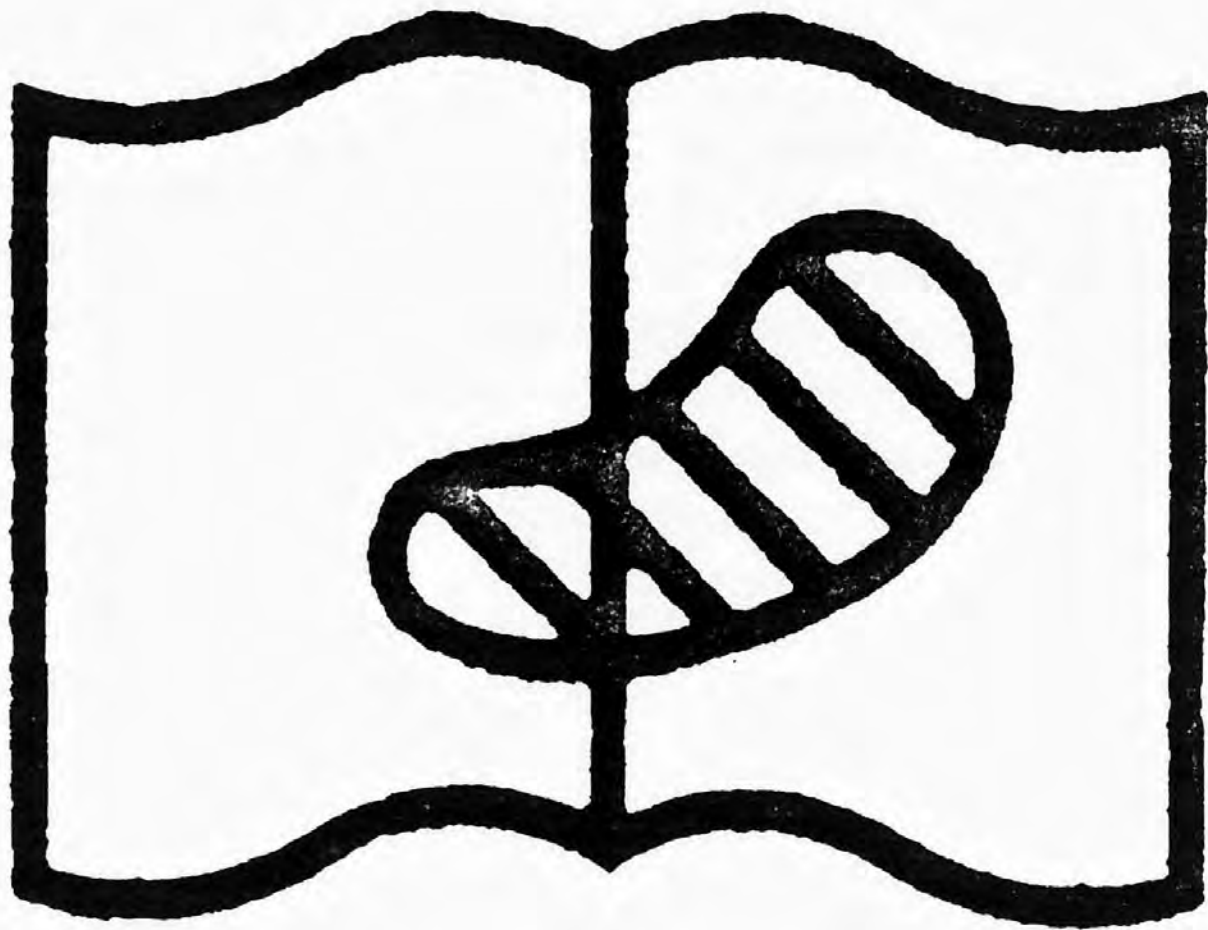


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The latter regarded his rescuer curiously and demanded: "Who are you?" "Never you vas mind, come quivick out of here" was the reply and he was pushed along the passage by the German. As soon as they gained the open air he glanced at the cabin and saw that it was a mass of flames. "Who set the cabin on fire?" he asked turning to his companion, but to his surprise the man had disappeared.

It was almost daylight now and Bert was about to start off toward the fire, when a voice not far off cried: "Bert! Bert!"

"What, hello is that you Mark?"

"Yes come here, I've broken my leg." the next moment Bert was beside his friend. "How did it happen old fellow?"

"Well you see when I left you to go around the cabin, I stumbled into a whole and broke my leg. I managed to crawl out and then I fainted and when I came too I saw you, but where have you been?"

"Bert related his adventures and

then started for aid. Mrs. Rollston and Lettie were over-joyed at the return of Mark. Bill and Mat the two villians together with Pfeifer who had without doubt saved Bert's life were never heard from again.

THE END.

INTERIOR SERVICE IN TURKEY.

By PH. HEINSBERGER.

The mail delivery in the interior of Turkey is a very amusing one. A post-office as we have them is an entirely unknown and useless thing there. The mail for the interior is carried by a postman on muleback or on the backs of mountain horses.

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This mounted postman starts on his way from a large or small city and on arrival at the next place, stops at the Saloons or Cafes, where most of the people are to be found, as he well knows.

Here the "Boss" among the guests reads off the addresses and gives each letter to the proper person or his neighbor or good friend.

A parcel delivery does not exist in Turkey, but the postal parcel forwarding to foreign countries is done by the European Levant post-offices.

The limit of weight is 3 Kilograms (6½ lbs) and rates are very high.

KING GEORGE AND SISTER.

...BY...

EDWARD LORING.

PART II.

31 EW Years day came.

The father was seated in his study when each of his daughters laid the result of her stamp collecting on his study table.

When he came to examine Mabel's album he was of course greatly surprised, and as he handed her the coveted prize, he said: "I should like to inquire how you came to so far surpass your sisters and acquire such a valuable collection?"

"That's my secret father," she replied.

But the secret became known, as do most secrets, for the father while glancing over *The Philatelic News*, learned that King George had purchased one of the oldest and largest collections in town.

One evening as they were seated over their cigars, the father said: "George, why did you interfere with my efforts to educate Mabel in history I meant that she should collect in the usual way and study as she went along?"

"I appreciate that, father, and was sorry to disturb your plans, but you taught me when quite young never

to refuse a reasonable request made by a sister which it was in my power to grant; what could I do but assist the little maid to gain her end?"

"Well since you meant well, I will forgive you."

As the King passed through the hall on his way to the street, he met Mabel. "What time is it puss?" he inquired.

"Too late to go to the Club, George stay home with me and look over the stamps, you will find it very interesting."

"Agreed," replied the King.

"I thank you a thousand times for your double gift of prize and books, both are excellent timekeepers the one of the hours and minutes, the other of governments and people."

The father passing through the parlor, observed his only son and youngest daughter happily employed over the famous collection, said to himself, as he departed, after a few moments pleasant chat with his children, "I have builded wiser than I knew," a bright little sister with something interesting to say and wholesome amusement to offer, is an even greater attraction for George, than is his Club."

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Our PUZZLE COLUMN will be continued however as it appears to interest a great many readers. A new cover will be added and we hope to be favored with the support of many new friends.

We are in great need of more contributed matter and would like to to receive articles on Philately. If accepted they will be paid for in cash or advertising space. Special correspondents are also needed to furnish us with notes of the Philatelic World.

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If you are looking for a *bargain*, the ad of W. H. Bruce will interest you. This may not appear again.

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Vol. I. No. 1 of *The New York Stamp* has been received and is a very creditable sheet for an initial number Grevning & Spooner, Publishers.

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No. 9 CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

In good but not in bad.
" mourn " " " sad
" lend " " " give
" die " " " live
" three " " " two
" many " " " few
" slate " " " book
" day " " " week
" dark " " " bleak

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Lincoln
Ideal
Nice
Caster
Orange
Ladder
Naught

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MAD
MANED
JANUARY
DEARY
Y

Read downward and you'll surely find
A paper that's not far behind—*T.G.B.*

1st. Arthur T. Ash, St. Clair, Michigan.
2nd. "COUNT MOZELL"

No. 10 DIAMOND.

1. A consonant. 2. A pronoun. 3. To hinder the growth of. 4. To quake. 5. Terminated. 6. A boy's name. 7. A letter. *Peerless Princess.*

—*C H A T*—
THE TOURIST--Many thanks for puzzles sent.
COUNT MOZELL--Come often.

No. 11 WORD HALF SQUARE.

1. A voting ticket. 2. Repetition. 3. Put away. 4. A cover. 5. Upon. 6. A letter. *Count Mozell.*

PEERLESS PRINCESS--Let us hear from you again.
G. PARSONS--We would like to have some puzzles from you.

No. 12 WORD SQUARE.

1. Famous. 2. To place in order. 3. To give. 4. Post. 5. An iron pipe used in forges. *Lyceum.*

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No.					
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2	'66 24¢ mauve	1	23	France 15 var. including env.	15
3	'72 *12¢ purple	1	24	" 3 " *newspaper bd	3
4	" *90¢ carmine	1	25	" 2 Envelopes	2
5	*12¢ War Dept block.	1	26	Hawaii *6¢ green	1
6	*2¢ Interior " "	4	27	India one anna green	50
7	'63 2¢ black (Jackson) fine	5	28	Mexico assorted 5, 10¢	25
8	28 varieties including Depts	28	29	" 1, 5, 10¢	15
9	40 " " " "	40	30	" '56 ½, 1, 2r	3
10	7 " envelopes entire	7	31	" '61 1d green p	1
11	*2¢ newspaper	1	32	" '64 2r orange	1
12	*8¢ newspaper	2	33	" '88 3, 4, 6, 10c scarlet	1
CONFEDERATE				10c lilac pin perforation	5
				33 Netherlands 10 var, 3 var '92	13
13	Entire sheet, 100 *10¢ blue (Scott		34	Sweden 12, Off. 8, Unpaid '8	28
	No 83) reserved at \$2.50	100	35	Switzerland 12 var, *2 wrap's	14
14	Same as number 13	100	36	Foreign mixed common	2000
FOREIGN			37	" " "	1000
			38	Ninth Edition International	
15	*Argentine '62 comp. reprints	3		Album, used very little fine.	1
16	Canada *2¢ registered '90	1		This sale will be continued every month. Lots are solicited for our next sale and should be sent at once. Priced catalogue of this sale, after May Fifteenth, 3¢ in stamps.	
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FISCALS

BY PHIL.

I AM pleased to notice that of late, more interest is taken in the collection of fiscals. I recently had the pleasure of looking over a collection of 800 revenue stamps from all parts of the world. Those who do not care to collect them because they are not pretty, can never have seen a good collection.

There are so many reasons in favor of collecting them and so few against, that I do not understand why they are not collected more extensively.

One point which is invariably advanced when the subject is brought up, is, that they are not postage stamps and therefore have no more place in an album than a collection of autographs or coins.

Even granting that such is the case, are they not worth collecting by themselves? I believe revenue stamp albums are to had and certainly a well filled album of fiscals greatly surpasses, in point of beauty, the same number of postage stamps.

To the collector who gathers his stamps for the knowledge he may obtain, the fiscals open a field which postage stamps do not touch.

How many of the younger collectors know that on June 30th, 1864,

an act of Congress took effect, establishing a tax upon matches, patent medicines and playing cards?

The depleted state of the treasury owing to the great national struggle of the Rebellion was the cause, and the result was that nearly 900 private proprietary stamps were issued before the act was repealed, many of them on three and four different kinds of paper.

A complete collection of these alone would be worth several hundred dollars: many of them are hardly obtainable now.

In a recent sale in Chicago, a violet, J. T. Husband brought \$32; in one sale last winter, a \$500 stamp of the second issue was reserved at \$150.

I know of no branch of Philately which is calculated to give better satisfaction to the young collector than the revenue stamps.

As a general thing they are clean and, as they are larger, may be arranged more artistically.

I would say to the young collector begin now, U. S. Revenues are growing scarce very fast and naturally the price is advancing.

A collection which may be bought at a trifling expense now, will in all probability be worth many dollars in five years time.

See Auction Catalogue on page 7.

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The card will probably measure $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and will be folded in the middle. At the fold the card is perforated, so the recipient will tear off the portion sent and then write and address the reply. The card will sell for two cents. This makes another reduction of postage.

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Frank M. Adamson of Berkeley, Cal., who has been charged by several dealers as an approval sheet fraud, has apparently, repented of his wrong-doings, and will try and settle with all persons whom he has swindled or injured in any way, if they will let him know the amount which they will accept to square his account.

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All names must be written plainly and numbered.

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From present indications, another well known beat will soon be in hot water. We refer to G. C. Lubitz, otherwise Duquesne Stamp Co., of Pittsburg, Pa. The Standard Stamp Co. has taken the matter in hand and will, without doubt make things rather warm for Gus.

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We acknowledge receipt of a neat price-list from H. F. Dunkhorst, Washington, D. C., showing fine bargains in U. S. Departments.

A new stamp paper, *The Owl*, is advertised to appear soon from Oak Park, Ill. The publishers say they have plenty of backing and intend to make a success. Let us hope.

The price of Scott's 52nd edition catalogue has been advanced to 50 cents, post-free.

Our First Auction Sale was a grand success. Good prices were realized on all the stamps sold, and several brought full catalogue price. Read over the list in this number and send in your bids at once.

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No. 13 CHARADE.

How short my *first*, when pleasure
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How long, when pain and sickness
fill the day.
How oft my *second* fills my *first*
with glee,
Though on the morrow, sad the
reckoning be.
My *whole* will tell you when my
first is past,
Useful no more until you reverse
My *last*. R. H. W.

No. 14 DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. A preposition. 3. A peninsula of Asia. 4. An instrument of torture employed by dentists. 5 Beloved by collectors of bric-a-brac 6 To choose a second time. 7 Speedily. 8 To rest. 9 A consonant.

Alcibiades.

No. 15 DOUBLE DIAGONAL.

1 Supernatural events. 2 A formal conversation between two persons. 3 Broken down with age. 4 Up to this time. 5 taking exhorbitant interest for the use of money. 6 A three sided figure. 7 matrimonial. 8 Supplication.

Summer Boarder.

Each word described contains eight letters. When these are placed one below the other in the order given, the diagonals reading downward will name two large lakes in the central part of North America.

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1st. For best list—A years subscription to THE GOLDEN STAR.

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Answers to last months puzzles.

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GREAT PRIZE WINNERS.

RANGE 1st.—Alta Spears, Wyandotte, Michigan.

AGONE 2nd.—Geoffrey Parsons, Hempstead, N. Y.



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3	'63 2¢ black.	5	19 " '68 3¢ rose.	50
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—	slightly torn. reserved at \$50.00.		31 " " '86 5¢ "	25
	FOREIGN		32 New South Wales '88 1p and 2p	25
11	*Guatemala 20c '82.	1	33 Victoria '90 1p.	25
12	*Same, unsevered pair.	2		
13	Hungary '88 1fl.	2		
14	Jamaica official 1p green '91			
—	unsevered pair.	2		
15	*Reunion 2c brown on buff '91			
—	unsevered pair.	2		
16	*Sarawak '91 2c on 8c green	1		

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BY "WEB."

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There are a great many devices that are much more interesting, and it is of these I would especially speak.

We find quite a number of animals represented, and when an animal or a bird appears on a stamp, it is one for which the people have an especial consideration, either for its commercial value, or sentimental reasons.

The Peruvian issues of 1886-67 and 1873, as well as the "Unpaid" stamps of 1874, have excellent representations of the Llama. This animal has its home in the Andes, and its capture makes a living for a large number of people.

The Beaver stamp of Canada is too well known to need more than a passing mention.

In the design of the Afghanistan stamps, is a figure which is said to be the head of a tiger; it is fortunate for the engraver that the monarch of the jungle is not likely to get sight of the picture of his handsome phiz.

The Tromso locals, showing the reindeer, are handsome and well engraved,

The Horse is shown on the stamps of U. S. locals, but full justice is done him only on the 2c 1869.

The grazing interests of Uruguay are shown by the Horse and Ox.

The Lion being the animal most used on coats of arms, consequently appears frequently on stamps.

The bird most used is the eagle—"bird of freedom."

Birds bearing some resemblance to the Pheasant, form the central figure of the 1875 issue of Japan.

The carrier dove is the design of one of the Swiss locals, and the Condor appears in the 1863 issue of Venezuela. The Snake is seen on some of the Mexican stamps, and on those of China and Shanghai is the Dragon.

The papal tiara and keys form the principal design on the stamps of the Roman States.

The curious design of the Berge-dorf stamps is formed by joining half of the arms (double eagle) of Lubeck and half of those (towers) of Hamburg which two cities, at that time, controlled Berge-dorf.

A common design is the liberty head; it appears on the stamps of Guatemala and many others.

Ships of various kinds, from the steamship on the U. S. 12c 1869 to the schooner on the Newfoundland 13c., and including the two and three master of Br. Guinea, the steamers of Buenos Ayres and the fleet shown in the view of Honolulu on the Sandwich Island envelopes are much used designs.

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A number of subscriptions expire with this issue; All subscribers are notified when their subscription runs out and should renew at once or the paper will be discontinued.

The readers of the *International Philatelic Monthly*, will please note the death of that publication; owing to pressure of other duties, the publisher was obliged to suspend.

The remains have been consolidated with the STAR and all subscription and adv contracts will be filled by us.

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On looking over our sample copy lists, we find a number of addresses which appear several times during the last few months; we shall take care this does not occur again, as our list will be revised each month.

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Mr. W. H. Bruce, Hartford, Ct., sends us a neat little pocket calendar; when you answer his ad, ask for one.

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If you receive a copy of this paper as a sample, please examine it, and remember that if you want to see us regularly, you must subscribe.

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Mr Emil Neuffer, Phila., Pa., has our thanks for an entire, unused 3c. War envelope which he gives with every one of his dollar packets.

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2 " " '62 2c, *3c, 2 var.		both damaged.	2
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3 '63 *3c (with Bk Note Co.)	1	FOREIGN.	
4 '68 1c grill res. at 15¢.	1	24 *Alsace-Lorraine 7 var	7
5 Same perforations all gone	1	25 *Argentine '62 (reprint) 5, 10c	2
6 '63 2c black all fine	5	26 Bosnia comp. used and unused	7
7 '70 3c, '72 3c, 75 15c	3	27 Br. Hond '88 2on1d, '91 2c	2
8 Agriculture *2c fine res. 25¢	1	28 " " '91 2c, Mex. '64 1p	2
9 Interior *2c fine	1	29 Brazil '78 260r	1
10 Treasury " " res 10¢	1	30 Br. Guiana '89 1c	1
11 " " Int. *2c res 13¢	2	31 Bulgaria '89 1c	1
12 War *12c gum.	1	32 Canada '52 3p red wove, unperf.	1
13 *2c newspaper	1	33 " '82 1p black, block	4
14 50 var incl Depts. no Rev.	50	34 " 2c registered 3 shades	3
15 Same	40	35 " 5c " 2 "	2
16 Another same	25	36 " Law 10c green	1
17 Adhesives no duplicates	22	37 " " 20c "	1
18 2 sheets cat. \$1.20, 4 dupl.		38 " " 10c, 20c, 30c green	
16 env cut sq. and same cut		surcharged "F F" in yellow	3
to shape, incl '53 *3c	44	39 Same orange surcharge	3
19 Sheet val 57¢ incl env, depts	20	40 Same 50c orange surcharge.	1
20 '57 3¢ outer line	1	41 Cape Good Hope '53 4p blue on	
21 '68 10c grill, P. O. 3c	2	blue paper very fine	1
		42 Cape Good Hope '71 1p rose	25
		43 Costa Rica '87 *40c blue Offic rare	1
		44 " " '84 2c, Venez. '87 25c	2

45	Costa Rica '84 2c blue rev used postally	1	83	Sweden inc. 3 '92 issue	12
46	France 35 fine varieties	35	84	" " 4 " "	25
47	Same	25	85	Switzerland all different	1
48	France 2 var. envelopes.	2	86	Trinidad '83 4p	1
49	Gr. Brit. '56 1sh a beauty	1	87	Turkey, all different	8
50	" '58 *2p '70 2½p	2	88	Victoria, "	10
51	" '83 3p violet, red sch	1	89	Wurtemberg '75 5pf violet Official envelope fine.	1
52	" " 6p " " "	1	90	100 varieties from Europe	1
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55	*Guatemala '75 complete	4	91	Hawaii '84 1c green, 2c rose.	2
56	* " '75 env ½r gr on wht.	1	92	" " 4c vermilion.	1
57	*Same ½r blue on white	1	93	" " 5c blue.	1
58	*Same 2r red on white.	1	94	" " 10c black.	1
59	*Guat. '75 wrapper ½r black	1	95	India '57 1a brown on white pap.	1
60	* " '82 20c fine.	1	96	Chamba '88 1-2a, 1a.	2
61	Haiti '90 2 on 3c res. 5¢	1	97	Faridkot " " green.	1
62	*Heligoland '71-'73 comp.	8	98	Gwalior '87 " "	1
63	" 17 var unused	17	99	Jhind '89 " "	1
64	*Honduras '90 30c, 75c fine	2	100	Nabha '86 " "	1
65	* " first issue 2 var.	2	101	Puttiala '85 " " red surch.	1
66	Hungary telegraph 5, 10, 20 and 50k blue, fine.	4	102	" " one a bwn " "	1
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72	" 1, 5 10c assorted	25	107	12 var cut cards inc Russia	23
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78	Ont. Law '70 10, 20, 50 carm	3	113	France '77 15c blue.	50
79	Same 10, 20, 30, 50 verm.	4			
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SPECIALTY * COLLECTING.

There are a great many collectors who call themselves "specialists." Now what are these specialists and what do they collect? Some devote all their time to collecting United States, others to Great Britain and its colonies, and so on, and you will generally find that they take anything and everything which can possibly be called a stamp, so long as it hails from the country they are after.

Now my advice to a collector is to collect the stamps of all countries and if these seem too many pieces to over-burden the collection, make the specialty by drawing the line on the finest issues, or arrange an album after some standard catalogue and nothing should be accepted that is issued after that catalogue was published. In this way the philatelist may be a general collector and still not take everything that comes along.

An album cannot be made permanent and have the numerous new issues placed in it as fast as they are produced. If a blank album is used, new pages have to be inserted frequently or spaces arranged in a supplementary volume, which does not furnish so much pleasure, to the owner as to have his stamps scattered through several volumes.

It is certain that the collector of the future must contrive some way out of the difficulty as a complete collection would tax the resources of a Vanderbilt. My suggestions are far from being satisfactory to myself, but as reasonable and easy as any I have seen. Possibly the introduction of an international stamp may solve the difficulty in the near future. W. E. B.

A * PECULIAR * FIND.

A philatelist who is collecting an immense quantity of United States two cent greens, recently had a pile of old envelopes sent to him bearing these stamps. They had been left to him by an old bachelor, deceased, among some relics in which they, as friends, had a mutual interest.

In the package was found one of the first issue of United States stamped envelopes, unused and addressed, but not sealed.

The inclosure was the interesting part of it. It contained three verses.

The lines are somewhat remarkable in that they contain the answer to their own query, and, inasmuch as they were not sent to the one for whom they were intended, because that one had passed beyond the reach of material communication, on the day those lines were penned.

This unused stamp marks the peculiarly pathetic ending of a romance that was imbued, in no small degree, with ideality.

The question and the answer contained in the missive read as follows:

Alone, yet not alone,
for thou art with me.
I feel thee near although I see thee not.
Love tell me,

by thy soul's pure inspiration,
What constitutes in earth the happiest lot
Is it in waiting

for a joy denied us
Until the obstacle be overcome?
Or to forego that joy
for present pleasure?
Joy forfeited is found again by some.

THE ANSWER:

In all joy there's much
akin to sorrow;
Joy is the sunrise of the coming day;
But fleeting as the sunsets
brief reflection
Is pleasure. So we hear experience say.

—E. W. M'L.

WORTH * YOUR * WHILE

At the present date a large majority of the collectors in the United States are using most of their time and money in the collection of U. S. stamps and at the same time throwing away other bargains which may come in their way. Although the prices of old U. S. are rising with

great rapidity, the old used specimens of many hundreds of Foreign stamps are coming to be of great value.

In many cases, thousands of reprints of these old Foreign stamps are put on the market but this tends to increase the value of the genuine originals which were used as postage, accordingly.

The new issues, speculations, surcharges, etc. will never be of any value except when in a used condition and then will have to be on the original cover to secure a sale.

The rise in price of some Canadian and European stamps has in many cases equalled, and in the case of several stamps of the Provinces, outrivalled the rise in U. S.

Therefore while it is well that all U. S. collectors should complete their collections of U. S. stamps, they should not neglect the purchasing of the stamps of other countries which will prove as good an investment financially as the purchasing of United States stamps. **STAMP FIEND.**

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Editorial Notes.

Collectors are rapidly becoming convinced that we are giving them a high-class paper at a very low price, and that they are really bound to receive full value for their money; consequently the receipt of subscriptions has been unusually large and we feel encouraged to continue our work of improvement. We hope to offer a better class of reading in the near future. If someone would explain to us the merits of a "review column," such as many of our contemporaries publish, we would feel greatly obliged. We fail to see the value of them.

Our subscription and advertising rates may be found on 2d cover page.

As several advertisers have made a complaint to the editor, objecting to the publication of his Auction Catalogue in our advertising columns as heretofore, future catalogues will be published and mailed separately.

As an example of the advertising powers of this paper, we may say that several dealers in Great Britain now use our "Eagle Typewriter" and we hope to establish an agency there.

A collector recently looking over a consignment of stamps, received from a dealer, picked out 10 copies of the U. S. 3c red outer line; from a package of 1000 continentals he added 14 varieties, valued at 53c, to a collection of 1600. It pays to examine even the most insignificant lots of stamps.

It is rumored that the *Collector* will in the future appear about the fifteenth of the month.

Messrs Jaquith & Blackburn have favored us with one of their beautiful photo-lithos of the World's Exposition. Read their advertisement.

Apparently very few collectors are aware of the great scarcity of the higher values of the present issue of U. S., yet such is the fact. The 3c and 6c values are in great demand, we have seen the latter sold at face; The 15c is worth 4c and 5c each and the 90c sells readily at 15c and bids fair to rival its brother of 1888.

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By the July number of *Missouri Philatelist*, we learn of a change in management: the stamp department has been sold to the Miiller-McCormack Co., while Mr. Ph. Conrath becomes editor and proprietor of the above named journal.

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Every philatelist should be provided with a copy of the P. M. General's Report. It contains much interesting matter and costs nothing.

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Letter boxes were established in this country in 1860.

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The 1879 issue of Bolivia are issued annually by dealers who had the contract of printing them. But few of them have ever been used for postal purposes.

T. P. S. NOTES.

The intensely hot weather that dropped in on us at the time of the last regular meeting of the *Taunton Philatelic Society*, June 10, had its effect, for there was no quorum, but four being present. A special meeting a week later brought no better results. The next meeting will be held September 9th.

The collections of the members range from fine to fair; two of them contain from 5500 to 6500 varieties. Another collects United States solely and has nearly 1000 varieties. Two others collect them solely also, among them is Exchange Supt. Soule, who collects them *Souley* anyhow.

Howard H. Elliott, (T. P. S. 4) is an enterprising young dealer, noted for his phenomenal luck in unearthing philatelic gems.

L. H. B.

NOTES *and* COMMENTS.

Many collectors have the somewhat erroneous idea that the catalogues of auction sales should be preserved, whether they have been priced after the sale or not. This impression has probably been formed from an article which appeared in one of our papers a short time ago, in which the writer states: "All auction sale catalogues should be preserved, as they form a valuable addition to the collectors library." The writer meant to save only those that are priced as all others have no value whatever.

Where there are several collectors in a town, a good way to obtain these catalogues is to send for them by turns and each copy the prices from the catalogue received. In this way quite a sum may be saved.

The writer was approached by a collector the other day, who is somewhat of a jester, and who wanted to know if the watermark "C A" on the British Colonial stamps means that they are only sold for "Cash in advance." This is probably the only way they are sold, but "C A" means Crown Agency and the watermark "C C" means Crown Colony.

—PHOENIX.

S. OF P. NOTES.

Until further notice, we will furnish this paper to S. of P. members at 50% discount from published rates. Mention your number.

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How many of us have been disappointed, on looking over a new lot of stamps, to find that the most valuable one of the lot is torn or otherwise in bad condition, and how many have placed a poor specimen in the album rather than leave the space vacant?

Now a little trouble will many times make a very fair specimen out of a very hard looking stamp. I make it a rule never to place a stamp in my collection which can be improved in any way. Many stamps will come in your way, especially if you buy packets, which are torn, soiled, or have paper or old hinges on the back.

To place such a stamp in the album is to make one bad place on the page, and many of them spoil the looks of even a good collection.

In the first place all paper should be removed from the back. The best way to do this is a thorough soaking in warm water, though many stamps will not stand this, as the colors will run or wash off; these should be laid, face up, on a damp cloth for a few moments, when the paper may be easily removed; then lay the stamp, face down, on a piece of blotting paper and hold over a lamp or gas jet until the paper is hot, then lay it on smooth surface, place a cloth over it and rub with the finger nail until dry. This

removes all creases and if you have never tried it, you will be surprised at the improvement in your stamp.

Many times I have become possessed of a rare stamp which was so dilapidated as to be almost valueless, but I have found that the above process, together with a piece of gummed paper has made a very presentable specimen.

If it is only torn and none of it is gone, a piece of stamp hinge carefully applied and rubbed smooth will make it almost as good as new. If a corner, or part of the perforation is gone, take a perforated hinge or part of another stamp and place it so that it will fill out the vacant space. Of course it shows plainly that it is mended, but it looks much better than it did before.

A hole in the middle of the stamp may often be rendered hardly noticeable by inserting a piece cut from a less valuable stamp.

If you practice these expedients, others would suggest themselves to you, if I were allowed the space I could mention many others, and the result would be that you could use many stamps which would otherwise be useless, and your collection will be greatly increased both in number and value.

PHIL.

## AN AWFUL BLAZE.

The afternoon, of Friday July 8, 1892 is a black one in the history of St. John's, Newfoundland and one not soon to be forgotten. On that day a man was in a barn on Long's hill; after lighting his pipe, he threw the still lighted match into the straw that was scattered around the floor. A few moments later the barn was ablaze and within twenty-four hours the city was a mass of ruins.

The public buildings cremated include the Custom House and the Post Office, the latter being a special feature of the city. Along with the Post Office were consumed, all books and official papers, all the stock of current issue stamps and envelopes and all the remainders of previous issues, including some forty thousand *sixpennies* and *shillings* of the pence issue. These were the last of the remainders of this issue that the government held in their possession, all the remaining values being sold to dealers. A rise in these two values may be expected and all collectors not already possessing them, should secure copies at once; also any of the previous issues of the cent series, as these are already becoming quite scarce. A new issue will probably be the outcome of this disastrous fire.

"LEILA."

## EDITORIAL \* POINTS.

We were kept so busy last month that the STAR was necessarily delayed and appeared about two weeks late. Although our next issue will consist of a much larger edition than usual, it will appear on time.

We shall *positively circulate* at least 1000 copies of the September number and probably even more; of these, from 100 to 300 copies will go to foreign collectors who have solicited them.

We have been seriously considering the advisability of advancing our advertising rates. Something must be done to relieve our columns from the enormous strain they are at present enduring. About a page of paid ads were omitted from last issue and as many more this month; therefore we must refuse to notice any and all ads not accompanied by the cash.

We are pleased to note that very few philatelic journals have suspended during the summer months, which is another evidence of increased interest in our hobby. The journals which have *not* suspended have thus shown that they are well established, and will be rewarded by an increase of confidence and patronage.



Just as we were mailing our last issue, we learned from our correspondent, Mr. Otto Bickel, San Marino, Italy, that a new set of stamps, also two series of provisionals, had been issued for that country as follows:

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Several types of the provisionals have been found, also a few printed *tete-beche*.

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We have just received a catalogue of S. B. Bradt's 7th Auction Sale, which will be held Sept. 14th 1892. Some good United States stamps are listed, including a set of Newspaper proofs from 9c to \$60 inclusive and some fine envelopes.

## NOTES *and* COMMENTS.

A weekly stamp exchange has recently been established in France and is said to be well patronized. The idea is not bad and might profitably be introduced in some of the large cities of this country.

It is said that the 2 cent letter sheet is to be retired. Collectors of entires would do well to complete their sets.

A. M. Griggs of Clinton, N. C. is accused of manufacturing "used" Confederate stamps on the original envelope. The stamps are genuine but the postmark is a "fake."

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The next issue of United States stamps will probably contain a 12c, 25c, 50c and \$1 stamp. These would prove much more convenient than the values now in use and let us hope they will be more artistic than the cheap lot now inflicted upon us.

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## STAMP + COLLECTING.

WHEN and where stamp collecting originated can hardly be stated, but this much we know, that postage stamps were but in use for a very short while before the collecting of them was actively engaged in.

For several years, at first, stamps could only be obtained in small numbers by exchanging or asking friends to exert themselves to procure them.

Possibly some very ardent collector might, once in a while, write to the post-master of a town in some foreign country, or commission some friend in that country to obtain its stamps for him; still, buying stamps was almost unknown, and under any circumstances, additions to an album were few and far between.

After a while the number of collectors increased to such an extent that it became evident it would be a very profitable trade to sell and exchange stamps; consequently there is now every facility for making a good collection in a comparatively short time, for in addition to their being more with whom to exchange, there are numbers of dealers from whom the stamps of almost any country may be purchased.

With greater advantages, we however, must not be surprised that there are some drawbacks.

In the early days of Philately there were few opportunities of getting stamps, but when they were obtained, there was no doubt of their being anything but what they professed to be. Such a thing as a counterfeit or

forgery was not even dreamed of, much less known.

But at the present time, although the means of increasing ones collection are numerous, yet whether we exchange or buy, the idea uppermost in our minds must be, are what we obtain genuine? Deception in every fascinating form, and counterfeits in every conceivable phase, waylay our footsteps. But a careful attention to the many safeguards placed at our disposal will protect us against these troubles.

There is always great rivalry between collectors with respect to the excellence of their collections.

Emulation is very praiseworthy, exercised in the right direction.

Amateur collectors, however, too often think that numbers is the test of the superiority of a collection, and encouraging this idea overmuch, they are not particular about what they accept, provided they can add to the number of their stamps.

To estimate a collection by the number of stamps it contains is very erroneous. Its value depends not on the quantity, but on the quality of the specimens. It is unwise to prefer several common stamps to a few good ones. Perfection in quality of specimens should never be ignored, as torn or heavily cancelled stamps no matter of what rarity, fail but to mar the finest collection. No stamp should be clipped, all should have wide margins, and in case of perforated stamps, as far as possible, those only should be selected in which the

perforation is perfect, and does not intrude on any part of the design.

If the stamps are well selected and genuine, and are remarkable for cleanness, clear impressions, bright and decided colors, completeness of watermark, perforation and margin, and if they are neatly arranged and orderly, and mounted with hinges, so as to admit of easy removal and inspection, all that is desirable in a collection is obtained. H. S. HARTE.

### \*PHILATELICS\*

The 1872 10 cent light brown, and the 1882 slate-brown exist with horizontally-lined groundwork as well as cross-lined. I have found but two out of sixteen so. The regular shade of 1882 exists, as far as I have seen, in horizontal groundwork only.

It would be affording the writer desirable information to be told wherein is the fitness in naming the so-called "*amber*" paper as they do.

The first post-office opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England in 1581; and in America in 1710.

A knowledge of the varieties of U. S. envelope, comes in handy sometimes, as for instance "yours truly" was looking over a lot of envelope stamps sometime since for "two-link" stamps. I found two—2c red on amber, and 2c brown on white.

And in connection with this a good illustration of what one does not see in one direction, when the mind is concentrated in another, for another

party in looking over the same lot, found an 1880 3c Green on Fawn, *Die C!*—catalogued by Albrecht at \$50.00.

A certain collector in this city has one of the old colonial tax stamps, issued in accordance with the "Stamp Act." It is a double impression of a six-pence stamp, making a twelve-pence one, and is on sheepskin. It is printed in a dirty brown. The owner states that it was used in 1777. The writer recently saw a similar one on an old document in "Pilgrim Hall," Plymouth, Mass.

There are *only* 560 varieties of the Egyptian official frank stamps

An old almanac for 1814 gives the following as the rates of postage prevailing at that time: "For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents; 150 miles, 12½ cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents; and for more than 500 miles, 25 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles.

Every double letter is to pay double the said rates. every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters each ounce. Every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1½ cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet."

The typographed "official seal" stamp (!) is a "hot" one and no mistake.

L. H. BENTON.

## WHAT \* THE \* 1890 \* ISSUE \* AFFORDS.

THE 1890 issue of United States postage stamps affords an extensive field for research to an ardent philatelist. First, there is the regular ultramarine one-center; and it is said that, like the two-cent denomination, there is a variety in size, the variety being that the engraving is shorter and wider. Of the regular size there is also one in dark blue.

countenance of Garfield. Two distinct shades of this stamp are to be found also: brown-red and maroon.

The 90-center varies in size like the 4-center, inasmuch as it is *longer and wider*, that is, larger in every way, and that size in my collection is a bright vermillion.

Therefore we have a set of 21 distinct varieties as follows:

Of the two-centers the shades are more than many; their name is legion. It is equalled only by the first issue 3-center. Undoubtedly there are over 100 shades, but there at least half a dozen widely different ones:—carmine, maroon, cherry, claret, rose, etc. And then there is the variety in size as in the case of the one-center.

There are two sizes and shades of the 4-cent denomination. First the regular one, and then there is one which is longer and wider, and of a somewhat lighter brown.

There are, besides minor shades, two distinct varieties of the 5-center, namely chocolate and yellow-brown. It is said that one exists with only horizontally lined groundwork, instead of cross lined, but I have never seen one.

And then there is the “rejected-die” 6-center with the unsatisfactory

- 1¢ ultramarine.
- 1¢ “ var. in size.
- 1¢ dark blue.
- 2¢ carmine.
- 2¢ “ “
- 2¢ maroon.
- 2¢ cherry.
- 2¢ claret.
- 2¢ rose.
- 3¢ purple.
- 4¢ brown.
- 4¢ light brown. “
- 5¢ chocolate. .
- 5¢ yellow-brown.
- 6¢ brown-red.
- 6¢ maroon.
- 10¢ green.
- 15¢ dark blue.
- 30¢ black.
- 90¢ orange.
- 90¢ vermillion. “

And research will, undoubtedly, reveal other varieties. L. H. BENTON.

NOTES *and* COMMENTS.

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA still continue to prosper; the society has passed the 400 mark. The last membership card issued numbers 404 and 35 new applications published. John J. Morgan did not obtain admission as objections were received from some of his numerous victims.

Now is the time to fill out your collection of U. S. Revenues. They are advancing in price even more rapidly than are the U. S. Postage. Some of the rare varieties are even now very difficult to obtain and the auction sales this winter will, without doubt, raise the price beyond the reach of the average collector.

Speaking of auction sales reminds me of a statement which I saw in a philatelic magazine a short time since: "The time is not far distant when rarities in U. S. stamps can only be obtained through auction sales." It is a fact that few of the dealers carry a full line of the U. S. stamps which they catalogue.

It is also a fact that stamps are worth much more than they were sold for last winter. I wrote to a large dealer for a 90 cent Justice, which was catalogued last May at \$6.50. The price he made on it was \$12.00 and I believe it is worth it.

The increase in price is not confined to the older issues. The 30 cent 1890 brings \$2.50 per hundred at wholesale and the 3c and 6c values are being bought up at good prices. Happy is the dealer with a long purse who can afford to lay in a big stock of U. S. for they are fast going "out of sight."

One reason for this is that a great many collectors have put by their general collections until they have filled out their sets of U. S., and it is a fact that of the many varieties, there were not enough issued to "go round." Hence the collector with plenty of money gets the rarities, and he who waits for prices to become lower, would do better to dispose of his collection and turn his attention to something else.

PHIL.

