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# The Postman's Knock.



**"EXCELSIOR."**

**SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, May 1, 1866.**

## INTRODUCTORY.

We have much pleasure in presenting to the timbrophilic public, No. 1 of Vol. 1 of the **POSTMAN'S KNOCK**, and we hope that it will be a success. We presume we can hardly call it a newspaper as we charge nothing for it. It is more in the nature of a Stamp Circular with this distinction that we advertise other persons besides ourselves. We do not issue it for our own personal aggrandizement and are willing to give all American dealers a chance as well as our own firm. The trade must be kept up and we do not want it all to ourselves. We claim no special merit for our publication and expect no great or flattering notices; but we intend to keep our readers posted in all matters concerning Postage Stamps as far as lies in our power. We have no connection with any other publication and shall not take any share in Editorial quarrels which now are or hereafter may be pending. Our simple object, is to give a brief synopsis of passing events that we deem will be interesting or valuable information, and for this object we respectfully ask the support of the North American Stamp Collecting fraternity.

Advertisers will oblige by reading through carefully our terms before sending their favors, and the different Stamp periodicals are requested to exchange.

## NEW STAMPS.

Lengthy notices of new varieties cannot, from our limited space, be expected; but we will try and make ourselves understood in a few words.

**SAINT KITTS.**—An English contemporary states he has seen essays for this country. They are printed in four colors, viz. :—Blue, Black, Green and Brown, and resemble in appearance the Postals of St. Lucia, being an oval band containing the words **ST. KITTS** and **POSTAGE**.

**PRUSSIA.**—There are two new values for this locality, 10 Silb Gr., and 30 Silb Gr. They have a figure in the centre indicating value; are perforated and said to be for use on registered letters.

**SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—There is a new 18c. congenerical to the provisional 1c., 2c. and 5c. of these Islands.

**HAMBURG.**—The 2½ schilling is changed in color from Dark Chrome to Light Green.

**NORWAY** presents us with a 3 skg. mauve, same design as present issue.

**UNITED STATES.**—A value entirely unrepresented in our collection of this country has appeared, viz: 15 cents. It is rectangular in shape, printed in black on white paper, and perforated. The device is the bust of the late President Lincoln in an oval frame, **U. S. POSTAGE** in an arch above, and **FIFTEEN CENTS** below. There is a figure 15 in each of the upper corners, and **U. S.** in the lower, and the spaces between the sides of the stamp are filled with ornamented pillars. It is beautifully engraved, and we pre-

sume is the work of the American Bank Note Company.

HOLSTEIN greets us with a new 14 schilling stamp: inscription HERZOGTH HOLSTEIN; printed in deep Violet with a colored inscription.

The Stamp Collectors Monthly Gazette is now one year old. Since its commencement it has enlarged its size and greatly improved its appearance. If we would presume to advise we would suggest that records of Editorial differences are not interesting to the general reader, and useless controversy is far from edifying. With this one drawback we cannot too highly commend the enterprise and ability of its Editor, who at great expense gets the latest information up to the hour of going to press—who pays for expensive engravings and who employs a lady authoress to write him what we consider a first class story—"Waif" (the *non de plume* of the "layde fayre,") is probably about the most talented authoress in the Province as her various writings testify.

We call attention to the advertisement of W. F. Moses, Yarmouth, N. S., who is a prompt and honorable dealer. Also, be kind enough to peruse the notices of Albert C. Killam of the same place. Mr. Killam owns one half of this monthly, and deserves credit for his advanced views in going into a gratuitous paper as this is, it being borne in mind that an affair of this kind costs a great deal more money than advertising in all the stamp papers of the day would. We hope that an increased business will repay Mr. K. for his kindness to his customers and to stamp collectors.

The Mercury, is the name of a paper devoted to timbrophily which was advertised to commence on May 15th. We have not yet seen it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Jan. 29th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock:

Allow me to call the attention of your readers to the following stamp new to the many catalogues in existence but not new in point of issue. I allude to the Adams & Co. Express of this city which failed some years ago. The stamp in question is rectangular, having for its centre the head of Haskell, the manager of the concern. Over the head are the words "Adams & Co." and in each of the four corners, as well as on either side of the head, is the value 25 cts. This stamp was used to prepay letters between this city and New York and has long since been out of use.

I know of but three being in existence and all are in the hands of collectors here.

I give this information hoping it may prove of value to your numerous readers whose good will and regard I wish to secure, and to promote this UTILE DULCE amusement, and am

Yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

The following address was written on a letter posted at the Saint John Office last January:—

I make this deposit,

For John Byron Cossett,

Of Digby, N. S.—

Through the sleet and through the snow

This envelope must go;

(Though the sailor wet his jacket)

By the next out going packet.

We would feel obliged to Mr. A. B. Mason, of Chicago, if he would send us a complete file of his Journal. Also, to Mr. Olcott for a full set of the "Curiosity Shop."

Send for The Excelsior Stamp Association Price List, which, with one Foreign Stamp, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents.

Could any of our readers favor us with a copy of "The Canada Stamp Collectors Record."

General Grant took Vicksburg and General Wolfe took Quebec, but the only Generals taken account of by Stamp Dealers is a General Assortment.

Several swindling Dealers will receive our kind attentions unless they abandon the paths of deception and act more honorable in the future.

Upwards of 670,000,000 letters were posted during the year 1865 in Great Britain.

Monsieur Pierre Mahe has our thanks for Le Timbrophilie.

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tity they will want, with the cash or  
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ana, Venezuela, or Nicaragua, will send  
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now in use in the countries named,  
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If dealers, who have a lot of old  
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## EDITORIAL.

WE have much pleasure in informing our friends that our little paper has been very well received by the good wishers of Timbrophily, and that we will be likely to continue its publication so long as it is as welcome as was our first number. Stamp collecting on this Continent is greatly on the increase and we hope to its circle continually extending. True, a great many of the little boys who used to besiege the Post Office and pester every out comer with their 'Please sir, give me that stamp,' have fallen out of the ranks, and gone back to their proper sphere of amusement—marbles and base-ball. True, a great many persons who collect'd because it was fashionable and a fashionable mania, have tired of the pursuit and are now paying their most exclusive and languid attention to something better suited to the turn of their frivolous minds; but for every one of such useless soldiers our armies lose we receive two earnest collectors, gentlemen and ladies, who gather stamps for the love of it—as the antiquary gathers relics of by-gone days—persons who take pride in their pursuit and are determined to follow it on. Then three cheers for Stamp collecting! the model amusement of the 19th century—an amusement that instructs while it gratifies, and is useful while it gives pleasure.

## NEW STAMPS.

HAMBURG presents us with a new set of envelopes, at present composed of seven varieties. They are similar in design to the current adhesive postals of this free city, excepting that the four corners are cut off, making them octagonal in shape. The colors of these new comers are identical with their twin values in the adhesives, as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$  schilling black,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  sch. mauve,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  sch. pink, 2 sch. orange, 3 sch. blue, 4 sch. green, 7 sch. magenta. Three values used in the adhesives (1 sch.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  sch. and 9 sch.) are unrepresented in the new galaxy, but we presume they will not be long withheld. Hamburg has also a new adhesive to be noticed this month—a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  sch. pink.

SWEDEN offers her contribution in the shape of two new stamps, respectively valued at 17 and 20 öre. In design they are said to resemble the brown 3 öre stamp. The 17 is lilac in color, and the 20 scarlet.

HAYTI struggles on in the upward path of civilization and brings as token a medio real stamp, color light green, design similar to the real previously in use.

FINLAND has a new postal, value 10 pennia, printed in red and green on white paper.

NORTH GERMANY enlarges her list by a black  $\frac{1}{2}$  silb gr.; same type as the higher values of the present issue.

TURKEY has a new local stamp, value  $3\frac{1}{2}$  paras.

CUBA, ever ready, sends a new issue of four specimens: same design as the 1864 issue, but bearing the value in

centisimos as follows: 5c. lilac, 10c. blue, 20c. green, 40c. rose, with their date 1866. They are unperforated.

VICTORIA.—The English journals have been for a length of time crying out for a new 6d. stamp for this colony, and now that they have got it we hope they are satisfied. The great prayed-for is of the same type as the new 10d., and is printed in blue on white paper. We do not know what effect the displacement of the 'hideous' superseded will make on the English Stock Exchange, but we might state for the benefit of our trans-Atlantic brethren that the current of affairs among the afternoon gatherers at Chubb's corner is unruffled by this mighty event, and it is hoped that it will make no special difference in the great Confederation scheme.

BERMUDA claims the credit of a new 2d. blue stamp.

BRAZIL.—The P. O. authorities of this Empire are going to have new postals, essays for that purpose having been printed by some of the N. Y. Bank companies. The arms of the country and the head of the Emperor are represented—so says the S. C. Record.

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"The height of meanness" is exemplified by certain persons who have sent to us for Stamps on approval and returned them to us unpaid—leaving us the disagreeable alternatives of losing our stamps or paying postage on them. The man who would do such a thing would suck the eggs from under a setting hen. Such a man reminds us of the miserly character who would not allow persons to sit down on his stone steps for fear they would wear them out—also, of the individual who used to save his toe-nail pairings and boil them for oil. If a certain gentleman living in Chicago does not take the above very delicate hint and send us what it cost us to take his letter out of the Office we will unhesitatingly print his name next month. The person of whom we speak had the audacity besides to send us a letter to give to a person whom he

dare not offend—absolutely making us foot up other peoples postage. The sum involved is small but the impudence is unbearable.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Feb. 20th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock:

Some months since the Stamp Collectors Magazine published a cut of a so called Sandwich Island 13 cent stamp and stating that the owner had received it from the British Consul at Honolulu.

I do not wish to doubt this assertion or the truth of it, yet am compelled to make the following statement:

A gentleman who has for many years been postmaster at Honolulu, and well versed in postal matters assured me, while in this city recently on being shown the cut of the above Stamp, that no such stamp was ever in existence or used by that government. He did not think that it was an essay either, as there was no occasion for any change in the postal department. Besides this I have written to parties in the Islands who, one and all, assure me that no such stamp ever existed. Regretting to detract from the value of the possessors stamp,

I am, yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

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United States local stamps we consider a complete and unmitigated humbug from beginning to end. The prolific manner in which they are increasing will lead to their entire exclusion from all respectable albums before long.

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A few weekly papers who deemed us worthy of rank on their exchange lists—we especially are obliged to—as also to those serials who gave us notices.

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Read carefully all our advertisements.

If the European dealers were a little more liberal in their business transactions with the Traders on this side of the Atlantic it would do no harm. But at present their principle seems to be to write out to persons here and get them to send stamps or money and make no returns. This sort of thing is contemptible in the extreme and must be stopped or we will be down on a few of them—"like a thousand of brick."

## Colonial Collectors!

TAKE notice that the Excelsior Stamp Association take all sorts of Colonials in exchange for Foreign Stamps. Send for list of what we allow for them—it cannot fail to give satisfaction.

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## "EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, July 1, 1866.

### EDITORIAL.

WITH continued prosperity we have much pleasure in presenting No. 3 of our unpretending serial to the timbrophilic public. Stamp collecting continues in *statu quo*, and Dealers are still advertising their wares as heretofore. The publishers of this paper have broken ground in a new enterprise—a Prize Distribution of Postage Stamps, full particulars of which may be gleaned from our advertising columns. This much we say in commendation of it, that it is a *bona fide* transaction; the Prizes are all that they are represented to be, and ocular demonstration of that fact can be had by any person requiring it. The holders of the winning tickets will have their prizes forwarded to them at once, and the names and addresses of such prize-winners will be published in this paper for the information of all concerned. The collections are not composed of the dirty, torn and thumbed stamps, so plentiful in the albums of juvenile collectors, but are all genuine Postals, in fine condition. The first Prize includes many of the rare Stamps much in demand among collectors, including old New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Montevideo, Romagna, Italy, &c., and is well worth the sum at which it is valued. We hope that all who wish the oppor-

tunity of getting large lots of Stamps at small prices will at once forward their orders. Speaking of collections reminds us that the Boston Album, having successfully run through two editions, is now coming out in an enlarged and improved style. Mr. M. Bennett, jr., its enterprising publisher, deserves every success, and we cordially give him our good wishes; and if any effort of ours can forward him in his endeavors he has only to ask and it will be granted. We do not write the foregoing as a puff or a paid-for advertisement—no such thing. Mr. Bennett has not asked us for such a one; we give it as our candid opinion, based on the merits of the Album itself, without reference to its compiler. As American collectors, we are in favor of American works when we can, with due regard to the interests of our readers, recommend them; and happy are we to say that as far as we know, Mr. Bennett's Album is not only superior to any other American production, but infinitely better than any European book of the description we have seen.

☞ The Collectors Guide is a new publication issued at Newport, R. I. It is small, neat and comprehensive, and well worthy the support of the collecting fraternity.

## NEW STAMPS.

**SAINT DOMINGO.**—Our esteemed owner of this publication, Mr. Albert C. Killam, writes to us as follows:—“There is a new Stamp for St. Domingo, value 1 real, oblong, with ‘Correos’ above the shield, and ‘Un Real’ below it; just above the shield and below the inscription there is the motto, ‘Dios Patria Libertad.’ The color of the Stamp is the same as that of the other 1 real.”

**BREMEN.**—The 5s. gr. is now yellow green.

**SPAIN.**—The 2c, 4c, and 12c, are now respectively bright rose, bright blue, and yellow.

**ITALY.**—There is a new 20 centesimo issued to-day, and the 40c is now violet rose.

**PORTUGAL** also issues to-day a complete new set: values, 5, 10, 80, and 120 reis.

**BELGIUM** issued on the 1st of June a new 1 centime.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—The rose 4d is now bright yellow.

**PERT.**—It would appear that these Stamps are now perforated.

**DENMARK** has issued two huge stamps for use in Railway parcels; one is light brown on white, value 12 skillings to carry 10 pounds; the other is blue on white, value 8 skillings to carry five pounds. These Stamps have as much claims on collectors as the Edinburgh and Leith parcel stamps, although we must say we don't care about either of them ourselves; but it is all owing to taste, as the aged female serenely remarked when caressing her bovine friend.

**CONFEDERATE STATES.**—An esteemed contemporary has favored us with a sight of two unrecorded locals for this defunct country. One hails from Macon, Georgia, printed in black on light green, small square, value 5 cents; the other comes from Petersburg, Virginia, red on white, upright rectangle inscription, *Petersburg, Virginia, Post Office, 5 W. E., Bass P. M.*

**UNITED STATES.**—On the same authority we note a new local for these States, circular, black impression on greenish paper; device, a pigeon with

letter attached to its wing flying over mountains; inscription, Overton & Co., Letter Express.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—We perceive noted a great variety of Railway parcel stamps which we do not deem worthy of reproduction, regarding them as mere feelers for the very bottom of collectorial pockets. We would advise our friends to have nothing to do with them—the more they are encouraged the more they will spread. Turn your attention to legitimate Postage Stamps, and have nothing to do with these many hued imposters—not but that we think them genuine enough; but there are lots of real stamps to see without going into the side shows.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, June 8th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock:

SIR,—I have duly received both numbers of your interesting little paper, and am much pleased therewith. Why do you not enlarge and ask a subscription price? I am sure it would be a success and would receive the support of all American Collectors. I write you a line wishing you to caution Collectors from buying stamps from other than responsible dealers. I saw different adv'ts in English Serials of marvelously cheap *appearance*, and the stamps were stated to be genuine. I wrote and received as nice an assortment of those abortions, called fac-similes, as ever you beheld. I think it is a crying shame for decent publications to advertise these rascals, and from their own respectability mislead their readers as to the respectability of the advertisers. It is very disheartening to young collectors to send their money and receive nothing in return for it. Henceforth I am done with such dealers. I am willing to pay a fair and legitimate price for stamps and intend to deal with those who are above the suspicion of such a thing. Collectors, when you see Packages advertised for 6d. containing Lugan, Old Brazil, &c., don't believe it, don't deal with persons who advertise such things. Don't send to parties you know nothing about because their stamps are advertised cheap. Deal only with United States or Colonial Dealers and be willing to pay for what

you buy. There is a standard in every thing, and when you see stamps worth simply 4s. or 5s. put into packets at 6d. or 2s., don't believe it or you will do as I have done—burn your fingers.

Your obt. servt.,

ARMADILLO.

[Armadillo's advice is very salutary and we hope will receive attention from our friends. We thank Armadillo for his wishes; but we have no present intention of enlarging. There is the Gazette Record and Guide to be supported by subscription and that is enough without us.—ED. P. K.]

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5th Prize.—An Excelsior \$5 packet, to be sent in any kind of Stamps which the winner may want.

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7th do " do 3 00 do  
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9th do A Set *Old Issue* Newfoundland pence stamps, unused.

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16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Prizes, each a \$1 00 Packet.

In all these Packets the winner can have any Stamps (to the value of their Prize,) they may want. The Drawing will take place sooner than Sept. 1st, if all the Tickets be sold.

1 Ticket 20c. gold, or 30c. U. S. Cy. 6 do. \$1 gold, or \$1.50 U.S. cy. 12 do. \$2.00 gold, or \$3.00 U.S. cy. 25 do \$4.00 gold, or \$6.00 U.S. cy.

Send your orders in at once, accompanied by the Cash, and you will receive the Tickets by return Mail. The Prizes can be seen on application.

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# The Postman's Knock.



## "EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, August 1, 1866.

[For the Postman's Knock.]

### A REFLECTION

On seeing a 15-cent U. S. Stamp.

Look at it tenderly, sadly;  
List to the thoughts it brings, gladly,  
For each is a first-watered gem,  
That scintillates sparkles of glory,  
(To lighten our dusky earth-story)  
Like rays from a saint's diadem.

Rare thoughts of the hero whose combat  
Is not with the sword and the shield.  
Whose laurels and fame are not gathered  
From deeds on a blood-reddened field;  
Of brave hearts which struggle in silence—

Of courage both loyal and true—  
Of hands ever honest and faithful,  
And mighty in work they've "to do."  
Such thoughts on the mind's pinions take  
us

Above the gross fetters of clay,  
Where we glimpse a life-purpose immortal,

Just like the first gleaming of day.  
As day brightens into the noon-tide  
And then slowly sinks from our sight,  
May glimpses grow into full vision,  
To hallow the shadows of night.

Then gaze at it tenderly, sadly,  
For one of Time's bravest is here;  
'Tis wreathed o'er with green by a nation,  
[hier.

Though stamped with a hue from his  
WALF.

### EDITORIAL.

In our remarks on Armidillo's correspondence in our last issue, we stated that we had "no present intention of enlarging," and neither had we any such intention, but the number of new advertisements we have since received has compelled us to double our size. As we continue publishing without asking any subscription price, it is to be presumed that the timbrophilically inclined persons who are in monthly receipt of our publication will have no objections. As for ourselves, it is a matter of rejoicing to us that our unpretending sheet is sufficiently well appreciated to be deemed worthy of such honors.

One word to the Foreign Dealers. Is it just—is it honorable, to treat the American trade in the way you do?—You send out letters soliciting lots of Stamps for exchange at wholesale dealers' rates. Ever willing to oblige you, the New Brunswick fraternity have supplied you; and with what return do they meet? Five or six mails after you could have sent exchanges had you liked, your answers will come, and you will most probably say—"We send you the best exchange we can give; we can buy Colonials at one quarter of your rates, &c," the last part of which is as a general thing false. Another thing you are

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### THE ENGLISH MAIL.

When the Steamer arrives at Halifax from England, the mails are sent ashore as expeditiously as possible; but this cannot always be done as early as many suppose. It takes some time for the vessel to get close up to the wharf, and after that some time to get the bags landed. These mails are taken at once to the Post Office, where the bags are checked, and those for other places sent away. Those for New Brunswick are sent to the Railway Station, about a couple of miles distant, and those especially for St. John are sent *via* Windsor or Truro, according to circumstances and whichever way they will reach the earliest. People are apt to judge of the time of departure of the mail from Halifax by the time of its arrival as announced in the telegraphic despatches, and not sufficient allowance is made for the boat getting to the wharf, the landing

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A glorious fellow you'll find him, too—  
And his name is Garrie Haskell."

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We have received a half sheet, printed on one side, purporting to be the "Introductory" to a new postal publication called "The Stamp Collector's Review," the first number of which is to be issued on Sept. 16th, at Boston, Mass., by Fred. H. King. We presume it is all "O. K.," but we think it is rather bad policy putting out an Introductory and asking subscriptions in advance, before subscribers can see the size, style of editing and unpropitious weight of the affair. Mr. King is, as we understand, a very young person and doubtless means well; but young persons should not be rash in a speculation of this kind. However, be that as it may, "he knows his own business best," and we wish him every success in his enterprise, and hope it may be a useful periodical in the philatelic field of literature.

An English stamp paper throws discredit on the 13 cent Sandwich Islands, which was lately issued or said to be issued. For once in our lives it does us good to agree with him. We believe them to be the bogus emanations of some New York "manufacturer;" in fact we can almost say we know it.—Also we have very great doubt of the authenticity of the 5c. provisional of the same Islands.