## EDITORIAL \* POINTS.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht has favored us with a neat little work entitled: *Albrecht's Catalogue 1892—1893*. It is valuable as a reference list and gives the value of both unused and used specimens of postage and envelope stamps of the U. S., and all issues and locals of the Confederate States. Some startling changes are made in the prices of the U. S. adhesives; the 3 cent pink '61 is marked at an even \$1. However, we note a number of important omissions, as the present official seal *rouletted*, and

also the typographed seals; these are stamps, about which very little is known at present, and information concerning them would be welcomed by many collectors. Among the envelopes are found several varieties which are new to us, but the 2 and 3½ link, and other varieties of the 1884 retouched issue are entirely omitted.

On the whole, it is a handy little publication and its convenient size makes it all the more desirable.

Other publications received, and for which we thank the publishers, are

Catalogue of Postage Stamps, from Lubrecht Bros., 966 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Price 5 cents.

Wholesale Price-List of So. and Central American Stamps, from C. H. Mekeel Co., St. Louis, Mo. Published in Spanish.

Price List of Packets, from Freeman Putney, Jr., Gloucester, Mass

4-page list of U. S. and Depts., from Frank Kline, Spring City, Pa.

Catalogue of S. B. Bradt Co's 8th Auction Sale. Sale will be held on Oct. 19th at 132 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Many good lots.

*Ye scribe* recently made a fine addition to his list of "finds." This time it was one of the rarest dies of U. S. Envelopes—1880 3c green on *Fawn*, *Die C*. It is an excellent copy cut square with good margins and cost 5 cents.

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## AMONG \* WASHINGTON \* PHILATELISTS.

YOUR WRITER took a trip to Washington on September 21st, and, as a starter, called on C. F. Rothfuchs. C. F. was busy, but on learning that I was a stamp collector, stopped long enough from raking in the shekels, to tell me that R. M. Miller, (whom I had hoped to meet) Nicklas and Messer of Baltimore, and several other collectors, had dropped in the night before and had, he thought, sailed for Baltimore.

C. F. has been a devotee to our glorious hobby since 1859, what a lot of reminiscences he could conjure up, but he says he does not have time to write for the press, for he, as you all know, carries on a large business in stamps, besides his store.

Thursday saw me at Mr. Schœni's, who is a cigar manufacturer. He thinks consolidation would be the thing for the societies.

Next, Editor "Nage" of the *Washington Philatelist*, was bored for an hour or so, he doesn't collect any but unused stamps. His specialty is United States stamps. The value of his collection is \$—, well, I have gone far enough.

Chas. W. Burnham was going out for a hair-cut when I met him, but postponed it to tell me there is money in U. S. stamps. He is a believer in consolidation. I did not see his collection, for, being a dealer, he has to break it to supply the demand of trade. He is secretary of the United Philatelic Association, which society now numbers over 60 members.

Mr. Parks was the next one on my list, but did not have much to say.

F. H. Barker was out when I called but F. H. Ritter wasn't. Fred is quite an entertaining young gentleman, and a pleasant hour was spent looking over his collection and talking stamps. His specialty is British Colonials. The number of varieties in his collection is—but I promised to keep quiet on that point. Fred is not a believer in consolidation. He

made my mouth water when he gave an account of how he secured some stamps in the country, for which he paid 20 cents, when their real value was \$10.00. I learned from him that A. Sidney Bayles had left for college sometime before, and when I called at 1719 Q street, I found that Howard P. Boyle was away and would not be home until the next evening and as the time to which I had limited myself was at an end, nothing was to be done but go home, which I did, to my regret.

There were many more collectors in Washington whom I had hoped to meet, but as my time was limited, I was obliged to postpone that pleasure.

General collecting, in my opinion, is a thing of the past. The specialty to which I, and, I think, most others show the greatest favor to, is stamps of the United States, which are, as most collectors know, a fine investment financially or otherwise.

In the town in which I live, I am the only stamp collector, and I do not receive much praise for being one.



It seems to be the general belief of all people here that it is all foolishness, but the money invested in our hobby, the papers published in our interest and the thousands of intelligent and distinguished people interested, all go to show that it is one of the greatest crazes to which mankind is addicted.

W. Raley, Jr.

## PERTINENT.

How about it?

SOMETIME since, the writer read in a stamp paper of a U. S. seal stamp, similar to the "Officially Sealed" one, as being used on packages of stamps sent from the makers to the various post-offices, a stamp used in a manner similar to that of the seal of the registered letter packages. On inquiry of the American Bank-Note Company concerning it, they reply that "no such stamp was made, and it is therefore bogus." The post-office officials here know nothing about it. How about it Mr. Monroe, in the Sept. *Eastern Philatelist*. L. H. B.

The Columbian issue.

A friend kindly sends us the following newspaper clipping:

\*\*\*The series will embrace all the present denominations, and probably some others. The present height will be retained, but in order to give space for illustration, the breadth will be doubled. \*\*\*It is believed that the call for stamps for private collections will reimburse the department for the extra outlay. The following are among the designs which will be used: "Discovery of America by

Columbus—First Sight of Land;" "Columbus' Fleet at Sea," from *Re-vista de la marina*; "Landing of Columbus," after the Van der Lyn picture in the United States Capitol; "The Santa Maria," Columbus' flagship, after Alfred Harrisse; "Columbus Asking Aid of Queen Isabella;" "Columbus Reciting the Story of His Discovery to Ferdinand and Isabella on His Return from His 1st Voyage."

The Revenue Discount.

In looking over an old circular, I find that "A discount to purchasers of large amounts of United States revenue stamps, is allowed in additional stamps, to wit:

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| On purchases of \$ 50 or over, | 2%  |
| " " 100 "                      | 2½% |
| " " 300 "                      | 3%  |
| " " 500 "                      | 4%  |

It further states: "Orders from other districts should state whether the stamps must be sent by *express*, or under registered envelope by *Mail*; also, the denomination of the stamps in which the discount is desired, should be specified." E.W.B.

A "Skin Game."

A certain collector living not a thousand miles from—, has a neat scheme for defrauding Uncle Sam. Where stamps are cancelled, but only near one edge, he laps a good stamp over the cancellation mark. A similar "gag" is to stick the cancelled stamp on the envelope so that the cancelled part hangs over, and then rip off the projection. Oh, were onto you, old boy!

Tauntonian.

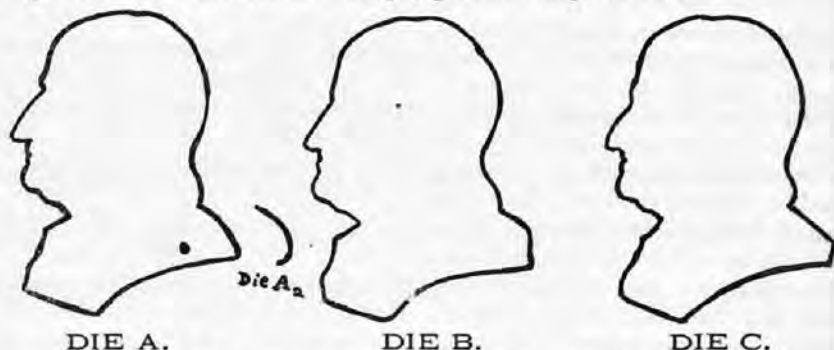
## DIE VARIETIES OF THE 1887 ONE CENT BLUE.

I KNOW THAT what I am going to say will be a surprise to philatelists in general, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that of the generally-considered common one cent blue envelope stamp of the 1887 issue *there exists FOUR distinct dies.*

The variations are illustrated below, and the cuts being considerably larger than the busts on the stamps,

the difference is more prominently brought out; yet the differences are clearly manifest, on the stamps, to anyone who will take the trouble to look.

It was not until recently that I had the good fortune to note the differences, and my attention was called to them by incidentally noting the peculiar shape of one.



Investigation followed, and the result was the discovery of *four* distinct varieties, besides minor ones.

The first one in the cut I will designate as "Die A." The difference between that and "Die A2" is only in the back, below the hair, "Die A" slanting more abruptly and *terminating in a sharp point*, while "Die A2" slants gradually and is *rounded off* where it connects with the lower line.

The latter is very common—the most common of all; while "Die A" is comparatively scarce.

"Die B" is the scarcest of them all, and the chief difference from the others is that the lower line of the

breast slants rather more backward, and the part of the bust below the back hair is shaped entirely different from any of the others, as is readily seen on examining the illustration here given. It is a peculiar shape, sort of a "hawk-bill." And then the lower points are rounded off instead of being prominent as in the others.

"Die C" is another widely different bust. But for the slight protuberance on the breast, the outline would be nearly straight, and more nearly vertical than that of the other varieties. This gives one more angle between the chin and the breastbone, the first straight line below the chin

instead of being a part of the breast-bone goes only *to* it, where it connects. And then the back portion of the bust: it starts with a decided downward slant and turns in well defined angles. Other differences which are easily discernible on looking at the cuts might be mentioned, among which is the different inclinations of the lock of hair on the neck.

These dies are found both with and without what may be termed the "neck-tie," that colored slit in the breast of some of them, and which has been spoken of in several philatelic papers.

So we have a possible set of 32 varieties of our one-center instead of only four, but I am by no means sure that they all exist. I have found but eighteen of them anyway, and below is the list, to which is attached what I consider the comparative value of each specimen, based upon the proportion found among the hundreds examined. The values estimated are for used specimens, and, by the way, this is no price list, for, having but one specimen of several of the varieties, and duplicates of but ten, I am not prepared to furnish them, to any extent at least.

|    |                              |        |
|----|------------------------------|--------|
| 1  | Die A on white . . . . .     | \$ .10 |
| 2  | " " " manila . . . . .       | .08    |
| 3  | " " " manila-amber . . . . . | .15    |
| 4  | " A2 " white . . . . .       | .01    |
| 5  | " " " amber . . . . .        | .01    |
| 6  | " " " manila . . . . .       | .01    |
| 7  | " " " manila-amber . . . . . | .02    |
| 8  | " B " white . . . . .        | .25    |
| 9  | " " " amber . . . . .        | .35    |
| 10 | " " " manila . . . . .       | .30    |

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|----|------------------------------|--------|
| 11 | Die C on white . . . . .     | \$ .10 |
| 12 | " " " manila-amber . . . . . | .20    |

And I also found six varieties with the "neck-tie," as follows:

|    |                          |        |
|----|--------------------------|--------|
| 13 | Die A on white . . . . . | \$ .12 |
| 14 | " " " amber . . . . .    | .15    |
| 15 | " " " manila . . . . .   | .12    |
| 16 | " A2 " white . . . . .   | .03    |
| 17 | " " " manila . . . . .   | .05    |
| 18 | " B " manila . . . . .   | .30    |

To those who read this article our advice is "Seek and ye shall find."

One having a few hundred proportionately mixed can certainly find most of the varieties here chronicled, and if any of those missing in this list be found, I would be pleased to hear from the finder. Some may look upon this as a "fake," but one can easily prove it otherwise by simply examining his specimens

L. H. Benton.

## B. C. P. S. !

The Taunton Philatelic Society is to be remodelled and enlarged, so as to give a larger scope to its usefulness, and is to include members from all over Bristol County. The name of the new society will be the BRISTOL COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The undersigned would be glad to hear from collectors in the county who desire to join. The Exchange Department is to be run on a new and improved basis, one that will insure freedom from the loss of stamps, as was the case in the T. P. S. Initiation Fee, five cts.; yearly Dues, twenty-five cts. Official Organ, THE GOLDEN STAR, free to members. Come join the B. C. P. S. and share its benefits and pleasures. Make it one of the best in the State. Collectors of Bristol County, let us hear from you!

L. H. Benton,

175 Weir Street, Taunton, Mass.

## EDITORIAL.

In reply to a number of so-called "Advertising Agencies," and others who wish to become agents for this paper, we will say that Mr. Ralph P. Spooner, 37 W. 32 street, New York is SOLE agent for the United States, and we do not care for any more. However, we want Agents in ALL Foreign countries, also canvassers in all parts of this country, who will solicit subscriptions among their friends. Liberal cash commission. Inclose stamp for terms. We can allow NO commission on Advertisements, as we always have a surplus of them. Send us 3 six-month subscribers and get yours FREE; send 3 yearly subscribers and receive a year's subscription FREE.

Since the Article on the preceding page was printed, several new varieties have been found, and a few corrections are made. The following should be added to the list on page 29:

Die A on amber.....\$ .10  
 " C " " ..... .25

With the "neck-tie:"

Die A on manila-amber..\$ .20  
 " A2 " amber..... .15

Numbers 8 and 10 should be crossed off, as they have not yet been found; the specimens supposed to be Die B, have proved to be Die C. They were hard to distinguish on account of heavy cancellation. The slight differences seen in the upper portion of the heads, should not be noticed, as they are simply errors of engraving.

## NOTES.

In correspondence with Mr. R. F. Albrecht concerning the 3c Die C on fawn envelope mentioned in our last issue, we received some interesting information. I quote as follows:

"... The 3c green, Die C on fawn paper you sent us with your favor of Oct. 4, is

a fine copy of a very rare stamp.... The prices given in our Vest Pocket Catalogue for such odd things are somewhat out of the way, and for this reason: If we would have mentioned a price like \$5.00, it would not have attracted the attention at all, but as it was to ascertain whether these dies really exist on the different kinds of paper, we mentioned quite a round amount and the result proved to be correct.... R. F. Albrecht"

So, as far as Mr Albrecht's knowledge goes, the copy in my possession is the only one *known*, and is therefore quite valuable.

It will be offered in Albrecht's 8th Auction early in December.

The new U. S. Reply Cards were placed on sale in Boston to-day (25). Only a limited number are on hand and they will soon be disposed of.

The *Postal Card* chronicles series 7 of the U. S. Letter-sheet envelope.

How many of my readers have noticed the numerous "errors" of the 1884-86 issue of Bhopal? Although the Scott Co. is supposed to catalogue the various errors, it seems to have overlooked this series. The fact is there are considerable many more "errors" of this series than there are normal varieties. The particular stamp to which I desire to call attention is the 4anna green of the 1884 issue; of this stamp I have been able to find mention of the following varieties only: Lettered *nwab* for NAWAB; *sah* for SHAH; *nawa* for NAWAB and *janan* for JAHAN. I have in my collection a specimen lettered *nwaba*. Does anyone know of a similar one, or of any other varieties?

A. J. Kirby.

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I have some good duplicates to exchange for stamps not in my collection. Send sheets and I will send mine. Henry J. Weiss, 155 Main street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walter Fasold, Keswick Iowa, has fine foreign stamps (1¢ to 5¢) for United States Departments not in his collection. (I. P. A. 54)

5¢ worth of good stamps for every 16 page philatelic paper, or 100 1¢ U. S. stamps, present issue, sent me. Rare photograph with every answer. Lock box 21, Stonnington, Conn.

Several copies of *Youth's Companion* and *St. Nicholas* for a second hand Scott's 52 Edition catalogue. W. Haskell, 44 Chestnut street, Albany, New York.

I desire to enter in exchange relations with collectors in all countries. I have old stamps of first issues, also post cards and envelopes. Jules Truyen, 20 Verte Place, Liege, Belgium.

I will give a Foreign stamp worth 10¢ for every hundred Canadian stamps sent me. *Must* be at least 10 kinds. Wm. B. Shattuck, 1544 Lafayette street, Denver, Colorado.

Foreign collectors who send me 25 or more square cut envelopes and *entire* post cards of their countries, will receive double the number of *finely* assorted cards and envelopes of this country. Send 50 *good* stamps (no common European) and receive 100 finely assorted stamps of United States, *all obsolete*. Correspond in English or French. *Andrew J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.*

Geo. McNichol, Ottawa, Can, has good stamps and papers for Indian Relics and Confed. Bills. Send list.



Edgar S. White, Brewer, Maine, has large quantities of U. S. common and old issues to X for foreign. A 5¢ novel for every stamp cat. at 5¢.

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I will give 15¢, in exchange, for every 90¢ present issue sent me; 6¢ for every 30¢; 5¢ for every 15¢. Inclose stamp for reply. Philip M. Weiss, 167 Pleasant St., Cin., O.

I desire to establish exchange relations with collectors having 1000 var. or less. Send sheets and I will send mine. E. L. Shove, Johnson's, Orange County, New York.

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## Some Oddities In Common United States Stamps.

PROBABLY the most fascinating branch of Philately, as well as the most remunerative, from a financial point of view, is to be found in the search for, and collection of oddities of design, and shades of color.

Man's greatest aim is to possess something which cannot be duplicated by any other person, and especially is this true of a stamp collector; in this branch, at least, his desire may be gratified. It is in the search for these oddities that the first symptoms of a true philatelist are awakened and developed, and if the study is continued, the careful searcher is always sure to be rewarded, either by an increase of knowledge, or in a more substantial way, or both.

Not infrequently, a rare die, an error, or a new shade is found in this way which eventually finds its way into the catalogues, and often with a very liberal price attached.

A great point in favor of collecting them is the fact that they can be picked up so easily and at such a trifling expense. It may be that I have been unusually fortunate in my dealings, for I hardly receive a lot of stamps but what I find something of the kind, of a greater or lesser degree of rarity, which has been overlooked through the ignorance of an amateur, or the haste and indifference of a dealer.

An excellent place to find them is in the cheap packets offered by most dealers, and also among the

mixed lots found in all auction sales, but probably the most productive field is among the common adhesives and more particularly the envelopes of our own country. I recently purchased a quantity of envelopes from a dealer, and among them I found a number of odd dies which catalogued altogether at over two dollars.

While I am on this subject it may not be amiss to mention a few of the oddities I have picked up, as a list might be acceptable to some of my readers. Beginning with the U. S. postage, we have the 3c 1851 with two lines at the side; this variety is occasionally mentioned in some price-list, but is not in the standard catalogues, although it is just as distinct as the "outer line" of 1857, except that the lines are at the sides instead of at the top and bottom.

Of the 3c "outer line" I have one with the same peculiarity; i. e., with outer line entirely around it. Also several other varieties with a line at one side varying from 1 to 5 mm. from the design. The next 3c issue is apt to trouble the amateur, especially the rose variety, for he is almost sure to mistake this for one of the scarce pink shades; the pink is a very pale shade. It is a good plan to keep an eye open for some of the rare grills of the next issues; if you have no metric scale at hand, they can be measured by count just as well. The 13x16, or "large grill" is composed of 16 rows of 20 squares each, while the 11x14

consists of 14 rows of 17 squares. There are also several minor varieties of from one-half to two rows larger or smaller. Of the 1869 to 1870 issue, I have specimens with parts of two grills; these are occasionally offered at auction, and invariably bring good prices.

More oddities are found in the 1872 issue than in any other. A western dealer offers 50 varieties of the 1, 2 and 3c values only, for two dollars. This set was printed by two companies, under different contracts, which may account for some of the varieties of paper, as well as the many shades. The oddest stamp, of this series, in my collection is a copy of the 15c which is nearly 1mm. *longer* and considerably *wider* than the regular variety, and is also of a *vermillion* color. I also have a 12c which is *longer* and *narrower* than the regular one. There are several dies of the 3c and I note that Scott's 53d. catalogues the re-engraved die; in this die the shade-line around the lower edge of the medallion is very slight, hardly half as heavy as in the former die. I have copies of this stamp in which the groundwork about the bust is composed of horizontal lines only, and one copy with both horizontal and vertical lines. I also have what I think is the re-engraved die of the 2c; it is an oddity, anyway. The following points may be noticed: All the fine lines outside of the medallion are placed wider apart, which gives the stamp a much lighter appearance; there are no shade lines over the words "two" and "cents"

in the scroll, and none between the word "two" and the figure "2." In other respects it is almost exactly like the regular die. —*Beginner.*

### CELESTIAL CITY Notes.

F. E. LUX announces a new paper from Pekin, Ill. It is to be a sixteen to thirty-two page monthly devoted to stamps, coins, relics, fossils, etc. The first number is already in the hands of the printer.

R. SCHURMAN boasts a collection second to few. His U. S. and Mexican are especially fine. The collection numbers 2500 specimens.

CONSIDERABLE excitement was recently caused by the report that a large sum of money had been found in an out of the way place. Some Confederate bills had been found in an old sewing-machine and caused the report.

JACOB F. TRINKAUS is probably the most enthusiastic philatelist in Pekin. He keeps things so lively in stamp circles that he is known among his friends as the "Stamp Crank."

THE WRITER recently purchased the collections of two mail-carriers of this city. Neither of them had ever read or heard of a stamp paper and hence were ignorant of the value of their collections. The price paid for both was only a dollar and a half. —*Nonpareil.*

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The stamp merchant had not been absent ten minutes when in walked a young man, perhaps 20 years old, who had a decidedly countrified appearance. He kept his mouth open, his clothes had enough extra cloth in them to make the clerk a pair of pants, he talked with a real nasal drawl, and the clerk imagined he saw hayseed in his hair. "Is this the place where they buys old peostage stamps?"

He was politely informed that it was.

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"No. Please be brief, my time is valuable."

"Why, o' course ye dunno. I never told ye his name. It's Jack—"

"No matter about that. Please tell me what you wish to sell."

"Wal, ye needn't git huffy about it. As I was saying, Dad, he—"

"If you have any stamps to sell, please show them, I am in a hurry."

"Wal, I was tellin' ye. O, Dad's

name's Joshner Evans, 'n' I'm Josh, too. Dad, he needed money, an' the upshot on't all was, we took boarders. There was a little feller, 'bout fourteen, I sh'd think, an' he were jest crazy arter ol' peostage stamps, an' he said, if I'd find any on the ol' letters up attic, he'd buy 'em. His marm said that were one reason he wanted to come to Vermont. Wal, I found a lot one rainy day when there war 'nt nothin' doin' out er doors."

The clerk groaned, but his features soon brightened, for Joshua had extracted from one of his pockets, a dirty old envelope, and emptied its contents upon the desk. The clerk examined half a dozen. They were all common. He tried another lot, and—wonder of wonders!—he held in his hand *three cancelled Brattleboros* on parts of the envelopes!

He made an effort to appear calm.

"How much do you want for the lot?"

"Wal, I'll tell ye. I ust to sleep in the next room to the kid, an' that night I heerd him tell his marm 'bout the stamps I'd showed him. An' d'yew know, he said them stamps was wuth much as fifteen dollars apiece! Them three there," pointing to the Brattleboros.

"I'll give you twenty dollars for the lot."

"Wal, I guess I'll take it. Er—I'm a thinking of getting mar—"

"Here is your money."

"Wal, yer see, I'd told him he could have 'em for fifty cents, but

when I heard that, I made b'lieve I'd lost 'em, an' I saw 'bout yew in the paper where yew said 'bout old—"

"Packet number 16 did you say you wanted?" asked the clerk of a customer, and as he went to get it, Mr. J. Evans found himself talking to empty air.

When the office was empty, the clerk sat down and hugged himself. He wondered whether to ask for a vacation or an increase of salary. Those stamps will sell for at least five hundred dollars, thought he.

Fifteen minutes later the owner of the office came in. The clerk handed him the stamps. To his surprise, the dealer did not seem to show much enthusiasm over them.

"Who sent these in for examination?"

"Nobody. I bought them at a bargain," returned the young man proudly.

"You bought them! At a bargain! They are the worst counterfeits I have seen!"

"I paid twenty dollars for them," was the sad reply.

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For the next three minutes the air was so blue that a policeman came up to see where the fire was. The clerk has purchased a carving knife and a base-ball bat, and if he ever runs across Joshua Evans, Junior, again, there will be murder, sure.

—*Bark N. Tine.*

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## \*PHILATELICS\*

BY L. H. BENTON.

Here's the Von Ferrari story with slight variations, as copied from a newspaper. Thank heaven, there are varieties of chestnuts as well as of stamps:

"The greatest stamp collectors in the world are Philippe Ferrari, son of the Duchesse de Galliera, and the Czar, whose collection is said to be worth \$600,000. The Czar began his collection when a boy and has been adding to it ever since. M. Ferrari, who is said to have cast away a fortune because he said it did not belong to him, hoards stamps as miser's hoard money."

A certain writer in one of our prominent "eastern" philatelic papers says we must not collect revenues of any kind, telegraphs, postal cards, nor envelopes;—in fact nothing but adhesive postage stamps. Lucky you are not the authority on what to collect, Mr. C. Your ideas are like a rabbit's tail—very limited.

The philatelic poems by Guy W. Green and Roy F. Greene are indeed ornaments to philatelic literature. There is, in my estimation, more genuine merit in, and pleasure to be derived from, one such poem than in forty of these so-called "poems" by some of our "standard" "poets."

If the statement that a surcharged stamp was recently sold in New York for \$25 be true, it goes to show two things: first, that "a fool and his money is soon parted;" and, second, that New Yorkers will not have to look far for a candidate to a lunatic asylum.



## CANADIAN \* NOTES.

A GREAT boom in the philatelic line has taken place in Canada. She is now represented by three new philatelic papers, besides the old standbys.

IT IS SAID that a magazine in the interest of Philately will appear soon from Montreal, Quebec.

WE HAVE heard that a weekly journal will appear Jan. 1st. under the management of a Canadian. Who is this enterprising gentleman?

COLLECTORS and dealers should use great care in the purchase of the Nova Scotia 2c mauve, as forgeries are being offered by certain parties.

WE RECENTLY saw a note to the effect that the government will soon issue a two cent envelope. The one cent envelope is one sale at all the large post-offices.

MR. J. S. ROBERTSON of St. Thomas is one of the leading barristers of that city.  
—A. H. Milligan.

## EDITORIALS.

SCOTT'S NEW Catalogue has been received. All the earlier U. S. issues and some envelopes have made good advances. The Departments are fast going out of reach, but the revenues have not changed; their time will come next year. Canadian collectors are kicking because it does not mention the water-mark and other papers of their favorite stamps. The price is *only* 50 cents, post free.

Mr. Jas. H. Sexton Jr. of Malden, Mass writes that he has boughtout the *Collector's Press* and it will appear at once with 8 pages and cover. He will also fill subscriptions to the *Pentucket Philatelist*, which has been forced to suspend. We feel sure that Mr. Sexton means business, for he has recently made several unsuccessful attempts to buy out the STAR, (we are *not* for sale) and he will, no doubt, give us a *permanent* journal.

SINCE our last issue the catalogues of R. F. Albrecht & Co's 7th, 8th and 9th Auction Sales have been received. The two former sales have taken place, and the latter will be held Dec. 8th.

ON NOV. 16, Mr. Chas C. Lewis, one of our advertisers, and a staunch friend of the STAR, was united in marriage with Miss May T. Arnold of Northampton.

WE WERE rather surprised, upon reading the last issue of the *Era*, to note that C. W. Small, editor of the *Literary review*, lays claim to an item which *first* appeared in the STAR, and says that we stole it from some of his "writings" and forgot to give him credit for it. As the item in question was first published by us in *August* and by him in *September*, some weeks afterward, we fail to see how we could have copied from him; the shoe is apparently on the other foot, and if this "dealer of twelve years experience" claims it as original, he will now receive a sad *expose*, for the item was taken, by us, from *The Globe*, of Boston, and, consequently, he must



have obtained it from a similar source. We trust our readers will excuse us for wasting space on such a "small" and boyish affair, but we don't propose to be imposed upon by anyone; We attend strictly to our own work, and would like others to do as well.

COLLECTORS who wish to make exchanges with foreign collectors, should send in an ad for our next issue, which goes to all parts of the globe.

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WE HAVE just received catalogue of W. Sellschopp & Co's 4th Auction Sale, which will be held Dec. 13th, 15th and 17th, at 102 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal.

A NUMBER of new magazines have been received; of these, the *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, *International (Canada) Philatelist*, and *American Philatellic Magazine* present the best appearance. They deserve success.

#### EXCHANGE \* COLUMN.

We will insert notices of not more than 30 words in length, Free to subscribers.

I will give a U. S. postage stamp cat. at 25c, a U. S. envelope cat. at 25c and a first issue postal card for Scott's cat. of copper and nickel coins (16th edition.) Edw. W. Burns, 400 5th street, Hannibal, Missouri.

25 var. foreign stamps for every 10 U. S. revenues sent me. Will give good foreign for all U. S. Big exchange for 6, 15, 30, 90c. L. E. Curtis, Freeport, Maine.

What offers for Phil. papers from '88 to '92? Also for U. S. 3c '72, by the 100, many grilled; 3c Locomotive, plain or grilled. I. F. Verry, b73, Danvers, Mass.

Vol. XI *Golden Days* for 5c novels or other offers. A. T. Larrabee, 30 Lynfield St., So. Peabody, Mass.

Walter Fasold, Keswick, Iowa, has fine foreign stamps (1c to 5c) to exchange for U. S. Departments not in his collection.

Cameron W. Lawton, Patterson's Mills, Pa., will exchange a World's Atlas for best offer in U. S. stamps.

300 Cigarette pictures, 200 Tintags, several volumes of *Good News* and *Youth's Companion* to exchange for U. S. stamps, common or rare. W.O.Loomis, Hubbardsville, N. Y.

H. A. Peters, 199 College street, Totonto, Canada wants all kinds of Canadian and U. S. stamps in X for stamps from sheets. Send what you have with prices wanted.

I will send 100 var. of stamps for every 90c 1890, or 5 30c. Will H. Graham, Queen St., London, West, Ontario, Canada.

Eagle Typewriter (new), and 200 foreing post cards to X for U. S. A stamp worth 50c for every 55 kinds of U. S. sent me. E. Moyer, Sebringville, Ontario, Canada.

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# THE GOLDEN STAR.

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## TAUNTON \* ITEMS.

A BROTHER philatelist in this city has a peculiar oddity in the postal card line. It is one of the large size United States cards, cut *rhombus* shape. Neither side is parallel with the engraving. The long diagonal is eight and three-eighths inches long, instead of seven and one-fourth as in the case of the normal shaped card.

Taunton, along with other free-delivery cities, is to have the private letter box system introduced.

Still another find! Everett E. Ashley, B. C. P. S. No. 4, *et al*, of this city, recently unearthed a good lot of unperforated U. S. revenues at the office of the Old Colony Iron Co. at East Taunton, long since destroyed by fire. Among them were a 50c Probate of Will, *unperforated*, several \$1.00 Mortgages, unused stamped checks, etc.

The Editor of the STAR has added a strong and handsome safe to his office properties. He intends to deal extensively in the high values of our new issue, and has provided this as a receptacle for his stock.

From the local newspapers I learn that Wanamaker has passed an order reducing the registration fee to eight cents. This takes effect Jan. 1st.

A collector here recently sent a stamp to an auction sale manager to be sold. He wound up his letter with "I remain," and forgot to sign his name. A few days later he received a letter addressed to "I remain, —avenue, Taunton, Mass.," and requesting his name.

A certain young collector in this city was just "economical" enough to send a one-cent postal card to a foreign country, soliciting a sample copy of a stamp paper, and also so "honest" that he "shacked" the postman half a mile to get him to cancel with a lead pencil, the stamp on a letter which the carrier had left at the house and on which the cancelling machine had failed to leave its trade-mark.

The youth in question and "I remain" are identical.

—L. H. Benton.

Stamp Collectors of Bristol Co.:  
Send for an application blank to the  
BRISTOL COUNTY Philatelic Soci-  
ety. Dues, 25c a year; initiation fee, 5c.  
Official Journal, free. A. H. Wood,  
Secretary, 197 School street, Taunton.

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 PHILATELIC \* DIRECTORIES.
 

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ONE MIGHT suppose that four-score dresses when mailing their samples philatelic publications would soon and price-lists. exhaust the whole supply of manu- The question perhaps arises:—How script pertaining to the collection of does it benefit a collector to have such small things as postage stamps; his name in one of these directories? that they do not, is proof that stamp Suppose that some young person collecting is one of the most royal of becomes interested in Philately, and hobbies. By calling it a hobby, we desires to subscribe to some good do not mean to intimate it is not a philatelic magazine. In volume III, science; it may be both; Webster number six, of the *Southern Philatelist*, W. A. W. states that: "Now gives, as one definition of hobby:—"that there are about fifty good philatelic which may be pursued with zeal." And, surely, what science is pursued magazines and one hundred reliable dealers." To write for sample copy with greater zeal than is philately!

So far as we know, there has been of each of these publications would nothing published concerning the cost the would-be subscriber quite a subject which heads this article. respectable sum, and it is very likely

In nearly *all* philatelic journals, a column or two is used as a "Stamp Dealer's Directory;" however, it is apparent that publisher's allow this merely as a financial policy. That the dealers patronize these departments, shows they recognize the efficiency of directories.

But there are only a *few* journals which have a "Collector's Directory" column. Why this should be, we fail to understand. If more papers had such columns for the use of their patrons, there would be less necessity for publishers and dealers to resort to "Exchange Columns" to find ad-

—J. E. W.  
 ☞ Can you induce three friends to sub. and thus get your own sub. free? Try it!

## THAT \* STAMP \* PACKAGE \* STAMP.

IN THE September *Eastern Philatelist* was a note among those of Mr. B. S. Monroe, concerning a seal which was said to have come on packages of stamps when sent from the makers to the various post-offices.

On inquiry at the local post-office nothing could be learned concerning it. The same result was arrived at on inquiry at post-offices in neighboring cities.

Knowing that the American Bank-Note Company made all or at least most of the regular "officially sealed" varieties, I naturally supposed that if such a stamp existed that company would prove to be the makers of it. So I wrote to them regarding it.

The answer came back that no such stamp was made and it was therefore bogus! The result of my investigations was duly chronicled in the October *GOLDEN STAR*. And now comes the sequel.

A clerk in a certain post-office in this State—he was a Philatelist—saw the article and wrote to me stating that the "stamp in question had an existence, and that when a new lot of stamps should come to his office he would send me one.

A few days since, I received it.

My curiosity was appeased; the question was at last settled. The stamp existed, and though some might not call it a stamp, it is certainly as much a collectible stamp as the registered letter stamp, as Mr. Monroe has said.

The hitch in not getting the information before was probably due to the fact that the American Bank-note Company did not manufacture them—if it is a fact—or because they did not recognize it as a *stamp*, as was probably the case with the P. O. officials whom I interrogated in regard to it. It may be described as follows:

The engraving is 2x4 inches, with a large engine-turned rosette in the centre, on which is a monogram formed of the letters "U. S." On each side is a network, and around the whole is a border made-up of straight lines and partly by fancy leaf-shaped designs. In each corner is a tri-petal flower. On a label in the top border are the words "U. S. POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY" in white. The whole is lithographed in pink, on quite thin white wove paper.

The stamps are overprinted in red with the following:

### POSTMASTERS RECEIVING THIS PACKAGE

—WILL PLEASE—

#### NOTE ITS CONDITION.

If showing signs of having been tampered with, report the same and return this package to 3d Asst. P. M. General at Washington, D. C. This package should be opened at the end.

A. D. HAZEN,  
3d ASST. P. M. G.

The middle of the first line is curved up.

The stamp is imperforate and has a margin of about one-quarter inch.

Now we know all about it.

—L. H. Benton.

## WHAT \* SHALL \* WE \* COLLECT ?

So MUCH has been written on the subject of Specialism that very little ground has been left uncovered, but on this as on other subjects relating to Philately, the opinion of each individual may be of interest to many other collectors, and possibly of benefit to some. I stand in a position between the two parties who are opposed on this question, on the fence as it were. I do not believe it is for the best interest of the younger collectors to make a specialty of one country or class of stamps to the exclusion of all others. Neither do I think it advisable to attempt too much. A large majority of collectors are making a specialty of U.S. stamps which is commendable, but in all collecting it is almost impossible to avoid laying up a lot of duplicates which may often be disposed of to good advantage through an exchange advertisement or the exchange department of some society. It is through exchanges that the general collector obtains an advantage over his fellow collector who is only desirous of obtaining stamps of one or two countries. Of course if he advertises for exchange, he may name the countries which he wishes to obtain, but if he is placed on the exchange list of a society, he must receive all the sheets sent, in order to hold his position on the list; and he will receive many sheets which will benefit him very little, if any. On the other hand, the general collector will be able to find bargains on nearly every sheet sent him. The Societies seem to be making a special effort to send out a good class of stamps this season and many of the sheets which I have received have contained a particularly good selection of stamps and I have been able to keep my exchange account about even for this season.

While I am particularly anxious to complete my sets in two or three countries, and in one branch of U.S., I am always glad to make any additions to my general collection. It is my opinion that the best way for a person to begin is to make a general collection of such stamps as he may be able to obtain; let him make a special effort, if he wishes, to secure stamps of his own country or of one or more others which may be of special interest to him, but it appears to me that the best results are to be obtained from this fascinating pursuit when one is interested in all stamps and makes a study of every country as far as possible, instead of



confining his attention to his own country, or, possibly two or three others. I do not intend to say however, that everything in the likeness of a postage stamp should be collected, for the multitude of surcharges are abhorrent to me, and the unused Seebeck issues, though very handsome, are but little better, from a philatelist's point of view; but all stamps used for postage should be worthy of a place in an album, and I believe that one takes more pride in his collection and more interest in the pursuit, when he has a complete album fairly well filled, than when he has one or two countries nearly filled out and nothing else; and it is certain that if he tries to make his collection as complete as possible he will have a greater incentive to obtain a knowledge and history of different countries than if he confined his attention to a chosen few.

—*Phil.*

### B. C. P. S.

A meeting for the organization of the BRISTOL COUNTY Philatelic Society was held at the residence of Mr. L. H. Benton, Dec. 5th. The Charter List was signed by the following members present:

1. Arthur H. Wood.
2. Lewis H. Benton.
3. Alton L. Dean.
4. Everett E. Ashley.
5. Howard H. Elliott.
6. Irving B. Dean.

An election of officers was held and resulted as follows:

*President*, H. H. Elliott.  
*Vice Pres.*, E. E. Ashley.  
*Sec.-Treas.*, A. H. Wood.  
*Ex.-Supt.*, L. H. Benton.

It was voted to leave the election of a Librarian until the next meeting.

### APPLICATIONS:

ANDREW J. KIRBY, 10 Wilbur street.

Refs: L. H. Benton, A. H. Wood.

JAMES A. CUSHMAN, 12 Clinton street.

Refs: L. H. Benton, H. H. Elliott.

It was voted to hold the next meeting at the residence of Mr. Elliott, Dec. 23.

A. H. Wood, *Secretary*.

### NEW \* YORK \* NOTES.

Quite a number of prominent philatelists met in R. F. Albrecht & Co's office during the week of Nov. 13th. Among them may be mentioned, John K. Tiffany, C. F. Rothfuchs, H. E. Deats and Alvah Davison.

A meeting of the N. Y. Branch of the SONS OF PHILATELIA was called to order Dec. 1st. at 8:30 P. M. with an attendance of eighteen members. This is the most prosperous branch of the S. of P. and all Brooklyn or New York collectors are invited to join. Address R. P. Spooner, 37 West 32d street, New York.

The Ideal Philatelic Association, of Brooklyn, must have died out, for nothing has been heard of it for seven or eight months. Perhaps it could not survive the summer vacation.

Mr. A. R. Rogers is still at work on his *Philatelic Blue Book* which is announced to appear Jan. 1st.

Dealers here are holding the 90c Justice with the expectation of getting \$12 or \$15 for it. —S. A. B.

## PROMINENT \* TAUNTON \* PHILATELISTS.

AS SEEN BY THE EDITOR.

## PREFATORY.

In the accompanying article I have endeavored to give our readers a brief sketch of a few of the best known philatelists of this city. There are a number of older and more advanced collectors in town, but as I am a comparative stranger here, and not being personally acquainted with the gentlemen, I am unable to include them in this list.

One of the oldest and most advanced philatelists of my acquaintance, and at present quite prominent as a writer for our philatelic press, is

*Mr. Lewis Herbert Benton,*

who was born in this city, June 22, 1872. Mr. Benton has received the benefit of a fine education, having graduated at our High School in June of this year. He also seems to have been quite popular with his school-mates, as he was honored with the editorial management of their school journal, the *T. H. S. Critic*, a large 28-52 page monthly, which he conducted with great credit to himself as well as to the school, both in regard to finances and popularity.

He first received knowledge of matters philatelic through seeing some approval sheets at school; he at once became greatly interested, and soon acquired a small general collection of something over 2000 varieties; this he shortly afterward disposed of to become a U. S. Specialist.