NEW STAMPS.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—This country has a new Stamp; value 5 cents, color blue, inscription "Eiupa Keneta." This postal bears the effigy of King Kame-namena V., who has his hair parted in the middle.

FRANCE.—We notice engravings of envelope essays, which the Stamp autocrats say will never be used, so it is of no use giving descriptions of them.

UNITED STATES.—There is about to be issued a new 15c. envelope—to be a companion to the adhesive of that value. It will have the head of Lincoln, in a circle, and will be printed in black.

The Rigi Railroad Stamp, about which there has been so much discussion, has had its genuineness proved by the S.C. Magazine, whose editor wrote to the Rigi Railroad hotel, and was told in reply:—

"As our establishment is situated on the mountain we are not in direct connection with the Federal Swiss Post office, therefore we have to send the letters to the first station at the foot of the mountain, for which every body has to pay 15 cents per letter extra, for carriage.

Not only is it a postage stamp, but it is also for an advertising use. In the centre of the stamp is the well known Alpine rose, a symbol of the mountain."

We have received the following papers which we place on our exchange list:—The Collector's Circular; The Collector's Guide; The S.C.M. Gazette; The S. C. Record; Le Timbrophile; Brietharken Sammler; The Monthly Intelligencer; The Chit-chat; The Wainville Acadian; The Digby Examiner; The Star Spangled Banner; and The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser.

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We also have to notice the new Price List of the Excelsior Stamp Association, which is similar, in many respects, to the above. We are also requested to state that purchasers of this latter catalogue will find on the cover a list of "the celebrated Excelsior Packets."

We have received a half sheet, printed on one side, purporting to be the "Introductory" to a new postal publication called "The Stamp Collector's Review," the first number of which is to be issued on Sept. 15th, at Boston, Mass., by Fred. H. King. We presume it is all "O. K.," but we think it is rather bad policy putting out an Introductory and asking subscriptions in advance, before subscribers can see the size, style of editing and timbrophilic weight of the affair. Mr. King is, as we understand, a very young person and doubtless means well; but young persons should not be rash in a speculation of this kind. However, be that as it may, "he knows his own business best," and we wish him every success in his enterprise, and hope it may be a useful periodical in the philatelic field of literature.

An English stamp paper throws discredit on the 13 cent Sandwich Islands, which was lately issued or said to be issued. For once in our lives it does us good to agree with him. We believe them to be the bogus emanations of some New York "manufacturer;" in fact we can almost say we know it.—Also we have very great doubt of the authenticity of the 5c. provisional of the same Islands.

NEW STAMPS.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—This country has a new Stamp; value 5 cents, color blue, inscription "Eliua Keneta." This postal bears the effigy of King Kamehameha V., who has his hair parted in the middle.

FRANCE.—We notice engravings of envelope essays, which the Stamp autocrats say will never be used, so it is of no use giving descriptions of them.

UNITED STATES.—There is about to be issued a new 15c. envelope—to be a companion to the adhesive of that value. It will have the head of Lincoln, in a circle, and will be printed in black.

The Rigi Kaitbad Stamp, about which there has been so much discussion, has had its genuineness proved by the S.C. Magazine, whose editor wrote to the Rigi Kaitbad hotel, and was told in reply:—

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We have received the following papers which we place on our exchange list:—The Collector's Circular; The Collector's Guide; The S.C.M. Gazette; The S. C. Record; Le Timbrophile; Brietmarken Sammler; The Monthly Intelligencer; The Chit-chat; The Wolfville Acadian; The Digby Examiner; The Star Spangled Banner; and The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser.

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**7th do** " do 3 00 do

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**"EXCELSIOR."**

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept. 1, 1866.

## EDITORIAL.

For the past month we have been absent from our city rusticated and taking life easily. So easily in fact has time slipped through our fingers that we had nearly forgotten the existence of such a paper as "The Postman's Knock," or that we were again to be victimized by startling demands for "copy" and annihilating exordiums to "read this proof as quickly as you can." We look around in amazement, but it is no use, the first day of September is here and with it must go forth to an anxious world No. 5 of the Postman's Knock. We do our duty, we care not how tremblingly Prussia may wait to see whether our fiat shall wither the laurels she now proudly wears; no matter to us that Austria with ill-concealed impatience hangs on our words, and hopes among her fears that we will say the battle of Sadowa was not much of a victory after all; no matter that Napoleon wishes our counsel on the advisability of making the Rhine the boundary of France; no matter that the whole populace of Great Britain lose flesh in their sleepless desire to hear (via Atlantic Cable) our opinion on the Reform Question or the London Riots; no matter that the United States Government have offered us the right to

manufacture greenbacks for our own exclusive benefit for one whole year; to make us King of the Sandwich Islands or Emperor of Mexico if we would sustain the present administration, all no matter, we must do our duty. We suppose our readers will hardly believe it, but by the last mail from Constantinople the Turkish Sultan wrote to us to say that he had a Palace on the Bosphorus ready for us; that he had just issued an edict creating us a Bashaw of three tails; that he had a few dozen lovely houris awaiting an approach; only in order to gain all these we must come to his capital and issue The Postman's Knock in Turkish. He says it is a shame to have the enormous amount of talent evinced in the Herculean labor of carrying on this enormous paper wasted on "dogs of unbelievers." It is strange how soon gigantic talents will become recognized. Here we are only in our fifth month and we command the respect of all creation. Self praise is no recommendation, so we do not care to say very much about it, we always make it a rule to speak with an "air of modesty" in mentioning in the slightest manner our own talents, we have too much delicacy to laud our own works, we invariably leave that to some one else and we are as invariably truthful.

NEW STAMPS.

**BRAZIL.**—We condense from a contemporary who has seen them, the descriptions of new issues for this Empire. They are produced by the American Bank Note Company, and are of seven different values and designs. They are upright rectangular in form, have no watermark, are perforated and printed in color on white paper. The colors and values are as follows:—

10 reis.	- - -	vermillion.
20 "	- - -	lilac.
50 "	- - -	deep blue.
80 "	- - -	lilac.
100 "	- - -	green.
200 "	- - -	black.
500 "	- - -	orange.

The 10, 50, 80, 100 and 500 reis have the Emperor's bust nearly half face turned to the right. The 20 and 200 have a portrait of an elderly man at present unknown to our informant. At the top of all is the word "Brazil" and the value in words at the bottom. The colors of the 20 and 80 reis have both been named as lilac, but it is supposed they are different shades, although there was not variance enough seen in the specimens spoken of to call them different colors.

**DANUBIAN COMPANY.**—It seems there is a company bearing this title who carry letters up the Danube, and that they have just issued a new stamp similar in its application to the "Too Late" postal of Victoria. Its value is 17 soldi, and is charged on all letters posted after the close of the regular mail. It is printed in rose on white paper, denticulated and has no watermark. It is oblong in shape and has the figure of value in a small ornamental circle, at each side of which rests an anchor, the whole being enclosed in a double oval. This oval bears the inscription "Erste, K. K. pr., Donau, Dampfschiffahrt, Gesellschaft."

**DRESDEN EXPRESS COMPANY.**—This company have issued a new set of stamps of five values, viz., 1, 2, 2½, 3 and 5 neu gr. As they only convey book parcels or packets, no elaborate description of them is necessary, although we are much pleased with the simile of our great English contemporary when he says that they remind him of "church windows."

**PERU.**—Has added to her page a new 5 centavos, design resembling Costa Rica, form upright rectangular, color bright green, printed on plain paper, no watermark, perforated.

**MONTEVIDEO.**—Essays are stated to have been issued for a new series of stamps.

**VICTORIA.**—The 10 pence of this Colony is now printed on red-brown paper.

**PERSIA.**—The stamps for this Asiatic Kingdom are by this time in actual use.

POSTAL MATTERS.

The postal arrangements of this Province have never, to our knowledge, met with any notice in any of the Stamp Magazines, and thinking it might be interesting to our readers we have picked up a little general information which we hasten to lay before them. There are between 40 and 50 regular Post Offices, each having under their control a bunch of Way Offices, these latter numbering between 350 and 400. Some of them have very similar names which we imagine would be very confusing to the Post Office Clerks. For instance, there are two Salmon Rivers, a Salmon Creek and a Salmon Beach, there are three Little Rivers, two South Branches, two Bloomfields, two North Lakes, two Oak Points, to say nothing of such resemblances as Smith's, Smiths Creek, and Smith Town, Rockland, Rockport and Rockville, Nashwaak, Nashwaaksis and Nashwaak Village, Hopewell Cape, Hopewell Hill, and Hopewell Corner, Hampstead, Hampton and Hamtown, Blackville, Blackbrook, Black River, and Black River Bridge. Some of the names will sound curious to untutored ears, for instance, who ever heard of Beckaguimic, Aboushagin Road, Chockfish, Chamcook, Goshen, Jemseg, Kouchibouguac, Mac-taquack or Midgic, and if you were presented at Court as Mr. So and So of



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either Tedish, Munquart Rusagornis, Tabucintac, Otnabog or Waweig, would'nt the surrounding officials stare and mentally inquire whether you were from the Sandwich Islands or Japan. We cannot imagine how the amount received as salary by some of these Way Office keepers can at all remunerate them for their trouble. We perceive that the Postmaster at Lower Queensborough is paid the enormous sum of 75 cents, while Her Majesty's official at Upper Hainsville receives the princely income of 60 cents. It is to be hoped that these gentlemen have some other occupation besides their official capacity, otherwise we fear they would not put much in the Savings' Bank if they had to support themselves entirely from their postal remuneration. This much for the Way Offices at present. We should have commenced in the beginning with the General Post Office, over which the Postmaster General presides, assisted by a Secretary, an Accountant, three Clerks and a Messenger. The General P. O. is the centre or sun of the system, the post offices are the planets and the way offices are the stars. Everything works harmoniously. The Way offices are responsible to the Post Offices and they in turn to the General Post Office, and by this means the General Office has all in their grasp. The Postmasters are kept pretty straight. Let one of them forget, say a trifling way bill between his office and some microscopical way office, and you may depend it will not be long before he will receive a letter on "H. M. Service free" informing him it is missing and ordering him to forward it at once.

(To be continued.)

We have a painful duty to perform, namely, that of reporting an eminent stamp firm as "not exactly up to

the mark." On June 4th a consignment was sent to them by parties in this city in a registered letter, and up to the present time they have made no returns. They are so high up in the stamp world that we do not care to mention their names without giving them every chance; but they are hereby notified that if they do not 'toe the scratch' before our November number we will publish their names and address. Take warning in time!

By advertisement in an another column it will be seen that the Excelsior Stamp Association's Prize Drawing is postponed till 1st November. We are instructed to say that if agents make their returns and all the tickets be sold the affair will come off sooner; but on Nov. 1st, 'whether or not.'

### Postponement.

OWING to unforeseen circumstances, the great Prize Drawing of the Excelsior Stamp Association is unavoidably postponed till the 1st day of November, 1866, when it will POSITIVELY TAKE PLACE—whether all the Agents are heard from or not, and no matter how many tickets may at that time remain unsold. Numbers of Prize-winning Tickets will be published in this paper and in the *Stamp Collector's Gazette*.

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## "EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Oct. 1, 1866.

### POSTAL MATTERS.

*Continued.*

The Mail Contracts are usually let out by tenders, and are generally given to the lowest one, although we note one case in which the third lowest tender received the contract "in consideration of former services." It is entirely optional with the P. M. G. to accept the lowest offer or refuse them all, and it is not unusual to see inserted opposite the competition list "all considered too high." Parties carry the mails very cheaply too, far cheaper than any one would imagine. For instance, Messrs. P. & D. C. King in their yearly contract from the Bend Railway Station to Amherst, N. S., travel 27,456 miles and receive for it \$1,290, which is less than 5 cents per mile. The contractor from St. John to Fredericton travels 40,560 miles for \$1,900; from Fredericton to Woodstock 39,312 miles for \$1500; but the climax is in the self-sacrifice of the contractor between Woodstock and Houlton, who travels 8,736 miles for \$100, amounting to 1 79-546 cents per mile. Really for horse conveyance of mails about as cheap as any contractor in the world. We set his claims forward and would like to hear of a cheaper. In fact we think it can't be beat. Our trans-atlantic friends will please bear in

mind that carrying mails in this country is not a mere pleasure drive over fine hard level roads, they will consider that New Brunswick is a hilly country, or as the Geographer hath it "beautifully undulating," they will remember that in winter the roads are blocked up with snow and that in Spring and Fall they are almost impassible owing to the depth of slush and liquid mud; they will remember that on the routes near the Rivers the freshets rise clear over the roads. For instance, in one district we know of, the contractor often has to swim his horse a good part of the way, and he himself with five or six large mail-bags strapped across his shoulders to keep them clear of the water. In the Spring time it is sometimes as much as a man's life is worth to cross a stream on the thin ice; yet, it has to be done, and for five cents a mile. The same gentleman referred to above has told us of an occasion when he had to cross the River St. John on two boards, as fast as he had walked over one he had to take the other and lay it down before him, and so on till he got over, the river being at that point fully one mile wide, and when he got within 30 feet of the shore, there was the water open and the ice running; all he could do was throw the bags clear over to the

dry land and leave them to their fate. Another gentleman has told us of an adventure he had when skating with the mail from Sheffield to Gaspereaux. I think he had got as far as Brigg's Corner, and was going on with the Salmon Creek bag, when plump he went into an air-hole—right in the current—with the water running like a mill race. He tore the bag from his back, threw it on the sound ice, and swam against the current to the upper side of the hole; he knew that if he tried to get out at the lower side the current would suck him under and he would be drowned; and I can assure you it is no easy task swimming against the stream with a full winter rig on, and skates on your feet; nevertheless he did it: and there for upwards of two hours worked to get himself out, the fragile ice breaking from under him as fast as he tried to climb upon it. At length, after the time mentioned, when he was nearly frozen to death, when he wore his hands thro' his mittens, and the skin off his fingers, he succeeded in rescuing himself, and skating about a quarter of a mile to a house where he was taken care of.—This happened in the dead hour of the night, in the month of January, 1863. He assured me that when he came back to the place for the mail-bag the next day, and saw the hole he had made in his struggle, he first began to realize how much 'a man will fight for his life.'

(To be continued.)

A letter was dropped in the Post-office the other day, and addressed as follows:

Hill  
A.  
Massachusetts.

After a good deal of study one of the clerks managed to make out that it was intended for "A. Underhill, Andover, Massachusetts." Does the reader see the point?—*Corning Star.*

## NEW STAMPS.

PORTUGAL has sent forth a new stamp, the first of a series, viz., a postal valued at 120 reis. It has King Louis facing to the left in a central oval, "120 Reis 120" both at top and bottom, and "Portugal" "Correos" at its sides.

NORWAY.—We see noted a Norwegian local, hailing from the town of Drontheim, proprietors initials in the centre (G. F. K.), "Throudhjeins" at top, "By Post" at bottom, printed in brown on white paper.

SAXONY.—There appears to have been issued franked Envelopes that civilians might write to their soldier friends. Inscription "Geld-Post — porto pill" above the Saxon Arms, with ruled spaces below for the troopers address.

ECUADOR.—Here we have a new centavo reales stamp.

SPAIN gives us a new 20 centimos blue, printed on white paper and denticulated.

MEXICO.—We hear of a new 18c for this Empire and for the East Indies, are informed that a provisional 6 arras has been in use, made by cutting a Revenue Stamp down to the size of a postage stamp and printing across it the word "Postage."

A few years ago a postmaster was appointed in Clinton, Penn., who was a gentleman of the "Old School." Entering upon new duties of the situation, he for a time filled the office with dignity, and to all appearance with satisfaction. One day a large number of persons being in the office, a man called for a letter, the initial of the last name being M. Whereupon the worthy postmaster took down a large number of letters, and looking them over said that there was no letter there—adding that all of the letters nearly were for Mr. P. M., and that he wished he would call and get them; 'for,' said he, 'I don't know what to do with them. I have lived in Canton for twenty-five years, and I never heard of a man by the name of P. M. yet!' The roar that followed gave the P. M. an idea that there was something wrong.—*Corning Star.*



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The absence of the Editor from the City has obliged us to issue without our usual editorial.

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We are happy to state that the high Stamp firm mentioned in our last issue have settled with us, and have handsomely apologized for their neglect, and it comes with better grace from the fact that they could not have seen our remarks at the time they wrote us.

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**6th Prize.**—An Excelsior \$4 00 Packet.  
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**8th do** " do 2 00 do  
**9th do** A Set *Old Issue* Newfoundland pence stamps, unused.

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**16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Prizes,** each a \$1 00 Packet.

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P. S.—California Collectors can procure Tickets from our Agent, J. Henry Appleton, Jr., Esq., with A. Remond & Co., Book-eller, Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

# The Postman's Knock.



## "EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Nov. 1, 1866.

### NEW STAMPS.

**URUGUAY.**—The new Envelopes for this Country have at length appeared. They are of two values: 5 centimos, blue, and 10 centimos, green. They have a general resemblance to the last issue of adhesives, but are oval instead of rectangular. The tongue of the Envelope has on it a circular design portraying the sun rising over the sea, printed in the same color as the stamp.

**ST. VINCENT** has completed its set by the addition of a blue four-penny stamp, and a purple black one shilling stamp. They have the same design as the one penny and six pence, and are issued on perforated water-marked white paper.

**NEW GRANADA** has changed the color of its present issue one peso from carmine to vermilion.

**RUSSIA.**—The 30 Kop Envelope of this Empire heretofore printed in pink is now bright red.

**BELGIUM.**—The new 5c was issued last month. It is similar in a great many respects to the 1c. The new 1c. in consequence of a fracture of the perforating machine, has now to be separated by a knife or scissors.

**MOLDO WALLACHIA.**—There is a new issue for these territories. They bear the profile of Prince Charles, and are of the old values 2, 5, and 20 parale. They are printed on black and colored paper, and are of the old colors excepting that the 2 parale is yellow instead of orange.

**MEXICO.**—There appears to be a

new issue bearing the head of Emperor Maximilian.

**PRUSSIA** has a Soldier's Envelope similar to that used by Saxony.

**CASHMERE** jostles her way into timbrophilic nations, but with a poor affair in the postal line. The centre is occupied by a circular blot with two white patches on it. The blot is surrounded by white rays and a round disk containing Hindostani characters, the whole enclosed by a double linear circle and printed on thin yellow gummed paper.

Mr. A. C. Killam and Mr. W. F. Moses, both of Yarmouth, N. S., have sold out their stocks and quitted the business. This is a sad loss to collectors as both of these gentlemen were enlightened and thoroughly honest dealers. Owing to the retirement of Mr. Killam, the Excelsior Stamp Association now publish this paper on their own account, and on consideration of the loss of his and Mr. Moses' advertising patronage we have been compelled to reduce our size to the old status. We hope, however, that new customers in that line will come in so that we may again enlarge.

Parties writing to us from the U. S. will please remember that the postage is TEN CENTS.

THE STAMP DRAWING.

The distribution of prizes of The Excelsior Stamp Association took place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the presence of the Saint John ticket holders. The manner of the drawing was in this wise: for every ticket issued there was placed in a hat a piece of paste board bearing its letter and number and these were drawn out by one gentleman while another drew out from another hat the corresponding prize. The following were the prize-winning tickets:

D. 17 1st Prize.	A. 13 11th Prize.
E. 24 2nd "	B. 28 12th "
E. 34 3rd "	A. 28 13th "
A. 42 4th "	A. 6 14th "
A. 27 5th "	E. 27 15th "
A. 40 6th "	A. 12 16th "
D. 24 7th "	A. 9 17th "
E. 41 8th "	A. 23 18th "
B. 50 9th "	D. 28 19th "
B. 18 10th "	E. 47 20th "

The drawing was conducted fairly and honorably and all present were satisfied with the proceedings.

Parties holding these tickets will please forward them at once and receive their prizes, and the winners of packets will please state what kinds they want.

Among the gentlemen present on the occasion we were much pleased to note the Editor of the *Gazette*, W. B. McSweeney, Esq., and A. D. Robertson, Esq.

We call attention to Mr. F. A. Hunter's advertisement in another column. His Atlantic Cable Packets are a timbrophilic wonder, and must be seen to be appreciated. Try him just once. He is a person of determination and says he intends to stand at the head of American dealers and verily we believe him.

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  - 50c. of Hamburg Boten contains 40 varieties.
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  - \$1.00 of used Stamps contains 60 varieties.
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ANDREW D. ROBERTSON.

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## To our Patrons.

For eight months, at a heavy loss to ourselves, we have sent forth this little paper gratuitously and without fee or reward. In that time about 8000 copies have been circulated. Numerous friends in writing to us have recommended us to ask a subscription price; but we have invariably declined saying "that as we started so we would go on," and we still intend doing so. Christmas is now coming on and we write you a request to be remembered. If every one who receives the paper would send us a small present, in order to help us along, they have no idea what an aggregate amount could be raised. Will our friends pardon our speaking so plainly? We cannot help it. We have no one to speak for us, and unless we tell them no one will ever have the most remote idea but that we can print the Postman's Knock and mail it to every collector in America gratis and still make a nice thing of it. Will every reader try and send us a gratuity no matter how small. Those who reside in the same locality might club together and send it in one letter. Remember in the words of the immortal Cuttle "Half a loaf is better than no bread and the same holds good as to crumbs."

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MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN has issued a 2 schg. stamp, similar to the 3 and 5 schg. color blue. Also, an Envelope of the new value.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA has reissued the obsolete 9d transmagnified into a 10d, color orange red, printed on plain white paper.

STAMP DRAWING.

The following are the successful number in Mr. A. D. Robertson's Stamp Distribution which came off according to appointment. Holders of these tickets are requested to forward them to Mr. R. immediately:

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2nd "	S 9	22nd "	U 10
3rd "	1 H.	23rd "	3 I
4th "	C 7	24th "	A I
5th "	13	25th "	Y 10
6th "	4 I	26th "	1 F
7th "	8 O	27th "	H 4
8th "	2 F	28th "	S 4
9th "	B K	29th "	2
10th "	3 J	30th "	U 5
11th "	6 H	A	8 J
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13th "	A T	C	9 I
14th "	F 4	D	C 10
15th "	4 S	E	8 N
16th "	8 Q	F	8 R
17th "	3 S	G	A H
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### EDITORIAL.

The Stamp Magazines in Europe appear to have "drank the ocean dry" in reference to matters relating to the stamp business for they are descending to the most trivial quibbles that ever were dreamed of. The dear knows, it was trivial enough when they restrained their flights of imagination to the great and appalling distinctions known to exist between perforated and unperforated stamps; but when the number of the perforations comes to be a matter of vital importance we think the "goak" is carried "a little too far." Just fancy there are two distinct issues of Belgium, one perforated 11 by 14 and one 13 by 15. Sad but interesting thought. How many a life is desolate because its possessor owns a 11 by 14 and cannot purchase a 13 by 15. Our advice to such a one is don't do anything desperate, live in hope and be resigned to your fate, for we cannot all attain perfection. A new and glorious field of action has been discovered, the new St. Vincent Stamps when severed are ragged at the sides. All hail, great discoverer, more to be honored than Columbus, now will your name be preserved on the "tablets of everlasting memory." But seriously speaking we think that if such trifling differences are carried out, and we stand on a point of honor as to per-

foration, denticulation, &c., the sooner stamp collecting dies the better as this sort of thing is mere child's play, and to the collectors of America we say "don't trouble your minds about such little matters, but press forward to complete your collections by having therein a specimen of every known stamp of every legitimate issue." And before closing we might say that we cordially wish our co-collectors both in America and Europe—A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### NEW STAMPS.

VICTORIA has issued a new 3d, color lilac, design resembling the new 10d.

SERBIA joins the ranks of philatelic countries with a new issue composed of a 1 para, green, 2 p brown, 10 p yellow, 20 p rose, and 40 p, blue. The stamps bear the profile of Prince Michael Obrenowitz III to the left, value below and in figures on the corners.

CASHMERE.—Another stamp for this country has turned up. We think it a humbug.

PORTUGAL has a black 5 r, same type as 120 r

PERU has issued three new stamps, viz., 10 centavos, 25 c and 1 sol; colors green, blue and brown.

ENGLAND.—The Great Eastern Railway Co. have issued a green ad stamp for newspapers.

ROUMANIA. — The 2 paras is now printed on straw colored paper, and the 20 p on pale rose.

Dresden Express Co. completes its set by a yellow 4n gr, and the Danubian Steam Navigation Co. have emitted a 10 soldi lilac on white. Butty for them!

**CORRECTION.**—Through some slip of the pen we stated last month that the Excelsior Stamp Association would draw for the winner of their Christmas Packet Prize on Feb. 1st, and that the name and address would be published in the Feb. No. It should have been March 1st. Our friends will observe.

When a letter is posted after the closing but before the leaving of the mail the Post Office exacts a "too late" postage of 10 cents. We really think there ought to be a stamp to affix to such letters expressive of the proper value and the intention.

From the U. S. P. O. Report, we learn that during the year there were 4,500,000 dead letters disposed of containing \$144,589, and 67,016 photographs, articles of jewelry, &c. 800,000 of these letters became so for want of prepayment, illegibility or misdirection.

The *S. C. Review*, which rated us so soundly on its first and only appearance on the philatelic stage, is to be incorporated with *The Star in the East*, a new literary publication about appearing in Boston. We wish the enterprize every success.

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VOL. 1. SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 1, 1867. No. 10.

## EDITORIAL.

We have to express our cordial thanks to those friends who so kindly remembered us on our appeal "To our Patrons." Most of the amounts yet received are small but they make a fair total. Several gentlemen sent us stamps which, next to money, are quite acceptable. Several, we presume, will yet send us something. Thanks, kind thanks, to all. We wish to ask a favor of our friends, which is to send us a list of all the Stamp Collectors they know of and their P. O. address, that we may disseminate the Postman's Knock as widely as possible. Will all be kind enough to oblige us in this particular? We also respectfully solicit advertisements. If we had a few more we could enlarge to our old size. At least all dealers could send us cash enough to have their names inserted in our "Collectors' Directory," which we commence in this number. If we only could be assisted to enlarge we would be able to make the paper so much more interesting. We have lots of tit-bits that we cannot publish and all for want of room. Then come forward dealers to our aid, and let us next month gladden all collectors eyes with a double sized Postman's Knock!

Fair priced Stamps are in good demand at present, more especially Australian, while North American obsolete Colonials are in good demand from the European market; but the prices offered are too small, consequently exportation has almost ceased.

## NEW STAMPS.

SHANGHAI.—There is a new issue nearly similar to the last.

MONTEVIDEO has issued a 1 centesimo stamp, also two official Envelopes.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—These Islands join the philatelic ranks with a new issue consisting of two Stamps, a 1d. and 6d.

SERVIA.—The 1 and 2 paras noted last month are obsolete and others reign in their stead.

ITALY has a new 20c stamp.

LUXEMBURG.—The 37½c is now bistre.

QUEENSLAND sports a new 4d.

CEYLON comes forth with a 3d.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Essays have turned up. They are most probably bogus.

The collection of Essays by Timbrophilists appears to be, to use an Americanism, "thoroughly played out." There is no demand for them and consequently no sales. This, we think, is the right way to use them. They are almost invariably imposters, manufactured by some enterprising dealer and "made to sell." We notice in a transatlantic paper the statement that there are 700 varieties of one kind of these proofs; they are for Holland, if we remember right. Isn't that proposterous. All we have to say to collectors is "exclude them all from your books."

Collectors would do well to buy in a stock of North American Colonials, as we are now sure of having Confederation, and the present issue will then at once become obsolete.

We have appointed Mr. J. C. Johnson, of San Francisco, our California Agent. Price Lists, Packets, &c., may be ordered through him.

What is that sticketh closer than a brother? A postage stamp, (when the mucilage is good.)

N. B.—The above is entirely original by a friend of ours, and the copy right is secured. We might state that as it is well known that great natures cannot stand some shocks that the mental labor incident to the production of the above con, has told on the young man so severely that he is not expected to live. Poor fellow!

Foreign Stamp Magazines approve of the idea of collecting whole Envelopes instead of merely clipping the stamp from the corner. This appears to be the Continental custom, and we, ourselves, deem it the best; but what album is there that allows room for whole Envelopes? That's the drawback. Evidently to meet this view a new kind of album is required.

Philatelists resident in Foreign Countries will be kind enough to take notice that if they wish this paper they will have to send us 2s. stg. worth of unused Stamps of low values to pay for it for one year. We really cannot afford to print it, give it away, and pay heavy postage besides.

The Prince Edward's Island Essays, mentioned in our new stamps as bogus, are as we say. This we have direct. We expect full official information in a few days, and will publish it (if received) in our next.

There appears to be three varieties of the Nova Scotia 3d stamp, viz:—Light blue on white, black-blue on white, and blue on blue paper. The two latter kinds are rather rarer than the others.

The Excelsior Stamp Association wants Colonials of all kinds in exchange for Foreign Stamps.

We are extremely sorry to notice the great numbers of forged Stamps sold on this Continent. We are sorry as we believe "fac-similes" too have done stamp collecting a great injury; but this much we will say, that in one sense of the thing, collectors can only blame themselves if they *must* have the rarest stamps known for 3 or 4 cents. They cannot expect them to be genuine. We have lost a great many customers because they thought our prices too high; but they will find out, in the long run, that it is better to buy undoubtedly genuine stamps at fair market rates, than to rush head-long into the purchase of undoubted forgeries at next to nothing. We tried an experiment (involving a great loss) with one of our friends who was always complaining. We marked him a lot of stamps at *one-half* the price charged by the cheapest European price list we had and he returned them as "too dear." After that we thought he had better trade with some one else. We sell none but genuine stamps and we cannot sell them at fac-simile prices.

We have heard that the "Collectors Guide" sleeps with its fathers. We are extremely sorry for it as it was a fine little paper and really deserved well of the collectorial public. Perhaps it will be revived. We would like to see this accomplished.

We would particularly call the attention of our friends to our Christmas Packets, they are really good. We wish all to try one while there is yet a chance, for we have a good many now unsold.

A certain Wisconsin gentleman (?) who is indebted to us had better liquidate such debt at once or we will publish him in a way not relished by honest persons. A word to the wise is sufficient.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Postman's Knock:

Allow me through the medium of your columns to offer you my most sincere thanks for the regularity in which I have received your neat little paper. I assure you that all my fellow-companions, (stamp collectors), who have seen it, speak highly of it and its enterprising proprietor, who has spared no pains in getting up that which will enable stamp seekers to complete their collections which I conceive most valuable. Stamp collecting is, I think, as good as geography to those who take an interest in that pleasant past-time. I, myself, have learned more of the world than I did when at school. Wishing you ever success,

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VOL. I. SAINT JOHN, N. B., Mar. 1, 1867. No. II.

## EDITORIAL.

The month of February has slipped by with such a paucity of stamp news that we have not much to say to our readers on this first day of March. We are happy to note that the Stamp Trade has been pretty brisk with the New Brunswick dealers lately, in fact brisker than it has ever been at this season of the year. We notice that Packets seem to be in greater demand than ever. We are glad of it for the Collectors' sake, for there is no way in which he will get as full value for his money as he will in packets, and when parties ask us which is the cheapest method to buy postals we always reply "Try the Excelsior Packets." One singular thing about the American stamp trade is that there is scarcely any sale for Stamps in sets. We cannot fathom the reason of it; but it is so, nevertheless. There is always sale for the smaller values unused, but when you come to put in the whole set and say 'set of so and so, so much,' they don't care for them. A great many collectors appear to go on the idea that if they have one or two of an issue it is all sufficient. Well, we suppose they know best what pleases them; but we do not "see it in that light" at all. For ourselves we would sooner have one complete set than three or four broken ones.

The Monthly Miscellany is the name of a neat little paper published North Strafford, N. H., by G. G. Berry.

## NEW STAMPS.

SPAIN leads off with a complete new issue, slightly changed from the 1865 series. It consists of a 20c brown, 4c blue, 12c orange, 19c light rose, 10c de-esc green, and 20c de-esc lilac.

QUEENSLAND chimes in with a new 5s stamp, old design printed in light rose color.

PORTUGAL has a new 25 reis, like pink.

CUBA has a provisional stamp, viz., the former  $\frac{1}{2}$  real plata 1, black on buff with the figures "66" printed on it.

NEVIS.—The 4d Stamp of this Colony is now vermilion.

BRITISH GULANA.—The 8c is now lilac.

GRENADA has changed the color of its 6d stamp to orange red.

ESSAYS.—Various are the humbugs on this line that have arisen in the last month including some for Hanover, San Salvador, Bolivia and the British Empire.

## CHRISTMAS PACKETS.

According to appointment, we drew for the winner of the Christmas Packet Prize before going to press. The successful packet is that numbered "19." The holder at this, a person resident in Saint John, refuses to have his name printed, and consequently we cannot do so.

Would our friend at Amherst, N. S., be kind enough to pay up that little balance and save himself trouble and expense under his *real name*.

REVIEWS.

THE PHILATELIST, Brighton, England,  
Stafford Smith & Co.

This new Stamp Magazine, has, we presume, by this time, issued its fourth number, but as we have only seen the third, the third we will have to review. And first we would state that we do not usually notice English publications but in this instance we are obliged to break our rule as the Editor of the Philatelist has reviewed our little paper not only once, but twice. The Philatelist contains 16 pages of reading matter and 8 of advertisements. It is well filled and we like its typographical appearance very much. An annual distribution of 75 guineas worth of stamps will be made among the subscribers. We notice, however, that the Editor has been cruelly 'sold' by the Stamp Collectors Record into the belief that there are Essays for the United Provinces of B. N. A. This is too bad, very much too bad for our future national pride that we should have it heralded forth that "A. J. Cass, the Champion of Confederation" was to be represented on our stamps. Who or what is "A. J. Cass?" Echo answers "a jackass." Mr. Philatelist don't believe everything you see hereafter or you will be placed among the "Champions of Confederation" by persons of an illiterate turn of mind. In conclusion let us correct you for accrediting the ownership of this paper to Mr. F. A. Hunter which we presume was an unintentional mistake on your part. To American Collectors we say, if you want a well got up tip-top and thorough Stamp paper, subscribe to the Philatelist.

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## EDITORIAL.

During the past month the commerce in postals has been unusually brisk, in fact we think it has been better than ever before. This is as it should be, and it is to be hoped it will continue. The New Brunswick dealers ought to be patronized, they sell as cheap as any others, they are prompt, honest and gentlemanly in their transactions, and above all they sell no fictitious stamps, that is to say as far as has come to our own personal knowledge, and we are confident from our acquaintance with them that what we state in this particular is correct.

A new stamp publication will be offered to Timbrophilists shortly if sufficient support be given. It will be published at Yarmouth, N. S., in three languages, viz: English, French and German, and the first number will appear in August. Our friend and for some time partner, Mr. Albert C. Killam, is the enterprising gentleman who is about to attempt it, and we are sure, both editorially and personally, he has our warmest wishes for his success in his new undertaking. Mr. Killam is a young man who has deserved great credit for his enlightened views hitherto and we feel that the new paper will add brightness to his laurels. We hope our friends will rally round his standard and aid him to the utmost of his power. The wider the diffusion of stamp literature the wider will become the circle of its votaries, for as it is full many an embryo philatelist is the position of the rose that was

"Born to blush unseen  
And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

GEO. L. PRATT, Milwaukee, Wis., your letter duly received. We had at first some idea of printing it and adding some explanations of our own in order to expose you as a gentleman who plays the "confidence" game, but fortunately for you the extreme quantity of profanity and vulgarity therein contained renders it unfit for public reading. If the small amount you have succeeded in embezzling from us is equal in your estimation to the bad odour this notice will bring upon you among honest collectors, you are welcome to heal your wounded feelings with it.

J. J., Amherst, N. S., expect to hear from you very shortly.

W. L. C., Woodstock, yes we will take any quantity of used Colonials in exchange for Foreign Stamps.

F. G. S., Machias, Me., the old issues of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were manufactured in England, at least an English contemporary says so.

RUSTIC, Halifax, N. S. There is a forgery of the Nicaragua Stamps, but it is such a poor imitation as not to deceive the most unweary.

B. & S., San Francisco, Cal. Our publishers would be thankful for a settlement of your "little bills" as soon as convenient.

R. P. G., your letter received. Will send more stamps when ordered. Remittance all right.

## NEW STAMPS.

ST. DOMINGO.—This Island has presented us with a new stamp. It was issued October 26, 1866. It is a large rectangle, carmine in color, and in an oval band has the words "Correos" above and "Dos Reales" below with the arms of the Republic in the centre.

SPAIN.—The second series of official stamps are now obsolete.

EGYPT possesses a huge circular offi-

cial stamp with "Poste Vice Reali Egiziane" above, "Alessandria" below, and some tea chest design in the centre.

**BRAZIL** has a highly ornamental field post Envelope. Never having been in the heraldic business a description of it surpasses our ability.

**NEW GRANADA** illustrates the words of the song "thou art so near and yet so far," for it might as well be in Africa for all the postal benefit its proximity does us. It has issued a 10 centavos, about the size of the small Mecklenburg Schewrin and we never hear news of it till it first travels to Europe.

**BAVARIA** has issued a complete new set, something in the design of the return stamps. They are embossed on white paper and unperforated, and are 1 kr. green, 3 kr. red, 6 kr. blue, 9 kr. brown, 12 kr. lilac and 18 kr. red.

**HOLSTEIN** gives us a new 2 schg. stamp.

**INDIA** is to have new 6 annas and 8 pies stamps.

**FINLAND** produces a new 8 pen. postal.

**CUBA** a new set, same as last, except date altered.

**WURTEMBERG** a set of Envelopes for P. O. Orders.

And to wind up with, the usual monthly batch of Scotch locals, in the words of the Tradesmen advertisements "too numerous to mention" have not failed to enter an appearance. We hope it will continue thus for a month or two as a friend of ours has contracted to "shingle a meeting house" with distinct varieties of them and is not more than half through his contract.

Several of our friends are asking us for back numbers. We send them copies of all we have. As the supply of Nos. 6 and 7 are now totally exhausted, they must not be surprised not to get them. Our stock of the others is very small, but we will send them as long as they hold out.

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Written for the "Postman's Knock."

**FAIR ISABELLA.**

Fair Isabella, Queen of Spain,  
Must be a wondrous woman,  
She has a power, I think it plain,  
That makes her superhuman.  
For every weary year she lives  
Her stamp-face is more youthful,  
Who is the man this gift that gives  
If all her pictures' truthful.

Say has she got the long lost stone  
Philosophers have tried for,  
Or does she call the art her own  
That many witches died for.  
Perhaps she's found the far-famed spring  
Her countrymen did dream of,  
Perhaps she has a magic ring  
Old age, he flies the gleam of.

Or like poor Ninon L'Enclos  
Forgot her birthright duty  
And sold her soul to endless woe  
For rare eternal Beauty,  
But still I deem I'm all in vain  
In each of my surmises  
Fair Isabella, Queen of Spain,  
Has found none of these prizes.

I wot that with all large respect  
That's due to those in power,  
The Queen grows older, less erect,  
By every fleeting hour.  
I'll make a guess though you may think,  
In sense I'm but a smatt'rer,  
Perhaps my wisdom deep to drink,  
Her Artist is a flatt'rer.

E. A. C.

St. John, N. B., March 28, 1867.

Mr. George Stewart, Jr., so well known to our readers as the "gentlemanly proprietor" and editor of the "Gazette," has laid on our table the first number of "Stewart's Literary Quarterly Magazine," bearing date April 1, 1867. It contains 15 articles by different authors, all of which are original, all interesting, and some rather rise above the ordinary merit of such compositions. We do not like to particularize but the piece of poetry by Mr. Hannay on the "St. John," is really beautiful, and itself worth the whole price of the number.

POSTAL MATTERS.

*Concluded.*

In our fifth and sixth numbers we made some remarks on this subject (meaning the Postal matters of our own Province) and as it has been announced it was to be continued, we will add to our former statements a few extra remarks and conclude it. And we might say that the importance of registration will appear from the fact that of all the unregistered letters lost during the year 1865, not one was ever found, and that of those which were registered, amounting in number to 8,105, only two were left unfound, and in both cases the parties lost nothing. We certainly deem it incumbent on all parties sending articles of value to register them, and we think it highly culpable to neglect it. With regard to the amounts lost, \$92.00 would seem to be the largest. Of letters containing articles of value there were found among the dead letters 73, the largest amount being £200 and the smallest 5c. in U. S. Scrip. We also find such enclosures as "Gold Breast Pin" "Deed of Land" "valuable papers" "Two Lace Collars" and "Revolver." In the case of the revolver we should imagine the P. O. authorities were in a fix, for the sender is stated to be "Anonymous," and the article is disposed of as "Undelivered subject to the order of the owner." We sincerely hope Mr. Anonymous will turn up. In noticing the totals we see that the total loss to the Provincial Revenue in 1865 was \$20,627 78; the amount of Postage Stamps sold, \$32,937 06½, and that the P. M.'s commission on this sale footed up \$1,878 72.

Did it ever strike our friend of the S. C. Magazine that he is not the smartest man in the world, and that the world was not created for his especial benefit? We don't imagine it ever did, for the unfeeling, ungentlemanly, and would be witty way in which he tries to poke fun at those papers whom he thinks have no power to answer him, makes the fact evident. He is very tender with our Boston contemporary; does he fear the latter's powers of vituperation would be able to cut even through the cloak of self esteem in

which he is so well clothed? We think he is right for we opine the Editor of the Record is just the man to give him as good a "setting down" as he really needs.