At present his album contains a

superb collection of about 1200 varieties and including a number of uncatalogued specimens. He also owns a fine cabinet of minerals, and takes a great interest in astronomy; it is rumored that he went guanning for the recent "comet."

In company with his bicycle, he has scoured the surrounding country in search of stamps and other pleasures. He is also a good long distance rider, and takes in all the "Century Runs" hereabout. He recently covered a distance of ten miles in 32 minutes, *for exercise*.

Mr. Benton was formerly president of TAUNTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY, a local society having a membership of 25, but which has recently disbanded in favor of the BRISTOL CO. PHILATELIC SOCIETY, organized on the 5th inst., and of which he was elected Ex-Manager.

He is also a member of the HOOSIER PHILATELIC SOCIETY, and his application for membership in the SONS OF PHILATELIA has been filed with the Secretary.

Another U. S. Specialist whom it is always a pleasure to meet, is

*Mr. Howard Hale Elliott,*

who has been a happy inhabitant of this mortal sphere since April 24, 1875, and has been actively engaged in collecting since 1887. As stated before, his specialty is stamps of our own country, and his collection of 800 varieties, includes a number of

exceedingly fine and rare specimens.

Mr. Elliott is noted for his phenomenal luck in unearthing rare lots of stamps; his first important "find" consisted of several unsevered unused Confederate stamps, along with several rare single ones, and including a "ten" cents blue, etc.

During the past summer he suddenly left town, and when he came back, another fine lot of rare stamps, cataloguing \$177, including numerous 3 and 5 cent New York's, and an uncatalogued local, all on original covers, came with him.

He also deals quite extensively in U. S. stamps, and has an immense stock of some of the common varieties.

At the organization of our new Society, he was elected President.

Mr. Elliott is at present holding down the position of mailing clerk at the A. Field & Son's branch of the Atlas Tack Corporation, which, by the way, is the largest tack concern in the world.

One of our oldest collectors is

*Mr. Arthur H. Wood,*

who was recently elected Secretary of the B. C. P. S. As he has been interested in Philately only about a year, his collection is necessarily small. He is especially interested in U. S. Revenues and Departments.

A younger, but more advanced collector

*Mr. Everett Ellsworth Ashley,*

Vice President of B. C. P. S., and Ex-Superintendent of the H. P. S.,

was born in this city, July 16, 1877.

He first became actively engaged in stamp collecting early in 1890 while a student at the famous Weir Grammar School,\* but has been more or less interested in the pursuit since about 1886. American stamps constitute his specialty, of which about 400 varieties of his collection are United States. Mr. Ashley deals in stamps in a small way, and is also a member of the TAUNTON PHILATELIC UNION. He is greatly interested in philatelic journalism, and will soon issue the initial number of the *Massachusetts Philatelist*, which will, I trust, be given a reception according to its merits. Mr. Ashley is now a student at the local High School.

It was one of the conditions upon which I received permission to publish the foregoing, that I must not forget No. 1 when compiling these notes; so I hope it will be considered no crime if I conclude with a few remarks concerning

*Le Directeur du Journal.*

He was born at Fall River Dec. 3, 1872, and removed to this city some two or more years since. On the occasion of his fifteenth birthday, while playing football at school, he received injuries which left him nearly blind for two years, and he has continued in poor health ever since.

His first collection was commenced in 1889, but was soon laid away, as he became frightened at the number of varieties which were catalogued

\*Famous for turning out bad boys.

and as he had never seen a brother collector, or even heard of a stamp paper or philatelic society, it is little wonder that he soon tired of the pursuit. A few months ago it was again taken up and continued until it contained about 2000 varieties. It has since been "weeded out" and now includes about 800 of the better class of stamps, chiefly U. S. and N. A.

In our next issue we make several important changes in our make-up, which we think will be welcomed by our readers.

The circulation of this issue is larger than that of any previous issue, but beginning next month it will be increased nearly 10%, and this will be continued right along.

In consequence of this increase, and in view of the fact that we have recently made several large contracts with advertisers, which have used up about all of our surplus space, we are obliged to make a slight advance in rates in order to meet the demand.

All ads received before January 10, 1893, will be inserted at the present rate. After that 20 cents per inch will be charged. Parties who desire to make contracts should do so *at once*. Special rate will be given on receipt of copy and particulars.

Our terms are *strictly* cash with order. A large advertisement has been omitted from this issue as it failed to conform with above rule. Our rates are so low that we cannot afford to open accounts with anyone;

they are also so low that any dealer who is *reliable* can easily afford to pay in advance. We don't care to receive ads from any who cannot.

At the suggestion of several of our readers we have opened a new department in this issue, which we hope will prove beneficial to many, and especially to the younger or less advanced collector. This Dept. we have called

## CORRESPONDENCE.

All readers are invited to ask questions concerning any Philatelic subject which may be troubling them, and we will try and answer them as completely as possible. Difficult questions will be published and we rely upon our more experienced readers to furnish the replies.

A. J. R. writes: "Looking over a quantity of the Gt. Britain, 1864, 1p red, I noticed that they were all numbered in very small figures in the scroll-work at the centre of the right and left sides. I also noticed that the numbers were all different. On ten stamps the numbers were 78, 184, 147, 169, etc. Can you tell me if this has ever been noticed before, and also why they were so numbered?"

These stamps were printed in sheets of 240 stamps, made-up of 12 rows, each containing 20 stamps.

Each stamp was numbered in microscopic figures which show the position of the stamp on the sheet. We can see no particular reason why they were used and are also unable to state whether they have been noticed before or not.

Arthur Wendell and D. H. Merrill. We have not authorized anyone to advertise this journal at 10¢ per year. The price is 15¢, so we have credited you with a 6 months subscription each.

Send us \$1.00 for 10 subscribers to this paper for 6 months, and 25¢ extra in cash, and receive *A Scott's 53d edition Catalogue FREE* by mail, postpaid.

**B. C. P. S.**

Since last report was printed on page 45, the following application has been received:

GEO. W. PEPPER, 174 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, Mass.

Refs: L. H. Benton, H. H. Elliott,

A. H. Wood, *Secretary*.

**EXCHANGE \* COLUMN.**

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Canadian collectors sending from 50 to 100 Canadian stamps or envelopes, will receive a like number of U. S. Value for value. Hope stamp Co., bx1384, Providence, R. I.

C. Barrand, N 26 Rue Lamartine, Paris, France, sells and exchanges rare and common stamps of France and Alsace-Lorraine a specialty.

I desire to exchange U. S. stamps with foreign collectors, for stamps of their countries. A. J. Reynolds, Connersville, Ind. (P. S. of A. 142)

Eugene McDowell, Richmond, Va. has a few 3c pink, '61 to exchange for 30 and 90c present issue, and obsolete U. S. One 3c for 4 90c.

Willie McDowell, Richmond, Va. desires sample copies of stamp papers and selections of good stamps. Can give first-class references.

F. M. Camp, 621 No. 7th street, Phila, Pa. has old coins and newspapers issued during the civil war to exchange for U. S. stamps.

100 different stamps and 1000 hinges for every 90c U. S. 30 var. for every stamp paper of not less than 10 pages. Postmarks wanted. E. Moyer, Sebringville, Ont., Canada.

12 lead pencils for 100 used U. S. stamps, except 1c and 2c present issue 7x11 Pearl self-inking printing press for \$45 in U. S. stamps. J. A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa.

2000 good philatelic journals to X for same. Please send "want" and "duplicate" lists. Theo. Q. Pardee, 72 Jones St., Detroit, Mich.

Small 6 inch steel circular saw for ripping boards, price \$2, to exchange for 1000 foreign stamps or offers.

P. E. A. Conrade, Mile Run, Pa.

G. L. Colleser, 347 Walnut St., Springfield, Mass., has two volumes of *Golden Weekly*, a magic lantern, libraries and books to X for an Int. stamp album or U. S. stamps.

\* Will give 3 var. entire envelopes for every philatelic paper sent me. 5 for every covered one. Edgar White, Brewer, Maine (H. P. S. 30).

A number of notices are crowded out of this issue, but will appear in our next. Hereafter we will set them in smaller type and thus get them all in. Send them in **EARLY**.

If in need of—

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—Write me for prices.

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| 9   | *Guatemala, '75, 4 var...   | 25    |
| 10  | *Hamburgh, env., 7 var...   | 15    |
| 12  | *Honduras, '65, 2 var....   | 10    |
| 14  | *Mexico, 64, 4 var.....     | 15    |
| 19  | *Persia official, 4 var.... | 25    |
| 20  | *Porte de Mar, '80, 6 var.  | 20    |
| 24  | *Samoa, '77, 8 var.....     | 20    |
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| 36  | *Honduras official, 11 var. | 25    |
| 43  | *Portuguese Indies, 6 "...  | 40    |
| 44  | *Nicaragua, '91, 10 "...    | 50    |
| 45  | * " off., 10 ".....         | 50    |
| 46  | *Paraguay, 7 ".....         | 50    |
| 47  | *Honduras, 90, 11 ".....    | 50    |
| 48  | *Ecuador, 11 ".....         | 50    |
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| 37  | Hong Kong, '85, 4 var....   | 40    |
| 44a | Samoa, '87, comp 8 "...     | 50    |

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**L. M. STÄBLER,**  
185½ Dundas St., London, Ontario, Canada.

**WISHING** to complete my collection, I request selections of stamps on approval, for which I will return different ones to select from. Copies of stamp papers desired. *Theodor Ovetschkin, Vologada, Russia.*

**CARL HERRING, LONDON, CANADA.**

Approval sheets at 50% commission, also Net sheets. Newfoundland stamps a specialty. A Canada 3 penny stamp and 100 different for 25¢. If you want to increase your collection at a small cost, buy one of my \$1.00 packets, viz.: 200-1¢ stamps; 100-2¢; 50-3¢; 25-4 and 5¢; and 20 blank approval sheets; *ALL* for \$1.00 *NOTHING* like it! I have too-many and will sell them at this rate until gone. *Write at once! References required.*

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sorted, each packet containing 125 var.  
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only 50 cts. 300 assorted, 150 var. cat.  
1c. to \$1.50 each, only \$1.00, 1000  
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Star packet contains 15 var. of good stamps,  
some new, and one worth 5¢ in each. Price  
10¢; 3 for 25, post free. Satisfaction guaran-  
teed. Sheets of good stamps at 33 1/4¢, and  
3 unused stamps free to each applicant who  
mentions "STAR."

**CROWELL & HILL,**  
211 North Water street,  
DECATUR, ILL.

## CABINET STAMP CO.

Pox 676, Washington, D. C.

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| 10c | " " " " " "               | .15 |
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## A BRATTLEBORO!?!?

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5 fine stamps free to new agents for our  
sheets at 33 1/4¢. 5c stamp to 10th.

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The greatest concern in Egypt for the sale of postage stamps for collections.

### SELL-CARLO MOSTI-BUY.

Boite Postale No. 241,  
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SIR:—I have the honor to inform you that the philatelic journal, *La Timbrologie Egyptienne* published by myself and of which the publication was for some time suspended, will appear again Jan. 15, 1893. Consequently you are invited to send your sub and ad at once.

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| $\frac{1}{4}$ ".....1.00 | $\frac{1}{4}$ "......40 |

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## THE COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

THE NEW STAMPS have made their appearance, and, viewed from a philatelic standpoint, they are all that can be desired. Certainly the United States Government has only issued one series that can compare with them, that of '69.

The colors of the new stamps are very handsome, the subjects are well chosen, the engraving is good, and in every way they are a credit to the Department.

I have only heard two objections and neither of them is likely to prove serious.

The color and shape of the one cent are so similar to the special delivery that considerable confusion has been caused, and constant watchfulness is necessary on the part of postal clerks, indeed, cases have already occurred where letters having one of the old stamps and a one cent of the new issue have been delivered by special messenger.

It is reported on good authority that the color of the special delivery stamp is to be changed for this year only, which will make one more variety for the collector.

The other objection is the size. Of course this is not an objection, to a philatelist, and while they are new will not be a serious obstacle to their general use, but to business houses who buy stamps

by the thousand it may prove more of a drawback than one who uses but few stamps would think.

A Southern member of the House of Representatives has already introduced a bill to compel the Postmaster-General to issue an order forbidding postmasters to offer the new stamps for sale except when especially called for. The reason which he gives is that no one ought to be obliged to cover his envelopes with a large label which leaves no room for the address. However, the old stamps will be on sale at all offices during the entire year for the use of those who prefer them so that the size of the new ones will not necessarily be a burden.

One thing collectors should bear in mind regarding the new stamps. They are printed with a chemically prepared ink, designed to prevent their use a second time, and an attempt to wash them for this purpose will change a handsome stamp of beautiful shade and design, to an indistinct and blotted daub which will hardly pass as a stamp, and certainly will not ornament an album.

A very slight amount of moisture should be applied when paper is to be removed from the back.

Mr. Wanamaker has been accused of Seebeckism for issuing the high values, and while in part this is a just charge, a good many of the dollar values will

undoubtedly be used, but it is certain that all the values above fifteen cents will in a very short time be worth more than face value used, and it is very likely that the dollar set will be worth more used than unused. The thirty cent of 1888 issue is now catalogued at face value and it was in use over three years. It seems reasonable to suppose that the thirty cent of this issue will advance even more rapidly when the limited number printed and the short time for their use is taken into consideration.

I have no doubt but the new issue will be the means of interesting hundreds of people, young and old, in our hobby and years from now handsome collections will be shown with pride which would never have been started had it not been for the Columbian issue.

PHIL.

### PICKED SPECIMENS.

If all had the same luck as myself in finding the *rejected dies* they would be catalogued considerably higher than they now are. I have looked over hundreds and have not found even an amber or a white. Still my courage is good and I keep hunting.

What is most needed is a paper that is not ashamed of being called a beginners paper and will give its readers good articles and advice about stamps and stamp collecting. Most stamp papers are too

scientific, if I may use the word, so that a beginner in reading one of these papers really understands or learns nothing.

Wouldn't another good thing be a column where all, and especially the younger collectors, could ask and receive answers to the many perplexing questions which bother them?

Albrecht catalogues the 5 cent blue, 1875 and the 5 cent blue on blue surface paper. Why not the 3 cent green, 1872 on surface paper? It is just as distinct as the 5 cent. I have never yet seen a re-engraved 3 cent on green surface paper, they are all the old ones.

Did you ever try exchanging with collectors in foreign countries? I have, and I have always got left. My advice is to exchange with collectors in your own country and as near home as possible. You will get returns much quicker and will be better satisfied in every way.

—RAMBLER.

### COUNTERFEITS.

It was discovered several days ago that Manuel Lorengo, a pressman employed in the Government Printing Office of Mexico, was selling revenue stamps to tobacco dealers. Detective work resulted in his apprehension, together with an accomplice. Their plan was to print the stamps which they sold on paper similar in size and quality to that used by the Government. Measures are being taken to render such frauds impossible in the future.—*New York Times*.



## CANADIAN \* NOTES.

CHICAGO and Philadelphia have the name, among some Canadian dealers, of being the two worst cities in America for stamp frauds. The frauds of these cities embrace those of all classes, from the impudent rascals who send for sheets and never return them, to the mean snakes that remove twenty-five cents worth to pay car-fare used while visiting their customers. I am thinking of giving some of the latter class a little free advertising.

Stamp frauds are not merely confined to the realms of the collector. Odilon Crepeaud, L. L. D., a clever lawyer in Montreal, is said to have been doing a profitable business by cleaning old Law stamps and selling them as new. The Grose & Carpenter detective agency was set to work and Crepeaud's arrest ensued. An agent of the force who was sent down to the office of the accused, found about two hundred partly cleaned stamps, in denominations from one to five dollars. Upon being shown these Crepeaud acknowledged his guilt. If possible I will furnish the readers of the STAR with an account of any further proceedings which may occur.

The report that Great Britain and all her colonies throughout were to have Penny-postage has not, as yet, been substantiated.

It is reported that an effort is being made among some of the members of the Philatelic Society of Canada, to have the next convention, which will be at Montreal, held at the same time as the Montreal exhibition.

"How much do you charge for a search?" was the query of an Ontario collector, to the Registrar of his county, one day this winter. "Twenty-five cents" answered the Registrar. "All right, here is a dollar! Please show me some of the letters received shortly after this office was built." The Registrar opened his eyes a little wider, but the extra cash seemed to steady his nerves. However, he complied with the request, and the result was that the collector left, a couple of hours later, with a fine lot of old Canadian and United States stamps.

I have been greatly surprised lately to receive several letters from the United States upon which were five-cent stamps. Surely every stamp collector knows that two cents per ounce is the regular rate from the United States to Canada.

I. E. WELDON.

It is pointed out in the *Postwertzeichen Kunde*, of Munich, that the 50 and 100 lira stamps of Italy, catalogued in English catalogues at about 23s, can be had for the asking in one quarter, and for 5d in another. They have never been used for postage, and only represent the payments of one post office to another.—*Phil. Journal of Gt. Britain*.



A bad break has happened to our new press, which will require considerable time to repair.

Consequently there can be no February edition of Golden Star, but number 20, which will be dated March, will appear as soon as possible.

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7. Andrew J. Kirby, 10 Wilbur street, Taunton.

8. James A. Cushman, 12 Clifton street, Taunton.

9. George W. Pepper, 174 Acushnet avenue, New Bedford.

**APPLICATIONS.**

Everett C. Borden, 12 Purchase street, Taunton. References: Lewis H. Benton, Arthur H. Wood.

Wilfred C. Phillips, 126 Berkley street, Taunton. References: Lewis H. Benton, Archie Phillips.

Mortimer Searles, 123 Union street, New Bedford. References, G. W. Pepper, Will C. Phillips.

Elton G. Cushman, 37 Harrison avenue, Taunton. References: Lewis H. Benton, Everett E. Ashley.

Walter G. Stiles, 4 Hall street, New Bedford. References: Geo. W. Pepper, Mortimer Searles.

Carlton L. Soule, temporary residence Northfield, Minn. References: Howard Elliott, Lewis Benton.

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George G. Crane, Box 208, Taunton. References: Lewis Benton, Howard Elliott.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership at the next regular meeting if no objection is received.

At a meeting held Jan. 6, the Constitution was amended, increasing initiation fee to 10c. Andrew J. Kirby was elected librarian.

Members desiring information on any subject, should address him, inclosing return postage, and he will forward such works as he may have relating to the matter.

The meetings for the month of February are as follows: Feb. 17 at the house of A.L. Dean, 15 Clinton St. March 3 at the house of I.B. Dean, 16 Walnut street.

All stamp collectors in Bristol County are invited to join this society. Address for Application Blanks, A. H. Wood, *Sec'y*.

## EDITORIALS.

## MANUSCRIPT WANTED.

After reading this issue of our journal it will be plainly apparent to anyone that we are sadly in need of some good Mss. We have no doubt there are many of our readers who will be glad to help us when they learn of our trouble. Every collector is apt to come across some philatelic knowledge which is unknown to the great majority, and it is his duty to make it known at the first opportunity. If you are unable to write a long article, make up a few notes and send them along. Anything new and original is acceptable.

## VARIETY OF HAYTI.

We recently run across quite an oddity in the 1891 issue of this country. We have two copies of the 5; with different sizes of figures of value. Although the figures are of the same shape and style, the difference in size is very noticeable. The postmark on the copy with smaller figures is dated 91, while the other is 92.

## TARDY.

Owing to the great rush of job work which falls to the lot of every printer at this time of year, we have been obliged to let the STAR fall behind this month. Our next issue is to be a special one, and, although it will go to press at once, it is to be so large that we expect to be very late again next month.

## COUNTERFEIT MEXICANS.

We were recently offered a copy each of the 13c and 25c Mexican lithographs of 1866. Although we had never seen genuine specimens of these two values, we became suspicious of them at once, and later our suspicions were confirmed. They were both pronounced frauds! Look out for more of the same sort. One point which we noticed in regard to the counterfeits is that the small dot which appears between the figure of value and the word "correos" is too near the outer line of the oval. It should be midway between the two lines.

## ERRATUM.

In the ad of Mons. Barraud, on page 11, the price of 12c 1872 should read 10c, instead of 25c as printed.

## DURING THE MONTH

We have received a catalogue of the 11th Auction Sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co. The Sale occurs Feb. 15-16.

A copy of *The Price List*. A 4-page list of packets and dealer's stocks, from The Colorado Stamp Co., Denver, Colo.

A 4-page list of United States stamps, from Frank Kline, Spring City, Pa. The two latter are from our own press, this making the second list we have done for Mr. Kline within a few months. He has advertised considerably with us of late and reports well pleased with results.

Under date of Dec. 18, he writes:

"I will renew adv. \* \* \* Your paper seems to reach all over the country, as I get answers from all corners \* \* \* I want a half page."

Read his ad on ninth page. It will be changed frequently.

Mr. Chas. C. Lewis wishes us to state that he has received so many orders from last month's ad that his stock is broken and he is unable to furnish the package of cut envelopes advertised this month. However, he will be pleased to supply any of the other bargains in his ad.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Questions of a philatelic nature will be answered here when possible. Difficult questions will be published and readers are invited to reply.

We are unable to give space to any new questions this month but desire to mention a serious mistake which occurred in last issue and to rectify it before it is allowed to go any further. The correct answer to "A. J. R." should read:

The small figures indicate the number of the plate from which the stamp was printed. They begin with 71 and end with 225, with exception of 75, 77, 127 and 128 which were never used. Number 225 is quite scarce.

## EXCHANGES.

Subscribers may insert any EXCHANGE notices of not over thirty words in length, ONE TIME free. Notices inserted more than once cost  $\frac{1}{4}$ c a word.

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IT SEEMS to me that the Columbian issue of U. S. stamps is going to command good prices from the start. The Post Office Department has finally become aware of the fact that a higher value than ninety cents is a necessity and has issued several dollar values. These will be obtainable at the largest offices only, as few of the second-class offices carry 90-cent stamps even now. Consequently philatelists residing away from the large centres must pay a little over face value to obtain them.

I have just become possessed of a curiosity in the shape of a block of 12 official seals of the present issue. It is two entire strips taken from the end of the sheet and the right hand row has an additional line of perforations about eight millimetres from the end of the stamp and extending through the entire strip.

Speaking of official seals reminds me that I would like to ask if anyone can inform me where they are printed. I have looked over a good many sheets

of the present issue but have been unable to find an imprint on any them. I am inclined to think they are printed at the Government Printing Office, for the additional reason that the stamps printed by the American Bank-note Company seldom if ever curl up, while the seals do curl and very tightly, too. This may not seem like a valid reason, but I think it proves that either the gum is different, or it is applied in a different manner.

I would also like some information in regard to the rouletted seal which was in use for a few weeks. Three seals have been in use during the past year: first a seal printed on thick heavy paper which was superseded for a short time by the rouletted seal on very thin paper; and the one now in use, perforated, on medium paper.

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## PHIL'S \* NOTES

IT SEEMS to me that the Columbian issue of U. S. stamps is going to command good prices from the start. The Post Office Department has finally become aware of the fact that a higher value than ninety cents is a necessity and has issued several dollar values. These will be obtainable at the largest offices only, as few of the second-class offices carry 90-cent stamps even now. Consequently philatelists residing away from the large centres must pay a little over face value to obtain them.

I have just become possessed of a curiosity in the shape of a block of 12 official seals of the present issue. It is two entire strips taken from the end of the sheet and the right hand row has an additional line of perforations about eight millimetres from the end of the stamp and extending through the entire strip.

Speaking of official seals reminds me that I would like to ask if anyone can inform me where they are printed. I have looked over a good many sheets

of the present issue but have been unable to find an imprint on any them. I am inclined to think they are printed at the Government Printing Office, for the additional reason that the stamps printed by the American Bank-note Company seldom if ever curl up, while the seals do curl and very tightly, too. This may not seem like a valid reason, but I think it proves that either the gum is different, or it is applied in a different manner.

I would also like some information in regard to the rouletted seal which was in use for a few weeks. Three seals have been in use during the past year; first a seal printed on thick heavy paper which was superseded for a short time by the rouletted seal on very thin paper; and the one now in use, perforated, on medium paper.

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# WRITING \* FOR \* THE \* PHILATELIC \* PRESS.

AMBITION to write for the philatelic press causes some would-be "authors" to write articles containing statements that are "way off;" to write on subjects with which they are unfamiliar. How an ordinarily intelligent editor of a stamp journal can accept such stuff is mystifying, unless that "knight of the blue pencil" is "all-fired hardup" for "stuffing" for his paper.

For instance, an article in a certain paper a few months ago contains the startling statement that the large State Department stamps have on them the profile of "Stuart." From the same source we learn something remarkable,—namely, that a 90-center is the final stamp of the Agriculture set.

If the reader has a desire to learn the printers' art he should have the writer of said remarkable statements as instructor, for we learn from the article that the lithographed Official Seal stamp has a groundwork composed of the words "Lithograph," as in the case of the "Post Obitum" stamp.

The Treasury Department has a set of ten stamps he tells us, also; and the War has more denominations represented in her set than there is in any other official set.

The following conclusive description tells, or rather tries to tell us, how to recognize Justice Department stamps:

"The Justice Dept. stamp are marked 'Specimen' *in gum* near bottom."

We learn also that they are of a "purple *hugh*"

The article in question is replete with revised spelling methods and original styles of punctuation.

Perhaps the editor, who is the printer, is responsible for the rhetorical "breaks," for he repeatedly spells certain words wrong where they have been correctly spelled by the author, for that same author in various other papers *always* spelled that particular word correctly.

But the author of the "official stamp *facts (!)*"—and he alone—is responsible for the misstatements, though he evidently meant well, but was a tyro and couldn't help it

The best way to succeed as a writer for the press is to be familiar with the subject on which you are to write, and know *how* to write it; and send it to a publisher who will see that it is printed correctly.

And another point. When you send an article to a paper, and it is accepted, don't expect to see it in the following



month's number. Philatelic editors have heaps of "accepted" matter on hand, and your turn may not come for some time. I have had articles appear four and even five months after having been accepted and paid for. This of course does not apply to timely topics and such like.

And now, reader, do not think that the writer is getting egotistic, or maliciously criticising a party, for he is merely suggesting a reform in particular instances which will advance and not retard the good of our cause.

—L. H. BENTON.

## FRENCH *and* OTHERWISE.

CAN YOU always tell the difference between your French and French Colonies? Do not be ashamed to own it if you cannot for not one-half the collectors can do so.

As I make a specialty of these countries and have put a great deal of time on them, perhaps I may be able to save some poor victim from the intricacies of this labyrinth. Of course you all know that all French Colony stamps prior to 1881, when the word "Colonies" was put on, are imperforate. The chief difficulty is in distinguishing between the French issue of 1870 and the Colonies issue of 1871-76. These will cause many a great deal of trouble.

But if you look carefully, you will see that in the Colonies, there are two laurel leaves in the wreath upon the head of Liberty which touch the circle of beads. In the French these leaves do not appear above the others. All other difficulties in these countries may be overcome by a careful use of album and catalogue.

Perhaps some are unacquainted with the test for determining a mushroom from a toadstool. I have heard it said that the only sure way to tell is to eat it; if it kills you you may know that it was a toadstool; otherwise you can rest assured that it was a mushroom. Some of our readers might not like to try this test. Will they also be as reluctant in regard to testing surcharges? I refer to surcharges in general and French Colonies in particular. If you are showing your collection to an expert and leave a number of these vermin in your album it will kill your collection, in his eyes, as effectually as the toadstool is supposed to kill its devourer. The only safe way is to abstain from collecting them. There are enough good *stamps* to collect without making a collection of printer's ink.

—Chas. L. Curtis.

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## EDITORIALS.

## SUSPENSION.

Since our last number was issued an important change in the affairs of THE GOLDEN STAR has been decided upon.

We intend to close up the publishing department of our business and discontinue the publication of this journal.

We assure our readers that we have not taken this step without due consideration; it is also unnecessary to state that we have good and sufficient reasons for so doing, and that all contracts which have been made with us will be faithfully carried out. Although we have given notice of this change at the earliest possible moment, it will not take effect for some time, as we intend to complete the present volume, and, perhaps, publish a few additional numbers. Due notice will be given at the proper time and unexpired subscriptions will be filled by some reliable journal, the name of which will be announced later.

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F. G. A.—There seems to be some doubt about the New South Wales stamps with surcharge "specimen," but it is believed that they are reprints made by officials for exchange or distribution to Foreign offices.

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In your December issue I notice an article about The Stamp Package Stamp, in which the author, L. H. Benton, says he has learned that such a stamp or label exists, but he mentions only one color—red. In my collection are two varieties, the red, described by Mr. Benton, and one lithographed in black. I took both from original envelopes.

Resp'y,

H. F. MUSTAIN.

[Thanks for your information. An article which appeared in the *Curio* (Benson, Minn) Vol. VIII, No. 7, refers to these seals and mentions two varieties in brown and black, but none in black alone.—ED.]

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I AM WELL aware of the fact that stories of "finds" are a drug on the market, but as this find of mine was rather unusual, and as although I discovered it, I have thus far, reaped no benefit from it, and as my story has the further advantage of being strictly true, I will venture to give it for what it is worth.

Last June, I became acquainted with a gentleman whom I will call Mr. M—, an old army vetrean, and when he found that I was a stamp collector, he informed me that his daughter had a collection. This collection had been made about 1870 by a young man with whom Mr. M— was acquainted. This young man, whose father held a government office at Washington, had had special facilities for obtaining stamps; but, in 1873, he died and his mother gave the collection to Mr. M—, who had been with them during his last illness. It then consisted of some seven or eight hundred varieties.

In 1881, Mr. M—'s daughter, then a girl of thirteen, became interested in stamps, and he gave her the collection. Her interest lasted a few months only, but in that time she added some two hundred new varieties.

After I became acquainted with Miss M—, I lost no time in asking to see her collection; she replied that it was in the garret, but she would bring it down and

let me see it if I would call Thursday afternoon.

Mr. M—'s wife was dead and his daughter was his housekeeper. They were, I think, in rather poor circumstances. You may be sure that I was promptly on hand Thursday afternoon, and I look back on that afternoon as one of the most enjoyable of my life. I have never before, and, I may say, never expect to again look upon such a number of rare stamps in so short a space of time. I will try to give a description of some of the stamps that are in that old Senf Bros. Album, from the notes which I took.

First came the United States; strange to say, there were no rarities among the general issue. (All the stamps in the book were pasted down flat as pancakes) Nearly all the stamps except the ninety-centers, of the issues from 1847 to 1866 were there, but the rarest ones were missing; there were one or two grilles, but no five cent yellows, or three cent scarlet, etc. The rarest stamp among these all, was the five cent brown, unperforated, 1851.

There were a number of fine locals, including all three varieties with the man jumping over the tops of houses. A Government carrier stamp, one cent red, also caught my attention. When I saw these latter, I began to hope for a Bal-



timore local, or something of the kind, but not a single postmaster's stamp did I find.

Next came the envelopes; these were "out of sight." Nearly all the 1853 issues used, a four cent (one and three) blue and red, 1861, unused, and all of the 1861-64, high values, unused, but, sad to relate these latter were cut to shape.

There were but half a dozen Departments and these were all common.

Next came the revenues; of the perforated issue of document stamps, the only one missing between the one cent and ten dollar values was the six cent proprietary. Unperforated and part perforated revenues were there in abundance but I took no notes them or of the Match and Medicine stamps of which there were a large number.

All of the general issue of Confederate States were there, and a number of locals. There were none of the greatest rarities among these, but they included the five cent Mobile, four of the New Orleans, the five cent Memphis, and five cent Nashville, all used. These stamps have a story of their own which I will tell you some other time. There were also three Fort Sumpter stamps in various colors, and several other counterfeits.

I cannot give a detailed account of the foreign but will mention a few.

The early Brazil, Montevideo, and old German States, alone, would create a sensation at an auction sale. The British Colonials were splendid, including many rarities, as the early British Guianas, and even several Sidney Views. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company issues were complete. Hawaii, Mexico, and the Fr. Colonies contributed rarities. When I came to British America, I almost jumped from my seat; the first stamp that met my eye was a one shilling Nova Scotia. This was the rarest, but the one, three, and six penny stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and New Foundland were all there, together with many good of later issues.

But enough. I have named a sufficient number of the stamps to give you an idea of what a bonanza I had found. I will add, however, that in the two hours spent in going over that collection once, I noted seventy-seven stamps the market prices which were from five to thirty-five dollars each.

"Would she sell it?" "Would I make an offer?" At a venture I named eighty dollars. She replied that her father had wished to keep it to remember the young man by, but she would see what he thought of it. When father was consulted, he was willing to sell for cash.

But in a couple of days, I expected to start to New Hampshire, for two months

gunning and fishing. I could not very well spare the money then, so she agreed to wait until I came back.

You may be sure that during those two months, I built many an air castle with that stamp collection for a corner stone, but when I came home my castles were shattered. Mr. M—'s father had shuffled off this mortal coil, leaving him a farm down in Maine, and some ready money, not much, but enough to make them independent of that eighty dollars.

Miss M— had decided not to sell; "Father wants to keep it, and we don't need the money, you know. So sorry to disappoint you." I raised my offer to ninety, then a hundred, but she was firm; "We don't want to sell at any price."

Of course, I could not blame them, but I felt like kicking myself. Who would have thought she would change her mind? I now wish I had let my vacation go, and bought the stamps when I had the chance. However, I have not yet given up all hope, and am still trying to induce them to change their minds. But to think of those stamps lying neglected in that garret! It's enough to make a man swear!

—BARK N. TINE.

### Philatelia's \* Boom.

It is becoming very evident that the drop in prices which some of the wise

ones have predicted, will not affect our United States stamps for some time to come.

I thought myself, when the new catalogues came out last fall, that prices had taken too great a "boom," and that many who were holding them for speculation would unload, and prices would drop, but everything goes to prove nearly all lines of United States stamps will show, in the next catalogues, a marked advance over present prices.

One thing which has not been taken into full consideration is the fact that a large army of new collectors has sprung up, and every day brings new accessions to the ranks.

The new issue has already been the means of starting hundreds of collections, and its work is by no means completed.

The desire to own Columbian stamps seems to be universal; small boys who appear hardly old enough to know what a postage stamp is for, may be seen looking over waste baskets, and eagerly seizing stray envelopes on the street in order to secure the stamp. School boys very generally have the "craze," as they do periodically, and many older persons are affected.

Many a business man has bought a set or part of a set of Columbians "just as a curiosity," and, in many cases, some of which have come under my personal ob-

servation, this has set him to thinking of the older issues, and a desire to own a complete set of all United States stamps has arisen in his mind, and he sets himself at work to obtain them. In process of time he will own such a set, even if he is obliged to pay much more for the rarities than is now demanded. When the dealers who are holding big stocks of United States postage stamps get ready to unload, there will be all this immense number of new collectors, many of whom will be so ready to fill the blank spaces in their albums that they will not find a great deal of fault with the prices.

Those who already have the spaces filled are the fortunate mortals, for I can see no reason to believe that United States stamps are not going to be even much higher than at present.

—PHIL.

### —NOTES.—

BY L. H. BENTON.

SCOTT catalogues 2195 U. S. stamps in the 53rd. Of these, 572 are locals, and match and medicine stamps foot up to 530.

A collector here recently obtained a magnificent used copy of a 3½-linker for three cents from a prominent dealer's sheet.

Some cataloguers call the 3 cent 1861

envelope stamp *pink*, and others *rose*; if there are both, won't somebody please put a big price on the pink in order to distinguish them.

We have heard of the 2 cent envelope stamp with no "G" in "POSTAGE." What about the one cent with an "F",—thus "ONF"?

The B. C. P. S. will hold an auction sale of U. S. stamps in June.

### Keeping \* Duplicates.

IN THE November number of GOLDEN STAR I noticed an article by J. E. W., showing how to make a book for holding duplicate stamps; I wish to give for the benefit of brother collectors, a system which I have used for some time with great success.

Take a small blank book about three by six inches, and in each page cut six pairs of slits about the length of a postage stamp; have a space of about one-eighth inch between the two slits, and about one-and-a-half inches between each pair; this will allow plenty of room for inserting and removing the stamps.

Slip the stamps in these slits and you will not only have them so that they cannot fall out, but each variety can be kept separate and right side up.

—W. F. F.

## EDITORIALS.

## A NEW LEASE OF LIFE.

OUR LAST issue contained an item to the effect that we intended to suspend publication at the end of this volume.

We are now pleased to state that we have made new arrangements by which the STAR will be continued, and will be better than ever. Beginning with the July number, Mr. Lewis H. Benton, of this city, will take full control of the STAR. This news, we feel sure, will be very agreeable to our subscribers, as it assures them a journal which shall be first-class in every respect.

Under the management of Mr. Benton, the STAR will be greatly changed in both form and contents. While not being a strictly Philatelic paper, it will contain, at least, as much philatelic matter as the average philatelic paper, as well as an abundance of other good things, all of which will be of interest and value to every reader, whether philatelist or not.

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## FRAUDULENT SURCHARGES.

Readers are warned against purchasing any *cancelled* surcharges, without first giving them a close examination. We have reason to believe that some person, or persons, is engaged in putting quantities of fraudulent surcharges on the market. The manner of making these frauds is about as follows: A cancelled specimen of a certain stamp is placed in chemicals until the cancellation is made very faint; the required surcharge is then printed on, and *over* this a new cancellation is applied. Some of these frauds are made by simply printing the surcharge over a genuine cancellation. We have noticed the following stamps which have been treated with fraudulent surcharges:

*Great Britain.* Scott's 301, 304.

*Bangkok.* " 105.

## SPECIAL EDITIONS.

Wishing to "boom" our subscription list, and believing that the most effective way to do it is by issuing a series of special editions, we shall start the ball

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A variety of the 10c 1890 has been found. Color, *olive-green*.

There are several varieties of the new 2c envelopes. We have seen three.

### EXCHANGES.

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At a meeting held April 7, this Amendment to the Constitution was submitted to the Society: To amend Art. III, Sec. 1 to read "Any stamp collector residing in *New England* may become a member," instead of any stamp collector residing in Bristol Co. The above amendment will be acted upon May fifth. As the Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of all members of the Society, it is desired that all members will send their votes by mail to the Secretary before May fourth. The meetings for May are at L. H. Benton's on the 5th, and A. L. Dean's, 15 Clinton St., on the 19th.