In the course of our travels we have noted several curious letter addresses, some of which we now give our readers. One was sent directed thus:

"For want of something better  
To do I write this letter  
To a dear and cherished friend  
And the P. M. he will send  
It to \_\_\_\_\_ Blaine  
Of Mexico in Maine."

Another:

"With a stamp on its corner  
To William V. Horner  
This letter take away  
His address if you would know  
It is in Toronto  
In Upper Canada."

A third:

"\_\_\_\_\_ is my name  
New Brunswick is my nation  
\_\_\_\_\_ is my dwelling place  
And Heaven my expectation  
So without hesitation  
Take this letter to its destination."

SANDWICH ISLAND POSTAGE STAMPS.—Demands are frequently made upon the Post Office for varieties of Hawaiian stamps which have never had an existence in this Kingdom. A gentleman writing from Europe, asks for sets of orange, violet and other colored stamps, which certainly never were issued here, although he claims to have seen the different varieties in Paris. No doubt the mania for stamps has called into play the talents of skilful engravers and counterfeiters, who make it a profitable employment. The only genuine Hawaiian stamps are the following:—One and two cent stamps, in black and blue, with figure in the centre; two cent stamps, in rose color, with portrait of Kamehameha III. in the centre, and in red with portrait of Kamehameha IV. in the centre; five cent stamp in blue, with figure in the centre, and also in blue with portrait of Kamehameha III. in the centre; thirteen cent stamps in red, with portrait of Kamehameha III. in the centre.—*Honolulu Advertiser.*

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
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



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## EDITORIAL.

No very startling developments have we to announce this month, or no great quantity of new stamps to herald, but we have to notice with grief that a great stamp authority who is bound to make some new feature every month, has at length yielded to the extreme pressure on his mental capacity and become lunatic. His sad state first fully reveals itself to a horror-stricken world in an article on "The second issue of Wurtemberg." Alas, that a mind capable of fulfilling the noble mission of making differences where none exist, should fall so low, should so overreach the "mark of his high calling" as to become a laughing stock to all sensible collectors. The second issue of Wurtemberg really contains only 10 stamps but by the fiat of Pemberton the Erudite how many are we bound to recognize, merely 48, and even then the list is not complete. Unfortunately there exists not an 18 kr without threads and perforated 12 by 12. This is greatly to be regretted as it mars the uniformity of the several series. We do not wish to be hard on the young man, we intend to be "merciful in our strength," but we would seriously recommend the venerable parents of Pemberton the Erudite (if still living) not to stint the youth in the matter of marbles or to be too hard in respect to the disputed point of rocking horses. The infant mind must have something wherewith to amuse itself, and it is far better that this should be at the expense of a few shillings to Pen's parents than of the peace of mind of all fair collectors who are really getting bored to death with his audacious nonsense.

## NEW STAMPS.

**NEW GRANADA.**—In addition to the one noticed last month, favors us with five others, all different in design. They are lithographed, printed in color on white unwatermarked paper and imperforated. The values and colors are 5 centavos yellow and orange, 10 centavos lilac, 20 centavos blue, 50 centavos green, and 1 peso vermilion.

**PORTUGAL** issued the 50 and 100 reis, type of the current series on March 20th. When the new 2+0 reis arrives the group will be complete.

**AUSTRIA.**—The Charles Louis Railway have a set of stamps (something like the bill stamps of this country) as follows: 3 kr. brownish yellow, 5 kr. lilac, 10 kr. green, 20 kr. pink.

**NEVIS.**—The 1d is now brilliant red, the 4d orange-vermilion, and the shilling dark green.

**SWITZERLAND.**—The 5c of this republic is now in active use. It is a beautiful mauve colour. The 5c is now pale bistre.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—For this country has just been made a new pair of stamps much resembling the 1c Nova Scotia in design. They are rouletted on thin paper and bear a star for a water mark. The values and colors are 2s carmine and 4d dull violet.

**ST. THOMAS.**—The stamp of this Island is now rose and on finer paper. Also, some improvement has been effected on the mucilage department which was much needed.

**THURN AND TAXIS.**—The Philatelist reports that the stamps of these offices, together with those of Lubeck, Hamburg, Bergedorf, Brémen, Schleswig, and Holstein, are all to be burnt at the Frankfort P. O. on June 1st. We guess he is joking.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. R. T., Cambridge, Mass.—Yes, doubt has been thrown on the authenticity of the St. Domingo postal noticed in our "New Stamps" last month. If you know anything against it positively and are willing to sign your full name and address to your information for publicity, we will insert it, but we do not care to do so otherwise.

W. C., St. Louis.—No. The first issue of Envelopes for the United States came into use in 1853.

W. H. H., Portland, Me.—The so called "Colombo" stamps are certain postals of New Zealand which were wrecked in a vessel of that name and subsequently recovered. Owing to their remaining some time in the salt water some or all of them changed color.

J. R. D., St. John, C. E.—We never heard of the dealer you name. He is probably, from the specimen of his handwriting you sent us, "a youth of tender years."

G. W. L., Philadelphia, Pa.—We believe there was a piece of music called the "Stamp Gallop" which was published by O. Ditson & Co., of Boston.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Ottawa, April 15th, 1867.

Editor Postman's Knock :

As you kindly offered to publish any short correspondence which I might send you, I will therefore give you a short description of how the Stamp Trade is progressing in Canada. Stamp collecting has become very popular for the last month, and had we a paper such as the "P. K." and its able editor, I think every young gentleman and lady would give their leisure hours to that pleasant "pastime." You have kindly sent me several duplicate numbers of your paper which I have carefully distributed among my stamp ciding friends who pronounce it to be a "plucky blow alias Knock," which causes, when received to each address, a swelling anxiety of success. The editorial is always well written, which I conceive to be the main part of the paper. Your answers to correspondents are written plainly,

as well as the correctness in your advertisements. Hoping that the patronage due you will be extended so as you will be able to enlarge your columns, I remain

Yours truly,  
A. O. ANDY.

MAURITIUS 'NATIVE' STAMPS.—The adhesive labels, issued at Mauritius in 1858, with the Queen's head on a ground of diagonal lines, appear to have been executed in the island, and are very roughly made. As the old block became worn out, a fresh one was cut, and consequently there are not only differences in the head of the Queen, but the letters in the inscription vary in size, and the diagonal lines are more or less coarsely marked. The MAURITIUS in these labels commences at the right lower angle, so as to read from below upwards on the right side of the stamp. Most of these remarks will apply to the issue on a ground of vertical, horizontal, and diagonal lines, except that the word MAURITIUS begins at the right upper angle.—Mount Brown.

A VALUABLE DEAD LETTER.—The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has been known to receive as many as four hundred letters in a day. Many of them are anonymous, and on many the postage is not prepaid. The reverend gentleman now refuses all the latter. One of these, a short time ago, after having been in the Dead Letter Office, and opened there, was sent again to Mr. Spurgeon, with a statement that the letter was anonymous, and therefore could not be returned to the writer, and that it contained a valuable enclosure. The reverend gentleman paid the postage, and found a £20 note in the letter.

VALUES OF THE AUSTRIAN MERCURY.—The value of the blue stamp was 1 kreuzer, that of the yellow 10 kr., and that of the rose 50 kr. They served to prepay one, ten, or fifty newspapers at once, and were exclusively, for home postage. The large 'double-headed eagle' journal stamps were used for foreign postage only.

The names impressed on the side of the Mexican stamps are those of the state in which they are issued.

WHEN ORIGINATED BY THE POST OFFICE?—One of the London daily journals recently permitted the insertion of a statement respecting the originator of the penny postage rate; but the information given was incorrect. The following is the fact:—William Doekura, a merchant of London, did not 'set up' the penny rate in London for the collection and delivery of messages and parcels. This had nothing whatever to do with the post-office. The party who did so was named Murray. He was an upholsterer, and commenced his private speculation in 1681. In 1683 Murray resigned his interest in the venture to Doekura; but in a trial at the King's Bench bar, in the reign of Charles II., the right to circulate correspondence was adjudged to belong to the Duke of York, as a part of the General Post; and in consequence it was then annexed to the crown, and the revenues arising therefrom were made subject to the payment of pensions to favourites at court and other 'distinguished personages.' Doekura was compensated for his loss, and made General 'Controller;' but for subsequent misversion of the funds he was eventually dismissed the public service.—*The Glacer.*

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The Prussian 10 and 80 s. g. r. advertised in our cheap sets of Stamps, are not issued to the public, but only used by the postal officials to prepay heavy postage. The great peculiarity about them is that they are printed on goldbeater's skin, and on the self-cancelling principle. If they be taken off the paper to which they are fixed the skin comes away black and the paper retains the impression. So we take this opportunity of warning our friends to be careful and let their specimens remain as they are, for if removed they are ruined.

SAD NEWS.—'Now, girls,' said Mrs. Partington, the other day, to her nieces, 'You must get husbands as soon as possible, or they will be murdered.' 'Why so, aunt?' 'Why, I see by the papers that we've got almost fifteen thousand post-offices, and nearly all of 'em dispatches a mail every day. The Lord have mercy on us poor widows!' and the old lady stepped quietly up to her looking-glass, to put on her new cap.

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India, - - - 6 " - - -	0 15
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Switzerland, 12 " - - -	0 40
South Germany, 10 varieties, - - -	0 25
North Germany, 8 " - - -	0 20
Schleswig Holstein, 2 " (1st issue, unused,) - - -	0 80
Do. - - - 10 " (other issues, used,) - - -	0 50
French Republic, 5 " - - -	0 30
Romania, 2 va., (old issue, unused) - - -	0 35
Do - 3 " (new issue, unused) - - -	0 60
Finland, 3 " (old issue) - - -	0 30
Greece, 7 " - - -	0 20
Hamburg Uoten, 116 va., (unused) - - -	1 00
London, 2 " - - -	0 10
Danish Railway, 2 va., (unused) - - -	1 00
Danish Essays, 2 " - - -	0 25
Motveden, set of 5, (1866) unused, - - -	1 25
Servia, " 7, " - - -	1 00
Ionian Islands, 3, " - - -	0 50
Romagna " 9, " - - -	1 60
Belgium, " 7, " - - -	1 00
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Ceylon, 4s, 6d, 10s, 1s, and 2s, - - -	0 60
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## EDITORIAL.

We note a remark in an English contemporary concerning the North American Stamp papers. It is this:—“From the nature of things they are little more than advertising circulars of the dealers.” This brings us to say a few words to American stamp authors: We would ask you, gentlemen, how you would do did you once a month have to write nearly the entire reading matter of a paper, no matter how small? How long do you think you could manage to make that paper interesting? We pretend to have some experience on the subject, and we do not hesitate to tell you that you would row yourselves ashore in a few months. Postage stamps is not a very prolific subject, and unless you attempted authorship on the insanity principle—that is, of contemplating and heralding the number of denticulations, the peculiar style of mucilage, or the enormous differences between postals of the same issue—you would soon find yourselves minus.—We would like our paper to be readable, but we find it hard to make it so alone and unaided. There are several persons on this Continent that can pen very respectable articles on this topic, but who gets the benefit of them? Not us; not any of the American publications, but straight to England do they send them, to grace the columns of the magazines there. We respectfully protest against such a course. We are the persons who ought to have the assistance. We are far removed from phil-

atelic centres, and we ought not to be left to fight the battle alone. If you wish to see America have a creditable press, why in the name of common sense do you not put your hand to the oar and help to make it so? We sincerely trust this plea will not be without effect.

## NEW STAMPS.

**MORESNET.**—Oh, stamp collectors! what new found regions you are ever and anon rooting out. Had it not been for you who would ever have heard of Bergedorf? and now there arises an addition to geographical knowledge in the form of the Republic of Moresnet. It is said to be situated between Belgium and Prussia, and was created by the boundary treaty of June, 1816, between Prussia and Holland. It is triangular in shape—about three miles long, by one and a-half wide. It contains 3000 residents, and some valuable zinc mines. It has just issued a quartette of stamps, bearing the joined arms of Prussia and Belgium in a central oval, crowned by a cap of liberty, inscribed “Commune libre de Moresnet, Postes” at the bottom, and the figure of value in the corners. The values and colors are—10 centimes lilac and green, 20 orange and red, 12½ red, and 25 blue.

**FRANCE** has just issued a 30c olive brown, head similar to the 2c and 4c.

**SAXONY.**—The law courts of this kingdom use Frank stamps.

**BELGIUM** is to have new 6 and 8 centimes stamps.

**THURN AND TAXIS.**—Only the stamps of these two offices, and not those of the free cities, are to be suppressed.

**GUATEMALA** is about to issue stamps something like the beautiful Nicaraguan emissions;

## The Postman's Knock.

**BRAZIL.**—The blockade stamps are humbugs.

**MEXICO.**—Here also some myths have turned up.

**VIRGIN ISLANDS.**—These postals are now water-marked.

**SWITZERLAND.**—The 10c is now rose, and the 30c blue.

**INDIA.**—Another bill stamp has been altered for postal purposes. The word "Service" is printed above, and "two annas" below—color lilac.

### NEWFOUNDLAND.

All the stamps of this our neighboring colony have always been to a certain degree rare, but of late there is no such good luck as procuring some of the varieties of the first emission on any terms. They bid fair to become the *rara avis* of timbrophilic flocks. Newfoundland has had three issues of postals, in the first two of which certain stamps vary in color; but the latest exhibits a total difference from its predecessors in design, currency, and partly in value. To fix a certain date for the first issue would be at present impossible; but to the best of our knowledge stamps were first used in Newfoundland about 1856. The premier set consisted of nine individuals, viz:—3d green, triangular; 1d and 5d both red-brown, and square; and 2d, 4d, 6d, 6½d, 8d and 1s brilliant scarlet, and rectangular. The two square stamps very much resembled the old New Brunswick pence issue, having four stars and crown, with "St. John's, Newfoundland, Postage," and value with numeral in corners. The triangular 3d can only be compared to the well-known Cape of Good Hope, and that only on account of its shape; it had a trefoil with rose, shamrock and thistle in its centre, and was inscribed as the square ones. The six scarlet specimens were upright rectangles, and all boasted the rose, shamrock and thistle in a white circular disk, and were all inscribed "St. John's, Newfoundland, Postage," with their appropriate value. Each differed from the other in some details, but space will not permit their

insertion: and at any rate the general description is quite sufficient for the uninitiated reader, as we are not aware that any of them have been forged except the 2d. In 1861 the supply of all excepting the 8d having been exhausted, a new lot were printed with certain of the colors changed, so that the new consignment stood as follows:—1d, 3d, 5d and 8d, old colors; 2d, 4d, 6d, 6½d and 1s, lake. Why this change was made it is impossible to fathom, as nothing could be prettier than the old bright scarlet. We believe we are giving correct information when we say the postals hitherto named were engraved and printed in England, although some seem to favor the idea of domestic manufacture. In 1866, the Act changing the currency into dollars and cents coming in force, a new set was at once needed and procured, and was composed of six specimens. These have been so recently discussed that no very elaborate setting forth is necessary. Suffice it to say the design of each is entirely different, thus:—2c, codfish, green; 5c, seal and Arctic landscape, brown; 10c, Prince of Wales in military uniform, black; 12c, profile of Queen Victoria to the left, red-brown; 13c, topsail schooner in full sail to right, orange; 24c, full-face portrait of Queen, deep blue. The beauty and variety of this set can hardly be described, and must be seen to be appreciated, the 13c stamp especially, being remarkable as the first of its kind. Some of the Pence issue must have been unnecessary, as we find the 2d, 3d, 4d and 8d unrepresented by equivalent values. The 1866 issue is the work of the American Bank Note Co., of New York, and adds laurels to their already well-known fame.

The total number of letters which passed through the different Post Offices in the Province of Nova Scotia was 4,863,345. The total number of newspapers which passed through the Halifax Office was 2,131,081, and thro' the country offices 2,559,971. The entire receipts from the P. O. Department were \$69,010 99.

"CONNELL."

Though no believers in the admissibility of Essays into collections in general, yet there exist certain cases in which, from the surrounding circumstances, it is well to preserve them. For instance, our own Connell—the Essay of Essays—is perfectly worthy of entrance. We have seen it stated that certain of them were actually used for postage; this is not a fact. The truth is, not one of them ever franked a letter to the knowledge of our P. O. authorities. The likeness of the celebrated P. M. G. is an excellent one, it having been copied from a photograph taken in this city (we think) Mr. Durland. One singular fact connected with the affair is that Mr. Connell sent copies of the stamp to the various newspaper editors, for what reason we could never imagine. We believe, if we remember the circumstance rightly, that they were sent *before* the stamp was attempted to be issued. For a long time these Connells (or O'Connells, as our enlightened transatlantic friends used to call them,) were extremely rare; we recollect ourselves being offered five pounds for one, but reprinting has done its work, and they can now be procured for a comparative trifle. We once owned one which came to our hands in a singular way. It appears that Mr. C. had been stopping at the Waverly House, and that he had some of his postals with him. Long afterward in removing the debris in cleaning out the hotel yard in the spring, a lad picked up one of the the real stamps. The supposition is that it having been summer when Mr. Connell was there, the stamp was probably blown from the open window and laid out beneath the winter's snow. It passed through several hands before reaching ours, and was purchased by us for about twenty or thirty Austrians. Those were the days of exchange, when you could sell a Saxony postal for six N. B. 3d's. Whether Mr. Connell or the P. O. Department destroyed the stamps is uncertain, we incline to the latter idea, but one thing is sure, a copy of the original issue cannot be

procured from either of them. Another item in our rambling remarks is, that either the so-called reprints are forgeries so well executed as to be undistinguishable from the genuine, or they are reprinted "the sly," for we saw a letter from the Secretary of the American Bank Note Co., stating positively that there was no re-impressing done at their establishment, that it was not allowed, and in fact that it was utterly impossible for the reprints to be other than imitations. This letter can be produced if required.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. P. L., Washington, D. C.—There never has been a work on forged stamps printed in this country. If you want such a book you had better get Pemberton or Dalston's, they are the latest. We can order them for you if you wish.

W. G., New York. — Under existing regulations the postage on newspapers sent to the U. S. from the Provinces must be collected on delivery.

ANNIE F., Brookline, Mass. — Postage stamps are like other articles, they grow cheaper and dearer according to their plenty or scarcity. It follows as a matter of course that the obsolete stamps of a country are rarer than those in present use.

Mr. Killam, of Yarmouth, has written to us to state, that owing to unforeseen circumstances, he will not commence the publication of his paper as formerly stated. We are very sorry for this, but we presume it cannot be helped.

We are in great want of some Nos. 6 and 7 of this paper; any friend having spare copies would oblige by sending them to our address as soon as possible.



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Danish Essays, 2 " - - -	0 25
Motivideo, sett of 5, (1866) unused, - - -	1 25
Servia, " 7, " " - - -	1 00
Ionian Islands 3, " " - - -	0 50
Romagna " 3, " " - - -	1 60
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Portugal " 5, " " - - -	0 45
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Cape of Good Hope, 4 va., (tria.) - - -	0 35
Ceylon, 1d, 6d, 10d, 1s, and 2s, - - -	0 60
Prussian Official, 10 and 30 a gr, - - -	1 50
Western Australia, 5 va, - - -	0 75
Spanish Official, (1854), unused, - - -	0 50
Papal States, 6 varieties, - - -	0 25
Victoria, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 2s, - - -	0 20
Natal, 1s, 3d, and 6d, - - -	0 20
Hong Kong, 48 and 96c, - - -	0 20
Meck. Strelitz, unused, 3 va., - - -	0 20
Bermuda, " 4 " - - -	1 75
United States, (obsolete) unused, 8 va., - - -	2 25
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## EDITORIAL.

The absence of our august selves from the "City of the Sainted John" must be our excuse for any great back-sliding from the usual standard of this paper for this issue at least. We are sorry that our heart-rending appeal for assistance in our June issue has thus far elicited no response. We are sorry because it is just now that, sick and weary ourselves, the fresh ideas from other pens would be acceptable. However, it is our pleasing duty to note an increased activity in the philatelic profession. New dealers are springing up and of course they must all have customers, and as we perceive no falling off in our own publisher's business, we conclude that a great number of new collectors have lately been added. Speaking of dealers, the ignorance of some is deplorable. The other day one ordered a large supply of Prince Edward Island 10d., also, a few "United Service 1c." stamps. Bright man for a dealer. His order was not filled, we presume greatly to his disgust. For the credit of America, let it be known that the forgoing refers to a German gentleman. Verily, curious ideas penetrate our German brethren's brains on sundry subjects: If we had time we would like to name a few instances but save them for another time.

Among the advertised letters at Fall River is one to the 'proprietor of the best hotel in the city,' and the post master is boarding round a week with each to decide to whom it belongs.

## NEW STAMPS.

**MORESNET.**—The stamps of this hitherto unknown Republic, on which we bestowed a copious notice last month, turn out to be a hoax, gotten up by M. Morns of Brussels.