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| 61      | Shanghai, '73, *1ca on 8 cents blue, blue surcharge, rare. (Scott's 43)... 100¢                                                                                                                                                              | 73      | 17 varieties, including 300r '78, right side damaged, '82, 200r pink, pair and '87, 500r, pair. ....                                                                                            |
| 62      | So. Australia, '55, 1p dark green, used, "Postage" mostly cut off at top, but appearing on the bottom from adjoining stamp. A fine specimen of a rare stamp. .... 500¢                                                                       | 74      | Newspaper stamps, *20r and *100r yellow, *10r olive, 20r green used and unused. Fine. ....                                                                                                      |
| 63      | '67, 2sh carmine, rouletted, used, splendid specimen. .... 100¢                                                                                                                                                                              | 75      | '43, 60r, fine, '44-46, 10r, 90r; 1850, 10r, 30r, 60r, 90r, damaged; '54, 30r. Eight varieties. .... 50¢                                                                                        |
| 64      | Victoria, '84, revenues used for postage, 1£ orange on yellow, and same on white. Latter uncatalogued. .... 100¢                                                                                                                             | 76      | 1890, block of 4 10r blue, perforated Rare. ....                                                                                                                                                |
| 65      | '84, 2£ blue and 4sh vermillion, rev. used for postage, and '84 2sh olive on green paper, postage; all on part of original cover. Cat. at \$3.25. .... 125¢                                                                                  | 77      | British Guiana 3, Bulgaria 2, Canada 8, Cape Good Hope 4. ....                                                                                                                                  |
| 66      | Antigua 1, Argentine 7, Austria 19.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 78      | Ceylon, 2c on 4c rose, used (type 926, Scott 53d) Not catalogued. Received from an assistant P. M. in Ceylon. Rare. .... 75¢                                                                    |
| 67      | Austria, '67, 50k; '83, 10k, wmk. in N. E. corner; Bolivia, '87, 1c; Bosnia, 2n; Bermuda; 1p, C. A., 2 var., 2½p; Bergeford, ½s. ....                                                                                                        | 79      | 1872, 8c; 1883, 4c; 1884, 2c; 1885, 5c on 32c; 1886, 5c, 15c, 25c; 1888, 2c on 4c rose; 1889, 2c on 4c lilac rose, 2c on 4c rose; 1890, 2c on 4c rose, 5c on 15c. All used and a fine lot. .... |
| 68      | Austria 15, Bavaria 11, France 20, Hungary 13, Gt. Britain 17, Saxony 7, Russia, 12, etc. 102 varieties. ....                                                                                                                                | 80      | Chili 8, Columbia 6 including strip of four 1886, 5c blue. ....                                                                                                                                 |
| 69      | Baden 1, Belgium 10, etc. 20 var..                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 81      | Chili, 1852 5c red; 1880 5c; Canada, 1859, 10c. ....                                                                                                                                            |
| 70      | Barbadoes, '71, ½p green, wmk. small star. Fine. .... 200¢                                                                                                                                                                                   | 82      | Colombia, pair *10c lilac. .... 25¢                                                                                                                                                             |
| 71      | Gt. Britain, '87, block of eight each 2½d, 5d, 6d; Germany, block of ten 50pf, '89; France, '87, block of ten 15c; Italy, '79, block of eight 25c; Belgium, '85, block of six 25c; Norway, '77, block of eight 10¢. Very desirable lot. .... | 83      | " 12, Turkey 4, Bulgaria, 6, Germany 14, etc. 50 good var. ....                                                                                                                                 |
| 72      | Brazil, '46, 10r, '50, 30r, 60r, pair, 180r, 300r, slight nick at bottom,                                                                                                                                                                    | 84      | Colombia, 1881, strip of 3 *1c green, perforated. Rare. ....                                                                                                                                    |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 85      | 1883, block of 15 *1c green. ....                                                                                                                                                               |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 86      | 1876, 10c used; 1883, *10c pair, both damaged. ....                                                                                                                                             |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 87      | Cuba, 1890, 20c; Danish W. Indies, 5c gray and green, strip of 4. ....                                                                                                                          |

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| 90      | Corea 10 mon, Costa Rica 5, Guana-<br>caste 1890 5c, Cuba 12, etc. 26 var.                                                                                                                               | 109     | Mexico, '88, 2c pin perf. showing<br>perf. at top only.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 91      | Dominican Rep. 1885 2c, Ecuador 7,<br>Egypt 3, etc. 15 var.....                                                                                                                                          | 110     | Mexico, '82, *25 rose thin wove...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 92      | France 43, Colonies 2.....                                                                                                                                                                               | 111     | Modena 1, Natal 4, New So. Wales<br>5, Netherland 13, etc. 30 var.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 93      | Germany 24, Gold Coast 4.....                                                                                                                                                                            | 112     | Newfoundlavd. '76, 5c rouletted, '80,<br>1c, 2c, 3c, 5c; '87, 3c, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. French<br>colonies and levant 6.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 94      | Gt. Britain 29, Greece 13.....                                                                                                                                                                           | 113     | Orange Free State, 2p, Norway 6,<br>Peru 6, Porto Rico. 22 var.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 95      | Gt. Britain, 42 varieties, including<br>6p green, Govt. Parcels, right upper<br>corner damaged.....                                                                                                      | 114     | Russia 18, Roumania 10, Portugal<br>9, etc. 44 varieties.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 96      | Guatemala 5, Honduras 13, etc. 22<br>varieties, including pair 1887, Hayti<br>5c.....                                                                                                                    | 115     | Salvador, '90, set of envelopes and<br>wrappers, cut square. 9 var.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 97      | Hayti, '91, *1c block of 8.....                                                                                                                                                                          | 116     | Salvador cards, '90, 2, 3, 2x2, 3x3...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 98      | *Heligoland, 15 varieties.....                                                                                                                                                                           | 117     | Salvador, '90, adhesives, 9 var.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 100     | Hungary, '88, 1k to 1fl. 8 var....                                                                                                                                                                       | 119     | Switzerland 15, Trinidad 4, Tas-<br>mania 1. 20 varieties.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 101     | Hungary, '71, 5k lithographed; Ice-<br>land, '76, 10a, 16a; '82, 3a, 5a, 20a;<br>Official, 5a, 10a, 20a; India, block<br>of 3 1r; Italy Postal Packet 1.25c..                                            | 120     | Turkey 20, Egypt 7.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 102     | Hungary 12, India 12, Italy 21, etc.<br>good lot 49 var.....                                                                                                                                             | 121     | Turkey 17, including pairs, Vene-<br>zuela 7, Wurtemberg 8. 38 var...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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## "NOT IN IT."

UNDER A pile of relics of some illustrious rebel general, so well hidden as to be invisible to any but philatelic eyes, are three 5-cent blue, two 5-cent dark blue, and a sheet of 10-cent pale-blue Confederate stamps.

The above is a complete inventory of the collection of the U. S. Government, now temporarily deposited in the National Museum at Washington.

These are all right so far as they go. If they were deposited as the nucleus of a stamp collection, it would soon be increased by donations, to respectable dimensions. But such is not the case. These stamps are here simply and solely as relics of the aforesaid rebel general.

There is no other similar institution of such importance as this in the country. It is 'National' in every sense of the word.

Here, a 'bug-hunter' may spend weeks in admiring the many rare varieties of insects, while a hundred yards distant, in the Smithsonian Building, a whole floor is devoted to ornithology, and another to Indian relics and curios. The numismatic collection includes specimens of almost every type. In fact every fad and science is represented—every one

but Philately. We have been completely left out in the cold by the respected managers of this great institution.

According to ex-Postmaster-General Wanamaker's estimate, 100,000 sets of the Columbian stamps will be sold to collectors alone. This means a clear gain of over \$1,600,000, without any outlay beyond the paltry cost of printing.

Now, what better use could be made of this money, at least the odd \$100,000, than to buy a first-class stamp collection for the National Museum? Those now in the possession of the P. O. Department would make a good start, and a few experienced collectors could soon spend the money with good results.

But there is another way, which has the advantage of being practicable. If each philatelist in the United States would send to the Museum good stamps to the catalogue value of one dollar or more, we should have a collection worth a quarter of a million dollars. To be successful, this would, of course, require concerted action.

Whether such an idea is ever carried out or not, let me advise anyone visiting Washington, to omit from his sight-seeing anything but the National Museum.

—Frank Moore.

## CHECK \* STAMPS.

MANY STAMP collectors, and even U. S. specialists, fail to give the attention due to a certain class of very interesting stamps. I refer to the stamps impressed on checks and receipts. Those of a similar nature on Agreements, Certificates, Contracts, Licenses, Life Insurance Policies, etcetera, though just as interesting and collectible, are not considered in the statistics herewith.

There were issued four series of these stamps, those of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis.

The New York series were issued from 1866 to 1875, and consist of 31 different types or designs. Mr. Sterling says 36, but that gentleman counts the same design on face only and on both sides as *two different designs*, whereas I do not. The design being the same, but variously impressed, I cannot say the latter and be accurate.

The first type appears in nine different colors, and one of the colors on two varieties of paper—blue and white.

The 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th and 28th types exist in but one color and on white paper only.

The 4th and 12th come in three colors on white paper; the 5th, 8th and 14th

come in two colors on white paper; and the 9th and 13th in four colors on white paper.

The 20th appears in five colors.

The 7th appears in more colors than any other design of the four series, viz., twenty-two, and it comes on various colored papers. Now I have various types on seven varieties of paper, and considering those which are found on "various fancy and colored papers" to exist on seven of them, we have 154 varieties of the 7th type alone alone, and if the various positions in which they are found impressed on the checks are counted, we then have something like 322 varieties.

The 22 colors aforesaid are:

Black, blue, bronze, brown, carmine, deep green, deep orange, gold, green, indigo blue, intense black, lake, lemon, light brown, olive green, orange, pink, puce, purple, red, slate and violet.

What an array this type in all its colors would make! Verily, it would charm the æsthetic mind,

The 10th type is the rarest, a specimen being worth about \$2.50.

The 11th type appears in eight colors, probably seven paper varieties, making 56 varieties; the 24th type gives us five colors on different colored papers, besides *blank white*.

The 27th type appears in three colors,



the 30th in two, and the 29th and 31st in one color each,—all on various colored papers.

Thus of the New York series we have 92 varieties, those of paper not counted. The latter point considered we have 349 varieties, and if position of impression is counted, the sum total of this series foots up to 692. So much for the New York series; now for the Quaker City series.

These Philadelphia series were issued from 1869 to 1875, a period covering three years less than that of the New York series.

There are six types. The 1st, 2nd and 4th types exist on white paper only, and have four, three and two varieties respectively.

The 3rd type appears in six colors, and so we probably have 42 varieties; then comes the 5th with twelve, giving us 84; and the 6th with 16, giving us 112 legitimate varieties.

Thus we have 43 varieties on white, and 247 on all papers. There are no varieties of position of impression in this series.

Next comes the Boston series, issued in 1874. It comes in but two types,—three colors in the first, and four in the second. The first comes on both white and fancy safety paper, and the second on white and green only. There are two varieties of position of impression in

the second, however, giving us sixteen varieties, which, added to the six of the first type, give 22 varieties, with position counted. That not considered, we have 14 legitimate varieties.

Of the St. Louis "series," also issued in 1874, there is but one type, it being printed in two colors on blue and white, giving us four different St. Louisans.

Summing these all up we have 31 different types of check stamps, 144 varieties on white, 614 on all papers, and, position of impression counted, 971.

As there were, during the period of the use of these stamps, something over 2100 National Banks, it may be readily seen what a field there would be for a "crank" to collect each variety with the names of the banks which used this and that variety, or all, on them, not to mention the varieties of printing and various printed dating places used by each bank. Oh, the millions! But the rational field should be cultivated by the U. S. Specialist, these interesting prints merit as much attention as any revenue stamps.

—L. H. Benton.

### Publisher's Notices.

As we stated last month, we intended to make this number a special one. But we are unable to adhere to our plans owing to a very serious spell of sickness. In fact this has been the trouble with us

for some time, and now, on this account, we are compelled to announce that this must be our last issue under the present management. Those of our readers who have followed our fortunes during the past few months will know that the STAR has been sold to Mr. Lewis H. Benton, of this city, and, therefore, the next and succeeding numbers will be published by him, although the next one will probably not appear until August, owing to the great amount of work required in getting out the first number, and more especially to the fact that all the arrangements in regard to a good staff of contributors, etcetera, are not yet completed.

Following is a brief description of the STAR as it will appear under the new management. A journal of sixteen large pages monthly, similar in size and general character to the *Plain Talk*, New York. Reading matter will predominate, and each number will contain a department devoted to philately, embracing wide-range notes of the day, and a good philatelic article by a like writer, also stories by A1 authors, besides "side-dishes" in shape of items of interest, poems, etc.

It will contain a department devoted exclusively to amateur sport, and perhaps one devoted exclusively to the wheel.

Departments in the interests of Numismatists, Antiquarians, etc., etc., will be opened as soon as arrangements can be made. The price will be 50¢ per year.

Now, reader, we would like you to think about the above, and while you're thinking, it might be well to read this:

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Mr. Geo. W. Pepper, of New Bedford, and Messrs. J. S. Johnson, and Frank D. Washburn, of Boston, were recent visitors at this office.

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Have Takiv camera, fountain pen, stamp album, etc., to exchange for stamps. U. S. of all kinds wanted. Write me. H. N. Bugbee, 19 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass.

If you want a good Rubber Stamp of any description save your old Postage Stamps and send them to me. Mortimer Searles, Manufacturer of Rubber Stamps, Stencils, etc., New Bedford, Mass.

I will give a year's subscription to this paper for either of the following lots: 200 Columbian stamps; 100 assorted 1890 issue, no 1c or 2c; 15 entire Columbian envelopes; or will exchange Job Printing, or good U. S. Revenues from sheets for above at wholesale rates. A. J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

## BRISTOL COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED DEC. 5, 1892.

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## Secretary's Report.

## NEW MEMBER.

22. Lewis W. Eddy, 9 Forest St., Taunton.

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## APPLICATIONS.

David E. Brown, 161 Smith Street, New Bedford. Ref.: G. W. Pepper, Mortimer Searles.

Fred. W. Kaupp, 183 School St., Taunton. Ref.: A. H. Wood, E. E. Ashley.

Everett H. Pendleton, 27 Maple St., Taunton.

Will give a year's sub. to *Mass. Philatelist* for Vol. I, No. 1 or 5 of *The Stamp*: or an inch ad for both. A Magic Lantern, cost \$45.00, good as new, having been used but twice, to exchange for \$60.00 worth of U.S. stamps. Write for particulars. E.E. Ashley, Taunton, Mass.

Have a few copies of Nos 2, 4 and 5, *Vol. I, GOLDEN STAR*, to sell or exchange for stamps. Offers solicited. Columbians and entire envelopes wanted. A. J. Kirby.

I wish to ex. for all complete volumes of Philatelic papers, and will give stamps for same. Also want any Golden Library for stamps. Walter G. Mullen, Madelia, Minn.

10c Executive, 24c Treasury, and other rare U. S. for the best offer in good salable stamps. Oscar Schleif, 3202 Sansom street, Phila., Pa.

ton. Ref.: H. H. Elliott, G. E. Pendleton. The above applicants will be admitted to membership at the next regular meeting if no objection is received.

At the meeting held May 5th, Art. 3, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, was amended to read "Any stamp Collector residing in Mass. may become a member." Meetings for June are as follows; 16th at E. E. Ashley's, Harrison Ave., at H. H. Elliott's, Harrison Avenue, July 7th. It was voted at the last meeting, to omit one meeting in July and one in Aug.

Arthur H. Wood, *Sec.*

I have a number of 1889, Officially Sealed (Cat. 25c) to ex. at 15c each stamps not in coll., or for Phil. papers. Send list of papers.

Frank R. Lawrence, Canton, Mo.

100 assorted U. S. revenues for 40c worth of stamps from sheets, my selection. None cat. less than 3c wanted. Freeman Putney, Jr., Gloucester, Mass.

Stamp cat. 5c for every Phil. paper. Not less than 6 taken. Clarence Bundy, South Bend, Wash.

For 10c in U. S. stamps, catalogued at not less than 5c- I will send a paper containing the account of the assassination of Lincoln. Jas. A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa.

I have 40 Amateur papers, 20 covered Stamp papers and other articles to exchange for 1 and 2c Columbian stamps. P. E. A. Conrade, Mile Run, Pa.

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## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

- 67 1879 Yellowish-brown, complete..  
 68 1885 Red-brown, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c;  
 grayish-brown, 1, 2, 5 and 10c .....  
 69 1891 Claret, 3, 5 and 10c; carmine-  
 brown, 2, 10 and 30c .....  
 70 .. Rose-brown, 1, 2 and 3c; orange-  
 brown, 10c. First unused.....  
 71 1885 2c, grayish-brown, block of 6  
 ....(3 across, 2 deep) used.....

## ENVELOPE STAMPS

Cut square unless otherwise specified—Nos.  
 refer to spaces in Scott's Albums.

- 72 1853 3c red on white, used, wide  
 ....and narrow curve l-end labels. No..  
 ....1 and 3.....  
 73 .. 3c red on buff, *narrow curve l-  
 end*. Unused. Slight cream at top.  
 ....No. 2. Cat. \$1.50.....  
 74 .. 3c wide curve l-end, on buff,  
 ....cream-buff and orange-buff, used..  
 75 Same on *fawn*, Upper cut runs  
 ....into outer line of stamp. Not cut  
 ....quite square. Good margins except  
 ....top. Reserve 50c. The buff paper  
 ....of this series varies much, as is seen  
 ....by preceding lot, but the one herein  
 ....is a most pronounced variation—a  
 ....veritable fawn.....  
 76 .. 3c on white, *narrow straight-  
 end* label. No. 5. Cat. \$2.50.....  
 77 .. Same on buff. No. 6.....  
 78 .. 3c on white, *Wide straight-end*  
 ....label, small margins though cut  
 ....square. No. 7. Cat. at \$12.00...  
 79 10c green on buff, *narrow straight*  
 ....end label. Stamp against left edge.  
 ....No. 16. Cat. \$3.00.....  
 80 .. 3c on white and buff, former on  
 ....new back. Nos. 22 and 23. Type  
 ....6 in Mekeel's first E.1. Cat. Used.  
 ....Part of one of cancellation figures of  
 ....date protrudes through latter .....  
 81 1857-'60 1c blue on manila, No. 25;  
 ....3c red on white and buff. Nos. 19

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- ....and 27. All unused, but first is cut  
 ....round and put on a new back, and  
 ....the others neatly *set into* new backs  
 82 1861 3c pink on white and buff; '64  
 ....on same. (31, 32, 48 and 49; latter  
 ....unused .....  
 83 1863 2c black on manila, "U. S.  
 ....Postage," cut octagonal. No. 44..  
 84 Same, set in square back .....  
 85 1864 No. 45, unused, but finely set  
 ....in; 45a, used, new back; 46, used,  
 ....fine; 46a, unused, new back; 47,  
 ....unused, fine. A dandy lot.....  
 86 1865 3c brown on buff, lower right  
 ....corner repaired. Unused, fine. 53.  
 87 1866 9c yellow, used, new back. 56  
 88 1870 1c on all 4 papers, manila one  
 ....unused, but cut round and finely  
 ....mounted. Nos. 64, 65, 66, 67.....  
 89 .. 2c on white, amber and manila.  
 ....Nos. 68, 69, 71.....  
 90 .. 7c, cut to shape, unused. No. 78  
 91 1874 1c blue on white, Die A. 98.  
 ....Rare. Cat. \$2.00.....  
 92 .. Same on orange. Cut not quite  
 ....square. No. 10.....  
 93 .. Same on manila, new back, not  
 ....fine. 101.....  
 94 .. Die B on all papers except fawn  
 ....Nos. 102-12 inclusive, except 107.  
 ....106 and 110 unused. A fine set...  
 95 No. 102, dk. blue on white, unused  
 96 1875 2. vermilion, Die C, on white,  
 ....amber, fawn and manila Nos. 124,  
 ....126, 128 and 131. White unused..  
 97 .. 2c pink on white, unused, a  
 ....beautiful copy of this rarity. Res. \$5  
 98 Same, used, slightly different and  
 ....lighter shade. Heavy bar cancella-  
 ....tion in lower left quarter. Res. \$1  
 99 Same, *Pink-Red*, used, fine. R25c  
 100 Same on amber, reserved at 50c...  
 101 Same, not so fine.....  
 102 1874 3c green, Die A, complete, fine  
 ....used specimens. 135-6-7.....

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- 103 .. 8c, Die B, on white, amber, cream and fawn. Amber one is unused. 138-141, inclusive. ....
- 104 1875 5c Die B, on white used. 150
- 105 .. 5c, Die A, on blue, unused. 149
- 106 1876 Centennial, Hartford die, red, cut octagonal, used; green, cut sq., unused, but having unnoticeable scissors cut a little way into top ..
- 107 1882, 5c, Garfield, black-brown, unused, very wide margins. 189.
- 108 1883 "October die," red on white, amber, fawn and blue, used. Nos. 187 to 190 inclusive. ....
- 109 .. same, *carmine*, on white and amber. ....
- 110 .. same, *pink*, on white. ....
- 111 .. Nov. 2c red, used, on white and amber; on fawn and blue, unused, latter slightly soiled. 191-4 incl. ....
- 112 .. same on envelope manila, used, scarce. 195. ....
- 113 .. 4c green on amber, unused. 197 slightly blurred. ....
- 114 May, 1884 2c brown on white and fawn; June, retouched, on blue; all used. Nos. 198, 200 and 211 ..
- 115 June, 1884, retouched, brown on white No. 208; May, '84, very pale brown, not retouched. ....
- 116 1884 2c red on white,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  links, used, transparent daub-cancell. Rare. ....
- 117 .. 2c red on amber, 2 links, used, very rare. Mekeel No. 230. Res. 1\$
- 118 .. same on fawn, unused, very fine. Mekeel 232. Rare. Reserve 75c. ....
- 119 .. Brown on white, used, cut close at right. Quite heavy ring cancel. at bottom. Mekeel 229. Res. \$1. ....
- 120 .. same on amber, used, fine, rare. Mekeel 231. Reserved at \$1.50. ....
- 121 July, 1884 2c brown on all papers, w., a., f., b and m.; all unused but last, and that is very lightly cancel. Nos. 213-217 inclusive. ....

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- 122 .. same, 2c LAKE on white, used. Albrecht prices this odd color at \$3
- 123 1887 2c. very pale delicate green. very wide margins. This beautiful copy of an uncommon shade of a common stamp is reserved at 25c. ....
- 124 .. 2c green on all papers, white and amber, unused; others very lightly cancelled. 244-249. ....
- 125 .. 2c green, *rejected die*, (Die A) used, on white and amber. Possibly used specimens of this die are much rarer than unused, and good specimens, as are these, are desirable stamps to own. Bogert & Durbin Nos. 420 and 427. ....

## ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

- 126 1864 2c black on buff and orange, used. Nos. 45 and 46. ....
- 127 1887 2c green, UNWATERMARKED. white WOVE paper, unused; also ordinary watermarked laid variety, unused, with which to compare this great rarity. Reserved at \$1.00. ....

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- 128 1853 'WELLS, FARGO & CO.' 'Over our California and coast routes' 3c red and black on buff, unused. 420.
- 129 Same, used .....
- 130 .. on yellow-buff .....
- 131 .. die impression on *Both* sides.
- 132 .. on buff .....
- 133 .. on creamy-buff, imp. on one side only .....
- 134 Same as Lot 129, except that buff is of a duller shade .....
- 135 3 pink and black on buff. Nearly entire env. *Patent lines*. No. 497
- 136 1874 3c green and black on white, nearly entire env. Uncancelled but used. No. 522 .....
- 137 Same, on amber, cancellation very faint. No. 548 .....
- 138 Another, pen-cancelled .....
- 139 'WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS' 'Over our lines in the United States' July, 1884, 2c brown and black on amber, used. No. 631 .....
- 140 Another .....
- 141 1887 2c green and black on white, used. No. 662 .....
- 142 Same, on amber, unused .....
- 143 'NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.' 1880, 2c brown and blue, used, no

- ....fine. 642 .....
- 144 'PACIFIC UNION EXPRESS CO.' '64 pink and red on buff, used, nearly whole envelope, right end clipped slightly into stamp. *Patent lines*. Rare. No. 467 .....

## WRAPPERS.

- 145 Scott's album spaces nos. 111, 120, 217 and 248, used; 112 and 242, unused. Cut Sq. Wide margins. .... 6
- 146 1874 1c blue, very similar to Die A, No. 101. Cut oblong, 2 x 4 inches, very wide margins. Rare; fine. reserved at 25c. ....

## LETTER SHEETS, CARDS, ETC.

- 147 1886 6 var. Series (0) dark and light green; series 1, 4, 5 and 6. 1 and 4 are used. All cut oblong. .... 6
- 148 1844-6 Old letter-sheet, St. Albans. Vt., 10c red, handstamp; also cut square, Boston, 3c red, handstamp. 2
- 149 12 var. U. S. cards, unused 1st issue. U. P. U., entire Reply Card, etc. Used and unused. .... 12

## GENUINE ORIGINAL LOCALS.

NOS. REFER TO 53RD.

- 150 14 var. of used, Allen's, Blood's, Boyd's and Hussey's. 12 of them are cat at \$1.67. Genuine originals of the other 3 not *priced*, though catalogued. Hence, Nos. 1574, 1591 and 1871 are "priceless". .... 15
- 151 Adams' City Express Post, 1c blue on white wove paper, used. Type 83 in 53rd. Not listed. Rare. ....
- 152 Albany Letter Express, black on vermilion, eagle on globe in oval within rectangle. Ornaments in corner. No denominative number. On thin old paper. Pronounced an essay. Rare. ....
- 153 Hunford's Pony Express. No. 1786. Used, cancellation barely discernible. Fine. Reserve \$6.00 .....
- 154 13 var. unused. Metropolitan, etc.,



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| .... catalogued nearly \$1.50.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 13          | 174 50c Probate of Will, small hole size<br>.... of pinhead. Otherwise fine. Cat.<br>.... \$2.00. A desirable specimen.....                                                                            |             |
| 155 Piercy's Express Co., Limited, 15c<br>.... red-brown and black, used. Slight<br>.... defect.....                                                                                                                                                |             | 175 \$1.90 Mortgage. Cat. 50c.....                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
| 156 Set of seven var. of Hussey's "Time<br>.... Posted" N.Y. city locals, including<br>.... word-frame var.....                                                                                                                                     | 7           | <b>PERFORATED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
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| 158 Same, block of 12.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             | 177 Set of 2c complete, excepting blue<br>.... Certificate. One nicked.....                                                                                                                            | 10          |
| 159 Block of 9, blue on white, same...                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             | 178 Different shades and colors. 2c B.<br>.... check, ultramarine, nicked; same<br>.... in red-brown and deep-brown; U.S.<br>.... I.R. brown All original colors...                                    | 4           |
| 160 Strip of 10, no address.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             | 179 2c U.S.I.R. Red-Brown, part of<br>.... original gum on back, though used.<br>.... Fine and rare. Reserve 10c.....                                                                                  |             |
| 161 Strip of 4, same type. but black on<br>.... white.....                                                                                                                                                                                          |             | 180 3c Foreign exch., 3 shades; Proprie-<br>.... tary, 3 shades; Telegraph, 2 shades                                                                                                                   | 8           |
| 162 Block of 10, same, on orange.....                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             | 181 4c Inland Ech., brown; Proprietary,<br>.... brown; same, violet; 6c In. Ech..                                                                                                                      | 4           |
| <b>CHECK STAMPS, ETC.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             | 182 4c Playing cards, violet, unperf. at<br>.... at bottom, several perforations gone<br>.... on lower right, perforated against<br>.... engraving at left, Cat. \$2.50.....                           |             |
| 163 9 var. entire. Sterling's Nos. 83, 85,<br>.... 118, 130, 133 (3 var. paper), 137, 147.<br>.... Used and unused. Cat. \$1.24....                                                                                                                 | 9           | 183 5c complete, excepting Proprietary;<br>.... Agreement, 3 shades; Certificate, 3;<br>.... Express, not fine; Foreign Ech., 1;<br>.... Inland Ech., 4; and Playing cards,<br>.... finely mended..... | 13          |
| 164 13 var. different from above, cut to<br>.... shape, cut square, etc. Used and<br>.... unused, including scarce Boston<br>.... Series, type N1, and Philadelphia<br>.... Series, type II. Cat. price of these<br>.... entire is over \$1.50..... | 13          | 184 10c complete, except Proprietary;<br>.... 4 magnificent shades of Contract..                                                                                                                       | 9           |
| 165 25c orange, Agreement, cut elliptical<br>.... Sterling's type F2. Cat. \$1.00....                                                                                                                                                               | 2           | 185 15c and 20c nForeign and In. Ech.                                                                                                                                                                  | 4           |
| 166 Insurance Policy stamps, 25c orange,<br>.... eagle, on white and blue. Sterling's<br>.... type E2. Cat. 70c. Scarce.....                                                                                                                        | 2           | 186 25c complete.....                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8           |
| 167 50c orange, head of Lincoln, on<br>.... white and blue. Type G2. Cat. \$1                                                                                                                                                                       |             | 187 25c Ins., 7 fine shades; Certif. 5...                                                                                                                                                              | 12          |
| <b>REVENUES—DOCUMENT.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |             | 188 25c Bond, part perf., i. e., unperf.<br>.... at top and bottom. Good margin,<br>.... good color. Fine. Sterling 50c..                                                                              |             |
| <b>UNPERFORATED, GOOD MARGINS, NONE PUNCHED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             | 189 30c Foreign Ech., not fine; Inland<br>.... Ech., slate (Sterling 10c) and b'wn;<br>.... 40c, very dark and light brown.<br>.... latter part perf. and Cat. at 20c...                               | 5           |
| 168 2c blue, B Check, Certif., Express                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3           | 190 50c comp. One nicked. Cat. \$1.22                                                                                                                                                                  | 10          |
| 169 3c Telegraph, 5c Certif., Express,<br>.... and Inland Exchange. Cat. 90c..                                                                                                                                                                      | 4           | 191 \$1 Conv., E. of G., In. and F. Ech.,<br>.... Lease, L. Ins., Man. and P. of Att.                                                                                                                  | 8           |
| 170 10c Bill of Lading and 15c Inland<br>.... Exchange. Cat. 55c.....                                                                                                                                                                               | 2           |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |
| 171 20c Inld. and Foreign Exchange..                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2           |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |
| 172 25c Entry of Goods. Uncatalogued<br>.... by Scott, in this condition.....                                                                                                                                                                       |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |
| 173 25c P. of Att.; 30c Inld Exchange<br>.... (mended); \$1, \$1.50 same. Cat. 51c                                                                                                                                                                  |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |

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| 192 \$1 Probate of Will.....                   |             | 219 13 from 13 different towns, names    |             |
| 193 60c and \$1.90.....                        | 2           | ....on stamps. Including Trenton, etc.   |             |
| 194 \$1 Conveyance. Oddity. Left side,         |             | ....Cat. 64c.....                        | 13          |
| ....leap brown; right, red; with inter-        |             | 220 MEDICINE 12 from different towns     |             |
| ....mediate shades between. Rare...            |             | ....names on stamps. Including Law-      |             |
| 195 \$2 Conv., orange; Mort., red; Prob.       |             | ....rence & Martin, Kendall, etc. Cat.   |             |
| ....of Will, orange; \$3 Manifest.....         | 4           | ....\$1.06.....                          | 12          |
| 196 \$2½ Inld. Exch., brown, violet and        |             | 221 Perry Davis & Son, 2c lake, very     |             |
| ....slate. Cat. by Sterling at 54 cents.       |             | ....fine, mended.....                    |             |
| ....Latter clipped on end and side....         | 3           | 222 Same, black. Few perf. clipped on    |             |
| 197 \$5 red, Charter Party, Conveyance         |             | ....top. Otherwise fine.....             |             |
| ....and Probate of Will.....                   | 3           | 223 Jeremiah Curtis & Son. 1c black..    |             |
| 198 .. Manifest.....                           |             | 224 Father Matthew, 4c black. A few      |             |
| 199 .. Mortgage, brown-red.....                |             | ....perf. missing. Very fine.....        |             |
| 200 \$10 Char. Party and Prob. of Will.        | 2           | 225 S. D. Howe, Arabian Milk, 4c blue    |             |
| 201 .. Conveyance.....                         |             | 226 John I. Brown & Son, 1, 2c, mended   |             |
| 202 .. Mortgage.....                           |             | ....as are nearly all used specimens...  | 2           |
| SECOND ISSUE. Blue and black                   |             | 227 Helmbold, 2, 3, 6c. 1st fine; others |             |
| 203 1, 2, 3, 4 (unused, nicked), 6, 15, 20c    | 7           | ....not.....                             | 3           |
| 204 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70c.....            | 6           | 228 Schenck's, 1c green, 6c black.....   | 2           |
| 205 \$2.50 and \$5. Latter mended.....         | 2           | 229 H. R. Stephens, 2 and 6c.....        | 2           |
| THIRD ISSUE. Various colors and blk            |             | 230 15 var. cat. at 5c each.....         | 15          |
| 206 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 15, 30, 50, 60, 70c, 1, \$2 | 12          | 231 16 var. at 3c each.....              | 16          |
| 207 3 and 5 dollars.....                       | 2           | 232 5 var. at 10c each.....              | 5           |
| 208 \$10, fine. Cat. \$1.25.....               |             | 233.3 var. at 8c each.....               | 3           |
| 209 PROPRIETARY. 1871-75. 1, 2, 3,             |             | 234 5 var. at 6c each. One damaged..     | 5           |
| ....4, 5 (neatly repaired), and 6cent on       |             | 235 9 var. at 72c. 4 damaged.....        | 9           |
| ...."violet" paper.....                        | 6           | 236 PERFUME STAMPS 9 var. cat. 80c.      |             |
| 210 1878 1c, 2 var.; 2c, 2 var.; 3c, 4c, 3     | 10          | ....Two clipped.....                     | 9           |
| ....var.; 5c and 6c.....                       |             | 237 PLAY. CARD Lawrence & Cohen,         |             |
| 211 4c rouletted. Crt. by Sterling at          |             | ....5c green on "silk" and "old" papers  |             |
| ....\$1.75.....                                |             | ....Sterling 75c.....                    | 2           |
| 212 N. Y. Custom House Recpt. stamps,          |             | 238 8 var. silk, pink, wink. Hart, P.    |             |
| ....20c red and 60c purple.....                | 2           | ....Fabrique, etc. Sterling \$1.15.....  | 8           |
| PRIVATE PROPRIETARY STAMPS.                    |             | 239 CIGARETTE STAMPS. 10c and 20c        |             |
| 213 MATCH Aetna Match Co., 1c blue             |             | ....(cigarette) 1879, rouletted, scarce. | 2           |
| ....on pink, unused.....                       |             | 240 .. 1883 10c perf.; 10 and 20c roul.; |             |
| 214 Reed & Thompson. 1c black, fine.           |             | ....20c unperf.....                      | 4           |
| 215 3 var. on pink paper.....                  | 3           | 241 .. 100c perf. Fine.....              |             |
| 216 8 var. cat. at 3c each.....                | 8           | 242 "U. S. Customs" Cigarettes, 10c,     |             |
| 217 4 var. at 5c and 7 at 2c.....              | 11          | ....bark-rigged steamship. Small rip.    |             |
| 218 3 var. at 22c.....                         | 3           | ....Rare. Reserve 10c.....               | 2           |

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- 243 BEER STAMPS 1878 50c red, Jeffer-  
 ....son. 2 var. .... 2  
 244 CIGAR STAMPS 1875 50c (cigars),  
 ...."30 cents," Fessenden, unperf. ....  
 245 1878 25 cigars, "15 cents," Clay,  
 ... black on green, perf. ....  
 246 1883 6 var. all in black.: 25c on blue,  
 ....perf.; 50c on blue-green and pale-  
 ....green, rouletted; 100c on greenish-  
 ....white, pale-green and blue-green.. 6  
 247 ROYALTY, Snuff and Tobacco. All  
 ....small kind. .... 3

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 250 .. Exchange, "First," solid letters,  
 ....20, 40, 60c and \$1.40. cut square;  
 ....slightly clipped. Cat. 65c. ....  
 251 .. .. \$6 and \$8, former cut  
 ....square, and other irregular; both  
 ....slightly clipped. Cat. at \$1.00 each... 2  
 252 .. .. open letters, 8, 20, 30,  
 ....60 and 80c., cut square; slightly  
 ....clipped. Cat. at 25c each .... 5  
 253 .. .. \$4, no dot after "tax,"  
 ....cut square; slightly clipped. Cat. \$1  
 254 Oregon, Insurance, 10c black-b'ion,  
 ....unused, original gum, unperf. at  
 ....right. Cat. \$1.00. ....  
 255 .. 50c blue, unused, original gum,  
 ....unperf. at left. ....  
 256 CONFEDERATE STATES 1861 5c  
 ....green, used. ....  
 257 3 var., used and unused. Cat. 33c  
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Half a league, half a league,  
Half a league onward,  
Onward to Victory  
Rode the six hundred.  
"Forward! ye noble Sons!  
Stand by Philatella's guns!  
Onward!" the order rings,  
"On! ye six hundred!"  
Upward they mount, indeed,  
No aid is asked or stood,  
For they have all they need,  
This brave six hundred,  
Vassals to no man's hand,  
They do not need command,  
Brave Philatella's Band,  
Noble six hundred.  
O, the wild charge they made!  
Every lance foe dismayed,  
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Gallant the S. of P.,  
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Here was a cove at whose head was a pretty brown cottage. In front of this cottage stood a young girl of fifteen, surpassingly beautiful, gazing seaward. As a sailboat containing two boys came from behind an island, she gave utterance to a joyful exclamation and returned to the house.

In this house were her brother, Frank, Norman, and George Rich, whose father was the magistrate of the village.

The boat soon made the landing, a little wharf some twenty feet in length which had been built by Frank.

Frank lived with his mother and only sister, Jane, the girl whom we saw gazing out to sea. He did not remember his father, who, his mother told him, had died when he was less than two years old, and who was buried in the village church-yard.

They had lived here by the name-ming, so long as he could remember, though sometimes it seemed to him that the vision of a ship surrounded by the vast expanse of ocean, and then a storm would appear.

Frank and George came up the path to the house, carrying between them a basket of fish. They deposited their burden by the side porch, and George, after having washed with Erie, who had appeared on the scene, took from the lot, at Frank's request, a fine bluefish, and left for his home a quarter of a mile down the road.

Frank immediately set about to get his fish ready for market, which he did in an awfully short time, for he was an expert in handling fish. He had regular customers who were

only too glad to get their fish so fresh and nicely cleaned, and then Frank was "such a nice fellow to trade with," they all said.

His friend George, the son of the richest man in the village, was not in the least "stuck up," and he sometimes helped Frank to clean his fish, especially when the latter had an unusually large catch, and was pushed for time. George most generally accompanied him on his fishing excursions. They were soon companions. When George was not over at Frank's, Frank was over to George's, excepting, of course, when they were fishing or otherwise and elsewhere occupied.

There were other reasons for this interchange of visits. There was an attraction for each at each other's abodes. George was, to tell the truth, in love, as young as he was, with Erie; and Frank had the same relations with George's pretty sister, Mina. The girls reciprocated without hesitation.

George owned two bicycles, an "ordinary" and a "safety." He and Frank often went on a spin together, Frank using one of his friend's wheels.

The Normans were not poor, tho' Frank kept the family purse in a healthy condition by his fishing industry. Mrs. Norman had received the large insurance which her husband had carried before his death.

Having given the reader an idea as to the situation of our friends, we will proceed with our story.

Frank had returned from selling his lot of fish and had just put up his fish-curt, and was locking the door of the shed in which he kept it, when he heard his name called, and, looking around, he saw Silas Craddock, the man of all work, or jack-of-all trades of the village. "Si," they all called

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this cottage stood a young girl of  
fifteen, surpassingly beautiful, gazing  
seaward. As a sailboat containing  
two boys came from behind an island,  
she gave utterance to a joyful excla-  
mation and returned to the house.

In this boat were her brother,  
Frank Norman, and George Rich,  
whose father was the magnate of  
the village.

The boat soon made the landing, a  
little wharf some twenty feet in length  
which had been built by Frank.

Frank lived with his mother and  
only sister, Erie, the girl whom we  
saw gazing out to sea. He did not  
remember his father, who, his mother  
told him, had died when he was less  
than two years old, and who was  
buried in the village church-yard.

They had lived here by the mur-  
muring sea as long as he could re-  
member, though sometimes it seemed  
to him that the vision of a ship sur-  
rounded by the vast expanse of ocean,  
and then a storm, would appear.

Frank and George came up the  
path to the house, carrying between  
them a basket of fish. They deposited  
their burden in the back porch, and  
George, after having a chat with Erie,  
who had appeared on the scene, took  
from the lot, at Frank's request, a  
fine bluefish, and left for his home a  
quarter of a mile down the road.

Frank immediately set about to get  
his fish ready for market, which he  
did in an incredibly short time, for he  
was an expert in that line. (fish-line!)  
He had regular customers who were

only too glad to get their fish so fresh  
and nicely cleaned, and then Frank  
was "such a nice fellow to trade with,"  
they all said.

His friend George, the son of the  
richest man in the village, was not in  
the least "stuck up," and he some-  
times helped Frank to clean his fish,  
especially when the latter had an un-  
usually large catch, and was pushed  
for time. George most generally  
accompanied him on his fishing excur-  
sions. They were soon companions.  
When George was not over at Frank's,  
Frank was over to George's, except-  
ing, of course, when they were fishing  
or otherwise and elsewhere occupied.

There were other reasons for this  
interchange of visits. There was an  
attraction for each at each other's  
abodes. George was, to tell the truth,  
in love, as young as he was, with  
Erie; and Frank had the same rela-  
tions with George's pretty sister,  
Mina. The girls reciprocated without  
hesitation.

George owned two bicycles, an  
"ordinary" and a "safety." He and  
Frank often went on a spin together,  
Frank using one of his friend's wheels.

The Normans were not poor, tho'  
Frank kept the family purse in a  
healthy condition by his fishing indus-  
try. Mrs. Norman had received the  
large insurance which her husband  
had carried before his death.

Having given the reader an idea as  
to the situation of our friends, we  
will proceed with our story.

Frank had returned from selling his  
lot of fish and had just put up his fish-  
cart, and was locking the door of the  
shed in which he kept it, when he  
heard his name called, and, looking  
around, he saw Silas Craddock, the  
man-of-all-work or jack-at-all-trades  
of the village—"Si," they all called

him—at the gate, beckoning to him.

Frank went to the gate and he saw that Si had his team there and in it was a trunk. Si pulled it from the wagon, at the same time saying:

"This 'ere trunk is for your mother. Goin' ter have visitors?"

"Not that I know of," replied Frank, who was astonished at the arrival of the trunk. He paid Si his fee, twenty-five cents, and together they carried it to the house. They deposited it in the kitchen and Si left.

To show Si's not unusual characteristics, we will mention the fact that when he returned to the village, he told of the rich visitors the Normans were to have.

Mrs. Norman was in the sitting-room when the trunk was brought in, and as she entered the kitchen her glance fell upon the trunk. She turned very pale and murmured "Henry!"

## CHAPTER II.

### TOM LANYARD'S LETTER.

"What's the matter, mother? Why you are as white as a sheet."

"That, Frank, was your father's trunk!"

"My father's trunk! what do you mean?"

"I mean just what I said; but let us open it and I'll tell you a story. I have kept it from you all these years, thinking it best to do so, but now I feel it my duty to tell you all."

"All right, we'll open it: guess I'll have to take a chisel, as we have no key."

"Wait Frank, I'll get the key; I have kept it, for what reason I know not."

She soon returned with the key. As Frank was about to insert it, he noticed that the card on which the address had been written had the appearance of having been removed and then retacked on, and it seemed to bulge as if there was something under it. He took off the address and there lay a sealed envelope addressed to "Mrs. Henry Norman."

She quickly broke the seal and read the following letter:

"Mrs. Henry Norman

Deer Maddam

After i parted from you when we was recked i shiped in a vesel bound for the East Injies and as luck would hev it i was ketched in one of them Typhoons that you hav so much reeson to reccommender and recked on a island sumwares betwene the Layarone and the Marshal ilands. we found another reck there wen we got there. *it were the American Republic.* it seems that she didnt sink as she was suposed to have don. I found this trunk aboard her We staid there ate yeers afore any vesel hove in site. Yesin! ate long yeers, strange to say! i took yore trunk along with me & I croozed round diferent parts of the world afore i agen landed in my Native Land, at which time today May 12, 18— in Philadelfy I send you this trunk to the adress on the kard. the express is pade. i pade it to make sure it would reach you for I didnt no but the express fellers mint not delivver it if twasnt pade.

Yores Respectfully

Tom Lanyard."

"God bless his honest soul!" ejaculated Frank's mother. There is a water-tight compartment in this trunk into which your father had put ten thousand dollars in gold and bank-notes, so I suppose they are there now. It will be a godsend. However, we will see."

Frank unlocked the trunk which had not been opened for fifteen years or more. In it were parts of the wardrobe of Mrs. Norman and her husband. These were taken out, as was a camera and photograph album. The water-tight compartment was opened and there was the ten thousand dollars in as good condition as ever.

Frank opened the photograph album and looked into it. The first picture his glance rested on was that of two little boy babies, apparently just alike. Their age appeared about two years.

"Whom are they mother?" asked Frank.

"Frank, my son, *one of them is you!*"

"I, mother?"

"Yes, Frank, *you!*"

"Then whom is the other one that looks so much like me? Which am I anyway?"

"It is, or at least was, *your twin-brother.* You are the one on the right."

"Great revelations!"

"Sit down, Frank, and you too, Erie, (who had come into the room with her mother and had been an amazed spectator to all which transpired, too amazed to speak,) and I'll tell you the whole story."

(CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

## AT THE STAMP WINDOW.

"Has postage been reduced to two cents?"

"Yes'm."

"For letters?"

"Yes'm."

"Then a two-cent stamp will actually carry a letter?"

"It will."

"And there's no use of putting on three cents?"

"Not a bit."

"Do you know Mrs. Blank?"

"No'm."

"She says its two cents in the city."

"It is two cents all over the country."

"She says she sent a letter to her husband in Chicago with a two-cent stamp on it and he never got it."

"I can't help that ma'am."

"Then two cents is enough?"

"Plenty."

"And her husband probably got the letter and didn't answer it."

"Probably."

"Well I'll take a two-cent stamp, but if there is any doubt about the matter I'd as soon pay more. It will



go, will it?"

"Yes'm."

"Go right out to-day?"

"Yes'm,"

"Well, I hope so, for it is a very important letter. You know Mrs. D——, who used to live on—— street?"

"No'm."

Well it's for her. She lives in Buffalo now. She asked me the best way to pickle mixed——"

The woman had to stand aside for two or three minutes, but as soon as the window was clear she returned to say:

"I've got the stamp on."

"Yes'm."

"Two cents."

"I see."

"And it'll go."

"It will."

"If it don't——!"

And she probably didn't sleep a wink last night.

### GRAPHIC.

A schoolboy the the other day being told to describe Jacksonville, Fla., said, It is a great summer resort in winter."—New York Tribune.

### AS GOOD AS IT IS OLD.

Upon the recent death of an eminent English divine at Cannes the following bulletin was placed by the family upon the door of his late residence:

"Mr. S——departed this life for heaven at 11 o'clock A. M."

Some passing wag, possessed of more drollery than reverence, placed beneath the notice a telegraph blank filled out in the following manner:

"Heaven, 12 M. Mr. S—— not yet arrived. Getting uneasy.

PETER."

### WELL WORTH THE PAIN.

[From the New York Sun.]

Gus—What is that red mark around your neck, Jack; somebody been trying to hang you?

Jack—No; I was tobogganing last night with a Vassar College girl.

## THE SCHEMING SQUIRE; OR, WHAT A YOUNG DETECTIVE DID FOR HIS FRIEND.

BY ED SHARON.

### CHAPTER I.

HOWARD RANDALL.

"You are my prisoner!"

The speaker was the constable of the town of Bayville, and was a jovial man, much liked by the boys.

"Who told you so?" asked Howard Randall, the one addressed. He said this laughingly, thinking it one of the constable's jokes, for he was an inveterate joker.

"Oh, I'm not joking," said the constable seriously.

"Squire Booth has requested me to issue a warrant for your arrest. I am sorry my young friend, but it can't be helped.

As this is as good a time as any, we might as well give a little information about Howard Randall.

He was a tall, broadshouldered, handsome young man of seventeen. He was much liked by nearly everybody in the community. He was the son of a widow; his father, who had been a sea-captain, having, three years previously, sailed from his native land in the good ship Banner, and never heard from afterwards. Of course Howard felt keenly over his father's loss, but his mother felt worse. But, somehow or other, Howard could not get it out of his head that he would again see his father in life.

Sometime previous to Capt. Randall's last voyage, he had brought home, as a present to Howard, a complete set of carpenter's tools. Little did he think to what great use they were to be put.

Shortly after his father sailed on his last voyage, Howard graduated from the grammar school, and, being

an industrious boy, and having nothing to do, began making toys and knick-knacks, such as would be saleable among the juvenile population. In this way he made considerable money. He then built a small carpenter shop in the rear of their house and hired a few boys to help him. With these young assistants he was able to increase his manufactures and also his profits. He had intended to attend the high school, but, as they had heard nothing of the father, Howard had continued his manufacturing scheme up to the opening of this story.

On the day this story opens he had occasion to visit Squire Booth, who was one of the wealthiest men in Bayville. He kept a large variety store in "the city," as it was called.

The city referred to was ten miles farther down the river from Bayville, and could be reached by steamer as well as by steamcars. This steamer ran five times a day between the two places. It was owned by Captain Wells, who had formerly been a sea-captain.

The reason of Howard's visit to the squire was that the latter wished him to write a list of toys which he wished Howard to make, as said toys were to be sold in the squire's store in the city.

Howard was on his way home from the steamboat landing, a couple of hours after his departure from the squire's, when he was accosted by the constable, as seen at the opening of this story.

### CHAPTER II.

AT THE SQUIRE'S.

"Squire Booth wishes me to bring you to his house the first thing," said the constable. "You see he has lost two thousand dollars, and, as he missed it at about the time you were there, he feels pretty sure that you were the thief. I do not believe it though."

"I am glad to hear that you do not,"

said Howard. "But I don't see how you got a warrant on mere suspicion."

"Well, you see, he so insisted upon it that I acceded to his wishes, as I was sure you would clear yourself of this charge."

Howard and the constable, whose name was John Sanders, walked towards the squire's mansion, which, though elegant, did not compare with that of Captain Wells, who was the richest man in Bayville. Howard and Sanders soon arrived at the squire's. They were ushered into the library, where they found the squire sitting at his desk writing.

"Ah!" said he, turning to the constable, "you have the young culprit, I see. Where did you find him?"

"I met him coming from the landing."

"Oh, he had been to see if it was convenient to get away in the steamer with the stolen money, most likely."

"You are mistaken!" interposed Howard. "I had been down to see about the shipment of some cases of toys."

The squire said nothing.

### CHAPTER III.

#### A SURPRISE.

You seem to be convinced that he stole the money," said Sanders sarcastically.

"Oh, yes, no doubt of it, as he was the only person, excepting Tom and myself, who has been here to-day."

"Mightn't Tom have taken it?" queried Sanders bluntly.

"What! do you think that my boy Tom would do such a thing?" shouted the squire savagely.

"Your son had as good a chance to obtain that money as did Howard Randall, and my candid opinion is that Tom would yield to the temptation quicker than Howard. I'm willing to stake my life on it."

"Well!" seeing that he was no match for Sanders, "we will come to business. Let the boy be searched!"

"I am willing," said Howard.

They began searching him, and the first thing the squire did was to take from Howard's jacket pocket *two twenty-dollar bank notes on the Park Bank of New York City.*

To say that Sanders and Howard were astonished would be putting it mildly; they were dumbfounded.

"I had no knowledge of those being in my pocket," cried Howard; "someone put them there."

"Oh, yes, of course," sneered the squire, "they put themselves into your pocket, but, I say, where's the rest of it?"

"I haven't any more, and didn't know I had even that which you have taken from my pocket."

"Most likely," said the squire to Sanders, "he has it hidden away for future use, but," turning to Howard, "you'll have to give it up in the end, and go to jail besides. So, constable, do your duty!"

The constable and Howard left the house.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### IN THE LOCKUP.

"Well, Howard, I don't see but what I'll have to put you in the lock-up, which I am very sorry to do. Evidence is against you, though how in creation that money came to be in your pocket is a mystery which I hope to see fathomed soon. You had better submit quietly and not go to making a fuss, thereby stirring up the squire. We can then work to better advantage. I think that there is a plot against you, and I will do what I can to clear you."

"Your advice is good, Mr. Sanders, and I will follow it; but please do me a favor by going to see my mother and telling her the true state of affairs."

"I will do so. I would let you stay at my house, only the squire wouldn't hear of it, for he evidently intends to disgrace you all he can."

"I always noticed that the squire was inclined to be cold toward me,

though he bought my manufactures, but I never thought he was so mean. But then, I don't know as I can really blame him in face of such evidence, though I am entirely ignorant of the manner in which that money came in my pocket."

Howard slept in the lockup that night, while the constable went and prevented any anxiety on the part of Mrs. Randall by telling her all about it. She believed in her son's innocence, as any mother would, of course, as also did the constable; and she believed Howard would come out of it all right, eventually if not immediately.

"He may have to go to jail," said the constable, "what then?"

"I don't see as I can prevent it," said she, "but I will go and see him there."

"I'll do all I can to help him and you," and the constable left the house and went home.

### CHAPTER V.

#### IN JAIL.

Two days later Howard Randall was brought into court. This court was held in the city. A large part of the juvenile population of Bayville was there, as well as of older ones, full of sympathy for their friend.

The squire and Tom were there of course, as was the constable, Howard's mother and pretty sister Nellie.

The squire stated:

"On the day the money was stolen, young Randall was in my library writing a list which I dictated. I left the room once; that was probably the time when the money was stolen."

"Where was the money?" asked the judge.

"In the drawer in the desk."

"It is kind of strange that you should have two thousand dollars in the drawer when you had an iron safe in the room. However," the judge continued, "was it locked?"

"No, I don't think it was."

"Another strange thing; kind of



careless too. What did you leave the room for?"

"Ahem — why — er — er — to see Tom of course."

"What did you want to see Tom for?"

"As to why I did has no bearing on this case," confusedly.

The judge didn't question the squire any more, much to the relief of the latter.

Next Tom was called up to testify. He testified that he happened to go past the library door, and, looking in saw Howard in the act of rifling the drawer, and that just then his father came up and spoke to him.

"What did he say?" interposed the judge.

"I—I—I forget," said Tom.

"I understand."

Tom continued:

"That was why father had a warrant for his arrest issued. He felt sure, as I had told him of what I had seen. He thought he would keep the fact until court."

The defense was next called. Howard gave a straight-forward story and it was evident that nearly all believed him.

Then came the constable who simply stated the case just as it was, and sat down. All of his statements corroborated those of Howard.

"I'm sorry for you my boy," said the judge, kindly, "but you will have to go to jail."

Howard rose and said:

"I am not ashamed to go, for I have a clear conscience, having done nothing wrong. But I will baffle my enemies!" vehemently.

As the judge could not make a clear case against him, he was put in jail to await his trial before the grand jury. No bail was allowed him.

The next day Howard was lodged in the county jail.

## CHAPTER VI.

### ESCAPE.

Howard was conscious of his inno-

cense, and knew that no disgrace attended him, as did most others in the jail. Therefore he felt in better spirits than he would have, had it been otherwise.

After being there one month, during which time his mother, sister, friends and the constable visited him, he felt a desire for liberty, though his friends kept him well supplied with books and other articles to take up his time pleasantly. He wished to escape in order that he might do something toward vindicating himself, as he did not wish to depend entirely upon Sanders.

But how was he to do it? Two days later he knew how, for a chance of escape presented itself to him. It was a bold chance, but he would try it nevertheless. And he did try it, and succeeded too, as we shall see. How the opportunity came about was in this way:

That night the jailer brought Howard's supper as usual. Another jailer across the corridor asked Howard's jailer to come over there a minute. He did so, carelessly leaving the door which opened from the corridor into Howard's cell open, with the key in the lock.

A bold plan of escape suggested itself to Howard.

It was then quite dark, being later than he usually received his supper, but it so happened as the jailer had been away. He saw him go out of sight into another room, and he knew that he must work promptly.

He quickly disrobed himself of the garb which each prisoner was compelled to wear, and taking a sheet from his cot, wrapped himself in it.

He darted out of the door and down the corridor into the jailyard, searing a man whom he met in his flight. He knew that the man would soon spread the alarm, and that he would have to make himself scarce. He darted behind an outbuilding, as he saw men coming out of the jail.

He had, however, forgotten one

very important consideration when he meditated escape. That was, *how to get out of the jailyard after getting clear of the building*; but a way now presented itself. The searchers, having looked in every place but the right one, darted out of the big gate in search of the fugitive, leaving it open. Carelessness seemed to be predominant that day.

Howard was now sorry he had donned the sheet, for it would reveal him in the darkness; but a happy thought struck him. He ran into the coal-house of the jail and rolled in the coal heap, thus covering the outside of the sheet with coal-dust. If he needed to play the ghost again, all he would have to do would be to reverse it.

He ran through the gate and took to the woods near by. The thought came to him that the men would be looking in the woods for him, but he kept on, and reaching a big tree, climbed to the top of it. An hour later he saw some of the searchers pass under the tree on their way back to the jail, and not until then did he feel free.

*He had escaped.*

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Memorial day was instituted in 1868.

"How do you do sir?" in Italian is "com sta vossignoria?"

Thirty-one buildings at the World's Fair contain 240 acres.

Russia has the largest standing army in the world; 735,218 men, with 133,167 horses, and 1734 guns.

United States has for each 100 miles of railway, 20 locomotives, 17 passenger cars and 714 freight cars.

The origin of the name *Idaho* has never been satisfactorily accounted for, as has most of those of the other states and territories.

In every mile of railroad there is seven feet and four inches that is not covered by rails—the space left between them for expansion.

Among American towns there are 5 Ciceros, 3 Tullys, 6 Catos, 7 Ovids, 6 Virgils, 9 Horaces, 10 Milos, 7 Hectors, 7 Solons, 10 Platos, 15 Homers and 4 Scipios.

The tallest mountain is Mount Hercules, in New Guinea (Papua,) and is 32,768 feet in height, which is a little less than six and one-fourth miles.

London's area is larger than New York, Paris and Berlin put together, an area which may be represented by a circle of 30 miles in diameter, a little over 700 square miles.

A ton of pure gold is worth \$602,799.21, and a ton of pure silver is worth \$37,704.84. Boys who are starting out to make their fortunes should remember these figures.

The most costly building at the Fair is the one devoted to State and Foreign Affairs, costing something like two millions of dollars. It contains twelve acres.

The largest building at the World's Fair is the Manufacturers' and Liberal Arts Building. Its length is 1,687 feet: its width, 787. It has 44 acres of flooring, 30 of which are on the ground floor. This structure cost in the neighborhood of \$1,600,750.

Can any geologist find more than twenty coal-plants whose names end with "opteris?" If he can he is smart. Here they are; lookout! Alethopteris, Callioperis, Canlopteris, Cyclopteris, Dictyopertis, Eremopteris, Goniopteris, Lescuropteris, Lonchopteris, Neriopteris, Neuropteris, Odontopteris, Pecopteris, Phyllopteris, Rhacopteris, Rhizomopteris, Schizopteris, Sphenopteris, Staphylopteris, Stenmatopteris, and Triphyllopteris.

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## THE VERY LATEST NEWS.

BY OUR "STAR" REPORTER.

"Annie Rooney" is "Down by the Old Mill Stream" for the summer.

Mary's little lamb has a new set of false teeth.

Pete Jenkins has gone to Boston to buy a tin horn for Tommy.

John Smith has been located in Kalamazoo.

William String is giving music lessons to his grand mother.

Farmer Snodgrass has his hay all dug.

The weather-man forgot to hang out the sun this morning.

Uriah Wright had a fit last week. It took place in Cutem's tailoring establishment.

P. Grandbouche has gone to Horse Cave, Kentucky to get measured for a new set of store teeth.

The wealthy Mlle. D'Argent discharged a servant one day this week; the lady is now adjusting her claim with the fire insurance companies.

Peter Git has bought a new bicycle. He has confidently (also confidentially) asserted that he can do a mile under ten minutes.

A local astronomer asserts that he saw one of the stars wink at the moon the other evening. We have noticed Luna blushing several times lately.

Billy Brown was recently caught flirting with his maiden aunt—a shy young thing of forty-seven summers, not to mention the winters. Oh, Billy!

Elias Rainday says Eatem's restaurant is "no good." The other day he went in and ordered "steamed pudding." They brought on a piece of steam, but Eli failed to discover the alleged pudding.

"Sport" Swift, the well-known "masher," recently went out with the intention of striking a daisy mash.

He succeeded. He accidentally sat down in a large basket of huckleberries. "Sport" is said to have ejaculated "Darn!" quite forcibly.

Doctor (surveying his newly papered office)—This is a very poor job of paper hanging—a very poor job, sir.

Paper hanger—I'll have to admit, doctor, that the job isn't first-class. Unfortunately we paper hangers have no way of burying our poor jobs.—Drift.

### A Wrong Impression.

Mrs. Twickenham—Oh, dear, that bad boy let off a big firecracker in the pantry, and I am afraid that angel cake I made for you is ruined.

Twickenham—Umph! I don't believe any firecracker would hurt your angel cake.

Mrs. Twickenham—Well it did. There's a big dent in it.—Truth.

### Show this to Your Girls, Boys; But Lookout, It's Loaded.

I thee read see that me.  
Love is up will I'll have  
But that and you have you'll  
One and down and you if

## SETH ADAMS' OFFICE BOY; OR, THE POTENCY OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY BEN H. LEWISTON.

### CHAPTER I.

ABE.

It was morning in the great city of New York—the metropolis of America. It was a glorious May morning, and the rising sun was kissing the roof-tops of Gotham as if that treat came but once a year and was therefore to get its money's worth, (which a punster might estimate to be in so many *sols*.)

The rattle of the milk-wagon had ceased to echo, and the scenes of the days festivities were opening, the



manifestation of which was the presence of the people moving in the streets.

What interests us most, however, is a boy of sixteen passing along one of the business thoroughfares.

He was a picture. Unlike most city boys, he was the picture of health, full, rosy cheeks, robust physique, of elastic step, and of a cheery disposition which manifested itself in his every movement.

He was of medium height and had the "flaxen curly hair and fine brown eyes" which are so often a part of the outfit of a hero in a novel.

The hands of Father Time were pointing at the hour of six when our hero stopped before a business house, took a key from his pocket, inserted it in the door, and entered:

On a polished silver disc in the doorway was the inscription:

S. ADAMS, IMPORTER AND EXPORTER.

Soon the office windows were open and our hero began to whistle, "I'm Stuck on You," while he played an accompaniment with the broom, causing the dust in the office to seek quarters elsewhere.

This done, he treated the large counting room in the rear to the same tune with the same effective accompaniment.

Then he returned to the private office.

Just before going to the counting-room—in which place Mr. Adams had during the day no less than twenty clerks attending to the different departments of his business, Abe had locked the front door of the office, but on his return had unlocked it and sat down in the boss' chair with the air of a magnate.

By the way, we have, strange to say, failed to give the name of this remarkable youth. His name was Abraham Fulton, and was known by all his friends as "Abe,"—simply "Abe."

Abe had scarcely seated himself

when through the open door came a man who seemed, at first glance, to belong to the genus tramp.

## CHAPTER II.

MATT CRINGLE.

Abe viewed the intruder with surprise.

Though he set him down as a tramp, Abe made the mental reservation that he was the handsomest tramp he had ever seen.

"Morning, shipmate! Is the skipper in?" asked the man.

"No," answered Abe, who saw by the fellow's speech that he was a jolly tar, "he's not on deck yet; this is my watch."

"When'll he turn out?"

"Generally at eight bells."

"You're a good un, mate; you're no slouch, and not as much of a land-lubber as ye might be. Say, what time is it?"

"A little after six bells," answered Abe laughing.

"Then I have less than an hour to wait. I want to see old Adams bad; any objections to my waiting here?"

"None at all," replied Abe, who for some reason was attracted to this man, with whom he was to have much to do ere long, though he little dreamed of it.

And so they talked till a few minutes past eight o'clock, when Mr. Adams came. The clerks had come meantime, entering the counting-room by another door, as was customary.

As Mr. Adams entered he looked at the sailor with an inquisitive look, whereupon Abe said:

"Mr. Adams, this gentleman wishes to see you on business."

"Very well; you may go for the mail," and he turned to the sailor with:

"Now Mr.—" ("Matt Cringle," supplemented the other)—"Cringle, what can I do for you?"

That was the last Abe heard of the conversation between Matt and the merchant, for at this point he left for

the post office.

While he is attending to this part of his duties we will "size him up" from a philatelic standpoint.

As has been said, Mr. Adams was an importer and exporter. He imported various commodities, and exported as many more. He owned many of the ships with which he carried on his business. He sold his cargoes immediately on their arrival and put his exports aboard directly from the manufacturers, thus doing away with the necessity of storage houses.

He necessarily had an immense mail from all parts of the world.

He had smilingly granted Abe the permission of possessing himself of all stamps which came on letters, looking upon stamp collecting as a pastime of the most foolish species, little dreaming of the great importance which this pastime of Abe's was to bear upon his own future; but that is "the potency of postage stamps" and so we will continue and see how it came about.

## CHAPTER III.

ABE'S GOOD LUCK.

Inside of half an hour Abe returned with the mail.

Mr. Adams and Matt Cringle were not there, but the confidential clerk, Mr. Oliver Tremble, a pleasant young man of twenty-six years, was, however, he having made his appearance during Abe's absence.

Abe turned the mail over to Oliver and was about to attend to some other duties when the clerk said:

"I have a pleasant surprise for you Abe."

"What is it?"

"Up to about the time you came here to work Mr. Adams had been in the habit of saving his letters. Well, there are several chests of them up stairs. He and I have, during the past few days, looked them over and

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AFTER a vacation of a few months, the "STAR" shines forth again, the luminous surface somewhat enlarged, and the character of the light changed also. Drop us half a dollar and we'll see that the gas is kept turned on for a whole year.

THIS little "STAR" began its career in June, 1891, and has been shining with a cheerful glimmer ever since. It was founded by Charles Staebler of Adams, Mass., and Frank D. Washburn, of Taunton, Mass., now of Boston. The mailing office was at Taunton, where second class rates were obtained. With No. 3, Mr. Staebler retired, and editor Washburn took into partnership Mr. Andrew J. Kirby, as business manager. With No. 6, Editor Washburn, having become independantly rich thro' the "STAR" retired on his fortune, and his partner, Andrew J., rolled up his sleeves and went to work, and,

single-handed, acted as editor and publisher up to date, with the avowed intention of making a pile too. He is now a millionaire, after issuing 17 numbers "all by himself." Now its our turn; 50 cents, please! The first ten numbers were strictly juvenile (all around juvenile) in character; then philatelic matter began to predominate; and with the initial number of Vol. III it became an out-and-out philatelic journal, and has remained so up to date, gaining friends on every hand, the friendship being substantially proved by the subscriptions coming in; advertisements ditto.

Now with this number, the initial of Vol. V, we continue as an all-around juvenile story paper and magazine. This number will be found pretty "stampy," and while we shall continue to have a department devoted to philately, the numbers in the future will be more impartially distributed, in regard to character of contents. While we shall continue to cater to as many stamp collectors as ever, (and even more) we hope to embrace the devotees to every interesting and instructive pastime, and to that end we have instituted several departments, as is seen, and will take in others as soon as arrangements can be made, numismatics, for instance. Thus the advertisers of all the various articles will have equal chances, and each have a chance to get new and steady customers among those who will begin to take an interest in some new thing. This is a valuable point to advertisers. Now, reader, look here!—we haven't worn out our pen and wasted a gallon or two of ink in writing

this little history for nothing;—at least we hope we haven't. Fifty cents please!

THE common-sense receipt book says in regard how to enjoy one's self on a warm day: Take a "GOLDEN STAR" and go out under the apple tree and sit down in the hammock and enjoy the contents, while the gentle zephyrs play tag with your smiles. (You see you are expected to smile now and then, or oftener, when you peruse the STAR. So beware!)

WHEN cold weather comes; when Old Boreas gets up and howls at you at night; when Jack frost takes you by the toes; when winter dons her hoary mantle; ah, then we'll have a cover to the "STAR" to keep the jokes warm, so that they'll sprout. While Old Sol is working fourteen hours a day we'll just leave off our spring overcoat, but when snow falls we will resurrect our hand-riveted ulster.

SAY, by the way, *don't forget to read our premium offers on page 16.* Now don't, please don't! there that's a nice fellow, (Oh, we're after that half dollar you have in your pocket-book, and don't you forget it. Yes, indeed we are, you bet.)

THE poem on page one is dedicated to the greatest philatelic society on the American continent, The Sons of Philatelia. Tho' written when the members numbered 600, it was but a short time ago; and yet here we are approaching the 1100 mark with gigantic strides. Soon we'll catch the Dresden, the largest in the world, and then—oh, then.



READER, we have several new stories to give you ere long; first class stories written by well-known authors. Look out for announcement.

THE actual circulation of this number is 2,900. Dealers who get this number please remember that our *regular, actual* circulation is 1,900, aside from any special editions we may issue.

DON'T expect to get a sample copy every month. The sample copy list used in mailing the non-subscriber part of this edition will be packed away in camphor and not be resurrected for four months. Observe what a beautiful moral this little paragraph has; get onto its significance. (We have still room for several more half dollars.)

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DON'T forget that slot machine. This is not a nickel-in-the-slot variety; it's the half-a-dollar kind. Drop him in the slot and see the STAR shine.



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TIMES are somewhat hard now, we know; but, surely, if this paper interests you, you can afford to entice the STAR into your den twelve times with your hook baited with that all-important semi-cart-

wheel. Yes, you surely can, if we can afford nearly one hundred and fifty of them on this edition.

P. S.—The gun hanging up overhead "isn't loaded."

SAMPLE copies of this number are sent to every former subscriber to the "STAR" who did not renew when the former editor closed the subscription book, stating that the "STAR" was about to suspend. As the "STAR" will continue to shine from now on, here is a chance for aforesaid persons to receive their old favorite again each and every month by subscribing.

To the readers of the old "*Taunton High School Critic*" are sent sample copies also. As we have some of the same writers, and the same editor, here is a chance to meet old friends with pleasant memories of the good old days of the T. H. S. and its popular journal, the T. H. S. "*Critic*." Think it over; read page 16.

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kept what might prove of importance to save and burnt the rest up."

"Burnt the rest up!" demanded Abe, "where does the good news come in that?"

"Burnt the contents the letters, not the envelopes."

"Oh!"

"And he says that you may have all of them."

"Whoopie!" and Abe executed a jig in the most approved style.

In about five minutes his exuberant spirits had spent themselves, and Abe concluded his antics by giving the surprised Oliver a rapturous hug which almost annihilated that individual. Then he went about his work.

Several minutes later Mr. Adams

returned, and immediately upon his entrance said to Abe:

"Sit down; I wish to talk with you."

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

## AMATEUR SPORT.

EDITED BY L. H. BENTON.

The great Chicago cycling tournament is over, and "Jimmy" and the rest of the boys have gone on to Milwaukee.

The way little Julian Bliss, the five foot Chicago dear, stuck to Zimmerman in the one mile national was caution. The little fellow was a close second, and Jimmy said he expected him to come round most any time as they neared the tape.

This same Bliss won the hearts of the crowd in the one mile invitation. Tyler let out on the homestretch and sailed for the tape. Bliss set sail too. The rest were merely anchored. But Tyler slipped his pedal just in front of the tape and Bliss went over the line ahead of him. But loyal little Bliss refused to accept first and it was at his earnest request, accorded to Tyler, who at first refused to accept but was, however to persuaded accept it. The crowd howled for Bliss, and he was brought from the dressing-room in his bathrobe. He blushed like a girl and refused to look at the crowd. He and Tyler repaired to the dressing-room, arm in arm.

"Jimmy"—the great and only Zimmerman—won the one mile, and also the ten kilometres international races. Ten kilometres is six miles 1130 feet. His time was 15 minutes 56 1-5 seconds; last quarter in 27 seconds, equalling his great feat at Springfield last fall. He established a new six mile record of 15 minutes 33 3-5 seconds. Bliss was second in this race, defeating the great Johnson who had to be satisfied with third.

Laurens S. Meintjes, the South African champion, is a big darling. The top of his head is six feet nearer

heaven than his feet are, and he owns up to 185 pounds in racing trim. Tho' he lowered the English two mile record to 4.47, he is not as good at short distance as at long, as is proved by his performance at the Chicago meet. His speed in the 100 kilometre race (international) was too much for his ten competitors, nine of whom dropped out one by one. Lineman the 100 mile champion of America, did not drop out however until he had lowered Zim's 6 mile record, doing it in 15 minutes, 16 seconds. He knocked 2 1-5 seconds off the 8 mile record too, making it in 20 minutes 24 4-5 seconds. After all had succumbed to Meintjes' terrific pace, he was allowed pacemakers at various intervals, as he wished to carry a choice assortment of records with him when he went back to his African home.

Such men as Zimmerman, (who did not enter this race,) Osmond, (the great Englishman,) Tyler, Taylor Johnson, Hoyland Smith, (the champion one hour rider of America,) Tuttle, Rhodes, Gary, Crooks and Dirnbirger paced him.

Meintjes' time for 62 miles, 739 feet was 2 hours, 46 minutes, 12 3-5 seconds. He did the first 5 miles in 12.46; 10 miles, in 25.32, 20 miles in 51-18 2-5; 25 miles in 1 hour 4 minutes 39 3-5 seconds; 50 miles in 2 hours, 11 minutes, 4 4-5 seconds. This is the world's record, the previous time having been made by Jules Dubois, a French professional, 2 hours, 11 minutes, 10 seconds. Meintjes' time for 50 miles was 2 h'rs, 39 minutes, 47 seconds. He is the champion one hour rider of the world, and has been for some little time; his record is 24 miles 380 yards for the hour.

Ulbrecht finished in this 100 kilometre race seven laps behind the african, the only man who did not drop out. Tho' not in it he did wonderfully, and was beat only because he met a better man.

Hoyland Smith, of New Bedford, is the only American who could and would have made it hot for Africa, had he entered this race; but as he has many more races on the card inside of the next month, it would not have paid. This exceedingly slim youth is the one hour champion of America, as Henri Fournier is of the world. Henri is a Frenchman, under whose pedal extremities grass was never known to have grown. At Hartford, last July, this wonderful Hoyland Smith made 10 miles in 25 m. 35 2-5 seconds; 20 miles in 51 minutes 18 2-5 seconds, which, as coincidence will have it, tho' no one has seemed to have noticed the fact before, is precisely the record of Meintjes at Chicago. Smith made his 25 miles in 1 hour 4 minutes, 5 1-5 seconds, over half a minute faster than Meintjes at Chicago.

Knusely twice lowered the 4 mile record, the last smash putting it at the 10 minutes 12 1-5 second mark. He did very knusely. This a competition record. The fastest four miles ever ridden were by the great Windle on the 29th of September, last year. His time was 9 minutes 26 3-5 seconds, averaging 2.21 3-5. His time for 2 miles was 4.28 35, made the next day. He made 5 miles in 11.41. These records are against time, with pacers; standing start. By the way, his mile record is 2.05 3-5; 2.02 3-5 flying start.

Sanger's accident on the Chicago track is to be regretted. He may never ride in another race in his life. The collision ruptured him. He was the heaviest racer on the track, weighing 195 pounds in trim.

He was the only man whom it was believed could do the wonderful Zim, if he could be bested, out and out, at all. Their meeting in the mile international was looked forward to with great interest by the bicycle world; alas they didn't meet, and probably never will. We earnestly hope however that Sanger's injuries are not as

serious as reported, and that he will some day be as well as of yore and go in for glory and records.

Some sport has figured out a 2.03 mile for Nelson, if he could but make every quarter at his record of 30 3-4 seconds for that distance. Yes, and how about Zimmerman's quarter in 27 seconds? A mile in 1.48! Oh, if!

The speedy little 21 footer ALPHA was beaten on lake Minnetonka, Minn., on June 17, by the ONAWA, designed by Dyer of Deephaven. The ONAWA beat the Ex-Eastern ALPHA 14 minutes in 10 miles, triangular course. On July 15th she again defeated all comers, besting Herreshoff's KITE, her nearest competitor, by 17 minutes.

Two tennis match surprises were let loose during the first week in August, at Southampton, Long Island. Hobart was defeated by Larned; and V. G. Hall by John Howland. These Southampton tournaments are the only ones in which the Howland brothers play.

Pim, the Irish tennis-player, has won the championship of all England.

Just as we go to press we hear of Osmond's wonderful 2 miles at Herne Hill, England, in 4.24. This is not verified yet, but if correct, it beats Windle's 4.28.

## PHILATELICAL DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY L. H. BENTON.

### NOTES.

The 1, 2 and 5¢ Columbian stamps, used, are selling for 8¢ (face value) per set in Europe.

The Postmaster General of Liberia has been in Boston lately; so the newspapers say. He is on his way to the Fair, and brought a pile of unused Liberian stamps with him, from the sale of which he hopes to realize enough to pay expenses.



The Government has at last made an appropriation of \$75,000 for the new Taunton post-office, plans of which are now being drawn.

It is to be observed that the 1 cent Columbian envelope stamp varies as well as the adhesive—that is, dark blue and light blue; but whether officially, as it is said to be the case of the one center, or not, I am unable to say. This same difference exists anyhow.

The number of distinct shades of the 6 cent envelope stamp of 1874 is remarkable. We have vermilion, brick-red and carmine. The 90 center varies in a similar way also. I have seen it in deep carmine and bright vermilion.

A girl called at a post office window and asked for fifty cents worth of Columbian stamps, wishing twice as many "landings" as "discoveries" and the rest in "fleets." Now what combination did she want: 4 twos, 2 ones and 10 fours, or 12 twos, 6 ones and 5 fours?

Mr. A. J. Kirby, the former editor of this paper, has exported to Europe and South America during the last few months, thousands of used Columbians of low denominations. Besides his large printing business he carries an extensive line of U. S. Revenue stamps, having purchased the large stock of Mr. C. C. Lewis, of Northampton, Mass. His office is quite a sizable one, being something like 22 by 28 feet.

Here's a go! Scott's 53rd edition catalogue purchased on issue prices used specimens of the 1890 15 cent at 5 cents, and the 30 cent at 3 cents. The 90 cent is listed at ten cents. In a 53rd edition recently purchased by a friend, the

prices for these same stamps are ten cents each for the 15 and 30 cent denominations, and 40 cents for the 90 center. Excepting in the case of the 15 center, these prices are all right, and as a price list the change is all right, from a business point of view, but AS A STANDARD REFERENCE BOOK IT IS ALL WRONG.

The five cent envelope stamp of the 1887 issue varies somewhat. On some the "tail" of the "5" very narrow. The front of the bust varies a trifle also; on some it is slightly curved, while on others, it is perfectly straight. The lettering is also heavier on the "thick-tailed" one. I have found these differences only on the oriental-buff and blue varieties thus far.

Editor Ashley of the MASSACHUSETTS PHILATELIST has taken Mr. Fraser Brown into partnership, and the concern is now known as Philatelic Publishing Co. They have secured a new printer for their magazine.

Some of the prices realized at the first B. C. P. S. sale of stamps which was held at the meeting of July 7th, are as follows:

Lot No.

|                                                    |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Carrier's Dispatch, 1¢ red,                     |        |
| 1849, used, . . . .                                | \$3.50 |
| 3. 5¢, 1874, 3 shades, used, fine, .80             |        |
| 6. 1856, 5¢, brown . . . .                         | .61    |
| 7. 1856, 5¢, reddish-brown . . . .                 | .60    |
| 8. 1857, 1¢, "variety," . . . .                    | .18    |
| 11. 1857, 3¢, "outer-line," 2 var., .11            |        |
| 13. 1860, 90¢, used, . . . .                       | 4.00   |
| 16. 1861, set, complete excepting 3¢ pink' . . . . | 1.38   |
| 18. 1862, 5¢, chocolate, . . . .                   | .46    |
| 20. 1863, 3¢, 28 shades, . . . .                   | .56    |
| 27. 1869, 15¢, used, . . . .                       | .70    |
| 31. 1875, (1869 no grill) 2¢, used, .20            |        |
| 32. 1875, 3¢, used, . . . .                        | .30    |
| 33. 1875, 6¢, used, . . . .                        | .50    |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 37. 1872, set complete, . . . .                                       | .85  |
| 47. 1890, 90¢, used, . . . .                                          | .25  |
| 52. Newspaper, 24¢, 2 shades, .80                                     |      |
| 54. W. U. Telegraph, 1884-'91, inclusive, . . . .                     | .40  |
| 55. Am. Rapid Tel., comp., .26                                        |      |
| 56. Postal Telegraph, comp., .51                                      |      |
| 59. B. & O., Litho. by FORBES Co., Boston, heavily cancelled, . . . . | .50  |
| 60. B. & O., Conn. River, . . . .                                     | .25  |
| 64. Pacific Postal Tel. Cable Co., comp., 5 values, .90               |      |
| 67. Dues, complete, yellowish brown, . . . .                          | .43  |
| 75. 1853, envelope stamp, 3¢, Die 2 on fawn, . . . .                  | .75  |
| 150. Locals, 14 var., used, . . . .                                   | 1.50 |
| 163. 9 var., check stamps entire .21                                  |      |
| 242. "U. S. Customs, cigarettes. (10¢), . . . .                       | .10  |
| 243. Beer stamps, 2 var., . . . .                                     | .20  |

The Revenues (documentary) sold well, averaging about catalogue rates; in some instances higher. The envelope stamps elicited few bids, as compared with other classes. 121 lots of 258 catalogued were sold, the amount realized being one cent short of \$43.00.