**HELIGOLAND.**—This "sandbank" has issued four rectangular stamps, having the Queen's head in the centre, in an oval, name of country at sides, and value at top and bottom; they are all printed in rose and green. The values are  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch., 1 sch., 2 sch. and 6 sch.

**HUNGARY** is about issue stamps.

**SAN SALVADOR** has joined stamp issuing countries. The specimens are oblong, and in a central oval bear a volcano.

**SWITZERLAND** has issued an envelope stamp, cross in centre of a shield edged with leaves, flying dove at top, value "10" at bottom; the whole in an oval edged by twenty-two stars; color carmine. The Geneva Council have also a black frank envelope, it is past description and about the size of a small saucer.

**VENEZUELA.**—There is a new  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. yellow green, and 1 c. blue green, similar to the current type.

**SPAIN.**—Another Congressional frank stamp, issued in 1857, has been exhumed.

**SCINDE.**—The S. C. Magazine has a "cock and bull story" about Sir Bartle Frere issuing stamps in this Indian Province in 1853. We don't believe a word of it.

**GERMANY.**—All North Germany and Prussia are to have a uniform type.

**CHILI** is about to issue a new series.

**GREAT BRITAIN** is going to possess stamps valued at 10d., 2s. and 5s.

**CONSTANTINOPLE.**—The local posts of this city have suspended operations.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—4d. and 1s. stamps for these Islands are in active preparation.

MONTEVIDEO.—The four (current) high price of Uruguay have the value printed "centecimos." The second "c" should be an "s." It is a blunder of the printers, and is about to be rectified.

NATAL NOW possesses a new value in value in postals—1s. It is printed deep green; design something like the new Ceylon 3d.

BRAZIL.—The stamp printers are affording amusement for the shade maniacs by allowing some slight differences in hue to creep into the working off of the 80 reis.

VICTORIA.—The above remarks also apply to the new 3d. of this Australian colony.

UNITED STATES.—There is a new 20 cent stamp for prepayment of registered letters.

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REVIEWS.

*Mason's Coin and Stamp Collector's Magazine*: Philadelphia, U. S.—We have received Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of this new publication. Although in its title it unites stamps with coins, still in contents great preponderance is given to the latter topic. However, the proprietors promise that they will, in future, devote more space to our 'colored' favorites. The articles it contains are exceedingly well written, and no one can find fault with the excellent manner in which the printer has performed his part. The subscription price, \$1 per annum, being so low in proportion to the size of the Magazine. (ten pages and cover,) we feel assured that many of the readers of the "Postman's Knock" will at once have themselves enrolled as readers of our new contemporary.

*Postage Stamp Collector's Monitor*.—C. M. Seltz, Box 3607, Boston, U. S.—This is a bi-monthly publication issued by Mr. Seltz for the purpose of adver-

tising his prices of stamps and at the same time giving collectors a little of the latest postal information. Sent free to any address on receipt of a two cent stamp.

*Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*: George Stewart, Jr., St. John, N. B.—It becomes our unpleasant duty to record the decease of this excellent publication at the advanced age (for a stamp paper) of two years. During that time its enterprising proprietor brought every available means to work to render the "Gazette" trustworthy and prompt, and we are happy to say he succeeded nobly. It is to be regretted that the pressure of other business should compel Mr. Stewart to abandon its publication; it is the greatest loss that American collectors have yet sustained. We think that if the whole truth were known, Mr. S. is a heavy loser in a pecuniary sense, by our deceased brother, and that it should have been so is a great shame to the collectors of this continent. There is only one way in which they can make it up to him, and that is by subscribing to the "Literary Quarterly Magazine," of which he is the proprietor. This publication has already been noticed in our columns, but we find it a fit point of remark to the friends of the Gazette, that whereas Mr. Stewart, alone and unaided, we might almost say, so well sustained the latter paper, how much better then will be the Magazine, when he is assisted by a galaxy of talent such as could hardly be expected to exist in the "obscure" Province of New Brunswick.

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BOUND VOLUMES.—Several parties have ordered these and the supply is for the present exhausted; but let our friends have patience, in a few weeks we will be able to fill all orders. We respectfully reiterate our request to parties having spare copies of either Nos. 6 or 7 to send them to us. Mr. W. F. Moses, of Yarmouth, N. S., has our thanks for the numbers sent by him.

THE NEW DOMINION.

Rolling along with the wheels of Old Time,  
Dim shadows are looming—comes change to  
each clime,—  
Shadows that hang like clouds in the sky,  
Ere the thunder is heard and the lightnings  
flash by,  
The cloud is the shadow—the thunder the  
change—  
As they burst in their fury and through the  
world range.

Our cloud has just passed and our lightning  
is o'er,  
And we flutter like young birds preparing to  
soar—  
To the free, willing breeze a new flag is  
unfurled,  
And a nation has made its *debut* to the world,  
May the fresh bonds of hope gently rest on the  
tomb  
Of New Brunswick, thus lost in the pride of  
her bloom.

'Mong the things that are past our stamps  
will now lie,  
(This thought, at least, brightens full many  
an eye.)  
For Collectors a new page is opening I ween,  
On which the "Dominion" is casting her  
sheen.  
Farewell to New Brunswick! Her stamps and  
her fame  
Will now become obsolete just like her name.

"ONE PENNY."

At the risk of being brought to book  
for trying to establish a pretender we  
mean to present to the stamp world a  
new subject for dispute. It is this:  
The existence either as a Stamp or as  
an Essay of a 1d New Brunswick pos-  
tal, similar in design to the obsolete  
pence stamps and colored green. This  
customer has bothered us for a good  
while, we having often heard of it but  
never were able till a short time ago  
to lay our finger on anything positive  
concerning it. Our positive informa-  
tion consists in the fact that a Saint  
John gentleman, not now a collector,  
assures us that some four years ago he  
was the possessor of such a stamp and  
an unused one at that. Every search  
has as yet failed to unearth it, but we  
start the subject and trust some one  
will come forward who can show a  
veritable 1d New Brunswick. It is

singular that while all the sister Col-  
onies (excepting Canada) should have  
a penny stamp there should be none for  
this. Our own idea on the subject is  
that there never was a regular issue of  
such a value unless perhaps for a short  
time, but that the specimen in question  
was some kind of a proof or essay.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. L., Toronto, C. W. — Yours with  
stamps duly received. Would like  
to hear from you again soon.

P. F. J., New York. — Would like very  
much to oblige you but cannot sell  
genuine stamps at your prices, and  
not having anything to do with for-  
geries, cannot possibly fill your  
order.

ELLA S., Castine, Me. — Your stamp is  
a Rigi Kallbad, a kind of a half ad-  
vertisement local Swiss affair.

PHILATELIST, San Francisco, Cal. —  
Your news is stale.

D. S. C., Jr., Baltimore, Md. — This  
correspondent complains of Messrs.  
Nutter & McLachlin, both of Mon-  
treal, C. E., for not filling orders  
sent over a month ago, and also for  
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Finland, 3 " (old issue) - - -	0 30
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*Special Notice.*—Owing to several unforeseen circumstances the printing this August number of "The Postman's Knock" has been so delayed that there will be no time to issue a sheet for September, consequently our friends will consider this as our greeting for both months.

## EDITORIAL.

Great additions to collectorial ranks are being constantly made in America, and did none fall out again, timbrophilists would be a respectably large array; but from the number of applications we receive from persons wishing to dispose of their collections, we perceive that the increasing ratio is not so great as one would at first imagine. The deserters are mostly persons who commence with a grand rush and obtain all the cheap stamps such as Austrian, Prussian, Saxony, &c., very easily. These being acquired the real tug of war comes—rare postals are not picked up so easily—and when they come to look and see the great difficulty they will have to fill before obtaining anything like a perfect assortment, and the great difficulty they will experience in procuring them, they throw up the sponge and retire disgusted from the arena. We are always sorry to lose even one star from the collectorial firmament, still it cannot be helped, and our great comfort is that the vacant places are filled as soon as they occur, while there is also surplus enough to create a steady in-

crease. Were it not so we would get disgusted ourselves and throw stamps "to the dogs," but we have every reason to be hopeful for the future of philately in America from the fact that collectors are beginning to make stamps more of a study than heretofore, that is to say, study them as a branch of art rather than gather them to make a show by their various gradations of color or their freedom from cancelling marks.

## NEW STAMPS.

**TURKS ISLAND:**—This salt growing islet has pushed itself forward into a philatelic light by the emission of three stamps, viz., one penny, pink; six pence, black; and one shilling, slate. They, in general appearance, much resemble the Antigua issue.

**FINLAND** adds to her already respectable sheet a new issue and value, viz., one mark, (about the third of a rouble.) It has the figure "1" in the four corners, "ein mark" at top and bottom, and "Oaha Markka" and "Yksi Markka" at the sides, arms in centre, green on white.

**HAMBURG** has returned to her old 2½ sk. stamp.

**MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN.**—The 2, 3, and 5 sch. Envelopes are slightly changed in shade.

**SOUTH GERMANY.**—So are the 1 and 2 kr. adhesives of this country.

**EGYPT** is said to be about to supersede the present issue by one containing views of the Pyramids, Pompey's Obelisk and Cleopatra's needle.

**St. DOMINGO.**—The only stamps now in use are said to be ½ real, lilac, and 1 real, lavender.

## The Postman's Knock.

QUEENSLAND has a 2s stamp of the current design, pink.

AUSTRIA has a complete new issue both in kreuzers and soldis. Effigy of Francis II in a circle, value in figures. They are 2 yellow, 3 green, 5 pink, 10 blue, 15 light brown, in the adhesives, and the same with a 25 kr. or soldi in Envelopes.

SPAIN has a new issue of nine varieties, in decimal currency—colors as yet unknown—ranging from 10 to 800 Milesimas de Escudo—the latter is equal to 2 francs. Verily the time will come when the stamps of Spain will require a book for themselves.

LOCALS.—There are also recorded the issue of about three quarts of varieties of English Railway Locals. Parties wishing to buy by the bushel or hog-head had better order direct.

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### JUAREZ.

Benito Juarez, President of the Republic of Mexico, whose face appears upon the provisional stamps of Mexico, is the son of a poor Zapotecan, and was born at San Pedro, a small village in the Sierra de Oajaca Mountains. He was early sent to school at Oajaca and appeared so talented that Don Juan Hernandez sent him to College and to study law at the National Institute, where he rose to be Professor of Jurisprudence. He became a prominent member of the Liberal party and was elected Governor of Oajaca which enabled him to gain the hand in marriage of Dona Margarita Mazo, a member of one of the oldest Creole families. So well and faithfully did he discharge his trust, that in 1857 he was elected President of the highest National Court, and Don Ignacio Comonfort appointed him Attorney General. Comonfort, in 1858, abolished the Constitution and Juarez opposed him to such an extent that he got himself in prison for his trouble. The Liberal party, however, at once released him and Comonfort was obliged to reinstate the Constitution and abdicate in favor of the subject of our sketch. Since that time Juarez has remained

President provisionally until 1862, and since then elected. It is not my intention to give his history as President, suffice it to say, that no man ever ruled the fickle, rebellious and unstable Mexicans better than he. He is of less than medium height, well framed and corpulent. His face shows the Zapotecan type, narrow forehead, high cheek bones, roman nose, rather large mouth, fine teeth and kind expression. His eyes are a bright gleaming black shadowed by heavy eyebrows, and his hair straight and black slightly dotted with grey. Such is the *personnale* of the stern patriot who accepted the contest with the numerous and well disciplined army of the French, and who, no matter how unjustifiable we may consider his treatment of Maximilian and other prisoners, still must be considered one of the leading Generals of the nineteenth century.

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### REVIEWS.

*The Stamp Journal*, A. Fountain, Middletown, Conn.—We have just received No. 1 of this paper, bearing date August 5, 1867. It consists of four pages rather larger than our own, said pages being well filled and beautifully printed. We are always glad to herald any addition to philatelic literature, but in this case we feel more overjoyed than usual from the fact that it is a *gratis* publication. We hope and trust it will be a success and have much pleasure in recommending Mr. Fountain, both as a Dealer and Publisher to our numerous friends.

*Postage Stamp Reporter*.—W. A. Kelsey, Meriden, Conn., August, 1867.—This is a small 8 page publication devoted to the detection of forged stamps. Several U. S. dealers we know of would do well to peruse it with care.

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## The Postman's Knock.

**SWINDLERS.**—We have often threatened to commence publishing the names of a few of these *gentlemen* for information, and we have been so much imposed on that we are going to give this month our first installment, viz: Baumeister & Smith, San Francisco, California.

P. S.—Mr. S., St. Louis, Mo., and others are requested to pay particular attention as the above is our last "Last Warning Cry."

A box of mutilated letters and mail bags arrived at the Post Office Department, Washington, on the 14th inst., from North Platte, Nebraska, saturated with the blood of a mail driver and passenger, who had been murdered by the Indians, while on the coach proceeding from Denver to that point.

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Dim shadows are looming—comes change to  
each clime,—  
Shadows that hang like clouds in the sky,  
Ere the thunder is heard and the lightnings  
flash by,  
The cloud is the shadow—the thunder the  
change—  
As they burst in their fury and through the  
world range.

Our cloud has just passed and our lightning  
is o'er,  
And we flutter like young birds preparing to  
soar—  
To the free, willing breeze a new flag is  
unfurled,  
And a nation has made its *debut* to the world,  
May the fresh bonds of hope gently rest on the  
tomb  
Of New Brunswick, thus lost in the pride of  
her bloom.

'Mong the things that are past our stamps  
will now lie,  
(This thought, at least, brightens full many  
an eye.)  
For Collectors a new page is opening I ween,  
On which the "Dominion" is casting her  
sheen.  
Farewell to New Brunswick! Her stamps and  
her fame  
Will now become obsolete just like her name.

"ONE PENNY."

At the risk of being brought to book  
for trying to establish a pretender we  
mean to present to the stamp world a  
new subject for dispute. It is this:  
The existence either as a Stamp or as  
an Essay of a 1d New Brunswick postal,  
similar in design to the obsolete  
pence stamps and colored green. This  
customer has bothered us for a good  
while, we having often heard of it but  
never were able till a short time ago  
to lay our finger on anything positive  
concerning it. Our positive informa-  
tion consists in the fact that a Saint  
John gentleman, not now a collector,  
assures us that some four years ago he  
was the possessor of such a stamp and  
an unused one at that. Every search  
has as yet failed to unearth it, but we  
start the subject and trust some one  
will come forward who can show a  
veritable 1d New Brunswick. It is

singular that while all the sister Col-  
onies (excepting Canada) should have  
a penny stamp there should be none for  
this. Our own idea on the subject is  
that there never was a regular issue of  
such a value unless perhaps for a short  
time, but that the specimen in question  
was some kind of a proof or essay.

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stamps duly received. Would like  
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P. F. J., New York. — Would like very  
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genuine stamps at your prices, and  
not having anything to do with for-  
geries, cannot possibly fill your  
order.

ELLA S., Castine, Me. — Your stamp is  
a Rigi Kallbad, a kind of a half ad-  
vertisement local Swiss affair.

PHILATELIST, San Francisco, Cal. —  
Your news is stale.

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* Do. (Railway) - - - - -	2	"	1 00
French Republic, - - - - -	5	"	0 30
Finland, - - - - -	3	"	0 30
Germany, North, - - - - -	8	"	0 20
Do. South, - - - - -	10	"	0 25
Great Britain, - - - - -	12	"	0 30
* Do. (Envelopes) - - - - -	6	"	2 00
Hong Kong, (48 & 90c), - - - - -	2	"	0 20
*Hamburg Boten, - - - - -	5	"	1 00
India, - - - - -	6	"	0 25
Italy, - - - - -	12	"	0 30
*Ionian Islands - - - - -	3	"	0 50
Lubeck, - - - - -	6	"	0 25
*London, - - - - -	2	"	0 10
Molena, - - - - -	4	"	0 30
*Montevideo, (1865) - - - - -	5	"	1 50
*Meck. Strelitz, - - - - -	3	"	0 20
Norway, - - - - -	5	"	0 25
Naples, - - - - -	3	"	0 30
Natal, - - - - -	3	"	0 20
New Zealand, - - - - -	4	"	0 25
N. S. Wales, (laureated) - - - - -	3	"	0 40
Oldenburg, - - - - -	10	"	0 75
*Ottoman Empire, - - - - -	5	"	0 60
Parma, - - - - -	4	"	0 30
Prussia, - - - - -	20	"	0 50
Prussian Official, - - - - -	2	"	1 50
*Portugal, - - - - -	5	"	0 45
Queensland, - - - - -	3	"	0 20
*Romagna, - - - - -	9	"	1 60
*Romania, (old) - - - - -	2	"	0 30
* Do. (new) - - - - -	3	"	0 45
Russia, - - - - -	3	"	0 15
Spain, (all issues) - - - - -	10	"	0 50
* Do. Official, (1854), - - - - -	4	"	0 50
* Do. " (1855), - - - - -	4	"	0 40
*Servia, - - - - -	4	"	0 25
Sweden, - - - - -	6	"	0 20
Switzerland, - - - - -	12	"	0 40
States of the Church, - - - - -	6	"	0 25
*Schleswig Holstein, (1st issue) 2 va., - - - - -	2	va.,	0 80
Do. (other issues) - - - - -	10	"	0 50
South Australia, - - - - -	4	"	0 30
Saxony, - - - - -	18	"	0 50
Sicily, - - - - -	3	"	0 30
Tuscany, - - - - -	5	"	0 30
*United States, (1857) - - - - -	8	"	1 25
Victoria, - - - - -	7	"	0 40
Western Australia, - - - - -	5	"	0 75
Wurtemberg, - - - - -	10	"	0 25

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## EDITORIAL.

Watermarks, perforations, denticulations, and variegations of all sorts being pretty nearly exhausted, our European contemporaries have turned their attention to the discovery of a "Permanent Album." Now we may be wrong, but we certainly think it as probable that they will be as able to solve the great riddle of perpetual motion as they will be to succeed in their present very laudable efforts. An impossibility cannot be discovered, neither can the drops be counted in a running stream. Stamp collecting is a running stream, and as it is likely to follow the example of Tennyson's "Brook," and

"Go on forever,"

we deem it an impracticability to stop it at any given point and say "thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." The supporters of the permanent album theory are much divided among themselves. Some advocate the pasting of stamps on loose sheets until you get all the known specimens, and when that happy period arrives, have your leaves bound together in book form. This method is at variance with all our ideas of cleanliness, and we doubt if there is any one who could save his stamps and sheets chaste and undamaged through the numerous courses of handling and shifting they would have to undergo. Other "permanents" say to make a book big enough to hold all the postals hitherto or hereafter to be created; this idea also is utterly worth-

less, as it would necessitate such a ponderous volume that any kind of a moderate collection would be invisible, except to a diligent searcher. Our own idea is, that as postage stamps bear an analogous position to history, like it, they should be divided into certain periods, and for each period a volume.

Buy an album—a good one, of course—for instance—Lalliers last edition is very fair—all issues noticed in its pages, put in their proper places, and all issued since, and consequently not so noticed, save towards your second volume. We disapprove very much of the habit collectors have of buying a new album once a year and removing their stamps to it. It is bad policy—you are sure to ruin a great many good specimens by tearing, bleaching their color, &c. One of the best collections we ever saw was contained in old Royal Insurance Almanacs—the stamps being placed in receptacles made by stitching two or three pages together—the stitches were in double rows, and were, of course, of length enough to allow the insertion of the postals in a fashion something similar to that of a Carte de Visite in a photograph album—excepting only that the edges were not covered as in the latter instance. The owner of that collection takes as much pride in it as if it were mounted in the most approved permanent album that is yet to be disseminated. In truth to the worshippers of watermarks and mucilage, we think our friend's

idea of a stamp repository will be a God-send—all the ingredients required to make them a book or series of books being old almanacs, one needle, (strong and with a fine point) and a reel of first class thread—color optional—then A, who fancies he has a St. Thomas stamp with better mullage than B can draw his favorite from its receptacle and, by the various tests of feeling, smelling, seeing and tasting, or licking, convince his opponent of the immense superiority of his specimen.

NEW STAMPS.

INDIA.—On the new six annas and eight pies postal, Her Majesty's head bears a different patterned diadem than is usual on stamps made by Messrs. De la Rue.

NORWAY has a new 2 skilling yellow of a general similarity of design with the present issue.

PRUSSIA issues a new sett for the use of South Germany—they greatly resemble the usual Prussian style, and are fully as ugly. They are 1 kr. green, 2 kr. orange, 3 kr. rose, 6 kr. blue, 9 kr. bistre—printed in relief on pierced paper. There are also covers of the same values and colors—printed in the right hand upper corner of the envelope, and crossed trans versely by an inscription similar to the existing Prussian issue. Our Bath contemporary states that three higher values—12, 18 and 35 kr.—will soon be used.

BRESLAU.—The Local Company of this city has issued a new sett. They look like an old fashioned tombstone, and we involuntarily glanced at the top to read "In Memoriam." The values and colors are  $\frac{1}{2}$  s. gr. yellow, 1 s. gr. rose,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  s. gr. green, 2 s. gr. blue,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  s. gr. orange, 5 s. gr. lilac.

CEYLON.—The 2d of this Island is now ochre—yellow.

NEW GRANADA.—The triangular 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. is about to be suppressed—so says *Le Timbrophile*.

EGYPT.—The new sett for this country is in circulation; it consists of 5 paras, yellow, 10 p. violet, 20 p. green, 1 piaster vermilion, 2 p. blue, 5 p. light brown.

CHILI.—The new stamps for this country are an improvement on the obsoletes, but not so great as might have been had not the American Bank Note Co. been ordered to make them on the model of the old. The positions of "Colon" and "Chili" are reversed, but the same head appears in the centre. The sett, when complete, will probably be, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, and 1 piaster.

BRAZIL.—The new envelopes for this Empire were issued on July 3rd. They consist of two values only 100 and 200 reis, the former a little smaller. The first named is green, the other black. They are very pretty.

SWITZERLAND.—Two more Geneva frank stamps have been dug out—both like the first found—of huge dimensions. It is somewhat astonishing how many affairs of this kind are turning up lately. In fact so fast are they being heard of, that honest collectors are inclined to doubt their authenticity.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Here we are to have a new sett of three specimens—5, 10, and 15c. respectively, red, green, and blue, and bearing the portraits of Generals Rivadavia, Belgrano, and San Martino. The two latter gentleman now make their first bow to the philatelic public, and will doubtless achieve a wider notoriety in their new capacity than by their illustrious "military" exploits.

MEXICO.—The Guadalajara provisionals are said to be genuine. Doubtful.

BOLIVIA.—The *Timbrophile* states that a 5c. green has been issued here.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—A 23c. stamp to prepay letters to Germany is said to be in contemplation. Extremely improbable just now.

We call attention to the advertisement of "Colonial Packets" in another column. Only \$1 U. S. Cy.

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H. L., Toronto, Canada.—The reply of our publishers to your query respecting H. D. and the album is unfavorable. They say they could not sell except for cash.

J. W. N., Fredericton, N. B.—We trust you have not forgotten your promise made two months ago to forward us those Colonial Stamps we spoke to you about. Please attend to it immediately.

J. W. F., Norwich, Conn.—Our publishers can import you any of the following European Albums at the annexed prices in U. S. Cy.: Lalliers at \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.25, \$10.00. Oppens, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00. Stafford Smith, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$6.00, \$8.00. Moens \$8.00. We also can procure you Gray's Catalogue for \$1.00. Forged Stamps by Dalston, 75c. Berger-Levraults French Catalogue \$2.00, and Moens Postage Stamp Illustrations at \$1.75, \$3.50, \$5.50. Of course, the difference in prices above refer to different styles of binding. Hill's American Album we can send you for \$3.25, post free. The back numbers of the Stamp Argus are 25c.

S. McL., Bernnington, Vermont.—The first issue of stamps for Brazil took place July 1st, 1843, and consisted of three values, 30, 60 and 90 reis., all printed in black. The italic series referred to by you were partly issued on July 1st, 1844 when the 30, 60 and 90 were promulgated. On May 23, 1845, came forth the 150, 300 and 600 reis and the 10 reis on Sept. 26, 1846.

P. P. L., New York.—Money in registered letters is at our risk as you will see by the notice headed "Registration." We want no used U. S. at all just now.

REGISTRATION.—The U. S. Postal Regulations allow a letter to be registered to this Province on payment of 5c over and above the regular postage. We therefore heartily recommend all collectors remitting money to register their letters. All so registered will be at our risk.

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Brunswick - - - - -	6 "	0 50
Brazil, (italic) - - - - -	3 "	0 50
*Belgium, - - - - -	7 "	1 00
Cape of Good Hope, - - - - -	4 "	0 30
Ceylon, - - - - -	5 "	0 50
Denmark, - - - - -	9 "	0 50
* Do. (Essays) - - - - -	2 "	0 25
* Do. (Railway) - - - - -	2 "	1 00
French Republic, - - - - -	5 "	0 30
Finland, - - - - -	3 "	0 30
Germany, North, - - - - -	8 "	0 20
Do. South, - - - - -	10 "	0 25
Great Britain, - - - - -	12 "	0 30
* Do. (Envelopes) - - - - -	6 "	2 00
Hong Kong, (48 & 96c,) - - - - -	2 "	0 20
*Hamburg Boten, - - - - -	116 "	1 00
India, - - - - -	6 "	0 25
Italy, - - - - -	12 "	0 30
*Ionian Islands - - - - -	3 "	0 50
Lubeck, - - - - -	6 "	0 25
*London, - - - - -	2 "	0 10
Modena, - - - - -	4 "	0 30
*Montevideo, (1865) - - - - -	5 "	1 50
*Meck. Strelitz, - - - - -	3 "	0 20
Norway, - - - - -	5 "	0 25
Naples, - - - - -	3 "	0 30
Natal, - - - - -	3 "	0 20
New Zealand, - - - - -	4 "	0 25
N. S. Wales, (laureated) - - - - -	3 "	0 40
Oldenburg, - - - - -	10 "	0 75
*Ottoman Empire, - - - - -	5 "	0 60
Parma, - - - - -	4 "	0 30
Prussia, - - - - -	20 "	0 50
Prussian Official, - - - - -	2 "	1 50
*Portugal, - - - - -	5 "	0 45
Queensland, - - - - -	3 "	0 20
*Romagna, - - - - -	9 "	1 60
*Romania, (old) - - - - -	2 "	0 30
* Do. (new) - - - - -	3 "	0 45
Russia, - - - - -	3 "	0 15
Spain, (all issues) - - - - -	10 "	0 50
* Do. Official, (1854), - - - - -	4 "	0 50
* Do. " (1855), - - - - -	4 "	0 40
*Serbia, - - - - -	4 "	0 25
Sweden, - - - - -	6 "	0 20
Switzerland, - - - - -	12 "	0 40
States of the Church, - - - - -	6 "	0 25
*Schleswig Holstein, (1st issue) 2 va., - - - - -		0 80
Do. (other issues) 10 "		0 50
South Australia, - - - - -	4 "	0 30
Saxony, - - - - -	18 "	0 50
Stilly, - - - - -	3 "	0 30
Tuscany, - - - - -	5 "	0 30
*United States, (1857) - - - - -	8 "	1 25
Victoria, - - - - -	7 "	0 40
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VOL. 2. Saint John, N. B., November 1, 1867. No. 18.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. G. & Co., Plymouth, England.—

Please let that matter in your hands stand till we write you.

R. H. H., Quebec, C. E.—Your letter with reference to the Collection was duly received. Did you send the parcel of Colonials you spoke of? We have been waiting for it ere replying.

T. F., Blangowrie, Scotland.—Mr. F. A. Hunter has now left the Stamp business. He requests us to say to you that the value of the stamps you sent was only about 4d., and consequently not even sufficient to prepay return postage, let alone sending any exchange.

J. C. F., Avondale, N. S.—We can send you Dr. Gray's Catalogue, last edition, for \$1.00 in unused stamps.

## EDITORIAL.

The newly elected House of Commons for the great Dominion of Canada will probably have commenced its first Session ere the eighteenth number of THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK is in the hands of our "numerous readers." We presume, among other important matters, the affairs of the new Postal Department will be submitted. We understand that it is in contemplation to reduce the postage on Provincial letters to three cents and on United States correspondence to five cents, but that it is intended to put a postal tax on newspapers. This latter arrangement is radically wrong and we of the Maritime Provinces who have hitherto been free from such an imposition will be likely to kick against it. No, Messieurs

Gentlemen of the Commons, tax whiskey and cigars and hoop skirts and waterfalls and lap-dogs and Yankee Patent Medicine and all such luxuries, but don't tax dissemination of knowledge. Let that mighty engine, the newspaper, travel free through the length and breadth of the land. We, of New Brunswick, have always done so and we think the Department never lost any money by it. A newspaper tax is on a dead level with a window tax, the one is an imposition on the light of learning, the other on the light of Heaven. It may be alleged, all other countries do so, that is no reason we should. The Turks keep a Harem, the Malay runs amuck—the Chinese eats rats and the French frogs—no reason we should follow their illustrious heads. If all the rest of the world are so benighted as to hamper knowledge, it is just so much the more reason we should not. An example is needed to turn them from the "error of their ways." Let us be the persons to show them that example. Let it be known "over all creation" that information submits to no toll in the great Dominion of Canada, and that in consequence the people are the most enlightened on earth and will not be long before from one end of the world to the other the newspaper will be a free traveller in the mail bags of all countries.

The address of G. N. Mackenzie, Jr. & Co., is Baltimore, Maryland not Indiana as our printers made us state last month.

## FAREWELL.

The continued sickness of the Editor of this paper has now become the means of its discontinuance. The medical men in attendance have ordered him abroad and during his absence there will be no issue of "The Postman's Knock." His return is expected about April or May next, at which time it may possibly be resumed. The stamp business of The Excelsior Stamp Association will also be discontinued on Dec. 1st, for the same reason and the unwillingness of any other member of the firm to conduct the business, so that all our customers will oblige by sending no further orders after the last named date as they will only receive their letters back again through the Dead Letter Office, or have them wait till Mr. C.'s return in the Spring. For eighteen months we have sent forth our little Herald regularly and we have every reason to believe he was a welcome visitor to every stamp collector by whom his timid "Knock" was heard. In those eighteen months we became quite attached to him and it goes hard with us to part with him and he must part with his friends the public, so he bids you farewell. Farewell till we shall meet again, which we trust will occur before many revolutions of the moon—our august selves in perfectly restored health—and every residence visited by "The Postman's Knock" in continued prosperity. Until that period—FAREWELL!

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REGISTRATION.—The U. S. Postal Regulations allow a letter to be registered to this Province on payment of 5c over and above the regular postage. We therefore heartily recommend all collectors remitting money to register their letters. All so registered will be at our risk.

## OBLITERATION.

The study of postage stamps often leads us to notice matters indirectly connected with our science. For instance, our attention has lately been called to the means made use of by the P. O. Department for obliterating our "colored favorites." In these Provinces the Government issues cancelling tools to the different Post Offices and in consequence they are all alike, being merely an oval crossed by parallel bars. Canada is perhaps an exception to the above rule in part as we often see the stamps obliterated by the mark used to indicate place and date. The United States adhesives seem to be cancelled by a big blotch without "form or comeliness," and which renders it next to impossible to judge the shape of the instrument used; but with the envelopes it is different, whether there are distinct marking tools for these covers we know not, neither can we say that the impossibility of using the latter again renders the astate P. M.'s more trusty and careful; but this much we can affirm that as a general thing the obliterating stamp is used more lightly and impressed more distinctly. Another peculiarity of the United States Post Office erasers appears to be the right exercised by every Postmaster to invent and use a cancelling design of his own. This is rather singular and is not, we think, the case in any other stamp issuing country. We were struck with this fact in looking over a lot of U. S. Envelopes, numbering some thousands, which lately passed through our hands. Verily the varieties of cancellations were legion—crosses, circles, squares, stars, &c, some marked in blue and some in black ink. Some of those that struck our fancy we laid aside and

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will attempt a description of them for the amusement of our "numerous readers." 1—Solid round mark about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in diameter showing a six pointed star in relief. 2—Circle, 1 in diameter, small solid star in centre. 3—Circle,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in diameter, Masonic Trowel in centre. 4—Solid circle over 1 in diameter, three capital letter N's crossing each other in relief. (this is one of the New York marks.) 5—Triangle, six pointed star in centre. 6—Solid circle,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in diameter, block letter "M" in relief, (this is used in Meriden, Conn.) 7—Maltese Cross, centre in relief, border thick. 8—Circle,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in diameter, block letters "U. S." in centre, (very neat.) 9—Concentric triangles. 10—Large five spangled design, looking like round mill wheel. 11—Eight leaved clover, (very pretty). 12—American shield showing stars and bars in relief. 13—Six pointed star, made by joining eight solid diamonds. 14—Solid five pointed star, (very blotchy and ugly). 15—Oval with date (June 3) in centre. 16—Large solid text hand letter "L." 17—Spangle design made by joining seven "V's" at their points. 18—Small Maltese cross in four liberty caps. 19—Small diamond, centre plain (very simple and neat). 20—Spangle design made by joining eight isosceles triangles. 21—Large solid block letter "L." 22—Lined five pointed star in circle, triangles in angles of star. 23—Two concentric circles, space between them occupied by a honey comb design. 24—Small circle, "PAID 3" in centre. 25—Two anchors joined at the stocks and crossed by a double headed arrow. At this point we pause, finding that even the description of the specimens we laid aside would occupy too much room. We think there were about 4000 Envelopes in the lot we looked over and we should judge there would be fully 400 or 500 varieties of cancelling marks, many of which are so intricate that they are past description. The post mark of the town from whence a United States letter starts is invariably printed beside the stamp and in some cases we were enabled to see whence

our varieties hailed, but in general, the envelopes were cut so close to the postal as to render it impossible. In Canada, as in the U. S., the post mark is in front, but in this Province it is customary to imprint them on the back, thus giving the unnecessary trouble of turning the letter over.

### LITTLE DEALERS.

George Augustus Sala has been writing in the "Belgravia Magazine" a series of articles called "Letters from Lilliput," among which he devotes an epistle each to "Little Haters," "Little Villains," &c. Now, had we the "pen of a ready writer," we would like to sketch out at full length our reminiscences as vendors of stamps, including our experiences, with what we would not inaptly style "Little Dealers." Our business having been considerable in the wholesale line, we could tell some curious tales. Now, by the term "little," we have no particular reference to the size of the subject, as we have, in the most of cases, no opportunity of judging, our trade being principally by mail. We have no doubt in many instances youthful stamp dealers are better posted, and carry on their commerce on more strictly commercial principles, than do numerous full grown parties in the same line of trade. In general, our conception of a "Little Dealer" is more applied to his paucity of knowledge of his pursuit, and to his extremely flexible ideas touching profit and loss. The regular "little dealer" is a person who, having succeeded in gathering together some fifty or sixty extra dirty and torn specimens of postage stamps, and whose sources of supply have been exhausted, suddenly becomes illuminated by the brilliant notion that he can be a "Dealer," and increase his own collection by his profits—so down he sits and writes to some large establishment a letter something like the following:

Dear Sir,—If you please, I am a dealer in Stamps, if you please. And if you please, I want you to send me, by return mail, if you please, some stamps of all countries, cheap. I can sell a great lot if they are cheap. If you please to send some of Siberia, West Australia, South America, Newfoundland, Canada

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East, Bergedorf, Mauritius, Modena, &c., and you will yet your money. I want them, if you please, to sell for 2 or 3 cents apiece, for the boys won't give more, and I want to make a profit, if you please, and you will get your money, &c., &c., &c.

Or something like this:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8, 1866.

Dear Sirs,—We having heard of your catalogue, we enclose a stamped envelope and ten cents, for which you will please send us one. We are going to start up the stamp business, and as we must have some rare stamps, so we were recommended to you by a friend of ours, who said you would sell them to us cheap. If you let us have them cheap, we would buy a great many of them. Would you also be so kind as to tell us which would be the best way to send money to you. Send us, &c.

The reader may imagine that these letters are fictitious, if he likes, but we who are in the business see queer correspondence, and the above are nearly literal copies, excepting only the usual eccentricities in spelling. The "little dealer" when he receives his stamps, in the first place, selects all he wants for his own book, and should the remainder happen to sell for sufficient to pay his suppliers, he will probably liquidate, if not, he considers *they* have the right to lose not *he*. He is constant in his demands for Liberian, Buenos Ayrean, and such postals, and expects to get them at such rates as will allow him a moderate profit of say 500 per centum when sold to "the boys" at 2 and 3 cents each. He calls for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shilling stamps with as much coolness as if they grew profusely in orchards and is peculiarly pertinacious in his vociferations for "real Connells," and assures us that he can dispose of "lots if they are cheap." The utmost range of his vision of the worth of the rarest used stamps is about five cents and he expects to procure unused specimens, no matter how scarce, at the original face value. He grows clamorous when his moderate requests are not complied with, and only waits till he gets a few dollars in debt to us to disavow all ideas of future commerce informing us with the utmost sangfroid that "your prices are so dear I won't deal with you any more, and I have lost so much I can't pay you what I owe you; besides, you never sent me the stamps I wanted, and there is a man in—— who will give me Liberia, &c., stamps

so like that nobody can tell the difference for 20c a dozen and they are just as good. You need'nt write no more letters as I did'nt write to you under my real name, &c., &c.," or "I am going away next week and no letters will reach me." It is only fair to add in conclusion that the dealer who penned our first quoted letter we believe was of German descent which accounts in a great measure for his curious language. We might also say that in his case all demands were fully liquidated and that he quitted the business only because, as he informed us, he was "in a bookstore now learning to be a bookstore."

### NEW STAMPS.

MEXICO.—The Hidalgo issue is now said to be doing provisional duty in this Republic.

HOLLAND.—Ere this the three higher values of the new issue are doing alike work. These three values are the 20c. green, 25c. violet and 50s. gold. The others will be current as soon as the present stock is exhausted.

AUSTRIA.—The new issue has an addition of four stamps, viz., 25 kr. violet, 50 kr. flesh, 25 soldi, violet, and 50 soldi, flesh; same design as the rest of the set. Our esteemed contemporary *The Philatelist* understands that corresponding Envelopes will soon follow.

ITALY.—Victor Emmanuel is going to "sport his figure" on two new stamps, his brow encircled by the Iron Crown. These two stamps are to be of the value of 51c. and 1 fr. Also, there is to be a 4c., crowned head and oval surmounted by the "Star of Italy." So says *Le Timbrophile*.

TRINIDAD.—The S. C. Magazine exposes an attempted swindle purporting to hail from this Island. It is in the local line; design, vessel at sea, &c., and was valued by its owner at the low estimate of *five guineas*. Kind youth he must have been—guess he had'nt heard about the Yankee Local Manufactures who will give him "100 varieties, all different, and WARRANTED GENUINE, 8s. 6d."



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Brunswick, - - - - -	6	"	0 50
Brazil, (italic) - - -	3	"	0 50
*Belgium, - - - - -	7	"	1 00
Capo of Good Hope, -	4	"	0 30
Ceylon, - - - - -	5	"	0 50
Denmark, - - - - -	9	"	0 50
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French Republic, - - -	5	"	0 30
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Germany, North, - - -	8	"	0 20
Do. South, - - - - -	10	"	0 25
Great Britain, - - - -	12	"	0 30
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Hong Kong, (48 & 9Co.)	2	"	0 20
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India, - - - - -	8	"	0 25
Italy, - - - - -	12	"	0 30
*Ionian Islands - - -	3	"	0 50
Lubeck, - - - - -	6	"	0 25
*London, - - - - -	2	"	0 10
Modena, - - - - -	4	"	0 30
*Montevideo, (1865) -	5	"	1 50
*Meck. Strelitz, - - -	3	"	0 20
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N. S. Wales, (laureated)	3	"	0 40
Oldenburg, - - - - -	10	"	0 75
*Ottoman Empire, - -	5	"	0 60
Parma, - - - - -	4	"	0 30
Prussia, - - - - -	20	"	0 50
Prussian Official, - -	2	"	1 50
*Portugal, - - - - -	5	"	0 45
Queensland, - - - - -	3	"	0 20
*Romagna, - - - - -	9	"	1 60
*Romania, (old) - - -	2	"	0 30
* Do. (new) - - - - -	3	"	0 45
Russia, - - - - -	3	"	0 15
Spain, (all issues) - -	10	"	0 50
* Do. Official, (1851),	4	"	0 50
* Do. " (1855),	4	"	0 40
*Serbia, - - - - -	4	"	0 25
Sweden, - - - - -	6	"	0 20
Switzerland, - - - - -	12	"	0 40
States of the Church, -	6	"	0 25
*Schleswig Holstein, (1st issue)	2 va.,	"	0 80
Do. (other issues)	10	"	0 50
South Australia, - - -	4	"	0 30
Saxony, - - - - -	18	"	0 50
Sicily, - - - - -	3	"	0 30
Tuscany, - - - - -	5	"	0 30
*United States, (1857)	8	"	1 25
Victoria, - - - - -	7	"	0 40
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**GREETING.**

In the month of November, 1867, we issued to a sorrowing philatelic public what we then considered to be the farewell number of the "Postman's Knock." Extreme illness compelled us to do so, and when we did so we never expected to meet our friends again in an editorial capacity—never to wield the timbrophilic pen any more. But Providence overrules the intentions and expectations of poor feeble man, and Providence has permitted us to come back from the "Valley and the Shadow of Death" to greet you all again once more. Then rally round us as of old and give us your hearty countenance and support.

As of old there will be no charge for our humble sheet, and we trust that in a short time it will become as formerly a welcome and expected guest in hundreds of stamp-collecting homes, from the boisterous Atlantic to the tranquil Pacific, and from the forests of Canada to the bayous of Florida.