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I love my love in the spring time,  
 When the earth is wreathed in flowers,  
 When the breath of spring supernal  
 Seems to float from Eden's bowers,  
 As we twine the roses in garlands  
 And whisper love's matin song,  
 The hours pass by as minutes;  
 In a swift, fast-fleeting throng.

I love my love in the summer  
 As we roam 'neath the woodland's shade,  
 Where the oak's in their summer garments  
 Of verdure are arrayed,  
 When we rest under spreading branches  
 And read from an open book,  
 While the eyes are telling their secrets,  
 And the heart reads every look.

I love my love in the autumn  
 When the leaves are turning brown,  
 The chestnuts their burrs fling open,  
 And the nuts come pattering down,  
 For the autumn's red sun is setting  
 And reflects on the blue above,  
 As our lips breathe of nature's beauty  
 And our eyes are looking love.

I love my love in the winter  
 When the snowy mantle spreads  
 O'er all, and old King Winter  
 Walks forth with a stately tread.  
 For our love has grown with the seasons  
 And the closing season's the best,  
 As we oft repeat love's accents  
 And her head on my shoulder rests.

I love my love in the morning  
 When the flowers drink the dew,  
 When the rising sun refulgent,  
 Mounts up the horizon blue,  
 For the morning air is fragrant;  
 Full joyous each bird appears  
 While I whisper Love's every message  
 Into eager, expectant ears.

I love my love at noontide  
 When old Sol beams warmly down,  
 And lays on the brow of Mother Earth  
 A bright and golden crown,  
 For we quaff from the cup of pleasure;  
 Drink deep of the nectared bliss,  
 And my love I embrace in rapture  
 And seal our vows with a kiss.

I love my love at even  
 As the stars from their curtain peep,  
 And twinkle mischievous upon me  
 As I quietly fall asleep,  
 But in Dreamland I walk beside her  
 Unconscious of Time's flight.

I love my love through the seasons,  
 From dawn to the bright moonlight.

July 15, '93.      Arkansas City, Kan.

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New members who have not paid  
 their dues will please remit at once  
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 bership cards.

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 printing press, typewriter or stamps.  
 Motor and small electric light, to  
 exchange.

A. T. Ash, St. Clair Mich.

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 or \$1.00 1893 issue sent me in good  
 condition.

Samuel Barker, Rising Sun, Ind.

—L. Dobrecourt, 26, Rue de la  
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 exchanges stamps at wholesale or  
 retail. I wish to exchange with  
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 York City.

—“You say your present boss treats  
 you better than Mr. Smith did?”

“Yes, sir; and oftener.”

—“Do you take periodicals,” asked  
 the young minister on his first visit  
 to one of his parishioners.

“Oh, no, sir,” replied the good  
 woman; “I never do, but I’m sorry  
 to say that my husband takes a  
 periodical about once in every two  
 or three months. I wish you could  
 induce him to sign the pledge.”

Stranger (in Chicago.)—“These  
 drawbridges are a nuisance. Why  
 do you have them?”

Chicago man (apologetically)—  
 “Well, er—you see, sir, the water in  
 the river isn’t always thick enough  
 to walk on.”



**BLACK MILK.**

Robert Hansborough of Chilliicotte, O., is the owner of a cow that gives coal black milk which produces a fair amount of cream. The cream is a trifle lighter in color than the milk, and when churned makes butter that resembles a thick mixture of coal tar. This butter is said to be quite as palatable as though it were golden yellow, and is relished by the whole Hansborough family. Chemists who have analyzed both the milk and the butter declare they can detect nothing that in any way accounts for its sable color, though one or two have ventured the opinion that it is caused by some unique coloring pigment in the blood of the animal. The cow is a mixture of Jersey and Durham, and none of her relatives or descendants has exhibited any similar peculiarity. The dime museum managers are after her.—Young Sportsman.

**NO ROOM FOR "U."**

Why the Blake's Motto Spells "Honour" Honor.

A curious thing on the English cruiser Blake is a motto in great brass letters on the end of the stern cabin, says the Illustrated American. It reads, "Fear God and honor the queen," an adaptation of St. Peter's exhortation, "Fear God, honor the king."

Curiously enough the word "honor" is spelled as our lexicographers spell it, and not as the English and some of our purists do—"honour."

This is not, as some might suppose, a delicate compliment to the United States.

When the motto was being put in place it was discovered there was one letter too many for the space allotted to it, and the "u" was dropped, so that the word remains with its

American spelling on this distinctly British ship.—Boston Globe.

**WILLIE'S FIRST LETTER.**

[Chicago Tribune.]

Proud father (on a visit to friends in distant city.)—Hallo! This is a letter from my little boy Willie, 5 years old. It's the first one he has ever written to me. I wonder what the dear little fellow has to say. (Opens letter and reads aloud.) "Dear papa: This is my first letter to you"—bless his heart! I'll keep it always—"and I am afrade you cant read it"—why anybody could read it. He writes better than many a boy twice his age—"but I thot you would like to hear frum me. I miss you so much"—think of it! Only 5 years old!—"and I am trying to be a good boy"—isn't he a little fellow to be proud of?—"and I go to Sunday school just as reglar"—I knew he would—"I had a scrap last night with Bill Cooney and I done the blame little rascal and his brother both up in about 5 minutes"—'m—er—'m—the rest seems to be in relation to mere family matters that you wouldn't care to hear.

**A PERENNIAL PIE.**

A Gorgeous Mystery, Which the Waiter Could Not Unravel.

A fat man with a brown soft hat walked briskly into a Main street restaurant and took a seat at the lunch counter, says the Buffalo Express. The man who was presiding over the section of the counter at which he sat, ambled over to him and said, "Well?"

"Well?" repeated the fat man.

"W'atcher want?" asked the waiter.

"Gimme a piece of apple pie and a glass of milk."

"Hain't got any apple pie, sir."

"What kind of pie have you got?" "Cocoanut pie and lemon pie,"

"Gimme a piece of lemon pie."

The waiter went away and returned with a slab of dark brown pastry and a glass of light blue milk. The fat man sawed off a piece of the pie and transfered it to his mouth. A pained look came over his face, but he gulped the pie down and beckoned to the waiter.

"What kind of pie is that?" he asked.

"What kind of pie did you order sir?" asked the waiter.

"Lemon pie."

"Well, sir, that must be lemon pie then."

"But it ain't lemon pie."

"Ain't lemon pie, sir?"

"Not by a darn sight."

"Sure it ain't lemon pie, sir?"

"Of course I'm sure."

"That's funny, sir."

"Nothing funny about it. What kind of pie is it?"

The waiter leaned over the counter and said in a hoarse whisper: "Confidentially, sir, I have tried to work that pie off for apple, pineapple, pie-plant, peach and prune, and it didn't go, and if it ain't a lemon I'm darned if I know what it is." —Boston Globe

Mr. Miffson (a wealthy widower): "My little boy is very slow about learning to walk. I really don't know what to do about it."

Miss Passay: "Why don't you get him a step-mother?"

Marie: Why, Ethel, what is the matter with Fido?

Ethel: Isn't it too bad? I gave him to the laundress to wash, and she starched him!"

Wife (impatiently): This new dress doesn't set well, and I know it.

Husband: What makes you think so?

Wife: It's too comfortable.

Uncle: James, you are past mending! Money, money—always money! I'm glad I have not many nephews.

Nephew: Exactly my sentiments, uncle; so glad I'm the only one,

## NATURAL HISTORY.

In taking charge of this department, I realize that it is an undertaking of no small magnitude; and without the assistance of my readers it would be apt to prove a disastrous failure. But with their aid it can be made one of the most interesting and pleasing of any in this journal.

I should be pleased to receive articles, notes and timely suggestions from all my readers. All communications addressed to me will be promptly attended to.

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F. H. Lattin, the ever popular dealer has taken into partnership the Geneva dealer, Walter F. Webb. The new firm has probably as fine a stock of Natural History goods, as any firm in the country.

It is rumored that the Wisconsin Naturalist is to be revived. Collectors will have cause to rejoice, if the report turns out to be true, for it was one of the best publications of its class.

A quite spirited debate has been taking place in the "Oologist" relative to the singing of Wood Thrushes from the tops of trees. Can't some of the "STAR'S" readers throw a little light on the subject?

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are talking of establishing a paper devoted to Ornithology and Philately.

Some of the Waterville Profs. have been giving talks on various Natural History subjects to the boys of Good Will Farm, during the Summer Assembly. Prof. Roberts, of Colby, gave the boys a short talk on Botany during the Spring, which was the means of, several of them becoming interested in the subject, and several good collections have been made.

Why is it that there are not more societies founded, whose members are interested in Natural History? The Agassiz Ass'n is never heard of now, and it is about the same in relation to other like organizations. It seems as though they could be made to flourish.—Ralph H. Rockwood, Waterville, Me.

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WHOLE NO. 24.

## HOLDING THE REINS.

The night was clear, the sleighing good,  
The cutter seat not wide;  
She snuggled close beneath the robe  
To her fond lover's side;  
The horse was spirited and jumped,  
With frequent tugs and strains,  
Until she innocently said:  
"Do let me hold the reins!"

They're married now, perhaps because  
She was so helpful then;  
She loves him well, and he loves her—  
Well, in the way of men;  
And yet in all their sweet delight  
One sad thought makes him wince:  
She held the reins that winter's night—  
She's held them ever since.

—Somerville Journal.

## SETH ADAMS' OFFICE BOY; OR, THE POTENCY OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY BEN H. LEWISTON.

### CHAPTER IV.

MR. ADAMS TALKS.

Abe, wonderingly, obeyed. His mind reverted to those stamps; "but," thought he, "the boss has something else than stamps on his mind; I wonder what's up?"

He was soon to know "what was up."

Mr. Adams began:

"Abe, how do you like being an office-boy?"

"Very well, sir; I have no reason to complain; still I should not care about making it my life-work, for I wish to be something else sometime, that is to rise above it."

"You don't wish to be a gray-haired office-boy then?" queried the merchant laughing; "but still you

like the business well enough to follow it up and rise above the office-boy period," and Mr. Adams smiled again.

"Yes, sir."

"How'd you like to be a cabin-boy on a ship?" abruptly.

"A cabin-boy on a ship!"

"Yes; that is to officiate in that capacity tho' entrusted with a commission which would be your real purpose on shipboard, rather than that of cabin-boy?"

"I don't quite comprehend, sir."

"Then I'll explain. That sailor whom you saw here this morning was one of the crew of one of my ships, and he is as true as steel, or else I'm no character reader."

"But to go back a little. During the past year we have received numerous complaints from customers concerning articles supposed to have been shipped to them, but which have, as it seems, failed to materialize at their destination."

"It was, till Matt Cringle came, a mystery. It is that no longer; at least a part of the losses is explained."

"It seems that on this last trip home Cringle caught the captain of the Atlantic—that is the ship of mine in which he has just come from the East Indies—in the act of extracting rolls of silk from among the merchandise. Letting a sailor companion into the secret for the purpose of obtaining a witness, he, with this ally, watched the captain and were rewarded by seeing him repeat this thieving act."

"Thro' Matt and his friend, I have just had the captain in question arrested. Charged with the crime, he confessed."

"My suspicions turned in the right direction—I had laid the cause of the

missing articles to railroad freighters—I have reason to suspect another such case. It is with the intention of putting you and Cringle in position to verify my suspicions that I speak to you now, that is if it can be so arranged."

### CHAPTER V.

ABE'S COMMISSION.

"The object of my suspicions," continued Mr. Adams, "is one Captain Smith of the American Flag, another of my ships."

"She carries a valuable cargo all the time, running between here and Sydney, New South Wales, bringing in wool and gold. The wool is in bales, and it is not a convenient article to handle, so have no trouble from the source. It is the gold that disappears. It is shipped in kegs, and now and then one disappears, and I have been unable to fasten the crime to any one as yet."

"Don't you have a supercargo to look after such matters?" asked Abe.

"Yes, but that has seemed to make no difference."

"Mightn't the supercargo know something about the missing gold?"

"It is possible; I never thought of that. Still I don't believe the supercargo on the American Flag is dishonest, but neither do I the master, for that matter. I know not what to think. That is why I want you."

"I would like very much to go, but I am afraid that my mother will raise serious objections."

"Of course if your mother puts in her veto, that settles it. Don't disobey your mother, Abe; I don't require that. You can go home and see her about it now if you wish."

"Thank you, sir; I will do so," and Abe went home.



Arriving there, he laid Mr. Adams' proposition before his mother.

Of course she objected at once; then, thinking it over, she relented somewhat; and finally she gave her consent.

"You have Bella and Joe and considerable money," Abe had argued, "for have I not let you have considerable which I realized from stamps given me by my employer?"

Having gained the desired sanction, he left the place he called home, a neat flat in a desirable neighborhood.

The family circle was composed of his mother, sister Bella, a pretty miss of twelve, and little brother Joe, aged eight,—and himself. His father had died several years before, leaving his family in moderate circumstances.

Abe had, a year or so before the opening of our story, obtained his present position with Mr. Adams, having between the time of his father's death and that time attended school. While an office-boy he studied at home evenings, so that he was as well educated as most boys of his age and abilities, which were, by the way, somewhat above the average.

Returning to the office, he informed his employer of his mother's decision.

As the ship was to sail in two days, Mr. Adams made immediate arrangements and formulated certain plans, among which was the procuring of another office-boy. Abe recommended a friend, and on that recommendation Johnny Brown was taken in. From then until his departure for far-away Australia, Abe initiated the new boy into the functions of that office.

That afternoon Mr. Adams made Abe happy by sending to the latter's home a large chest crammed full of envelopes on which were stamps of all nations from 1840 up to several years prior to the time of this story.

Abe, however, found no time to go thro' the contents of that trunk, and so postponed that pleasing operation till he should return.

Two days later Matt Cringle and

Abe—the former as foremast-hand and the latter as cabin-boy, ostensibly—sailed in the good ship American Flag for Sydney, in New South Wales, in far-distant Australia, the land of gold; the refuge for non-Canadian members of the "Ex-Bank Cashier Fraternity of the United States."

## CHAPTER VI.

### WHAT MR. ADAMS ACCOMPLISHED—AND WHAT HE DIDN'T.

A lively northwest wind sent the American Flag along at a rapid rate of speed.

When one finds himself without occupation, that one naturally falls to musing. So it was with Abe.

He mused to amuse himself, and the subjects of his cogitations were varied, yet there was one thought which predominated, and which was a source of much pleasure to him.

Only two, or possibly three, were in the secret. As the reader is one of those who is "not in it," we will hasten to admit him.

Mr. Adams had a pretty fourteen-year-old daughter. Her name was Ada. She and Abe were particularly good friends. Ada had been in the habit of coming to the office quite often, and she and Abe always had a great deal to say to each other on these occasions. The attraction was mutual. Mr. Adams' attention was attracted. He thought he saw something which he had failed to perceive before. Later he questioned Ada and found that his suspicions were correct.

Now the old man, tho' generous and thoughtful and a kind employer, had one sentiment so often found in rich men: that was social pride.

Tho' he was very much pleased with Abe as an office-boy, he could not for a moment foster the idea of his daughter—his heiress—marrying an office-boy, forgetting that he him-

self had once served in that capacity.

To think of Ada as his office-boy's young bride,  
Was galling to him, and it hurt his pride  
And he could not get over it to save his neck,

So he sent Abe away on the American Flag's deck.

So when Mr. Adams was informed of the state of affairs concerning the vanishing silk, and when the suspicions regarding the missing gold presented themselves to his mind, the thought that he could accomplish three things at once came also.

The three "accomplishments" were to be:

To keep Abe and Ada away from each other;

To protect his interests on ship-board;

To help Abe along in the world.

He succeeded admirably, only he failed to lessen the interest which each of our young lovers had in each other.

Had he sent Abe to Umbagog, it would have been the same: Abe and Ada would have held undivided shares in but a single thought.

But to return to Abe.

All this, and more, passed thro' Abe's mind, and he chuckled quietly to himself, a happy smile resting upon his face.

## CHAPTER VII.

### ABE BECOMES A HERO.

On sped the American Flag.

Cape of Good Hope was passed, Bass Strait was entered and cleared, and on the one hundred and thirty-first day after leaving the "little village" on the Hudson, the American Flag, with the banner for which she was named at the peak, entered the harbor of Port Jackson.

Just ahead on the left was the city of Sydney. As they approached this famous city, Abe made a mental comparison between the panorama before him and the famous "Sydney views"

which philatelists like to dream of, and he found that one might strike a comparison if he had a vivid imagination.

Inside of two hours the American Flag was tied up at her dock.

Abe's duties done he went ashore.

Little dreamed he of the adventure he was to have ere he again boarded the American Flag.

(CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

## HOW THEY WERE SAVED.

BY "JEAN N'IMPORTE."

Midnight on the deep! The moon shining down shows not a ripple in the waste of water. A dead calm; no sound breaks the awful silence, save only the occasional cry of a sea gull or the puff of a grampus in the distance.

But hark! Swish! Swash! what is that sound as of the tide breaking at the foot of a sea-wall, or against a pier? Swish! Swash! a dark object on the water, a raft of broken spars! upon it two prostrate forms, a sea chest, water-butt, a broken oar, each mutely telling a tale of shipwreck and distress, of sudden squalls, of days under the burning tropic sun, of awful hunger, of hopeless despair. Suddenly the day breaks, from darkness to light in an instant. The sun's first ray falls on the face of one of the sleepers, who painfully rises up and eagerly scans the horizon. Nothing in sight, he sits down on the raft and looks fixedly at his sleeping companion, a gleam of insanity in his eyes. The boy moans in his sleep; now a faint smile crosses his pale face. Perhaps he is back at the old home and loving hands ministering to his wants; perhaps he is plucking the big red apples which grow on the tree by the old spring path, in his far New England home. He wakes with a start, to find his companion's eyes fixed on him with a dangerous gleam in them. For seventeen long days

they had drifted about, now full of hope as a sail hove in sight, now in despair as she sank again in the distance; but there is a limit to all human endurance, and the end was near. Each knew in his heart that one must die to prolong the life of the other;—which should it be?

The younger, rising painfully to his feet, makes his way to the chest.

He gropes among the articles gathered there, seeking, but seeking in vain for a stray crumb. Suddenly he springs erect, clutching something tightly in his hands. "Saved! Saved!" he shrieks, and falls fainting to the raft. His comrade, the wild gleam gone from his eyes, and muttering, "stark mad, poor boy," crawls to his assistance, and pouring water in his face, soon revives him. The boy sits up, still clutching in his shrunk fingers a long brown envelope, from which, opening painfully, he draws out five full sheets of the new Columbian Issue of U. S. postage stamps, the mucilage licked off of six stamps of which "will afford sufficient nutriment to sustain life for a period of from twenty to twenty-four hours." And so they were saved.

\*See PHILATELIC MONTHLY, for January, 1893.

## FRANK NORMAN'S QUEST;

OR,

### A BOY'S SEARCH FOR HIS BROTHER.

#### A TALE OF LAND AND SEA.

BY LEWIS H. BENTON.

#### CHAPTER III.

MRS. NORMAN'S STORY.

"Nearly nineteen years ago your father and I were married in New York. He had formerly lived here, and that accounts for the address on the trunk. He had the command of as fine a ship as ever flew the Ameri-

can flag. We went aboard immediately after our marriage and sailed for a voyage around the world.

"Thus began our honeymoon. First we went to San Francisco. Then we set sail for Australia. From there we came back to New York. By the way, we had taken a lady passenger aboard in Australia, a New York lady well-known to us both. You and your twin brother were born on this passage. We named him Edward and you Frank. You were 'ocean-born' you see. Then we went to Liverpool, and from there to Hong Kong. We were a long time discharging our cargo at this place and a long time in procuring another, or rather a part of one, for the American Republic sailed with but half a cargo, (your father having become disgusted) for Kelung, on the island of Formosa, at which place our cargo was completed. Before we reached our destination we were caught in a typhoon, one of those terrible hurricanes of which Tom Lanyard speaks. Tom was one of your father's best sailors, tried and true.

"Well, we were dismasted and the ship was settling. We took to the boats. We put in all necessary articles, such as nautical instruments and provisions; but it seems that we forgot this trunk. From our present view it seems to have been 'all for the best.'

"Your father, you and your brother, myself, Tom Lanyard and seven others were in one boat, and the rest of the crew in another. The boats became separated. Darkness came on. We ate a sparing supper, and all but the helmsman sought sleep. For some unaccountable (at that time) reason we fell asleep soon after this meal—unreasonably soon. When I awoke—the first to do so—your father, Edward and one sailor had disappeared. That is the last I ever saw of them in life; but your father, I—I saw him in—in death, for his body was picked up by a steamer, the captain of which



was an old friend of Henry's, and sent here, for his address was found in his pocket.

"I have always thought that the missing sailor, whose name (or at least the one he had given when he shipped) was Dennis Hubbard, was the cause of this disappearance. I'll tell you why I think so. You see we had shipped a pretty hard looking crew when last in New York, but as crews were very scarce at that time we accepted them, hoping that they were better than they looked. This excepts Tom Lanyard and six others who had been by us several voyages. The latter were in the boat with us. The appearance of the rough element did not belie them. They were the roughest crew your father ever had. This Dennis Hubbard was their leading spirit.

"My theory is that Hubbard had drugged the coffee which we had drunk for supper. Also that when we were all asleep he—be was the helmsman—had by previous arrangement met the other boat, the occupants of which were composed entirely of the undesirable portion of the crew, and transferred himself and his victims aboard it. My husband had severely rebuked their actions on board the American Republic and they wanted revenge; and they got it.

"We drifted about two days when we were picked up by a ship bound for New York. We arrived there in due time, but, oh under what different prospects than those before us when Henry and I left there in the American Republic!"

Frank here took from the trunk a square object—a camera.

"That," said his mother, "is a camera which I took with me. Before I was married I worked at photography. I was much interested in the art and in furtherance of this interest I took it with me. I took and developed many pictures while with your father. He had a developing room, fitted up purposely for me, back of the fore-companionway. I have all the pictures here in this box," taking from the trunk an oblong pasteboard box.

She opened it and they looked over the pictures together—mother, son and daughter. Finally they came to a sailor sitting on the fore-castle.

"That," said Mrs. Norman, "is the photograph of Dennis Hubbard!"

"How is it that you got him in position; such men as he are little inclined to sit for their pictures?"

"It was in this way. 'Twas a bright, clear, sunny day—just the day for picture-taking—and as there was a large, fine full-rigged ship abreast of us, I had taken my camera from the place I kept it when not in use and was about to go out on deck when, looking out of the window,—the greater part of the cabin was on deck—I saw this man sitting as you see him in the picture. It was on the impulse of the moment that I snapped at him. The skylight furnished the light. Then I went on deck and turned my camera on the accompanying ship, and here is the result," indicating a picture of a magnificent sailing ship on the top of the remaining unlooked-over lot.

#### CHAPTER IV.

FRANK HAS A DREAM AND MAKES A RESOLUTION.

The next morning at the breakfast table Frank remarked:

"Mother, I had a strange dream last night. In it I dreamt that I saw my father and brother. First I seemed to see the two boats of the lost American Republic come together as you theorized and this Hubbard got into the other one with father and Edward. Then the boats parted. I lost sight of the one in which you were. The other one was picked up by a pirate next day, and as 'birds of a feather flock together' these mutineers sailed to the pirate's stronghold with them.

This stronghold appeared to be on a wild uninhabited island. Father was—the villains!—lashed bareback to a stake and given the rope's end. Thus did the ruffians revenge themselves.

"Next father seemed to be in a cave on this island, imprisoned there—tied there. Next he had disappeared in a most mysterious manner, how and where none of them seemed to know.

"My dreaming ceased here for a short time and then I began to dream again. Some years—a dozen or so, I should judge—seemed to have elapsed since the time of my previous dream.

"On this island a boy, a girl and a dog are walking along the beach together. The boy is Edward. Suddenly they seemed to have disappeared, as mysteriously as my father had in my first dream.

"My next vision was that of a boat containing a boy, girl and dog being picked up by a ship. The girl here vanishes from my dream, and I behold Edward and the dog cruising around here and there all over the world. Then I awake and find it all a dream.

"Now, mother, that dream impressed me very much and—and—I—I'm going out into the world in search of my brother may I go?" he exclaimed all in one breath. "There, now I've said it, though I hardly dared venture it."

His mother gazed at him stupefied. "You are going out into the world in search of your brother?" she finally vociferated.

"Yes, mother, I want to. I might find him you know."

"Dreams go to the contrary, my son: you mustn't believe in them."

"Yes, I know, but you'd be so happy to have Edward restored, and I might find him, I tell you."

"Yes, you might," replied she yearningly.

"There are no financial difficulties



to prevent my going; you have the ten thousand dollars."

The upshot of it all was that Frank gained his mother's consent to undertake the quest.

(CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

## STARS.

The professional dude regards nearly everyone with Aw.

City Clerk (to applicant for marriage license)—"I suppose you love her?"

Young man—"Of course I do; what do you suppose I'm going to marry her for—revenge?"

When a balloon explodes in mid-air, it may be properly termed "a new air-break."

Never buy a watch on tick; always pay for it at the time.

Why is a toothless man like an unperforated stamp? Because although without teeth, he has the original gum.

"Pa, what makes that man roll so, the one just coming out of the saloon?"

"He has had a schooner, my son."

"Then he must be half-seas-over, papa?"

"Yes."

"And if he'd taken a ship he'd been on beam ends, wouldn't he, papa?"

"Yes, sonny"

"And supposing he'd taken a pony?"

"He would probably have been galloping up street now."

"Tim (brushing a fly away viciously): "Say, I wonder if they have flies up on the stars?"

Jim: "Can't say; there are none on the 'GOLDEN STAR' however."

## THE VERY LATEST NEWS.

Our office-boy had a row with the office-cat last week. He has left town for an indefinite period, that is, the O. B., not the aforesaid pussy.

Prof. Parley, the linguist, can now write in gum-arabic. He uses the mucilage bottle.

Hi Pitch the rising young musician, rendered "Papa's Pants Will Soon Fit Willie" at the open air concert in Taterville last evening. He was encored, and then he played "Daddy's Clothes Are Getting Rusty."

John Smith is receiving congratulations. It is a ten-pound note from an uncle in England. Call and see us, Jack.

Patsy Ragoon is now crosseyed for life. He tried to read "live evil" both ways at the same time.

J. Q. Smith fractured his jaw recently trying to pronounce Kagwadawwacomegishearg.

John Henry Jones is sick from eating chicken which is said to have laid on his stomach.

William Farmer exhibited a bow-legged heifer at the County Fair this week. This reminds us of Jonathan Hayseed's knock-kneed rooster of last year.

The last of the play at the Star Theatre last night was so heartrending that the seats rose up in tiers.

Cap. Smith has a hen which lays boiled eggs.

Tom Cheever is happy. His baby's 1st 2th has come 4th.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There is a building in London 1,200 feet high.

Our colleges and universities number about 260.

The area of Chicago is 185 1-2 square miles.

Massachusetts furnished 146,730 men during the Civil War.

Taunton has an area of 50 square miles.

In the United States there are 242 life saving stations, 181 of which are on the Atlantic coast.

Bunker Hill, which is 221 feet high, has 294 stone steps to mount ere the top is reached.

Since 1790 the centre of population in the United States has moved westward considerably over 500 miles, an average of over 5 miles per year.

The combined length of the PROVIDENCE, PILGRIM, PURITAN, PLYMOUTH and PRISCILLA, the five big "P's" of the "Fall River Line" of palace steamers, is in excess of one third of a mile.

There are in Pennsylvania 5,414 cities, towns, villages and post-villages; in Ohio, 4,487; Indiana, 2,624; in Illinois, 2,620; New York State, 4,084; Massachusetts, 964; Texas, 2,416; Rhode Island, 218.

There are 2,704 counties in the United States. Of these, Texas claims 227, while the District of Columbia has one. Delaware has 3; Virginia has an even 100; Iowa and Kansas each 99; Georgia, 137; Kentucky, 118; Missouri, 114; and Massachusetts, Montana and Vermont each have the same number, 14. Besides these counties there are 24 Nations (Indian Ter.); two unorganized districts (in Kan. and Neb.); two Reservations (in Dak. and Neb.); and one Neutral Strip in Indian Territory.

## GEOGRAPHICAL DUPLICATES.

BY OUR "STAR" COMPILER.

Of all Americans, Franklin has given his name to the most cities and towns, for there are 63 Franklins in the United States. Andrew Jackson comes next with 61. There are 49 Washingtons, 47 Jeffersons, 44 Madisons, 43 Monroes, 30 Hamiltons, 30 Clintons, 24 Garfields, 24 Websters, 21 Douglasses, 20 Bentons, 20 Blaines, 19 Quincys, 18 Calhouns and 7 Clays.

General Marion is honored by 30 "Marions" throughout the country.

Among our American towns we

have 6 Catos, 5 Ciceros, 7 Hectors, 15 Homers, 9 Horaces, 10 Milos, 7 Ovids, 10 Platos, 4 Scipios, 7 Solons, 3 Tullys and 6 Virgils.

From classical geography our country has borrowed 18 Athenses, 9 Atticas, 13 Corinths, 8 Delphis, 3 Ithacas, 5 Marathons, 20 Romes, 12 Spartas, 25 Troys and 16 Uticas.

While early in the grammar classes at school, it used to be quite a game among us boys to get together in fours or fives or so and decide upon a certain map and then one of us would mention a place noted by him on the map. The rest would try to find it. The one who discovered it first would then give out one to be found by the others, and so on. The frequency of certain names in various places were noticeable, and one would find several of the same name as the one sought for on the same map. I guess we covered every state in this broad Union of ours. Thinking of this, in connection with the foregoing facts and figures, I "went through" a list of over 70,000 towns and villages in the United States, and this is what I found:

Judging by the one which heads the list, our country is full of beautiful places, as we have 60 Fairviews, and Pennsylvania has the honor of having ten of them within her borders, while Ohio has 6, and West Virginia has 4.

Salem is next on the list with 49 locations, with six to her credit in Ohio and another six in Indiana.

Next comes Oakland with 44, and Liberty with 43, 5 of which are at large in the Pennsylvania woods, while six are at liberty in Ohio.

Milton owns up to 41; so does Springfield. There are 7 Miltons in Ohio, which State, by the way, evidently ordered her town's names by the dozen. Pennsylvania owns up to 6 Springfields.

There are 40 Greenwoods, three being in Ohio. A large number of our towns are found in threes in

various states.

One can go to 39 different places and yet be in a Fairfield. There are 3 in New Jersey and three more in Virginia.

There are 38 Greenvilles; ditto Woodvilles. Bridgeport numbers 37, as does Lincoln.

Bethel is to be found in 36 different places; Florence in the same number. Berlin, Concord, Farmington and Jacksonville in 35 each; Auburn and Richmond, 34; Columbia, 33; Dayton, Manchester, Sharon and Warren, 31 each; Mount Vernon and Waverly, 30; Waterloo and Williamsburg (Va.), 29; Danville, Glendale, Lexington, Rockville and Sterling, 28; Brooklyn, Canton, Independence, 27; Buffalo, Burlington, Camden and Jamestown, 26; Bristol, Butler and Newburg (Va.), 25; Augusta, Bloomfield, Bloomington, Columbus and Lafayette, 24; Paris, Vienna, and York, 23; Moscow, Newcastle, Providence, 22; Aurora, Geneva, Harrison and Princeton, 21; and Austin, Grafton and Waterford, 20 each.

We have 19 Rockports; ditto Carlisle and Mason. Decatur, Stanton and Woodstock each stand at 18. Somerset and Woodlawn figure 17. Lakeview, Rockland and Waterville own up to sweet 16.

We have 19 Bethlehems, 13 Damascuses, 13 Jerichos and 8 Jerusalems.

Four of our Mount Vernons are in Indiana; 6 Berlins in Ohio (ditto 5 Concorde; 4 Danvilles, 4 Lafayettes, 4 Newcastles; 4 Waverlys are in New York State.

In Pennsylvania we have 6 Bridgeports, 5 Farmingtons, 6 Greenvilles, 5 Oaklands, 7 Jacksonvilles.

Wisconsin has 4 Farmingtons.

The addition of the county to the regular address is not to be wondered at, especially when one is writing to Fairview, Pa.

The above include cities, towns, villages and post-villages.

## AMATEUR SPORT.

EDITED BY L. H. BENTON.

On August 17th Osmond, the great Englishman, made two miles on the Herne Hill track, Eng., in 4 m 24½ s., lowering Fowler's English record of 4.494-5 and Windle's world's record of 4.28½, made at Springfield, Sept., 30, 1892.

On the 27th of the preceding month this same Osmond made 25 miles on the same track in one hour and four seconds. His record for one hour was 24 miles, 1717 yards, lowering that of Meintjes on the same track on July 4th, of 24 miles, 380 yards.

At Minneapolis on Aug. 18, J. S. Johnson knocked over 15 seconds off the 3-mile competition record, doing it in 7 m 15¾ s. In the five mile race there next day Taylor won in 14.12½, Johnson getting no better than fourth place. Johnson was the management's favorite and so the race was ordered to be run over, (and in a pouring rain too) but the Eastern Flyer won again, Johnson getting second. Time 14.30, nearly a third of a minute slower than the previous race. The hogs couldn't kick at this.

Meintjes beat Zimmerman in a half-mile race at Indianapolis, Aug. 24.

It was here that "Zim" put the world's record for a competition mile, all starting from scratch, down to 2.21. Geo. F. Taylor was second, Bliss 3rd, Windle 4th, Johnson 5th, Tyler 6th.

The five mile record shrunk away before Harry Wheeler's terrific pace at Brooklyn on Aug. 26. It was a race record, and was done in 12.04½. This knocks over half a minute (32½ s.) from Lumsden's record, and Harry made the last quarter in 27 2-5 s.

Records took a tumble at Hartford as usual on Sept. 4. Windle lowered the quarter record to 26 3-5 seconds.



but his wonderful work did not keep him champion long, for inside of half an hour Harry Tyler, the Springfield daisy, did it in 25 4-5 s., nearly a second under Windle's time. Windle did a half in 1.01 2-5, in the last half of which he made his quarter record.

At Columbus, O., Sept. 4, Zimmerman made a flying start-mile in 2.08½, and on the next day Johnson did the act in 2.07½.

A dark horse has turned up in England. His name is O'Neill, and is an Irishman, but, oh can't he go! He won almost everything he went into, running away from such flyers as Harris and Osmond. Like Sanger, he lit immediately on the top of the heap when he entered the bicycling world.

"Zim" lowered Johnson's 2.07 1-5 record to 2.05 3-4 at Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 6, and at Springfield, Mass., on the 11th he put it at 2.02 2-5, making the half in 57 4-5. Not satisfied with this, he squeezed the figures again till they said 2.01 3-5. Meintjes then sailed in for records up to five miles, breaking those for 3, 4 and 5. Time for 3 miles was 6.45 1-5; 4 miles, 8.57 3-5; 5 miles, 11.09 3-5. Windle, the holder of the records till now, had the following figures respectively, 7.04 3-5, 9.26 3-5, 11.41. Meintjes' last mile was done in 2.12, and his average was a trifle less than 2.14.

On Sept. 9, Sanger turned up on the Waltham track, racing for the first time since his accident at Chicago. He won his race in 2.19½ easily. Unlike Porter, Dan Connolly or J. P. Clark, he rides so easily, and when spurting merely makes his muscular legs go faster, but does not hump himself. In this respect, A. W. Porter, tho' a flyer, is his direct opposite. On this track E. C. Bald made two fast miles in competition. One he did in 2.18½; another in 2.17½. This last mile won him the \$100 diamond for the fastest mile of the

day. Bald is a coming man and a comparatively new one in the field. On the 14th at Springfield he won a mile race in 2.16 3-5. Watch out for him next year.

On Aug. 30, J. W. Stocks, at Herne Hill, tackled Meintjes' long distance records made at Chicago, and he succeeded. He put the hour record at 25 miles, 690 yards. His time for 10 miles was 23 m. 20 s.; 25 miles, 59 m. 6 4-5 s.; 50 miles, 2 h. 5 m. 45 4-5 s.; for 60 miles, 2 h. 35 m. 53 1-5 s.; and for 63 miles, 2 h. 45 m. 10s.

In the mile handicap at Springfield Sept. 12, Tyler won from scratch in 2.10 2-5, a world's record. And he had a bad start too, which cost him a second or so. But Harry's world's record stood only a few minutes, for Sanger did the same thing in 2.08 1-5, he too not doing his best as he slowed up a little in the last 100 yards, there being no one to push him.

In the two-mile handicap Sanger put the figures at 4.46 1-5, the world's record in competition. This wonderful man won a scratch race in 2.11 1-5, the world's record. "Zim" won the half mile in 1.04 4-5. Honors are even between he and Sanger. In the one mile handicap on the 13th Sanger won in 2.10. On the 14th Tyler twice goes a half mile in competition in 1 m. 2-5 s., the world's record.

But Meintjes! He tackles the one hour record again, besting it, held by Stocks, doing 26 miles, 107 yards in one hour, doing the last mile in 2.11. His average per mile for the whole distance was 2 minutes, 18 and 1-7 seconds. His time for 10 miles was 23.04 2-5; for 25 miles, 57.40 3-5. He broke the record for every mile from 6 up to 26, and he holds the 3, 4 and 5 mile records himself.

In England, on Sept 1, Osmond and Stocks do 26 miles, 156 yards, on a tandem. The 10 mile mark was reached in 22 m. 42 1-2 s.

At Taunton, Mass., Sept. 23d, A. W. Warren, of Hartford, lowered the track record of 2.31, held by Anthony, to 2.23 1-4 official time, tho' one stopwatch, never known to tell wrong stories, said 2.21 flat. E. A. Nelson made half a mile in 1.05 1-5.

How the records do go!—but wait!

## ENGLISH SLANG TERMS FOR MONEY.

[Equitable Record.]

Among certain classes of persons in London the following terms are perfectly understood and commonly used:

A joey is equal to 4 pence.

A tanner is equal to a 6 pence.

A bob is equal to 1 shilling.

A bull is equal to 5 shillings.

Half a bull is equal to 2 shillings and 6 pence.

A quid is equal to £1.

A pony is equal to £25.

A monkey is equal to £500.

A kite means an accommodation bill; copper or bronz coins are familiarly known as browns, while money generally is designated tin, dust or blunt.

"I'll put new soles on these worn out shoes

That never will crack or break,"  
And the cobbler laughed as he carved the soles

From a restaurant buckwheat cake.

—[Lincoln Journal.]

## HASH.

From Various Unknown Sources.

A Parisian gentleman of some literary note in his own country, who is learning English by the aid of a small text book and a dictionary, without any other instructor writes: "In small time I can learn so many english as I think I will to come at the America and go on the scaffold to lecture."

"What was Helen crying about, Polly?" asked Polly's mama, as the little one came in from the playground.

"She dug a hole in the garden and her mama would't let her take it in the house with her."

She: I'll never marry a man whose fortune hasn't at least five ciphers in it.

He (exultingly): Oh, darling mine's all ciphers.

Three tailors established themselves in the same street. The first wrote on his sign: "The best tailor in town." The second adopted as his motto: "The best tailor in the World," but the third, who was the smartest of the lot, beat them by putting on his sign: "The best tailor in the street."

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regular monthly stamp article—  
interesting, instructive, and "un-  
chestnuttly."

IT is said that the man who  
wrote "Nearer, My God, to Thee"  
lives in New York, but that he did  
not live there when he wrote it!