We have no intention of taking any part in the quarrels now going on in philatelic circles touching the honesty or upright method of dealing of certain persons inter-

ested therein. According to our ideas the whole affair has come to be a mere personal dispute, and of no postal interest whatever. We think we have great cause to congratulate our friends on the spread of Stamp collecting since we last addressed them; and not only on the increase in numbers of the persons engaged in timbrophilic pursuits, but also as we might term it on the "March of Intellect" in our direction. No longer is the Ideal American Collector a small-sized schoolboy with a most apparent antipathy to cleanliness in any shape, such antipathy being most particularly exhibited in that work of art which he styles his "collection." No longer does the American Collector haunt the entrance to the Post Office and besiege persons coming out with the demand for "them stamps, sir." Now these are all things of the past. The American Collector of to-day is a person who looks over his gathering, sees what he needs, and forthwith orders it from the dealer with whom he does business. The American Collector of to-day is capable of writing a legible and grammatical letter, and of expressing his wants in a few words and a business-like manner. He is willing to give a fair price for his purchases, and does not labor under the delusion that dealers can procure stamps for nothing, and consequently that all they get is profit pure and simple. He does not consider it a remarkably virtuous and clever action to get stamps sent on approval to him under an assumed name and then omit to pay for them, altogether on the ground that "I

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don't live here now." Oh no; he is above all these peculiar methods of enlarging his collection indulged in by his postal ancestors, and we are extremely happy to say has a moderate amount of belief in that good but seemingly obsolete maxim, "Honesty is the best policy."

To sum up, we put forward the Model American Timbrophilist as the Model Timbrophilist of the world. He takes all the stamp papers — he is thoroughly posted on every phase of the subject, and what he is ignorant of is not worth knowing. It is true he pays little heed to the many complications of perforation and denticulation: it may be that he is a little contemptuous on the utility of whole envelopes, but still in this consists his glory. The introduction of luxury was the ruin of Rome and Greece, and according to our humble ideas the collecting of varieties of perforation, whole envelopes, and the other vagaries of the so-called French School, will be the downfall of Philately in Europe.

### HONDURAS.

When a person is tried before our Courts for any offence, if his sagacious counsel can by any method of legal engineering raise a doubt in the minds of the jury, how touchingly he will implore them to give the prisoner the "benefit of the doubt." This method of procedure is very good in a Palace of Justice, but it works very badly in the stamp business. Yet it seems to be the way mostly in vogue among our contemporaries. Does any benevolent individual notice the great need there is for postals to be used solely for local purposes among the savages of Terra-del-Fuego? and does he without in anywise consulting the natives of that salubrious clime beneficently provide them with a set of essays in twelve

or fifteen colors, or perhaps extend his gratuitous kindness to the extent of a whole series of six different values? does he, we say, do these things, what is the consequence? Has anybody any idea of waiting till something can be found out from Terra-del-Fuego? does anybody ever suggest such a precaution? We trow not. No, indeed; if the benevolent gentleman has only wit enough to put the inscription in the correct language, and to value them in the money used in the country, why his amateur Postmaster Generalship will be a success, and he will probably succeed in disposing of a large quantity of his productions to that most enlightened fraternity—the Stamp Collecting World. Of course if he brilliantly inscribes his specimens with Greek, or Norwegian, or some other language not spoken in the Territory whose mail facilities he has taken charge of, on the principle of the gent who tried a French inscription for Guatemala, he will not "do for Galway" at all; but let him use ordinary common sense and he will be "thar," as our American friends say. The above thoughts were forced upon us by a few reflections we happened to be indulging in touching the stamps of Honduras. It is now some years since these specimens first made their appearance. Not a tittle of proof has ever been elicited concerning their claims upon us as genuine postals; yet they seem to be recognized in all the "highest circles," if we may use such a hackneyed phrase in connection with Timbrophily. Why does not somebody write to Honduras and find out? Are there no inhabitants there to write to, or are they in such a benighted state that there is not one solitary person there who could read such a letter if written? Perhaps there is no mail connection with it, or perhaps Mr.



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Gladstone's Government have carried their doctrine of Retrenchment to such an extent that they cannot afford to pay anybody to act as British Consul in that benighted clime; or perchance the yellow fever is so prevalent that they cannot find any one simpleton enough to go and die of it at the rate of remuneration they can feel safe in offering. Any of the above very remote probabilities may be the case, but we must say we doubt it; and doubting it we cannot see how it is that the market is well stocked with the so-called stamps of Honduras, and nobody seems to know or care where they came from or how they originated. However, we have "said our say," and if any person on our subscription list is insane enough to purchase them till something satisfactory is known touching their authenticity, then "on his head be it," say we.

### NEW STAMPS.

**ANGOLA.**—This Portuguese Colony has a new issue of stamps, unlike Madeira and the Azores, for which the altered postals of the mother country are used. The design is a crown in rectangle on a ground of waved lines, Grecian ornaments at each side, figure of value in each angle, name of Colony on upper margin, value in full on lower — unperforated.

**SERVIA.**—A complete new emission greets us here. The values and colors are 1 para, yellow, 10 p. light-brown, 15 p. orange, 20 p. blue, 25 p. carmine, 35 p. pale green, 40 p. mauve, 50 p. dark green. Each stamp bears the head of the young Prince Michael Obrenovich IV., and has the value in figures on each corner. It is printed in color on white paper and perforated. Prince Michael, as depicted on his stamps, is a very ordinary looking person, and to our mind has an extremely

plebeian cast of features; however, if his heart is in the right place, he is none the worse of that.

**UNITED STATES.**—From the neighboring republic comes rumors of change. It appears that the recent new set has not given satisfaction to the public; and we presume the engravers, designers, and stamp printers, are not at all averse to a job. There is some talk of retaining the 1c., 6c., 15c., and 90c., but the others are said to be doomed. We give the rumor as we hear it, but are very dubious about its truthfulness.

**SARAWAK.**—Over a year ago a postal was announced for this distant Asiatic colony. Authenticated specimens not coming to hand it was by many deemed to be an imposition. We rejoice to be able to inform our friends that it is now proved genuine beyond a doubt by the arrival of a postmarked specimen on a letter from its native home.

**RUSSIA.**—Local stamps for various towns and districts in Russia are becoming plentiful; in fact, so suddenly numerous have they grown to be, that we cannot, in the discharge of our duty as an honest stamp editor, say that we believe them to be genuine. We trust that we may be mistaken in our impressions, but we certainly cannot recommend them for adoption by American timbrophilists till something more is known of them than that they are on sale.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—*Bergedorf* has a set of essays, for what purpose it would be hard to determine. *Canada.*—Our own 1 cent stamp is now printed in two or three colors, viz., orange, yellow, &c. *Guatemala* also has the credit of a lot of essays, but we fear they are only the work of some philanthropist who feels that our Central Ameri-



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can friends need stamps, and is kindly endeavoring to supply their lack. *Baden*.

—The 6kr. envelope is obsolete since July 1st. *France*.—The 5-franc stamp is, we presume, before this in active use; also the 1 centime laureated. *Liberia* now drops the external line of the second edition.

*Denmark*.—The 2 sk. envelope now omits the letter "S" after the numeral of value.

*Heligoland*.—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch. is now printed of a much brighter shade and perforated.

*Ecuador*.—The 1 real stamps are now said to be printed bright gold and deep olive yellow.

## WEBSTER'S GHOST.

Last night while visiting the non-postal country known as the "Land of Nod," we met the above named gent. He informed us that the authorities of that region were about to issue stamps bearing for a design the "Arms of Morpheus," on a shady ground. He went on to tell us that he noticed with pleasure the formation of a work so much needed as a Stamp Dictionary, and begged us to suggest to the Lexicographer the following additions:

**TIMBROFILE**.—noun, (from *timbre* a stamp, and *file*, an implement used for sharpening buck-saws;) a person who makes rare varieties of perforated stamps by means of a sharp instrument.

**TIMBROFOOL**,—noun, (from *timbre* a stamp, and *fool*, a person devoid of common sense,) a person who is rather cracked on the stamp question; example, Mr. Smith is a Timbrofool or Timbrofoolist, as well as a Timbrofile or Timbrofilist.

At this point, unfortunately, our bump of appreciativeness caused us to wink at Mr. Webster, in what we considered a very knowing manner—a liberty which he resented by bidding us an abrupt adieu.

## CALIFORNIA LOCALS.

In the September number of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* is to be found a very readable article on the Local Stamps used on the Pacific Coast. It strikes us, however, as being very incomplete in this respect, that it omits altogether to mention what was probably among the first, perhaps the *very first* ever in actual service in California. We refer to that issued by the Adams & Co. Express, and described in a letter from Mr. J. Henry Applegate, Jr., of San Francisco, to the Editor of this paper, bearing date June 29, 1866, as follows:

"The stamp in question is rectangular, having for its centre the head of Haskell, the manager of the concern. Over the head are the words "Adams & Co." and in each of the four corners, as well as on either side of the head, is the value 25 cts. This stamp was used to prepay letters between this city and New York, and has long since been out of use.

I know of but *three* being in existence, and are all in the hands of collectors here."

Mr. Applegate is still living in San Francisco, and we daresay would give the names of the collectors holding the specimens spoken of, so that a copy could be taken for the purpose of having an engraving made for publication of what is probably one of the most rare locals extant.

## ATTENTION.

Our publishers are very desirous that special attention should be drawn to the advertisement of Messrs. D. Cameron & Co. on another page. They assure us they know the firm to be most prompt, reliable, and gentlemanly in all their dealings, and above all suspicions of selling counterfeit stamps of any kind. American collectors will therefore easily see the great advantage there will be in investing their spare cash with our Quebec friends.

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## DARK SAYINGS

BY THE TIMBROPHILIC MINSTRELS.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Good evening, white folks. Bones, how are you this evening?

*Bones.*—I ain't well this evening. I'm agoin' to give up the perfession and try to make a livin' at somefin else. I intend to rise, I do.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Ah, indeed; in what particular direction does your ambition extend. Intending to be a Brigadier General, I presume?

*Bones.*—No, Siree; I'se engaged to edit a stamp paper, I is.

*All.*—Ha, ha, ha.

*Mr. Johnson.*—And pray, what are your qualifications for that post. You are not a person of education?

*Bones.*—No, sir, I ain't a pusson of edication, it ain't required; for now-a-days stamp papers have nuffin in 'em but descriptions of forgeries, and I am well qualified as a native of SEE ERROR ALONE (Sierra Leone).

*Pompey.*—Far-fetched, Bones. Now, *Den-mark* me, Massa Johnson, Bones says his *Natal* day took place in Sierra Leone, not in *Bud'en* as we previously supposed. Now, den, where was his father when he was born? Gib him up? Why in the Papa-l States to be sure. Ha, ha.

*Mr. Johnson.*—Chorus by the company, "Read me a letter from home and give me the stamp off it."

## POSTAGE.

Our publishers desire us to remind Collectors residing in the United States that the postage from thence to the Province of New Brunswick is SIX CENTS. They wish us to say that a remembrance of the fact will oblige them, as on letters not *fully prepaid* they are fined TEN CENTS each.

**SPECIAL NEW PACKET.**—Ready October 1st, 1869.—The New Excelsior Packet No. 44 contains 50 varieties of VERY RARE Stamps, including Confederate 1c. yellow; Spain (1860) 19cs.; Virgin Islands 1s., obsolete; Brazil 600 black; Newfoundland 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, and 6½d, all unused; Cape of Good Hope on blue paper; Nova Scotia 1d, brown, and 3d *unused*; Nevis 6d, and 1s. *unused*; New Brunswick 3d. also 12½ and 17c. *unused*; Zurich 6 rappen; United States Post Office 10c. black; West Australia 1s. obsolete; Schleswig Holstein, first issue, together with many others, ALL VERY RARE, including stamps of Baden, Canada, Denmark, Hamburg, Meck. Schwerin, Mexico, Oldenburg, Prussia, St. Thomas, Salvador, Moldavia, Nicaragua, Madeira, Ceylon, Bolivia, Finland, Russia, (Env.) Wenden and Uruguay. We can confidently assure our customers that this lot of stamps is the cheapest packet ever yet offered. It amounts at list prices to the sum of \$20.53, yet we only ask for the whole packet of 50 *very rare stamps* the comparatively trifling sum of \$10.00 U. S. Cy. Every stamp *warranted genuine*, and in good condition, the greater number being *unused* specimens. An invoice of contents sent with each packet showing price of each stamp, so that it can be easily seen to be worth the sum named. Send for it!! Send at once!! *Post free* only \$10.00. THE EXCELSIOR STAMP ASSOCIATION, 34 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

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All in United States Currency.

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" Bavaria,	"	0.40
" France,	"	0.45
" Belgium,	"	0.50
" Italy,	"	0.70
" Moldavia,	"	1.00
" German Confederation,	"	0.30
" Prussian Head,	"	1.00
" Saxony Head,	"	1.00
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" Cape of Good Hope,	"	2.00
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South Australia,	4 va.	0.20
Canada,	10 va.	0.20
New Brunswick,	6 va.	0.30
*Prussia, 1861,	6 va.	0.20
* " 1867,	5 va.	0.25
*Hamburg,	10 va.	1.00
* " envelopes,	7 va.	0.75
*Newfoundland (pence),	9 va.	4.00
* " (cents),	8 va.	3.00
*Schleswig Holstein,	14 va.	1.00

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Antigua 1d	5	3
" 6d	5	5
Argentine Republic, 1867, 5c	8	
Azores 5r 3c 10r	5	
Bahamas 1d	5	
Belgium 1c 1c; 2c 2c; 5c	4	
Bergedorf, set of 5	25	
Bermuda 1d	5	
Bremen, set of 6	35	
British Honduras 1d	5	
Brunswick, set of 6	8	
Cape of Good Hope 4d	5	3
" " " 4d provisional		10
Cashmere, black, 12c; blue	20	
Ceylon 1d 4c 1d	5	
" 4d 2s		10
Egypt 5 paras, slate 4c; 5p yellow	3	
Finland, 1860, 5kop used, 6c; 10k	8	
" 1866, 10, 20, 40k	6	
Greece 1, 2l	2	
" set of 7	10	
Grenada 1d	5	4
" 6d		7
Hamburg, 1/2sch, adh. and env.	4	
" set of 10	25	
Heligoland 1/2sch	4	
Jamaica, set of 6	25	
Java 10c	15	10
Lubeck, complete set of 18	100	
Luxemburg 1c 1c; 2c	2	
Madeira 5r 3c; 10r	5	
Malta 1/2	3	
Mauritius 1d	5	
New Grenada 1c 4c; 2 1/2c	10	
Nevis 1d	5	
Newfoundland 1c, 3c; 2c, 4c; 5c	10	
Oldenburg, 1862, set of 5	25	12
Prussia 1kr 2c 2kr	3	
Roman States 2c 2c; 3c 3c; 5c	5	
Roumania 5 bani. 4c; 10b	8	
" set of 5, 1869	75	
St. Helena 1d	5	
St. Lucia 1d, black,	5	
St. Vincent 1d	5	4
" 6d		8
Saxony, 1863, set of 6	8	
Servia, head, 1866, 1p 3c; 2p	4	
" " 1869, 1p	3	

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Spain, 1854, 1, 2, 5r, not used, cancelled,....	10
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Trinidad 6d 1s	5
Turks Islands 1d	5
Virgin Islands 1d	5
" 1s, old	85
" set of 5, 1d 4d 6d 1s 1s	1.85
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" 6 " 50 " used	35c.	"
" 7 " 25 " obsolete	35c.	"
" 8 " 20 " u'd & un'd"	35c.	"
" 9 " 30 " unused	90c.	"
" 10 " 100 " u'd & un'd"	90c.	"
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### EDITORIAL.

The platform of this paper is "Stamp Collecting pure and simple," and we are determined opponents to the recognition by American Timbrophilists as different stamps of varieties of perforation, denticulation, rouletting, &c. That is to say, that we consider that perforating, denticulating, or rouletting a postal before existing only in an unperforated state does not make it a new issue, or a different stamp at all. Very plausible reasons may be urged, and are urged by the adherents of the so-called French School in favor of the adoption of their system, but according to our view, their arguments are erroneous. From a dealers' point of vision, the French principle is an excellent thing: of course, the more varieties there are, the more he will be able to sell, and we can assure any one desirous of collecting on this system, that as long as his purse and patience will hold out, just so long will he find persons ready and willing to supply him with varieties.

The perforation variety principle is the "little leak," and unless it is stopped, it

will be remembered that by such, are sunk "great ships."

Look at the length it has been carried already in certain quarters,—it is a long time since a stamp with a greater or less number of perforations came to be called a variety, but of late it has arrived at what is called "compound perforations." Now we really cannot take upon ourselves to explain what this new term means, for the simple reason, that after careful study of the article that its inventor published, setting forth its claims, we do not know ourselves.

Our ignorance is lamentable, but we cannot help it, and we would like to see some one using the English Language in the ordinary way who could enlighten us; but the practical effect, as we understand it, of the invention is to greatly increase the number of specimens wanted to form a complete collection. Take for example, the stamps of Antigua, there are only two, 1d red and 6d green, but, by the aid of simple and compound perforation, shades of color, &c., this pair becomes,—how many would any one imagine?—well, just *one hundred and eighty*. This is really too bad. But read our article on New Stamps, and it will be seen that the quantity of gum on the flap of an envelope makes a decided difference. How much farther the farce can be carried, we cannot say, but we should imagine, with all sensible persons, it was about "played out."

WANTED BADLY.—A Five Cent Stamp for Canada, to prepay registered letters.

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## NEW STAMPS.

NICARAGUA.—The hitherto current stamps of this country have always been considered among the most beautiful productions of the engraver's art; and it is with satisfaction that we record the addition of two, as yet unknown values to the series, viz.: 10 and 25 centavos.

The design in the centre is the same as on the 2 and 5c., and the only real difference between the old and new couples is in the placing of the corner figures, the new pair having them arranged angularly in contrast to the old, which stand perpendicularly.

The color of the 10 centavos is light vermilion, while the 25 centavos is printed in a greenish-blue shade.

CANADA.—The *S. C. Magazine* has an extract from an American contemporary setting forth that we of the Dominion are going to have a new issue of stamps. The reason assigned is rather ludicrous; they are to be manufactured of a smaller size, *to save paper*. Now this may be intended as an extremely deep sarcasm on the U. S. Government, whose pretended example we are to follow; or it may be set forth to cover some essays or proofs with which some New York Philanthropist proposes to favor the gullible fraternity of Stamp Collectors, but if not for either of these purposes we imagine the item is like Sam Weller's crumpets, "very filling at the price," or rather that it was made to occupy a blank space in "valuable columns." Economy is not our style in this great Dominion of Canada,—not if we know it,—we are rather on the Prodigal Son principle just at present, and as we have't got to the "husks" yet, we are not come down to the pitiful expedient of saving money by reducing the size of our Postage Stamps. Economy in a Canadian

Government. Shade of Elwes! Was ever such a thing heard of before?

BERGEDORF.—The stamps or essays for this town, noticed in our last, it appears were all ready for issuing when the war came. Singular that they never were heard of before; equally singular and important the astounding fact that M. Moens was at first suspicious of them—wonder if he was suspicious of the Moresuet issue? fine man M. Moens; fine man, but like Joey B. "devilish sly." These still-born Bergedorf were rendered necessary by the "dangerous prevalence of forgeries." So says the astute M. Moens. Now we suppose in a town of the size of Bergedorf there might be on a daily average forty letters pass through the hands of the postal authorities, ("authority" we imagine would be more correct) and it would not be a difficult task for them (him or her) to critically examine each specimen affixed to correspondence by a careful comparison with undoubtedly genuine copies. This would have been a light amusement for them, (him or her), and with the assistance of lager beer and meerschaum, might have whiled away the time, and given them (him or her) something to do for the princely remuneration doubtless received by them (him or her). According to our idea, it is very probable that before the war a great many more postals were sold in Bergedorf to persons interested in Stamp Collecting, than were used on the multifarious correspondence of the inhabitants, and we presume the suppression of the labels, for the time made a vacuum in the pockets of the "postal authorities," this vacuum, these essays are intended to fill, and probably, with the assistance of M. Moens, who very likely is suffering from a vacuum also, will fill.



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GREAT BRITAIN.—A friend in England sends us the information that the P. M. G. will lay before a Cabinet Council this month (Nov.) a report favorable to the issue of a half-penny stamp for pre-payment of postage of printed matter weighing less than 2 oz., and newspapers.

We have never "slept with" the English P. M. G., so we do not imagine he will follow our suggestion, which is, that for a design, he have engraved the Queen in widow's weeds, as on the obsolete Canadian Bill Stamps.

MISCELLANEOUS.—*Canada*.—Our publishers have in their possession a Canada 5c envelope stamp, printed in blue instead of red. *Bavaria*.—Here is said to exist a company carrying letters between Kissingen and Schweinfurt; of course, they issue stamps, and, of course, the whole thing is a swindle. *Victoria*.—The 3d is now orange, and the 8d is suppressed.