WE have our eye on a funny  
man to give us a funny article in  
the "Funny Column" each month.  
Keep your eye peeled for him;  
grease your hahameter.

Just as the forms are ready to  
close the Natural History notes  
arrive, but too late for insertion in  
this number. They are unusually  
interesting and will appear in our  
next.

THERE is one thing which the  
reader must not forget, and that  
is—to mention this paper when  
answering advertisements. It  
means much to us and something  
to the reader.

THE "Stars" to be found in the  
STAR from time to time are all  
original; contemporaries please  
note the fact. Uncredited jokes  
herein are from sources unknown,  
else we would have credited them.

To advertising people who get a  
copy of this paper, please observe  
our *present* low rates and fair  
terms. We wish to put a cover  
on by cold weather, and line it  
with ads. It will pay you! Try  
it a month and see!

PERSONS requiring back numbers  
of the "STAR" are referred to page  
30. There were but four numbers  
in Volume IV, we wishing to be-  
gin a new volume with the new  
and enlarged size, thus doing  
away with the "book binder's  
plague," two sizes in one volume.

In a copy of the *Western Trade  
Journal* lying before us is a  
column devoted to an impartial  
and unsolicited review of A. G.  
Scholfield's Commercial College,  
comparing it with others of the  
same class, much to its favor. By  
the way, read their ad. on page 32.

WE will have to dispense with  
the Natural History Department  
this time, having as yet heard

nothing from Mr. Rockwood, the  
editor of that column. By the  
way, we are looking for the right  
party to take charge of a depart-  
ment devoted to Numismatics.  
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of each issue of the STAR are cir-  
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in each desk—, by written permit  
of the superintendent. Three hun-  
dred of this edition go into the  
Taunton High School. This is a  
pointer for the advertising mana-  
gers of commercial colleges etc. to  
note.

Gaze hard at the premium offers  
on page 31. You may not see  
them again; the number of sub-  
scribers obtained since it was  
printed in our last number exceeded  
our expectations. We shall take  
pleasure in printing the name of  
the premium winners. You get a  
heaping fifty cents' worth without  
the premiums. Subscribe before  
the premiums are all gone.

A certain high government  
military official has decreed that  
the insignia of the commissioned  
officers in all companies other than  
State and Federal militia shall be  
dispensed with and something  
other than regulation shoulder  
straps be used. This hits all  
school companies, and is what  
might be termed—seriously and  
humorously—a *rank* injustice.

CAPT. PENE, of the "Dahomey  
Settlement" on Midway Plaisance  
at the World's Fair, has, we are  
glad to see, bezum enough to run  
his show to suit himself. He has  
no free-list whatever; not a solitary



deadhead. Even President Higginbotham must pay his little quarter. And why is this not right; why should it not be so. Those who enter most of the shows there "deadhead" are certainly more able to pay than many others, and should do so, even if they are "head men" and "leaders" there. They are munificently paid for their services. Capt. Pene has lost nothing by it, financially, and has gained much respect and admiration from believers in justice for his "business in business" principles.

WHEW! J. J. Morgan, Horace Stone, A. Burmeister, A. B. Quigley, "Frankford Stamp Co.," Pittsburgh Stamp Co., and *Lewis Bishop ONE and the same!* Tho' we knew several things against "Bishop," we never once suspected the facts. (By the way, how strange it is that *after* the denouement so many "knew it" or "thought so all the time"! ) His letters as "Morgan" and as "Bishop," as given in Mekeel's Weekly in *fac simile*, are evidently penned by the same hand, but letters over each signature held by the former editor of this paper, A. J. Kirby, are vastly different, which counts for nothing unless one knows the facts, when it means everything, *so utterly different are they.*

APROPOS to the foregoing paragraph we might mention that we have for publication next month a story in which this party, as "J. J. Morgan," figures as "hero." Watch for it!

**SUBSCRIBE IS STILL THE WORD.**

#### A GYMNASTIC POEM.

If rhymes gymnastic take your eye  
And add to earthly bliss,  
Instead of reading straight across,  
read round

Why not                      like this?

Or if of those gymnastic rhymes  
You think you've had your fill,  
We'll change the program slightly,  
Up hill.

Read

Can

Now

You

And

—"Nemo," in TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL  
CRITIC.

### THE SCHEMING SQUIRE;

OR,

### WHAT A YOUNG DETECTIVE DID FOR HIS FRIEND.

BY ED SHARON.

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### TWO YOUNG FARMERS.

"Hal, I wish that there was another one of us here; we could get along much better with our farming project."

The speaker was a boy of sixteen. The one spoken to was over a year older. They were tall and manly looking. Their skins were browned by exposure to the sun.

His wish was soon to be granted, for at that moment there was heard a crackling of underbrush and a strange appearing form emerged from the bushes. The young farmers saw that it was a boy peculiarly dressed, for he had on a sheet. It was, indeed, our young friend, Howard Randall, who had, during the night, put about twelve miles between himself and the jail. He had descended the tree and,

having covered the distance stated, was walking along near the border of a planted field when he heard the declaration at the opening of this chapter.

It suggested to him a mode of action: he adopted it and, as we have seen, emerged from the bushes, much to the young farmers' astonishment.

"Who are you and where did you come from?" asked Hal, who generally did the talking for both.

Howard accounted for himself and strange appearance. They believed him and thereupon invited him into their house near by. It was a small structure which they had built to suit themselves. Howard was furnished with a suit of clothes and a good meal.

"Well," said Hal, "I will tell you our story, what there is of it."

"We are brothers, our names being Harry and William Travers, I being Harry, commonly called Hal, for short. We were left orphans at an early age and were cared for by an uncle until about a year ago, when he died. This was in a town twenty miles east of here. After paying the funeral expenses there was some money left, which came to us. We took it, moved here, bought this farm and built this little house upon it. We boarded at the next farmhouse while doing it, for this was formerly a part of the next farm up the road, and that is the reason why there was no house on this one. Once, when passing through here, we had noticed this farm and liked it very much, and, as it was for sale at the time of our uncle's death, we came here and bought it.

We did have another uncle who was said to have been very rich. He was a sea-captain. He was reported lost at sea, and we have never heard from him since our father died. This uncle was a twin-brother to the one that died. You see, the uncle that took care of us was my mother's brother, as was, of course, the cap-



tain reported lost at sea. Our father had no brother.

"Here is a photograph of our dead uncle, father and mother," said he, opening an album on the table. As Howard's eyes rested on the photograph of the uncle he started; neither Hal nor Will saw this however.

"Poor father," continued Hal, "was swindled out of a large sum of money which was nearly all he had. This fact, coupled with that of mother having died a little before, hurried his death. I mean to find the man that swindled him. I don't suppose the villain would remain in the city where he swindled father. This city is over a thousand miles from here, and father was once in business there."

## CHAPTER VIII.

### HOWARD BECOMES A FARMER.

"I overheard Will remark that he would like another farmhand. How would I do?"

"First rate!" said they in chorus.

Then Hal said:

"I have been thinking about that. I like you, and knew when I first saw you that I would, in spite of the dress that you wore."

They took Howard into partnership. He at once "got down to business," for he had carried on farming at home on a small scale, besides running his factory. He showed himself a good worker.

The farmer-boy brothers saw that they had lost nothing by taking him in as partner.

Howard after having been there about about a month thought he would like to go to the city, as there was a load of produce from their farm ready for market. Hal generally went with the loads as he was the best talker, and therefore could drive the best bargains. Howard was changed somewhat, but was afraid he might meet some old acquaintance in the city who would recognize him. This he wished to avoid. With the

aid of Hal and Will, he was disguised so that his own mother would not know him.

## CHAPTER IX.

### IN THE CITY.

Together Howard and Hal went to the city. Hal sold his produce at a price which satisfied all hands concerned.

While Hal was selling the load, Howard walked around the city noting many familiar objects. As he passed a hotel, he heard familiar voices and saw familiar faces as well.

They were Squire Booth and his son Tom.

The squire and Tom came out of the hotel and passed Howard. As Tom passed him, he said to his father: "Look at that codger from Wayback!" indicating Howard, of course.

"You will see and hear more of this 'codger from Wayback' yet, both of you," said Howard to himself, as he made his way to the postoffice.

They did see and hear more of him than they wished to before many days had passed.

In the postoffice he bought a stamp, envelope and some paper and wrote a letter, to whom we shall see later. He then mailed it, and seeing it was about the time he had promised to meet Hal, went and found him ready to go, and they went back to the farm.

## CHAPTER X.

### HARRY TUCKER, THE BOY DETECTIVE.

"Sergeant, my case is finished!

"Tomorrow I go on a case in which a boy friend of mine, who lives where I came from, is involved!"

Such was the utterance of a fair-haired boy of sixteen in one of the police stations in New York City. He had a muscular form. His face bore a determined look, and his eyes were keen.

His name was Harry Tucker, better

known as the "Boy Detective." He had formerly lived in Bayville, but as he liked detective work he saw that New York City would afford a much better field in which to pursue his profession. He and Howard Randall were intimate friends, and it was to him that Howard had written the letter from "the city," stating his trouble and some of the circumstances pertaining to it.

"You will enjoy clearing up the case all the more for that," replied the sergeant.

"Yes, I will, for my friend who is in trouble is a tiptop fellow. I will go and see him, get all the particulars, and fathom the mystery I will!" said he with great determination.

## CHAPTER XI.

### ANOTHER SURPRISE.

"Is there a hotel in this place?" asked a young and handsome man, apparently about thirty years of age, as he alighted from the train at Farmingdale.

"Yessir!" answered the station keeper, the one addressed, "there is a tavern known as the Traveller's Rest."

"Thank you sir," returned the gentlemen, politely. He made his way toward the outskirts of the town, passing on the way the Traveller's Rest.

He arrived at a well kept farm, where he saw three boys at work.

"I'll give them a surprise," muttered he to himself.

"Haloo!"

"Haloo yourself and see how you like it!" was answered back by Hal, for it was at the Travers' farm at which the young man had arrived.

"Is there anybody around here by the name of Howard Randall?"

"Naw thar haint!" yelled Hal excitedly.

"Oh, I don't wish to thump him," exclaimed the stranger, laughing.

"Who are you and what do you

wish of me?" asked Howard coming forward.

"As to who I am and what I wish of you, I will tell you later; but what I wish to do now is to lick you," indicating Hal.

"Oh, yer do, do yer!" shouted Hal, who did not stop to consider his pronunciation when excited; "come on then if yer want ter occupy a grave in the church-yard!"

"Ha, ha, ha! pretty good!" said the stranger in a different voice.

"Fooled!" yelled Howard in delight, at once recognizing the voice. "It's a friend of mine, Harry Tucker by name," said he to Hal and Will. "He is disguised. I will tell you about it."

They all repaired to the house. Then the explanation came.

## CHAPTER XII.

### HOWARD AND THE DETECTIVE.

As they were entering the house, a most wonderful transformation occurred. Before them stood a boy of sixteen instead of a man of thirty.

"You see," said Harry, by way of explanation, "that the suit I wear is a metamorphic one; my vocation requires it."

Then Howard turned to Hal, saying:

"You remember the day on which we went to the city together?"

"Yes."

"Well, I saw Squire Booth and Tom here. It suggested a thought to me, which was this: that I would employ Harry to clear me, which I am sure he will do. I didn't tell you of this before."

Harry Tucker now spoke:

"I suppose you know why I wished to lick you, Hal."

"Oh, yes, you were trying me, that's all."

"Just so."

That night Harry slept with Howard. There were two reasons for it. First, there were but three beds in the

house; second, Howard wished to converse with him privately, for he wished him to look up the facts concerning the Travers brothers' father's swindler and lost uncle. Howard thought that both were alive, and he gave his opinions as to who, what and where they were.

"I will try to reveal all," said Harry, and he meant all he said.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

## THE GREAT POSTAL SYSTEM.

### SOME STARTLING FACTS AND FIGURES.

BY L'ETOILE CHERCHEUR.

The postal system of the United States utilizes 447,591 miles of route, that is it did up to middle of 1892. In 1865 the number of miles was 142,340. Thus we see it has more than trebled in 27 years. In that time the population has not quite doubled. Or, to compare, or rather contrast more effectively, the *increase* in number of miles of route used by our great postal service is something like 214 per cent.; while the increase in population for the same period has been in the vicinity of 87 per cent.

The number of post-offices in the United States in 1865 was 20,550; in 1888, 58,369, ranking first; and in 1892—67,119. The *increase* here is more than double the *total number* in 1865.

The revenue in 1865 amounted to \$14,556,159; in 1892 to \$70,930,475—nearly five times as much.

The expenditures were \$13,694,728 in 1865. In 1892 the figures were \$76,323,762.

In 1865 the Department made \$861,431. In all subsequent years, excepting 1882 and 1883, the figures show a deficit. The receipts for 1882 were \$41,876,410; the expenditures, \$40,039,695; gain \$1,836,775. In 1883 the receipts amounted to \$45,508,682, while the expenditures were

represented by \$42,816,700, a gain of \$2,691,993. The figures for 1892 are: Receipts—\$70,930,475; expenditures—\$76,323,762; deficit—\$5,393,287.

The aggregate salaries paid to postmasters in 1865 was \$3,383,382. Now it requires \$15,249,565 to pay them all, so greatly has the number increased. The subsidies paid to railroads for the transportation of the mails in 1865 was something like six and a quarter million dollars, while in 1892 the railroads and steamboat lines captured \$38,837,236, an increase of over five times the former aggregate, or, to be precise, \$32,590,352.

The total receipts for 27 years ending with 1892 were \$974,277,010. The expenditures footed up to the enormous sum of one billion, eighty-six million, eight hundred and fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five dollars. (\$1,086,854,855.) The loss was \$112,577,845, an average of \$4,169,594 per year.

While in 1888 the United States ranked first in number of post offices, it ranked third in the number of persons employed in them, the figure standing at 90,388. Great Britain was first with 108,561, while Germany played second fiddle to the tune of 10,8045. France claimed fourth, tho' her figures were way down to 64,342. Then came Russia with 45,735; British India with 28,663; Austria, 28,442; Italy, 23,992; Canada, 13,652; and Hungary tenth with 12,809. Poor little Congo tags on behind with her little 20, and ranks 33rd.

In regard to number of post offices, the United States, as heretofore mentioned, ranks first with 58,369, with Germany second at the 20,656 mark. This is a regular walkover for Uncle Sam. Great Britain has to be satisfied with third place with her 17,829 offices. British India cannot get better than fourth with 8,546. Canada has fifth; France, sixth;



Russia seventh; Italy eighth; Austria, ninth; and Hungary gazes on from tenth place with a hungry look. Germany, Italy and Hungary, it will be observed, rank equally in both number of offices and force of employees. Congo has 9, and ranks 34th.

Germany has the largest postal revenue, with the U. S. next. Great Britain and France follow in order. Congo foots the list as usual. Paraguay in most all of these comparisons travels with Congo. They cut quite a figure together.

When it comes to expenditures, Uncle Sam puts on his Sunday "smile" and acknowledges the corn like a man. Germany shows her heavy figures next. Great Britain, France and Russia come along next in order.

Our own beloved country heads the list in combined length of postal routes, with Russia second with less than half as much.

In Great Britain there is one post office to each six and four-fifths square miles. Germany and Holland, one to each ten square miles; the United States one to each 68 and one-third square miles. Argentine Republic gets along with one to each 9,966 square miles, while Egypt, with her sphinxes and pyramids, gets around with one office to each 12,511 square miles. But Congo takes the prize in this list, and this is where the African nigger does his grinning act. It is a startling fact that letters at one post office may be for any one within a district of 115,358 square miles. As the area of this state is but a little over 800,000 square miles, there must be something like seven post offices here.

And now in regard to the number of people doing business in these offices, were they averaged up. Canada claims but 558 persons to a post office, while the United States owns up to but 859. Great Britain's figures are 2,105; Germany, 2,270; Austria, 4,863; Italy, 5,438; France,

5,691. British India must be thickly populated indeed, when 29,742 persons are allotted to each office; but look at Egypt—39,803. And Siam!—78,947. But what must we think of Congo, when we see seven fours in a string, thus: 4,444,444? Yes; echo answers, "What?"

And thus we get a faint idea of the postal system of the Globe, and some of the statistics thereof.

### A SERIAL JOKE.

An Iowa woman has named her twin daughters Gasoline and Kerosene.—EXCHANGE.

The old man's name is probably Pete Roleum.—BOSTON COMMERCIAL BULLETIN.

We hope the babies will grow up a parafine girls.—BOSTON HERALD.

The man who marries into that family will strike oil.—CAPE COD ITEM.

But we fear that sparking in the immediate neighborhood of the girls in question will be a very dangerous pastime.—MUNSEY'S WEEKLY.

This is a good subject to make light of.—TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL CRITIC.

Yes, and there is considerable food for reflection here. Next!

### GRAVITATION.

A pair in a hammock  
Attempted to kiss,  
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They landed like this.

### INTERESTING.

[N. Y. TRUTH.]

He—Good book?

She—No; French.

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### PHILATELICAL DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY L. H. BENTON.

It seems to have been my luck to see or hear of philatelic treasures among my friends lately. Roy Greene, my friend and correspondent, has struck one of the rare Goliads, which is priced variously from \$75 to \$250.

The Stanley Gibbons Co., in a recent number of its Journal, states having a fine copy of the rare 81 paras Moldavia for sale at \$840. Mr. G. W. Pepper, of this city, has a medium fair used specimen of this variety. He has many gems among his 6,500 varieties.

Mr. Holton, the Boston dealer, recently showed me a fine copy of the \$5 State, which sells from \$90 to \$100.

A. C. Paddock, of Nantucket, exhibited a fine specimen of the Baton Rouge local, Scott's type No. 350; also a five cent blue Mobile. He disposed of them both for \$50.

I had a beautiful and quite uncommon stamp once, too. It was a fine copy of the 90 cent Justice; but, alas, it was a split proof. And the perforations were *au fait* too.

The new 2 centimes Belgian "Sunday" stamps have come to hand. They are printed in a clear yellow, and have coupons either at top or bottom,—both ways.

Shouldn't New South Wales No. 78 in the 53rd read "type 2,312" instead of "type 2,318"? Such is the opinion of an advanced collecting friend.

The *Buffalo Courier* is responsible for this:

"One hustle and two whiskers," said the red nosed man at the stamp window.

"All right," was the clerk's prompt reply, "here you are. Fourteen cents please."

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When a letter or package is missing—whether foreign or domestic, ordinary or registered—the owner should write at once to the chief post office inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Postal cards have been in use a little less than 24 years, while adhesives have been with us over half a century—53 years. Austria issued the first card and Great Britain the first adhesive. The U. S. has issued postal cards since 1873.

"Nitrophenylenrdiamine" is the name of a dye of intense red color. Have you any stamps printed in that color, boys? They are worth 21 cents each.

Notwithstanding the high prices of the Departmentals, many of our large dealers seem to have plenty of them on hand—all varieties. This is a fact, observed personally by the writer. Our advice to collectors is to wait awhile before purchasing. If

all collectors would think twice before paying fancy prices for these stamps, the prices would have to come down. Anyway, they can't go much higher, and sell well, while it is known that dealers are holding them; and if our Government should reprint them to sell at face value, then the prices would come down anyway, at least for unused specimens.

It has always been understood that there is a clause in the U. S. Postal Laws and Regulations, or U. S. Postal Guide, to the effect that all current high value envelopes should be sold to collectors in small quantities if desired; yet at what post office can one get a 30 cent or 90 cent envelope? None; unless you buy a box of them, and few collectors care to do that. Large dealers can afford it, and they accordingly put some fabulous prices on them. This, I believe, is a more lamentable "skin" than any approval sheet fraud agoing knows how to perpetrate. Yet some will buy them. Supposing it becomes necessary to dispose of these \$5 apiece (?) "gems" to a dealer. *Could you expect more than 91 cents apiece for them?* See the point?

#### AN APOLOGY.

Dumley (irately)—I understand, Robinson, that you have said that I look like a monkey!

Robinson—I believe that I did say something of the kind, Dumley.

Dumley—Well, you'll have to apologize.

Robinson—All right, Dumley. The first time I see a monkey I'll apologize.

#### Any Girl Can Understand That.

"What do nautical people mean by 'tacking?' said one girl to another."

"Don't you know that?"

"Not exactly."

"Why, tacking—er—tacking is sailing on the bias,"—LIFE.

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The first regular meeting in October will be held at the residence of Mr. Walter G. Stiles, 4 Hall st., New Bedford, on the 6th. The meetings for the past month or so have been very well attended, there being a dozen members present at each meeting, and we hope to increase that number. We would like to see every member present at the next regular meeting and bring one or more applications with him. New members will please send their dues at once and receive their membership cards.

A. H. Wood, Sec.

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25¢ Insurance Policy, (Eagle)  
orange on blue (ditto) .30  
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Lincoln) orange on blue (Sterling,  
50¢) .30  
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## FLY.

"Sweet maid," said he,  
"I ask of thee  
To fly, to fly, to fly with me."  
"Young fellow," said she,  
"Now don't you be  
Too fly, too fly, too fly with me."

## THE SCHEMING SQUIRE; OR, WHAT A YOUNG DETECTIVE DID FOR HIS FRIEND.

BY ED SHARON.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### THE SECOND VISIT TO THE CITY.

Harry took leave of his friends the next morning, in the same disguise that he had worn when he came to see them.

Work at the farm progressed with its usual even tenor for the succeeding week, at the end of which time Hal announced his intention of going to the city with another load of produce.

They started out at sunrise, arriving in the city three hours later. While Howard attended to the unloading of the produce, Hal looked around the city, as did Howard the time previously.

Hal started out, walking down the main street, taking in all he saw as he went along. By and by he wandered down the street which ran along the city waterfront. At the wharves he saw many vessels, most of which were engaged in the fishing industry. At length, however, he found himself on a steamboat landing, at which a river steamer lay. Captain Wells,

for it was his steamer, was standing on the hurricane deck near the pilot-house. As Hal's glance rested on him he started and exclaimed half audibly, "Great Caesar, *that man is the exact counterpart of my dead uncle!* He once told me that his brother, the sea-captain, was his twin-brother, and if I didn't know that he was lost at sea I would swear that yonder man was he. It's a mystery, and I wish Howard's friend the detective had stayed a little longer so that I could have told him of this, for maybe he could solve it for me. I've a great mind to go and interview the captain myself."

Thus ended his soliloquy. He could not make up his mind to interview the captain, so he didn't.

### CHAPTER XIV.

#### SOME STARTLING REVELATIONS.

On his way home Hal told Howard all about it, dwelling particularly on the description of the man he had seen, and saying that the man must be his uncle, in spite of the report of his being lost at sea, at which Howard made the startling reply:

"*I have guessed that much all along, though I have said nothing to you about it!*"

"How did you happen to guess it?"

"Well, I'll tell you. You see, Captain Wells, whom you saw on the steamer, is a friend of mine and I used to go over to his house and see him once in a while."

By the way, we will here state that it was not the captain that he went to see the most, but the captain's daughter Annie, a pretty girl of fifteen, whom Howard thought a great deal of, and who, in turn, thought as much of Howard.

But to our story.

Howard continued:

"Once while there he told me of a twin-brother who had died a month before, leaving two nephews. This was about a year ago, so you see that events coincide."

"Then why didn't he attend the funeral, or at least come to see us?"

"He did go to the place where you were living when your uncle died, but it was a few days after your uncle's burial and you had moved here. No one there knew where you had gone."

"He might have searched, it seems to me."

"He did, and as he failed to find you, advertised in the papers, and it seems that that failed also. But a more conclusive argument in favor of my statement that Captain Wells is your uncle, is, *that the photograph which you showed me of your dead uncle strongly, I may say very strongly, resembles that of the captain!*"

Hal was struck with the force of Howard's arguments. Then he expressed his wish as to having the young detective know about it. To this Howard made another startling reply.

"*He does know about it, for, as I told you, I surmised as much, so I told him about it and he promised to look it up, which I am sure he will do, and succeed in solving the mysteries.*"

Hal and Howard continued carrying their loads of produce. On their way home on the next trip to that in which Howard and Hal had discussed the mystery of the lost uncle, they brought up the subject for the many-and-first time.

"That *must* be my uncle," said Hal, "but how in the world could he be there if he was lost at sea as re-



ported?"

"But, you see, the report was false and—say, who made that report?"

"The man that swindled my father: he showed my uncle a newspaper that contained an account of the wreck of the Storm King, for that was the name of the vessel he went in."

"Yes, I have heard Captain Wells tell of the wreck of the Storm King! She was run into by a big steamer and sunk immediately. The captain and one man were picked up by a brig bound for China. This was in the morning, the collision having happened in the night."

"That's it; the report was brought in by the steamer's captain, so the paper said; it told about the collision and of the storm King sinking so suddenly. It also stated that boats were lowered in hopes of rescuing the crew of the sunken vessel, but in vain, for it seems the two survivors were not found then."

"I didn't know but what the swindler had invented the report, but I perceived that he hadn't as soon as you mentioned the Storm King episode. What was the name of this swindler?"

Hal made a startling reply this time, for he answered:

"William Randall!"

"Why, that was my father's name!" ejaculated Howard.

They continued to talk about it until they came in sight of their farm, when Hal said, "I am content to wait until Harry solves the mystery."

We must now take leave of Hal, Howard, and Will, for events transpiring elsewhere demand our immediate attention.

## CHAPTER XV.

### THE SQUIRE'S VISIT.

Howard's escape from jail created quite a sensation in Bayville. It made the squire furious and others jubilant. Howard's mother understood her son's feelings and knew he would return when the trial came off

with evidence to clear him.

She was right—he intended to return in time for the trial with plenty of evidence to clear himself. He was to have more evidence than he or his mother ever dreamed of, as we shall see in the course of our story.

The morning after Howard's escape from jail was known the squire made "Widow Randall" a visit. She saw him coming up the walk, and went to the door.

"Ah—good morning, Mrs. Randall!" said he suavely.

She invited him into the sitting-room, where he took a seat near the open door, for it was a warm day.

"I hear your son has escaped from jail," said he.

"Yes, he has, and I am glad of it!"

"You are?" ejaculated the squire as if taken by surprise, "why if he were a relative of mine, or even my own son, I would be glad to see him in jail."

"You may have a chance to recall your remark sometime," said the widow.

"We will say no more about it," said the squire, evidently disgusted, "but I will come directly to business and state the object of my call here this morning. As you are aware, your son stole two thousand dollars from me."

"I am aware of no such thing!" exclaimed the widow, warmly.

"I demand that you make good my loss. If you haven't the money you can mortgage the house."

"You heartless Croesus, leave the house at once!" exclaimed Mrs. Randall, now thoroughly provoked. She actually pushed him out of the door which she shut and locked. The squire picked himself up and walked, or rather limped away, muttering all sorts of dire threats in his rage.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### A MORE WELCOME VISITOR.

About two weeks after the squire's

visit to Widow Randall she had another visitor.

It was a beautiful morning, and she was weeding a flower bed. She heard footsteps on the walk, and looking up she saw approaching a handsome gentleman of thirty.

"How do you do, Mrs. Randall?" saluted the approaching stranger, lifting his hat and bowing politely.

"For the life of me I cannot place you though your voice sounds familiar."

"Do you recognize me now?" and before her stood Harry Tucker.

"Why, Harry Tucker, sure enough!" exclaimed she, now fully recognizing him.

"Yes, it is I," said he, "and I bring a message from Howard. I intend to gather much evidence in his behalf before the trial takes place."

He proceeded to tell her the story of his meeting Howard at Farmingdale as we know it. He concluded by saying:

"I intend to begin solving the mystery right here in this town, and that right away."

"I would invite you to stay here only it might excite the squire's suspicions, for knowing I had a detective in the house would increase his vigilance, thereby making it harder for you."

"Of course I would be disguised one way or another, whichever would be the most convenient under the circumstances, so the squire wouldn't know I was a detective, though he might suspect as much, but, anyway, I shall stay at the handiest place, which may be the hotel or even at the squire's."

"At the squire's? You don't mean to say that you are going to stay at the squire's!"

"Perhaps so, and again perhaps not. Stranger things than that happen. The course of events may demand it."

Harry took leave of her, both full

of hope for the future.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### TOM'S NEW CHUM.

About this time Tom Booth found a new friend(?).

As Tom was disliked by nearly all the boys and girls, and in fact by nearly everybody in Bayville, he had few companions. He felt lonesome, and no wonder he felt elated when he got a friend who appeared to like his company. Tom certainly liked his new acquaintance's companionship.

It was Tom's fault that he had so few friends, for he was overbearing and disagreeable. But as has been stated, he had a new acquaintance, who appeared to be a dude dressed in the height of fashion. As Tom was inclined that way himself, they got on well together.

His new friend gave his name as George Burton, saying that he was called Burt for short. He said he was from New York.

Tom found that Burt could smoke as many cigars, and appeared to drink as much beer as he could. This just suited Tom.

The queerest thing about it was, that while both seemed to have carried on to the same excess, Tom would become boozy, while Burt remained as clear-headed as ever.

Tom, while in this condition, sometimes became very confidential. The other seemed pleased at this. Some of the revelations made by Tom when in this mood have an important bearing on our story. They passed away their time at a saloon in the village and riding behind fast horses. Tom was flush, as *he had plenty of money.*

One day Burt made an unwelcome declaration. He said that he must go back to New York City.

Tom felt disconsolate over the loss of his companion, but was consoled by the thought that Burt had promised to come and see him again soon.

Had he known what was to be the

result of the circumstances attending this promised visit he would not have felt so elated at the prospect.

(CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

### THE TYPEWRITER'S LUNCH.

Mary had a little lamb  
And a piece of apple pie,  
And got a check for fifty cents,  
Which she considered high.

—Puck.

## FRANK NORMAN'S QUEST;

OR,

### A BOY'S SEARCH FOR HIS BROTHER.

### A TALE OF LAND AND SEA.

BY LEWIS H. BENTON.

## CHAPTER V.

### FRANK BEGINS HIS QUEST.

The next forenoon Frank spent in final arrangements for his indefinite journey and in visiting George and Mina.

That afternoon he took the train for Boston, from whence he went to New York by the Fall River line, arriving at his destination in the early morning. Little thought he of what he was to pass through ere he returned to his New England home.

He spent the rest of the day viewing the sights of the metropolis. He put up at a moderate hotel, and the next morning found him among the wharves.

Knowing his brother would be found on a vessel if anywhere, he determined to sail around with hopes of meeting him, and "something" seemed to tell him that if he did so he would sometime meet him.

At one of the docks lay a ship that bore on her quarter the name **KINGS COUNTY.**

Seeing a pleasant-appearing individual on deck—it was the mate—he asked him if they were in need of a cabin-boy.

The mate answered in the affirma-

tive, and stated that they wanted one "bad," and (at the previous instruction of the captain to "take the first one that comes along, providing he's decent"—and being struck favorably with Frank's appearance) engaged him. Frank jokingly remarked that he didn't fulfil the requirements, inasmuch as he was not "bad."

The mate informed Frank that the captain was in his cabin writing some papers to be sent ashore with the tug, for, their cargo being completed, they were to sail in side of an hour. He informed Frank that his coming had saved the captain the inconvenience of going ashore to procure a cabin-boy, which at this time would be "mighty inconvenient."

The tug soon made its appearance alongside. The mate had informed the captain of the engagement of Frank and the "king of the cabin" was too busy to take notice of his presence. Upon his engagement, Frank had hastily scribbled a letter to his mother and dropped it into a box near the wharf.

Outside the lightship (Sandy Hook) the tug left the ship and steamed back to the city, and the **KINGS COUNTY** started on her voyage to Calcutta, in far-off India.

The mate took Frank aft where the captain was, and as the latter's eyes rested on Frank he cried:

"Ned!"

Frank looked at him, unable to comprehend, and then said:

"My name is Frank Norman, sir."

"Well may I be keelhaunched if you aren't the exact counterpart of my second mate last trip."

A thought came suddenly to Frank, the one great thought, and he asked:

"What was his name, sir?"

"Ned Hubbard."

"Did he have a dog with him?"

"Yes, 'Jack,' a fine newfoundland; but how did you know?"

Hereupon Frank told his story, in which the captain and mate evinced much interest,



"I think he is the one," observed the captain; "destiny is evidently directing your course."

Captain Matelot told what he knew:

"For two or three trips previous Ned Hubbard has been with me as second mate, but on arrival here this time he secured a berth as first mate with a prospect of speedy transition to captain's place."

"The vessel in question has gone, for she sailed yesterday for Valparaiso. My mate also left me, and ditto all in fact, which accounts for your appearance not causing the surprise it did me."

"Well, thought Frank, "I have a clew, but will I profit by it; will I catch him at the right time? Here I am bound for Calcutta and he for Valparaiso."

#### CHAPTER VI.

##### THE CABIN BOY'S CHASE.

The **KINGS COUNTY** arrived at her destination eventually. Unloading and loading occupied considerable time. A few days before the **KINGS COUNTY** was to sail an event transpired which caused a change in Frank's programme. A steamer from the Pacific ports of South America arrived. From her captain Matelot learned that the **BUENA VISTA**, the vessel in which Ned Hubbard and "Jack" had sailed, had left for Liverpool the day previous to the steamer's departure. As the **KINGS COUNTY** was bound for San Francisco, Frank reluctantly parted from Capt. Matelot and shipped as a foremast in the **KING CHARLES**, a bark of 800 tons, for Liverpool.

We will vary the monotony of the series of chases by giving a little of the life on shipboard on the **KING CHARLES**, especially as one of the incidents which transpired on her reminded Frank of home.

When his duties in the cabin were done, and the dog-watches were on, Frank used to install himself on the fore-castle and listen to the sailors'

"yarns."

Thus we find him, as he was at that time, lying on his back with his hands over his head and his knees aimed toward the zenith.

Sailor Bill was talking. A good yarn had just been told by one of the sailors, "Belfast," he was called. That was not his name, but his native place, or "homeport," as they call it. The Belfast referred to was in Ireland. It is a custom prevalent among sailors to call their companions by the name of their homeport.

As we said Bill was talking.

Said he: "Shipmates, d'y'er ever hearn tell on the story 'bout the minister in th'ol' fashioned church where the pulpit was held up by a haliard?"

They all said "no."

"Well, here 'tis. There was an ol' meetin' house wharin was, as I said, yer know, a pulpit hild up by a haliard w'ich yer know was fastened to a stanchion, yer know. Well, 'twas Sunday mornin', yer know, an' the preacher war in or rather on his flyin' pulpit an' war sockin' the religion ter ther sinners in th' congregation, yer know, w'en 'e war disturbed by er terrific snore. The snore was frum an' ol' sailor who had come in an' sot down by the place w'ere ther haliard war made fast, yer know. Well, yer know, he waked th'ol' sailor up but he wint ter sleep agin, yer know, an' snored worse'n ever, yer know. He war waked up agin, an' he went ter sleep agin, an' so on fer several times, yer know, till th' poor preacher war at his wit's end ter know w'at to do, yer know. But just then up got an ol' salt who had been ter sea but had retired an' married a gal an' become a member of the church, yer know. This war a seaport town, yer know. Well, th'old salt, yer know, said 'I kin wake 'im Mister Preacher,' an' he yelled 'leggo the topsail haliards!' an' ther way that sleepy ol' sailor woke up on hearin' that familiar order an' leggo those haliards thet held the minister up war caution, you

bet. Of course, down kum the 'hul biz."

"Pretty good," said one of the sailors, who answered the name of Cape Ann, "but here's one."

Frank had not heard this individual called "Cape Ann" before, or he should have taken unusual interest in him, but he thought his face had a familiar look.

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### A YARN WITH A FAMILIAR THREAD.

"Cape Ann" began:

"There was a fellow who went to the city from the country, as many do. He became a conductor on a cable-car, and sometime after this his old man came to see him. The son gave him a ride on the cars, and it was a novelty to his countryship. Now it so happened that they were going up an avenue whose cross streets were named successively and alphabetically after the names of women, as: Annie, Bertha, Clara, Dora, Erie, Fannie, and so on."

At the mention of the name "Erie," Frank started and looked more closely at "Cape Ann," and said:

"How did you happen to mention the name 'Erie'? It is a very uncommon one; I know of but one instance of it."

"I know of but one instance of it too, and I suppose I happened to mention it inasmuch as the oddity of the name impressed itself upon my mind, also as for an instant it reverted back to my boyhood home. Where I came from, on Cape Ann, was a little girl, a pretty little one of five years or so, named Erie Norman."

"And she had a brother Frank if you remember."

"Yes; but how did you know?"

"I am he."

"You?"

"Yes, I; you are John Williams, are you not?"

"Yes, lad."

"I have a remembrance of you as you were before you went away. I

remember you used to be around there."

"I remember you also, now. But how are my father and brothers and sisters?—and—and—step-mother?"

"Your stepmother is no more. She died three years ago."

"Thank heaven, I can go home and see my poor old father and the rest of them. But how are the others?"

"Your father still holds his health well, but he often expresses the desire to see you."

"He shall as soon as I can get there."

"Your brother Sam that disappeared when you did came back soon after your step-mother's death."

"I am glad to hear that."

"Bill is married, and so is Susie. Bill married that Smith girl he was going with when you left, and Susie married a well-to-do Boston chap."

"Glad to hear that too. I wouldn't have gone home as long as that unbearable amazon of a step-mother was there. I don't see what father ever married her for."

After a little more talk John Williams resumed his yarn.

"Shipmates, though I feel much happier than a short time ago, I do not feel so much like telling yarns, but I'll finish this one. Let's see, where was I at? Oh, yes, I remember now: well, as I said, the streets were named so and so. As they stopped at the first street the conductor called out 'Annie' and a lady rose and got out. When he called out the next street, 'Bertha,' another lady got out, and so on. When the conductor and his old man were alone, the latter said, 'Look a-here, Sam, yeow fellers air 'mighty familiar with the gals in this 'ere city, 't seems ter me, naow.' Sammy explained. That's all, mates."

"Good enough," said they, and the "yarn spinning" went on.

The KING CHARLES arrived in

Liverpool after a long passage. *The Buena Vista* had sailed for New York the week previous. Frank seemed to be no nearer his goal than ever, but not discouraged he shipped in the brig TERRE-NEUVE for New York. She was a slow tub. When they arrived in New York they found that the *Buena Vista* had sailed ten days before for the East Indies.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### WRECKED.

"Well," thought Frank, "I'll have to try new tactics. The BUENA VISTA is a traveler, and the crafts that I ship in don't get around as fast. I have quite a little kit of money; I think I will try steam in catching he whom I think to be my brother."

That he did do this is manifest, for the next day he purchased a ticket for San Francisco and proceeded to the hilly city by the Golden Gate by rail. Arriving there he took passage in one of the Pacific Mail steamers to Yokohama, at which place he arrived a little less than two weeks later. From there he went to Hong Kong by steamer, and thence to Manila, the destination of the BUENA VISTA.

Thirty-three days had elapsed between the time of his departure from New York and the time of his arrival at the port of Manila.

According to Frank's calculation, the BUENA VISTA would arrive in just about two months. The Buena Vista's consignee, with whom Frank became acquainted, had made the same calculation.

Two months passed. The BUENA VISTA had not yet put in an appearance. Two weeks more elapsed, and yet no tidings of the missing vessel. Another week flew by, but the ship that he longed for never came.

Frank became impatient, then alarmed. So did the consignee.

Frank waited one week more, but he waited in vain.

Discouraged, he shipped in the ship GLASGOW for New York, hoping

that he might learn something of the missing ship during the voyage. He had a very faint hope of finding her on the way, having been blown out of her course.

When a little over a month out the GLASGOW encountered a terrific squall.

She could not escape it. The sky was almost black, and the lightning flashed terribly. On—on like a race-horse she was driven by the increasing storm.

This kept up for hours.

The captain had lost his bearings. Suddenly the fore-royal-mast and foretop-gallant-mast snapped and fell, hanging just above the deck. The rudder had become unmanageable. The GLASGOW was at the mercy of the howling storm.

Suddenly, above the noise of the storm, a voice (Frank's) was heard to cry out:

"Light on the starboard bow!"

It was not long before all saw it. It seemed more like a huge bonfire than a marine signal.

In a short time the light was on her starboard quarter.

"Man the lifeboat, quick!" cried the captain.

It was quickly done, and then they all embarked, not knowing whether fate would take them safely to the shore which they thought was not far away, or whether they would be overturned and hurled into the surging and seething waters.

Luck favored them, for in ten minutes the life-boat went ashore on an island, and they jumped out before they could be pitched out by the boat's rushing contact with the shore.

Not a man was lost.

The light seemed to be two miles or so farther up the shore, which slanted away from them to the right.

They started along the shore with the wind howling in their ears, each wondering whether they were to meet cannibals or civilized beings.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)



**PARTED AND UNITED.**

In a far Pacific land,  
Near the far Pacific coast,  
There is a lonely grave,  
The grave of her I loved the most.

She was my fond sweetheart,  
She was to be my bride,  
But fate stepped between us,  
For she took sick and died.

And I am lonely now,  
Without this love of mine,  
And when grim death does call on me,  
My soul will be with thine.

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Two lonely graves in the far Pacific land,  
Two graves, side by side, on the far Pacific  
slope,  
Two graves that tell a sad, sweet story,  
A story of love—of death—of cherished  
hope.

Sunshine Valley, N. H., Oct. 18, 1893.

—James Westland.

**LOCAL NEWS NOTES.**

Jacob Early planted snowflakes last week.

Mr. Roaster, the restaurant keeper, has added boiled icicles and fried soup to his menu.

Several old people in Wiggleton have died this winter who have never died before.

Mr. John Peck is being congratulated. It is his fourth. There are now a bushel of them—four Pecks.

A remarkable discovery has been made in Jugville. A girl who does not like pickles has been found. Barnum's freak agent has been sent for.

There was a balloon ascension at Windville on the 'steenth of last month. As the aeronaut ascended the band played "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Mr. Chick, the poultry dealer, is going to have one of his hens tried for assault and battery. The afore-said hen laid for him the other night.

Old Slocum, the laziest man in the village, and a noted checker player, has gone to Asia, where he can get an earthquake to move the checkers for him.

The town cobbler has added a bootblacking establishment to his business, and has a sign up over the door which reads, "BOOTS BLACKED INSIDE." Bad for the socks.

Mr. Will You of this town was recently joined in holy misery-er-we mean marriage to Miss Whycertainly of Crinolineville. He requested the minister who did the job to tie a good old-fashioned *beau-knot*.

Engine No. 13 of the I. R. O. N. Railway ran off the track at Dishtown Junction yesterday, but the cars continued to chase themselves down the track several miles before they missed anything. They came back and gathered up the pieces and put them in the engine and proceeded to Scootville.

Our local bookseller has received the latest edition of the life of the great Chicago pork dealer, "Buy-hog-graphy of P. Armour." He also has a neat little book which shouldn't be in the hands of every housewife. It is written by A. Housewife, and published by Wee, Sellem & Co., Trinketville, and is entitled "My Ought-to-buy-ography."

**STARS.**

Smith and Smithy were playing tennis, when Smithy rapped the ball over the fence. He was about to leap over when he saw a big, athletic-looking bull-dog there. Smithy concluded not to go after the ball, but merely stood there whistling "After the Ball is over."

Irish, who had just fallen heir to a snug little sum of money, was just getting initiated into the use of checks, and he was making the most of it. Soon the cashier informed Irish that he had overdrawn his account, whereupon the son of Erin answers: "Never moind, begorra; Oill give yer me check."

Why is a mashed hat a good thing

to wear in winter with which to keep warm?

Because it is *stove*.

Snooks: What fruit does "two" remind you of?

Skooks: The "toma-too" I guess.

Snooks: O, you're off. It's a pear—pair—see?

Skooks: Oh—ah!—ha—h—say, I'll laugh when I get time, but what *animals* does two make you think of?

Snooks: I give up.

Skooks: Man and wife. Ha, ha! he, he!

Snooks: What're you laughin' at?

Skooks: Wha—?—huh; git out!

**PHILATELICAL DEPARTMENT.****NOTES.**

—Abyssinia will soon issue her initial set of postage stamps.

—The Stanley Gibbons Co., the great English firm, has opened a branch in New York.

—A short time ago the "Salvation(!?! ) Army" held a "stamp meeting," that is, each one who came in was admitted for an unused two-cent stamp.

—There are nearly 200 avocations set beside the various collectors' names in the Blue-Book. Everything from an "Accountant" to a "Woollen Dealer."

—The Philatelic Publishing Co., of this city, E. E. Ashley, manager, has moved one door farther down Harrison ave. They are now nearer the famous settlement known as "Cobb Farm."

—We have at last found out why Cain killed Abel. It was because Abel wouldn't swap his set of columbian stamps for Cain's set of World's Fair postal cards! (Who said "Anachronisms"?)

—A new philatelic monthly is to start in this section, at about the

beginning of next year. It is to be somewhat—ay, considerable—above the average, and published by a party whose name is a guarantee for its success and regularity.

—Everett C. Borden, a B. C. P. S. member, and once a member of the old T. P. S., has obtained a position in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Beardsley, Mr. Borden; Box 216, 27 Jackson street. That beautiful "mush" will be missed. However, perhaps we can induce Mr. Kirby to raise one to take its place!

—A new philatelic weekly is to be established on Jan. 1st next. Pennsylvania Kissinger is the man, and the name will be THE STAMP COLLECTORS' WEEKLY. Bros. Miller and Mekeel will have a hustling rival, for C. W. K. is indeed a hustler, and is exceedingly enterprising, tho' it must be said that he failed to act like a man during the recent convention, and employed unbecoming means to gain an office (which he didn't get.) However we extend our best wishes for success.

—In Germany every servant girl is obliged to own a little blank book for stamps. Once a week the mistress pastes in the book a 2 1-2-penny stamp, which is purchased from the government. When the girl gets old, or should she fall ill, the stamps are redeemed by the government, so that the girl has a small sickness or old-age fund. This custom was ordered by the Emperor about two years ago.

The servant girl in this country "doesn't have ter;" not while her "Johnny the cop" is on deck.

—L. H. BENTON.

## A PHEW PHILATELICAL PHACTS.

BY FRANK E. HAMMER.

It requires 80 persons to make a postage stamp.

The word "Philately" was introduced in 1865 by M. Herpin, a French collector.

In 1780 there were 75 post-offices in the United States, against about 68,000 now.

The perforating of postage stamps was invented by Mr. Henry Archer, an English mechanic.

The number of sheets of postage stamps printed for the government per day is 50,000.

Of the 1887 issue of stamped envelopes there are 68 different kinds issued by the Post-Office Department.

Upwards of five hundred million stamped envelopes are used annually in the United States.

The New York post-office alone requires four million postal cards per month.

A penny post was first established in 1680 by William Dockwra, who delivered letters and parcels up to a pound in weight within the boundaries of London for one penny.

From 1882 to 1884, two years, only 84,000 of the 5 pound stamps of Great Britain were printed.

Posts were established in Europe as early as 1479 by Louis XI of France.

Posts were first established in North America in 1710.

About 17,000 articles are annually found in the mails without any wrappers whatever.

720 tons of card board are utilized every year in the shape of postal cards.

## LITERARY BIRTHS.

THE AMERICAN STAMP NEWS from Lowell has issued its initial number. Its chronicle of new issues is embellished by no less than 24 cuts. Success, Bro. Adams!

There is a new one from over the sea, hailing from London, England. It is THE MONTHLY POST AND STAMP WORLD. It contains considerable variety and is neatly printed. You deserve success Bro. Endle; here's to you!

THE STAR STAMP JOURNAL, from

Worcester, is a new-comer. It has 8 eight by ten pages and cover, and is considerable above the average new-born philatelic journal. It is printed on excellent paper, the typography is faultless, and the contents pleasing, especially "A Chapter in Life's History."

There is still another new one in the field, and that is THE PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN. Unlike the majority of initial numbers, it was out on time as promised—Oct. 1. In typography and general neatness, as well as in class of matter in its 16 pages, it is much ahead of the average. There is one improvement which might be made however, and that is on the front-door. We refer to spelling "published" p-v-b-l-i-s-h-e-d, and "club" c-l-v-b. How do you spell "vacuum" Bro. Peixotto? "Uacv. vm"?!! Give us a sensible "U" and U R O. K. C? We wish you a long and prosperous life Mr. Phil. C.

## An Analogy.

Jones (after a delightful waltz)—And now, Miss Brown, let us go and seek some refreshment for man and beast.—[New York Recorder.

First Boy—(contemptuously) Huh! Your mother takes in washin'.

Second Boy—O' course. You didn't s'pose she'd leave it hangin' out over night unless your father was in prison, did ye?

## Heartless Man.

"If your baby does not thrive on fresh milk, boil it."

"Oh, doctor, you are too severe; why not spank it?"—[Life.

## Always Tantalizing.

A woman can keep a secret, but she can't disguise the fact that she is keeping one.—[Atchison Globe.



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See our future programme on  
pages 45 and 46.

Sample copy receivers, attention!  
We offer back numbers to new  
subscribers free. See page 45.

Owing to the extra announce-  
ment on page 46 some of our reg-  
ular matter was curtailed or left  
out in this number.

Advertisers, we are just longing  
to carry some Xmas ads. for you.  
If 16 pages won't carry everything  
next month, we can have 20.

315 "STARS" were circulated  
in the Taunton High School last  
month. Several hundred of this  
number go into the Cohannet.  
Adver—ow! leggo!

Observe the number on the  
wrapper. It is that with which  
your subscription expires. It will  
also tell you if you were a sub-  
scription premium winner.

If we get subscribers enough to  
warrant the outlay, we shall have  
a big number next spring, 32 or 48  
pages,—or more. Subscribe now  
and be in it.

A number of papers to which  
we sent copies of the "STAR" so-  
liciting exchange have not respon-  
ded, and are either dead or don't  
wish to X. Their names are no  
longer on our list.

Our friend and correspondent,  
Luke M. Bates, of Syracuse, N. Y.,  
formerly of Valentine, Neb., in-  
forms us of the death of his pet,  
THE WESTERN JOURNAL OF PHILA-  
TELY, aged 3 months. Funeral priv-  
ate; no flowers.

Mr. Kirby had such returns  
from his half-column ad. that he  
now advertises for stamps with  
which to replenish his stock,  
though he is by no means com-  
pletely cleaned out, but wishes to  
keep a large stock constantly on  
hand. He has made a contract for  
space with us.

Foreign subscribers may remit  
in unused (*well-centered*) stamps of  
their country, as many varieties  
as possible. M. Leon Defize, of  
Liege, is our Belgian agent. *Nous*  
*voulons un agent dans le France.*  
*Ecrivez pour termes.* We would like  
one in Germany and other coun-  
tries, but we don't know how to  
ask you.

Observe the change in our ad.

rates. With the next number they  
will advance twenty per cent.  
more, and with the January num-  
ber they will be placed at 75 cents  
per inch, until further notice.  
Write to any of our advertisers  
and ask their opinion of the "STAR"  
as an advertising medium, especi-  
ally those who have advertised  
with us for three months or more.  
We are willing to leave our fate in  
their hands. ADVERTISE NOW be-  
fore the rates jump again.

It was a balmy evening during  
the early late Octoberness. Ye  
editor was in his sanctum reclining  
on the divan after a hard day's  
work juggling postal-notes, money-  
orders, checks, drafts, bank-notes  
and other similar playthings, when  
the doorbell rang with a come-  
grab-it-quick sort of clang. We  
struck a double bee-line for the  
door and opened wide the editorial  
portal, and there \* \* \* \* When  
we came to, Editor Ashley was  
standing over us fanning our white,  
scared physiognomy with the May  
number of the MASSACHUSETTS  
PHILATELIST, just out. But then  
the editor must be excused for his  
tardiness, as he is writing a book  
called "Ashley's Latest; or, May-  
flowers in October. A Tail of 1893."

Why is it that many, and indeed  
*most*, authors write the ejaculation  
for sudden pain as "Ouch!"? We  
have heard the utterance under all  
circumstances from coming sud-  
denly in contact with the business  
end of a pin to running one's eye  
on to a projection in the dark, but  
it was always "Ow!" except when  
some more emphatic "exhortation"  
was employed



## A GIRL.

She may have been to gymnasiums  
To train the muscle and bone,  
And although she can throw a fellow,  
She can not throw a stone.

—Nemo.

## ANOTHER NEW HAVEN.

"G. Flammel & Co  
6 Nassor street  
new York"

This was the address that met the eye of Mr. Flammel, the stamp dealer, as he was sorting over his morning mail. Such an address was nothing new to Mr. Flammel. The uppermost thought in his mind as he thrust the letter into a pigeon-hole labeled "Requests for approval sheets," was one of thankfulness that the writer had not called him "Flannel". Mr. F. was not at ashamed of his name, but he did hate to be taken, as he himself once put it, "for somebody else's under-shirt." This particular letter happened to be the last of the "requests" and being upon the top of the pile, was the first one opened by the gentleman.

It was without date.

"sir-I ve got a stamp witch I found in some old letters of my grand fathers whitch stamp is sort of squar with the corners clipped off & says post office new haven conn 5 paid with some fellers name written on the bottom in ink a man who was here said he would give me \$50 dollars for it but he couldn't show the money and went home to new York to get it yesterday but I guess he was blufin me or could not raze the money as he did not come on the trane today. He was here at the hotel & when I was in his room I hooked a paper whitch paper tells about stamps & said you wanted to buy old postage stamps whitch stamp has the rapper & letter inside whitch shows it is all right & not a counterfet becos I wouldnt make a counterfet & dont no how if I

would I will sell you the stamp for \$50 dollars whitch is the price he said heed give. & the letter & hole bizness with it whitch shows it is all rite & not cownterfet. I have sent a letter like this to 3 other new York fellers who I saw in the paper & the one who sends the money first will get the stamp becos I want to get a bicicul like a boy here has got please excuse all mistakes becos I never had much skooling anser to once good by

yours truly

Jonas L Miggins,

eagle hotel

woodston Coneticut."

Mr. Flammel had to read this production twice before he could grasp its meaning. When he understood, he called to his clerk who was putting up twenty-five cent packets in the outer office. Flagg, the clerk, came in a hurry, for there was something in his employer's voice that told him that something was in the wind

"Flagg, read this while I go over to the bank." Mr. Flammel was back in three minutes with a roll of bills which he thrust into the hands of his astonished subordinate. "You have read that letter. You see what it means. Here are three hundred dollars. You can draw on me up to a thousand more. You must get that stamp. I would go myself, but have an appointment. Can I trust you to do the business?"

"Y—Yes, sir."

"Take the letter. Those other three dealers he spoke of will be as hot after it as I am. You must beat them and you've got to do some pretty tall hustling. Get that stamp and you get a month's vacation next August with full pay along with it. Git!"

This was how Mr. Flagg found himself at the little ticket window demanding "One to Woodston". As he stopped to look at a time-table, he

heard "Two to Woodston" behind him, and turning found himself face to face with Rollins and Ballman, two clerks of the York Stamp Co. Ordinarily he would have been glad of such good company, but now he allowed them to pass with a cool nod. It had flashed across his mind that they were bound on the same errand as himself. They were two to one and he must get ahead of them somehow.

Almost before he knew that the train had started, he heard "Wudson" shouted as only a N. Y. & N. E. brakeman can shout it. On his feet in an instant, he leaped from the train before it had come to a stop. But, quick as he was, two figures which jumped from the front platform of the smoking car were quicker. A dilapidated buggy, the only vehicle in sight, stood by a corner of the depot. The two figures rushed across the platform, and while one cut the horse's halter the other spoke rapidly to a man who seemed to be the owner of the turnout. The man nodded, the other placed something in his hand, both figures stepped in, and applying the whip to the ancient apology for a horse, moved rapidly off. All this took place in much less time than it takes to tell of it now.

Flagg, hurrying up, found the owner of the team looking somewhat dazed, and holding a roll of bills in his hand. "Them fellers must have robbed a bank or suthin I believe. In a drefle hurry, anyhow. Give me a hundred dollars for the old horse and team I was trying to get forty for yesterday. How'ver it's none o' my business. Stranger here, sir?"

"Where is the Eagle hotel?"

"The Eagle hotel? That's a little tavern about three mile down the road, same direction as them fellers took, Sorry, stranger, if I only had my team back I should carry you, but's 'tis, I don't see but ye'll have ter foot it."

Beaten! He had never realized the full significance of the word before,

His rivals evidently had some knowledge of the place and had laid their plans beforehand. Not a house or horse in sight.

"Is there any place in the vicinity to hire a horse?"

"Wal, no. There ain't but one house 'tween here and the hotel and they don't keep no horse but go to market with an ox-team. Nearest house is mile'n' half t'other way."

What should he do? If he only had his safety! The roads were good, and how quickly he could outdistance that old horse! What was that coming? A boy, and a boy on a bicycle!

The boy was instantly confronted by an excited man.

"Want to sell your machine?"

"I don't know, sir. I paid forty dollars for her and wouldn't want to sell her for less. The freight was something, too."

"Will you take fifty?"

"Yes."

"Here's the cash." And in two minutes more, Flagg was in the saddle and flying down the road, leaving behind him a very much astonished boy and a man fully persuaded that some lunatic asylum had broken loose.

The others had several minutes start, but Flagg thought that he could beat them easily. He soon judged that he had ridden a mile but still no sign of the others. A few rods more and suddenly rounding a turn in the road he came in sight of them. The old horse was already slackening his pace and soon another curve hid them from sight again. But the occupants of the buggy had already seen him, and begun to apply the whip unmercifully.

Then began an exciting race. Flagg rode as he had never ridden before, while with shouts and blows the horse of the others was urged on. But when Mr. Flammel's clerk again came in sight of his rivals, his spirits began to rise, for he saw that the distance between the two vehicles

was already less.

Then came a long straight stretch of road. Foot by foot Flagg crept up on the buggy. A house was passed, probably that of the ox-cart family, and he was but some five rods behind. Flagg began to grow weary. The boy's safety worked hard and the saddle was so low that his legs were bent. Suddenly new vigor seemed infused into his legs. He had heard a sound, and, a seemingly insignificant sound too. It was a squeak and it came from one of the rear wheels of the buggy. Flagg had not been brought up on a farm for nothing and he knew that sound meant a hot axle. The others apparently did not notice it for they kept on. The sound increased to a shriek and in another minute the horse slackened his speed, then in response to a cut on his flank made a grand effort, pulled the buggy a few more feet, strained again,—and stopped as Flagg glided by with a polite, "Good day, gentlemen."

But his exultation was premature. He had scarcely proceeded a hundred feet farther when he felt his forward wheel begin to sag. The wires were bending. The machine was made for a ninety pound boy and would not hold a hundred-seventy-pound man. Flagg did not dismount but plied the pedals all the harder, hoping to complete his journey before the machine should give out entirely. Vain hope! Without any further warning the machine suddenly dumped him into the middle of the road, rolled into the ditch and then, like a living being relieved of its burden although at the cost of its own life, quivered as if in final agonies, and lay still.

Legs versus legs! Flagg had not run so before for many years. The others ably imitated his brave efforts although at some distance in the rear. Dashing around an elder thicket he came in sight of a square building

which he rightly concluded to be his goal. At this point the road nearly described a semi-circle. Flagg was at one end of the arc, the hotel was at the other. A large open lot lay between. Instantly the man concluded that he would go "cross lots" and thus save several valuable minutes. He was over the fence in an instant, and spurring on the "last lap". Glancing over his shoulder he was surprised to find that the others had continued along the road instead of following him through the field.

Oh, horrors! Here was the reason; a fifteen-foot ditch of unknown depth extending the entire length of the field. Minutes even seconds were precious. There was no time to deliberate. He could swim, and swim he did.

A man, looking as if he had been run through a threshing machine, drowned and then buried into the bargain, burst into the Eagle Hotel, closed the door behind him, placed his back against it, and demanded to see Mr. Miggins. Before the astonished proprietor could answer, voices were heard outside demanding admittance.

"Two crazy men," gasped Flagg. "Get Mr. Miggins quick!"

The proprietor mechanically obeyed. As he disappeared, Flagg noticed a large key hanging by the side of the door. He took it down and tried it in the key hole. It fitted; he locked the door and started after the proprietor. Passing through a hall, he came to an open door leading into a bed room. Within, was the proprietor staring vacantly through the open window at the figure of a man fast disappearing down the road over which Flagg and the others had just travelled in such a hurry.

"Where is Mr. Miggins?"

"Gone!" gasped the proprietor, pointing to the figure in the distance. "And he owes me for five day's board, too."



There was a small stand in the room and a sheet of paper upon it which caught Flagg's eye. He picked it up and a ten dollar bill dropped out. On the paper was written, "For my board bill." The man had been smart enough to pay the proprietor and leave one less enemy behind.

Flagg was mystified. The real solution of the mystery did not strike him, but he could not imagine why the man had left in such a hurry. He concluded that the man had taken him for some one else. Just then Rollins and Ballman entered, they having crawled through a window.

"Have you a horse and carriage?" asked Rollins of the proprietor. Then turning to Flagg, who was about to speak, he added, "You needn't try to buy it. We'll all ride together this time. The rascal has tricked us, but we will have satisfaction if possible."

In a two-seated wagon they retraced their way. When they came to the place where the two clerks had left their team, they found the wagon but no horse. Mr. Miggins had appropriated the animal. Quickly as they had made the distance before, the return was even quicker. A locomotive whistle was heard in the distance.

"The train for New York," muttered Ballman.

Fifteen seconds too late! As the three stamp clerks drove up to the platform, the train was just pulling out. A man was standing on the rear platform. He waved his hand to the trio and shouted,

"Good-bye, gentlemen. I didn't expect the honor of a personal visit. My best compliments to all the New York boys. They used to call me Morgan. Ta ta." He disappeared within the car.

"Telegraph." This from Flagg.

"Telegraph, indeed!" said Rollins scornfully. "Can you describe him?"

What are you going to accuse him of? Telegraph, indeed! Humph!"

It is to be hoped that the recording angel took a brief vacation during the next ten minutes. But really they were more to be pitied than blamed. There was absolutely no other way of expressing themselves fully.

Flagg did *not* get his vacation.

Bark N. Tine.

## AMATEUR SPORT.

The latest application to the L. A. W. numbers 61,937.

Schofield, the English crack, riding in novice races over here! O!

The 100 mile tandem record was reduced to 5 h. 30 m. in England on Sept 21.

The 100 mile record was lowered by Crawford (England) on Sept. 21, to 5 h. 23 m. 55 2-5 s.

At Paris, Oct. 11, Terront finished his 1875 mile ride from St Petersburg in 343 hours.

Harry Wheeler's match with the great French cyclist is off. Cassignard was thrown from his team and killed on Sept. 28.

Meintjes the Great sailed for England on Sept. 30, there to attempt to lower their records ere he returns to Africa.

The world's 24 hour record was put up to 433 miles, 472 yards at Paris on Sept. 16, by Lesna, the Swiss champion.

L. Fletcher, the English long distance rider, recently completed a 1000 mile "jaunt" in 4 days, 23 h. 30 m. The record from N. Y. to Chicago, 1028 miles, stands at 10 days, 4 hours, 39 minutes.

At the Waltham track on Oct. 2, Windle won a scratch race in 2.15 4-5. Tyler lowered the 1-3 mile flying start record to 38 1-5 s., and Johnson the 2-3 to 1.24 2-5. "Zim" rode a flying

mile in 2.07.

The owner of a magnificent race horse in Germany bet a land-owner there that no wheelman could beat his horse over a certain 22 mile course. The land owner accepted the challenge and secured the services of Grundmann, President of the Oldenburg Cycle Club, and the race came off early in September. The bicyclist won of course. Time 62 minutes, 3 minutes ahead of the horse.

Springfield! Fast Hampden Park track! On Sept. 28, Tyler knocked *nine* seconds from the 2-mile record, going it in 4.15 3-5. On the 3rd of October Windle rode a mile flying start in 1.58 1-5, and a half in 56 3-5s. But on the eleventh he did the act in 1.56 4-5, and on the next day he reduced Johnson's 2-3-mile flying world's record of 1.24 2-5 to 1.16 1-5, chipping 8 1-5 seconds. On the 17th inst., Windle rode 3 miles in 6.43, lowering Meintjes' wonderful 6.45 1-5. And Tyler! On the 9th he put the *standing start* quarter at 29 1-5 s. (He made a *flying* quarter at Hartford on Sept. 4, in 25 4-5 s.) On the 5th of Oct. he added to Springfield's honors by doing a mile, standing start, in 2.01 3-5, but on the 11th he did it in 2.00 2-5. On the 5th Jimmy Clark and Eddie McDuffie reduced the tandem flying mile record to 2.01 1-5. Nelson ("Eddie") shacked them around the track in 2.01 2-5.

The VIGILANT! Ah, she *did* "look out" for the cup. The Valkyrie got the *soup-dish*.

On the evening of Oct. 6, the Cunarder LUCANIA arrived in New York from Queenstown, having made the run in 5 days, 13 hours, 25 minutes, breaking the *Paris'* world's record by 59 minutes.

MANAGER: "What's the row?"

ASSISTANT: "The two-headed boy is quarreling over a piece of pie."

—Harper's Bazar,

## NATURAL HISTORY.

BY RALPH H. ROCKWOOD, WATERVILLE,  
MAINE.

This is the month when from morn to night, or e'en from morn to morn, may be heard the sullen boom of the gun while the leaden hail spatters upon its destined victim. In the north is heard the sharp crack of the rifle as the bullet seeks its prey. This is the month when old energy returns and new vigor is acquired; the month when we like to be on the move, and a tramp which but a few short weeks ago would have been a hardship is now an eagerly welcomed pleasure.

Remember that this column is for everyone, and is it not a good one in which to record your observations, discoveries, pet theories, and the like? We believe that it will be for your interest to do so.

The initial number of "THE NIDIOLOGIST" has been received. "A Rookery of Man-O'-War Birds" is a well written article occupying the first three pages, and is finely illustrated. "The Collector" by Dr. Gibbs, and Dr. Stride's account of "An Adventure with an Eagle," together with shorter sketches, notes, editorials, etc., complete the reading matter. Subscription \$1.00 per year, which is too much money for the average collector to find in his pockets.

"THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE OF NATURAL SCIENCE" is one of our best papers.

Teeming with articles, interesting to all students of nature, be he zoologist, ornithologist, geologist, botanist, mineralogist, or oologist, it is no wonder that this is one of the most popular papers for the average collector.

In the Aug. 19th issue of FOREST & STREAM, is a picture, the like of which was never seen before. It is that of a humming bird, sipping sugar and water from a small bottle held in the hand of the correspondent, and is very interesting.

Many of the correspondents of the above named paper are devoting their time and space at present, relating instances of the domestication of infant caribou that have come under their observation.

"Scenes from the Life of Alex. Wilson" has reached its sixth paper in the "OOLOGIST." This article cannot fail to be of interest to every Ornithologist, showing as it does the many tribulations the "Poet-Naturalist" was forced to undergo.

Jesse Stinson is one of the most successful hunters in Waterville, but he eclipsed his record Saturday when he captured a partridge without the assistance of either dog or weapon. The bird when attempting to join a group of doves on the roof of Mr. Gallert's store, made a slight miscalculation and alighted on the pavement when he was captured by the agile expressman. The bird is now to be found at the express office, where he is growing fat and tame on the diet of grapes provided for him by Mr. Stinson.

We glean the above from one of our local papers, the SENTINEL. Anyone who doubts the above may have their minds set to rest by addressing the hero of the story, or any local hunter or sportsman.

Another occurrence which has excited the curiosity of the inhabitants was the shooting of a long-billed Curlew, by Mr. W. H. Booker of this city. The capture was made near Great Pond, ten miles west of here and about fifty miles from the coast. *Numenius longirostris* has been nicely mounted by Mr. Booker and is on exhibition in his store, which is crowded by visitors to inspect this curious looking bird.

Chas. Acey White, of Omaha, Neb., is endeavoring to form a society for the benefit of naturalists. Such an organization would be of great benefit to its members, with its various departments, official organ, etc. The officers have not as yet been chosen, but will be ere long. Some of our best known naturalists are interested in the movement and are doing their best to make it a success. If they are interested in it why are not you? Will it not be of benefit to you in exchanging, in buying, in selling? Certainly it will! Then get a move on, and do what lies in your power toward forming this society of the Naturalists of America. Mr. White will be pleased to give you information in regard to the organization.

BRISTOL COUNTY  
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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## APPLICATIONS.

Anthony C. Merser, 30 South st., New Bedford. Refs.: W. G. Stiles, Mortimer Searles.

G. G. Stiles, 4 Hall st., New Bedford. Refs.: M. Searles, W. G. Stiles.

Noble W. Ashley, 23 Orchard st., Taunton. Refs.: L. H. Benton, E. E. Ashley.

At the meeting held in New Bedford, Oct. 6, the Pres. appointed the following committee on nominations: A. J. Kirby, W. G. Stiles, G. W. Pepper, L. H. Benton, A. L. Dean.

At the meeting Oct. 20, they submitted the following report, which was accepted. The candidates for the coming year are:

For President: H. H. Elliott, E. E. Ashley.

For Vice-Pres.: E. E. Ashley, E. H. Pendleton.

For Sec.-Treas.: A. J. Kirby, A. L. Dean.

For Ex.-Supt.: L. H. Benton, A. J. Kirby.

For Librarian: A. H. Wood, H. H. Elliot.

For Counterfeit Detector: G. W. Pepper.

All votes shall be by ballot, and must be sent by mail to the Secretary on or before the first of December, and the person receiving the plurality of the votes cast shall be elected.

The meetings for November are as follows: 3rd at L. H. Benton's; 17th, at H. H. Elliott's.

A. H. Wood, Sec,



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## REGRETS.

GUY W. GREEN,

You're cultured and queenly and courted, they tell me,  
And sought out by lovers whose passports are gold;  
Your beauty commands and obeisant hearts hasten  
To pour out the story that never grows old.

And yet as I sit here tonight, love, I wonder  
If ever you stop in the gay whirl of life  
To think of the years, that are gone now forever,  
Before you had stepped into fashion's mad strife.

You still must remember (Are we so forgetful?)  
Those days, the old days, when we loved, you and I,  
When life was like music to which we were dancers,  
And happiness, dear, seemed too precious to fly.

Up out of the darkness there rises a vision  
Of soft Summer nights when you stood by my side;  
Close clasped in my own then your trembling hands rested,  
And lips but affirmed what we ne'er had denied.

Then you were my sweetheart and I was your lover,  
And life was so cheery through all the long day!  
For hearts had looked forward to paths that were sunny,  
But hearts cannot see round the turn of the way.

Perhaps it is better but yet I have wondered  
If over your joy lay a shadow of pain,  
If ever you wished with an infinite longing  
For days that have been but will ne'er be again.

Stromsburg, Neb., Dec. 15, 1893.

And for that very reason,  
I never shall go back,  
Till I'm through with all these earthly  
hopes and fears.  
Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1893.

## STOP THE CLOCK.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

The girls have many tricks in trade,  
But I remember one  
To which I owe long hours  
Of gaiety and fun,  
'Tis worked from Oregon to Maine,  
From North to Southern rock,  
None other than the time-worn trick,  
To slyly stop the clock.

The hours gaily pass away  
When loved one's at your side,  
While telling old, old stories  
The moments swiftly glide,  
And midnight comes, alas too soon,  
The twelfth stroke seems to mock  
Your fears that you are staying late;  
Pray why not stop the clock?

Our youthful days are passing, boys,  
We'll soon reach manhood's years,  
Our joyous laughter will be drowned  
In sorrow's hapless tears;  
A lesson take from maidens fair,  
Give Father Time a shock,  
And ere our locks are strewn with gray,  
Pray let us stop the clock.  
Arkansas City, Kan., Oct. 21, 1893.

## AUTUMN THOUGHTS.

BY MISS EMMA L. HAUCK.

I like not the brisk autumn weather,  
Nor the chill of each raw, wintry day,  
Nor the wind as it blows together  
The leaves in a whirlwind—but stay!

The thought that the wicked mosquito,  
Who has feasted so long on my blood,  
Is at rest with his old forefathers  
In the hunting grounds now of the  
good,

Is enough to make earth seem a  
Heav'n,  
To inspire me with thoughts almost  
bright,  
And tho' I am generally stupid,  
Yet I feel just like writing to-night.

Did I say the wicked mosquito  
To the land of the good had thus fled?  
May Heaven forgive me the falsehood,  
But I was taught to speak well of the  
dead.

## A REVERIE.

BY "NEMO."

As I sit within my study,  
Just before the open fire  
That dances and throws shadows on  
the floor,  
I'm soon deep lost in rev'rie,  
And in mem'ry I go back  
To my happy, thoughtless childhood  
days of yore.

I can see the little cottage,  
With its garden sloping down  
To where the river winds its silent  
way;  
And there's the weeping willow,  
That overhangs its bank,  
Where all the neighb'ring children  
used to play.

Way out there beyond the river,  
In the churchyard calm and still,  
The old folks have been laid these  
many years,

## A TALE OF THE BALL.

BY H. S. G.

Slowly the darkness faded,  
The stars left one by one,  
In the East the sky turned rosy  
At the breaking of the dawn.  
The last sweet strains of music  
Had vanished on the air;  
The dance had lost its charm  
And the lights their dazzling glare,  
For the head feels dull and heavy  
And the eyes will close, that's all,  
But such things must be expected  
After the ball.

Slowly through the ballroom  
He elbowed through the throng  
For her cloak and hood and rubbers;  
Then he helped to put them on.  
He helped her to the carriage,  
Then sat him down beside,  
Profuse he in his lovage  
And the pleasure of the ride,  
But the ball it now was over  
And his pocket-book had grown small,  
And he began to realize it  
After the ball.

Whittenton, Mass., Oct. 10, 1893.



## EDITORIALS.

**ANOTHER CHANGE.** It seems to be the destiny of the *STAR* to change hands about so often, yet it always survives; and so, though we are through with it, she will still continue to flicker—in a certain way. There is no encouragement to run it during the present reign of Democratic scoundrelism. Aside from the fact (mentioned in the next paragraph) that the *Bristol County Stamp News* will fill unexpired subscriptions and carry out unfulfilled advertising contracts, the *Happy Thoughts*, published by Lester D. Dickerman of this city, editor and publisher of the *Yankee Hustler*, will, instead of being entered for second-class rates, take the name of the *GOLDEN STAR*, thus obviating said entrance, and present subscriptions will continue as per contracts, in addition to present subscribers receiving the "*B. C. S. N.*" Thus will those of the subscribers who are stamp collectors, and also those who are not, be liberally considered, as they will in this way get *both* the *GOLDEN STAR* and the "*B. C. S. N.*" As the Jan. and Feb. numbers of the "*H. T.*" are now printed, the new *GOLDEN STAR* will appear on March first.

**"BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS."** The Bristol County Philatelic Society is about to issue *The Bristol County Stamp News*. It will be published as the Official Organ of that Society, and will be found replete with latest news notes and short articles. As the Society is in a healthy state, both financially and in number of members which is constantly increasing, and as the journal is for official purposes, it will be a permanent institution, so subscribers can depend upon their full quota of numbers. The "*B. C. S. N.*" will fill all unexpired subscriptions to the *GOLDEN STAR*. If

any of those who have paid their 50 cents to us for subscriptions desire the amount due them returned, they will receive same on sending us a sealed notification to that effect. However, as the majority of them are collectors, we predict few such requests after they see the new paper.

**LAWRENCE PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.** We have received a marked copy of the *Sun*, Lawrence, Mass. containing an account of the festivities in observance of the fifth anniversary of the Lawrence Philatelic Society at their rooms in the Gleason Building. It was a grand affair, and a good time was enjoyed.

**NEW ROOMS.** The Taunton contingent of the Bristol County Philatelic Society will move into its new rooms in Manheim's block about Jan. 1st. It is a most desirable location, and right in the heart of the coming club centre.

**BARGAINS.** There are 90 inches of advertising in this number, and it will be the reader's fault if a chance to secure some of the many bargains is missed.

**A GOOD JOKE.** One of the best jokes we have seen in the papers lately is about a class examination in college. The teacher observed one of the scholars referring to his watch on an average of every two or three minutes. His suspicions were aroused and he resolved to investigate. At his request the boy surrendered the watch for inspection, with evident reluctance. On opening the front case, the professor's glance met a little label reading "SOLD!" However, the man of learning did not consider himself fooled thus easily, so he opened the back case, only to find another label, this one reading "SOLD AGAIN!"

**A LIBRARY.** In our "Prospectus" last month various serial stories

were announced. As these are now in our possession, and will not be continued in the new *GOLDEN STAR*, as Mr. Dickerman will keep the *Happy Thoughts* as it is excepting the name, we may at no distant date issue them in book form; also the unfinished ones in the *STAR*. If we do so, we shall send these three to all subscribers free of charge, as a gift to those who were interested enough in our paper to subscribe.

**ELECTION.** The report of the B. C. P. S. election will appear next month in the initial number of the *Bristol County Stamp News*.

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**B. C. P. S. ALPHABET.** One of the Society members has remarked on the number of members whose middle names begin with "H." There are 5, but there is one letter that goes it one better, however, and that is "W." "C" and "G" each have 4, and "E" 3. There are in all 31 members, and 5 applications, among the latter being 2 E's, 2 B's and a W.

**EXCHANGE NOTICES.** Owing to lack of space in our last number, the Exchange Notices were left out. They will be found on the next page of this number.

**A CARD:** After New Years **NOTE TO PUBLISHERS** we are going to devote our entire **AT LARGE.** time to the pen, and will be pleased to state prices on any special kind of work. Articles in the line of Philately, Bicycling, Mathematics, Geography, Compilations and Statistics, Humorous sketches, Puzzles, Notes on various subjects, Short sketches on general topics, Short stories, etc., will be given especial attention.

**THIS ISSUE** has been delayed nearly two weeks on account of the printer having had to wait for a new lot of body type ordered.



## THE \* BRISTOL \* COUNTY PHILATELIC \* SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED DEC. 5, 1892.

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*Sec'y-Treas.* - - Arthur H. Wood.  
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### Secretary's Report.

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#### APPLICATIONS.

*Chas. W. Pendleton*, 27 Maple street, Taunton. Refs.: E. H. Pendleton, L. H. Benton.

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*Roy E. Brown*, 9 Maple St., Taunton. Refs.: E. H. Pendleton, L. H. Benton.

*Albert B. Grinnell*, 5 Kilton street, Taunton. Refs.: E. H. Pendleton, L. H. Benton.

*Frank B. Eldredge*, Mansfield. Refs.: H. H. Elliott, Henry C. Pattern.

A. H. Wood, Secretary.

#### EXCHANGE SUPT'S. REPORT.

Since Jan. 1st there have been entered 86 filled sheets, containing 2247 stamps, valued at \$272.97, averaging over 12¢ each. The average value of each sheet was \$3.17 and average number of stamps thereon, 26. The most valuable sheet was No. 70, containing 36 stamps and valued at \$16.46. It was put in by Mr. Pepper. 892 stamps, valued at \$75.38 were sold, or about 27.6%. Of this amount but \$51.94 passed through my hands, the rest being balanced by exchange. The Dept. was closed in July and settling of accounts begun. Owing to Democratic hard times, the settlement was slow, but all is now collected. I trust that during the coming year we will be provided with a new style of sheets, and that they will be circulated in books, and that a different method of operation will be instituted, according to certain ideas of mine, born of experience, whereby much labor will be obviated and simplicity engendered; and to my successor I can promise that with the aforesaid modifications the discharge of the duties of this office will be a most congenial pastime.

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THE END.

AUTHOR'S NOTE. — SEND FOR A BOWL FULL!

# XLV—XX

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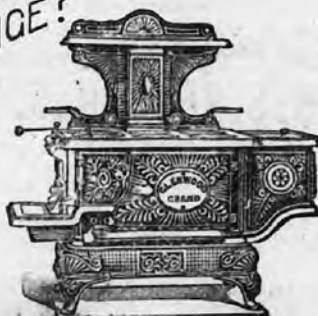
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