*Hjterabul*.—Stamps are about to be introduced here, so announceth the *Bith Chronicle*. *West Indies*.—The *Philatelist* says on continental authority that a lot of the smaller islands are going to be united under one government, and will consequently issue a set of stamps. We presume ere this, essays are for sale in the European market. As this report is entirely new in America, we can only moralize and say, "sich is life" in the stamp business. *Denmark*.—The same magazine says that the 4sk envelope has a smaller numeral of value, also that the gum is extended a great deal further along the flap than it used to be, this, of course, is decidedly distinctive. "Suttle goak."

VERY LATEST.—"It is an ill wind, &c.," so says the proverb; and our printer being crowded with work, has delayed the issue of this "Knock" just long enough

to enable a friend to forward us news of new stamps.

*Drammen*.—supposed to be in Norway. Local stamps, 1sk blue on white; 1sk violet on white; 1sk blue on rose; 2sk blue on white; 2sk green on white. Our friend sends designs of the stamps, but unfortunately, he is not a member of the Royal Academy: and his pictures merely represent a sword and key crossed on something that looks like a stove-pipe. He also speaks of 2sk, (type set), and thinks that the whole set is a "fraud."

*Rigi Scheidick*.—This is said to be a stamp similar to the "Kaltbad" in character, and issued by M. J. Muller, the owner of Rigi Scheidick, wherever that is.

*Luzon*.—The 12 4-8 is printed with "Habilitado por la Nacion" across.

*Switzerland*.—Envelopes are now printed on a different corner, as our friend says, "which makes a variety of course."

### DARK SAYINGS

BY THE TIMBROPHILIC MINSTRELS.

*Mr. Johnson*.—Well, Bones, how you find yourself this evening?

*Bones*.—I finds myself rather chilly. (Chili.)

*Mr. Johnson*.—And you my faithful Pompey?

*Pompey*.—Oh, I'm poetical and Romantic, ges lissen:

De moon shines bright among de stamps,  
Stamps is scarce, an an hearts is trumps."

*Bones*.—Sho! you go long! you ain't nowhere on de pome—jes you wait, I'm goin to tell 'bout my interview with President Grant.

*Mr. Johnson*.—Well, Bones, let us hear about it.

*Bones*.—Yes sah! well you see I called on Ulyssis; 'an Ulyssis sez he, "Bones,



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dem ar Timberfillie Minstrels of yourn are some on a joke, but law sakes, they ain't nuffin to me; you ought to have heard me use up de Spanish Minister 'tother day, he come here a botherin me 'bout Cuby, and I stood it till I got tired; then I walks him ober where de map of America was a hangin, and says I, Don Senior, I am a great Joggeraffer, says I. Now what do you call dese? an I pinted to de map. Why, sez he, dems de West Indies. Du tell, sez I. Now Don Senior, I am de President of a big thing in Re-publics, an supposin I were to say, *I own yon Islands* (Ionian Islands), where would Spain be den. Well, Bones, I guess he seed it, for I ain't heard nuffin 'bout Cuby eber since."

*Pompey*.—Bones, your nuffin but a Tuscan liar, dat's a crazy (*crazie*) liar, for you neber was to Washington at all, but you was in jail for *washing done*, dat's where you was.

*All*.—Ha, Ha.

*Mr. Johnson*.—Stop! Stop! there must be no quarreling.

*Bones*.—Well, neber mind, I forgib him, but before we part, I want to ax you one of them conundrums,—“What kind of stamps do de young ladies prefer,—Can't guess it.—Gib him up.—Why de *Cingalese* (single he's) ob course,

*Mr. Johnson*.—Operatic Selection by the Orchestra,—Perforation Polka.

REGISTRATION.—U. S. Collectors are advised to register letters containing Cash. The cost is only 5c., and on orders over \$2.00 may be deducted from the amount sent. THE EXCELSIOR STAMP ASSOCIATION, 34 Princess Street, Saint John, N. B.

(ORIGINAL)

## THE STAMP'S LAMENT.

I am a little Postage Stamp,  
And not unknown to fame—  
Through every clime, both dry and damp,  
I bear my Country's name:  
And any one who looks can see  
My Gracious Sovereign smile on me.

And yet withal I'm badly used:  
No matter *what* I do,  
It seems that I must be abused,  
And you would think so too:  
Should I but tell of many a scene  
Of violence through which I've been.

When I was born I was a twin,  
And I had br'thers many,  
But I've been torn from all my kin  
Of *all* remain not any;  
And he who took me from my friends,  
He "licked" me well to make amends.

He "sticked" me on an envelope,  
I fell down a dark place—  
For me another fiend did grope,  
And struck me in the face;  
So hard the blow his hand did give,  
I shall be black while I shall live.

Then I was thrust into a bag,  
'Mong letters large and small,  
And knocked about nor let to lag—  
I'm just alive—that's all!  
But Stamp Collecting's all the rage,  
I may find rest on album's page.

NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS.—The complete set of pence values, viz., 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 6½d, 8d, and 1s, all unused and warranted genuine, for \$4.00 U. S. Currency. The complete set (decimal currency), viz., 1c, 2c, 5c, brown, 5c, black, 10c, 12c, 13c, and 24c, all unused and warranted genuine, for \$3.00 U. S. Currency. THE EXCELSIOR STAMP ASSOCIATION, 34 Princess Street, Saint John, N. B.

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New Brunswick,	6 va.	0.30
*Prussia, 1861,	6 va.	0.20
* " 1867,	5 va.	0.25
*Hamburg,	10 va.	1.00
* " envelopes,	7 va.	0.75
*Newfoundland (pence),	9 va.	4.00
* " (cents),	8 va.	3.00
*Schleswig Holstein,	14 va.	1.00
*Cashmere,	2 va.	0.30
Hamburg,	10 va.	0.25
Venezuela,	3 va.	0.30
Sweden	9 va.	0.25
United States,	15 va.	0.20
Queensland,	5 va.	0.25
Russia,	6 va.	0.20
Russia Envelopes,	2 va.	0.25
Oldenburg,	8 va.	0.35
Moldavia,	6 va.	0.25
Luxemburg,	6 va.	0.30
Prussia,	25 va.	0.45
Wurtemberg,	18 va.	0.30
Switzerland,	15 va.	0.30
Wenden,	2 va.	0.35
Victoria,	18 va.	0.60
Hanover,	8 va.	0.25
Austria,	30 va.	0.50
Austrian Italy,	6 va.	0.15
Baden,	23 va.	0.50
Bavaria,	12 va.	0.25
Belgium,	8 va.	0.25
Brazil,	6 va.	0.30
Cape of Good Hope,	7 va.	0.35
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" 6d	5	5
Argentine Republic, 1867, 5c	8	8
Azores 5r 3c 10r	5	5
Bahamas 1d	5	5
Belgium 1c 1c; 2c 2c; 5c	4	4
Bergedorf, set of 5	25	25
Bermuda 1d	5	5
Bremen set of 6	35	35
British Honduras 1d	5	5
Brunswick, set of 6	8	8
Cape of Good Hope 4d	5	3
" " " 4d provisional	10	10
Cashmere, black, 12c; blue	20	20
Ceylon 3d 4c 1d	5	5
" 4d 2c	10	10
Egypt 5 paras, slate 4c; 5p yellow	3	3
Finland, 1860, 5kop used, 6c; 10k	8	8
" 1866, 10; 20; 40k	6	6
Greece 1, 2l	2	2
" set of 7	10	10
Grenada 1d	5	4
" 6d	7	7
Hamburg, 1sch, adh. and env.	4	4
" set of 10	25	25
Heligoland 1sch	4	4
Jamaica, set of 6	25	25
Java 10c	15	10
Lubeck, complete set of 18	100	100
Luxemburg 1c 1c; 2c	2	2
Madeira 5r 3c; 10r	5	5
Malta 1/2	3	3
Mauritius 1d	5	5
New Grenada 1c 4c; 2 1/2c	10	10
Nevis 1d	5	5
Newfoundland 1c, 3c; 2c, 4c; 5c	10	10
Oldenburg, 1862, set of 5	25	12
Prussia 1kr 2c 2kr	3	3
Roman States 2c 2c; 3c 3c; 5c	5	5
Roumania 5 bani. 4c; 10b	8	8
" set of 5, 1863	75	75
St. Helena 1d	5	5
St. Lucia 1d, black	5	5
St. Vincent 1d	5	4
" 6d	8	8
Saxony, 1863, set of 6	8	8
Servia, head, 1866, 1p 3c; 2p	4	4
" " 1869, 1p	3	3

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E. A. CRAIG, - - - - Proprietor.

### EDITORIAL.

When we began re-issuing our little sheet in October last, we fully intended to have it out regularly every month—and we can assure our friends it was no fault of ours that our intention was not carried out. But a combination of circumstances over which we had no control—such as accidents in the printing office, our own sickness, and other things we need not mention, have delayed us so that now we come before you only to bid you farewell. Farewell is a sad word—but it must be spoken; and our removal to California renders it highly improbable that the "Postman's Knock" will ever be heard at your doors again.

Skilled labor of every kind is very expensive on the Pacific Coast, and we fear the cost of printing it will be more than we can afford, but if business is good, and our profits in any way warrant the outlay, we will try and visit you occasionally.

During our period of editorship we have made many warm friends by our little paper, and we feel therefore much attached to it and will certainly strain a point to continue it if possible. If at any time, through our rough mode of writing, we have hurt any individuals feelings, we beg leave to apologize. We may not agree with the ideas promulgated by a certain class, but still in our invectives against the system, we had no intention of bringing its friends in, or of making it a personal matter, although from our writings it has doubtless looked

like it. We dislike personalities, and we begin to think that a stamp paper can be filled with something better than an exaggerated account of the villainies practised by some person with whom the Editor has quarrelled. We have no downright enemies made in this way that we are aware of, and we trust that after this article, any person or persons who may in the past have been offended by us, will feel their wounds heal over at once.

### NOTES AND QUERIES.

CANADA.—We observe that of late there is a very alarming increase of "surcharged" stamps, that is to say, stamps with some value different from their own, printed across their faces, and used to pre-pay postage at the thus "surcharged" rate.

We must confess, that we were extremely dubious in many cases of the genuineness of these improved specimens, but had no peg whereon to hang our suspicions—but now we think we can point out an undoubted attempt at imposition in the cases of two Canadian half-penny postals, one of which is surcharged 8d. STG., and the other with the figure 1. Our reasons are—that firstly it could be no object to any P.M. to do such a trick, as he could not be compelled to put stamps on letters at all, and only would give himself extra trouble without remuneration when he did so, he being allowed no commission on sales, as persons in his position are at present.

In olden days, stamps were rarely affixed to letters in any way, except occasionally by mercantile firms, who would buy them in quantity and stick them on before sending the missives to the mail, thus preventing delay in making change, in case it might be near "closing time." It does not seem probable that P.M.'s would take the trouble of first sticking the stamps on, and obliterating them afterwards, when they could ful-

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fil their duty by merely impressing the envelopes with the common "PAID" hand-stamp.

Secondly, no subordinate P.M. would dare to surcharge a stamp in this way, as he would most certainly lose his situation for attempting to sell his stock at a value above its face. Of course, the authorities at the G. P. O. could do it if they pleased; but any one who will read the P.M.G.'s report of the original stock remaining on hand at the time the cent issue came in use, will see that there never was any lack, either of the eightpence sterling labels, or of any of the others.

Thirdly, if a P.M. should daringly change the values in this way,—if such attempt was not taken notice of as swindling, it would be regarded merely as an obliteration, and this surcharged stamp would count the poster of the letter as exactly one half-penny, while the recipient would have the pleasure of singing songs of joy (in an under tone,) as he "torked over" double postage on missive "insufficiently prepaid."

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Some time ago we purchased a collection of stamps, containing among others a specimen of the 13c. Sandwich Islands, which we innocently supposed to be genuine. This collection had been made mostly in 1863, and we do not think the original owner ever added to its numbers after 1865 or 1866, about which latter date it was forwarded to St. John for sale. No market being found, it was sent to England in charge of Mr. B., one of our Colonial Merchants going home for goods. He was instructed to take £5 sterling for it, if he could get it, but the eminent firm to whom he offered it, would only give £4. On this he brought it back with him, and, finding that the owner, (a lady,) was rather nettled that he had not taken the sum tendered, gallantly purchased it at that price himself.

Not being a collector, and not having the slightest knowledge of stamps, the book was of no use to him, and was consequently locked up in a drawer, and so remained till a few months ago, when it coming to his knowledge that we purchased such articles, he brought it to us and we bought it.

We give the above little history of the

book to show the antiquity of the stamp, and that it is almost next to impossible that it can be a forgery.

Now, we have three other Sandwich Islands 13c. specimens, and among the lot are fairly puzzled, and shall simply describe the differences existing between them to try and puzzle our readers also.

We shall number them as follows:—

No. 1, *undoubtedly genuine*, being procured direct from the Sandwich Islands Government. No. 2, *presumedly genuine*, this being the specimen which we took out of the collection above spoken of. No. 3, *presumedly forged*; and No. 4, *presumedly forged*. The points of difference we shall select, are as follows:—No. 1 has a stop after "States"; it has no stop after "8 cts." there is barely room for a stop after "5 cts.;" the "3" in the right upper corner is on a level with the "1". No. 2 has no stop after "States;" It has a stop after "8 cts." there is a space after "5 cts.;" the "3" in the right upper corner is *higher* than the "1." No. 3, it has no stop after "States;" it has no stop after "8 cts.;" there is barely room for the stop after "5 cts.;" the "3" in the right upper corner is *lower down* than the "1." No. 4 has no stop after "States;" it has a stop after "8 cts.;" it has plenty of space after "5 cts.;" the "3" in the right upper corner is *higher* up than the "1."

With regard to paper, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are on white, rather thick; No. 4 is on blue. As to color, Nos. 1 and 2 are what we call red, No. 2 being much lighter, while 3 is a bright vermilion red, and 4 is a kind of rose purple.

Touching length, Nos. 1 and 2 are alike, while No. 4 is longer than either, and No. 3 is the shortest of all. Besides these, there are innumerable little differences which we cannot describe, not having room; but we may add that the only two which resemble each other are Nos. 2 and 4, and still there are the differences in the length and color. Our theory is that Nos. 1 and 2 are both genuine, from different plates, and No. 4 is a forgery from No. 2. As regards No. 3 we do not know what to say—perhaps it is a later and improved imitation.



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Let the Philatelic Societies try their teeth on the above, and when they have cracked the nut, give us the kernel.

### FORCED STAMPS.

This is a department of Stamp-Editorship which we generally leave to abler pens than our own; however, the specimens of the imitator's art hereafter described, strike so closely home, that we feel impelled to break our rule, and warn collectors against them, begging them at the same time to make due allowance for our unfitness for the task. First, we note a forgery of the

#### NEW BRUNSWICK THREEPENCE.

In the genuine, the figures "3" in each of the four corners, all incline in one direction: in the forgery, the numerals all have their bases towards the centre of the stamp, thus allowing only one, viz.: that in the left hand upper angle to be in a correct position.

We could add further differences, but we think the above test will be found sufficient. Next comes the

#### NOVA SCOTIA THREEPENCE.

The corner figures in this counterfeit are correctly placed, and the main defect is in the style of lettering. For instance, the letter "O" in the word "POSTAGE," which in the genuine, is of the same *round* type as its brethren in "NOVA" and "SCOTIA" in the forgery, is of an oblong shape, totally different, and the letters of "THREE PENCE" which in the original, present a stout appearance; in the imitation are thin and attenuated, and are consequently much farther apart than they should be. We have now only to note the

#### NOVA SCOTIA SIXPENCE.

This is the best attempt of the series: not that it is less liable to detection on examination, but on account of the excellent imitation of the original color, in which respect both of the described specimens are failures. Only let the collector before purchasing, observe the word "POSTAGE."

The genuine is in block (E) letters, similar to those used in "NOVA" and "SCOTIA" while in the counterfeit, it is of this (E) style.

Where these forgeries came from originally, it would be extremely hard to tell, as surely no American manufacturer would make such a "poor fist" of it.

New Brunswick threepence stamps are not so extremely scarce on this Continent that an original cannot be obtained; and it is to us an evident fact, that the engraver never saw one, or he could not have blundered so. Whatever their source, we merely add, "Collectors be on your guard."

### THE BLUE CANADA ENVELOPE.

The time of a Stamp Editor is spent much as that of the Athenians alluded to in St. Paul's epistle—"to tell or to hear some new thing." We have a "new thing" to tell about, so give attention. Some months ago we purchased a collection of stamps, the property of Master Hale, son of James Hale, Esq., at present Superintendent of Money Orders for New Brunswick, and for many years one of the chief officials connected with the General Post Office. In this collection we discovered a cut five cent Canada envelope, struck in *blue* instead of *red*. We did not pay much attention to it at first, considering it to be merely a proof; but on learning that it was sent officially by the then Government of the Province of Canada to the Government of the then Province of New Brunswick as a specimen of their stamps, we began to prick up our editorial ears, for we knew that the sets of labels thus forwarded from one P. O. Department to another are generally intended to show only the kinds of postals for actual use. We consequently wrote to Mr. Hale, who, with the greatest kindness, penned us the annexed reply:—

SAINT JOHN, N. B.,  
29th Nov., 1869.

MR. EDWARD A. CRAIG,—

Dear Sir,—I have your note with the enclosed Canadian stamp, and in reply beg to acquaint you that some of your questions to me cannot be answered. Postage stamps and stamped envelopes (of which the enclosed was cut from one of them) were received at the Post Office Department at Fredericton, from the Canadian Post Office Department, some years ago—say within twelve years,



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and am not prepared to say whether it was legally authorized or not; but presume that from the source from whence received, that it was an authorized issue sent to New Brunswick, with many others, as samples of the issue, or to be issued, in Canada.

Yours truly,

JAMES HALE.

The italics are ours. Mr. Hale, in response to an inquiry from us as to a suitable person in Canada of whom to seek further information, recommended us to W. H. Smithson, Esq., a gentleman in the O. Accountant's Office at Ottawa. We addressed Mr. S. on the subject; subjoined is his reply:—

OTTAWA, Dec. 7th, 1869.

Sir,—Enclosed please find stamp returned as requested, and trust the information will be satisfactory.

Yours, &c.,

W. H. SMITHSON.

Mr. CRAIG, &c., &c., St. John, N. B.

The "information" referred to is as follows, and was written on the card to which we had affixed the stamp: "This is a specimen. The stamped envelopes issued were 5 c. red and 10 c. brown, watermarked "Ca. P. O. D." They have been withdrawn from circulation on account of being easily counterfeited and not taking well with the public. As to numbers sold, see P. M. G.'s report (Mr. Hale's) for 1867, page 9. An embossed P. stamp is more easily counterfeited than any others. W. H. S."—At this point it will be seen that we are compelled to let the matter drop, not knowing to whom to write for full satisfaction. The very vague nature of Mr. Smithson's "information" is explained by the fact that he has only been in Ottawa two or three years, and not knowing anything about the "specimen," as he calls it, of his own knowledge, he probably did not imagine the matter of sufficient moment to make the research among old records necessary to throw complete light on the subject. Mr. Hale has been a great deal longer in official positions, and we think his reasoning in the matter, as italicised by us, to be very good. He sets at rest one point by speaking of the envelope from which it was "cut;" and on

the whole, so far as we can see, the stamp is entitled to as good a standing, philatelically speaking, as that of the "Connell," which is in a somewhat similar position, having been prepared for use and yet not issued. We presume that other copies will "turn up," but, as far as is yet known, ours is a unique "specimen."

### LEGGOTYPING.

This is a new process in printing, and one that is very likely to have a great effect on Philately in many ways. The invention has been brought forward to its present state of perfection by Messrs. Leggo & Co., of Montreal, whom we understand to have secured patent rights for it in Canada, Europe and the United States. Its proprietors claim that by merely taking a photograph of any map—picture, engraving, lithograph, or printed matter of any kind—they can, by the aid of their secret process, reprint any number of exact copies,—so exact as to be undistinguishable from the original, and at less expense than by any other method. Perceiving that if this was true it would be at once seized on by the counterfeiters, we hastened to put some queries to Messrs. L. & Co., and annexed is their reply:—

MONTREAL, 30th Nov., 1869.

The Excelsior Stamp Association,

St. John, N. B.:

Gents,—In reply to your favor of 21st October (which was accidentally mislaid, and only turned up to-day), we beg to say that we do not think it would be any advantage to try the reproduction of postage stamps by our process. In the first place, as they are usually printed in colors, a great part of them would be lost in photographing; and again, as they are so finely engraved, it is next to impossible to get them printed as surface types. We could, if you desired, get them cut on stone or copper, and printed in that way, but we think the expense would be too great. Our leggotypes can be printed as well in colors as in black; where the difficulty lies is in photographing anything colored: for example, anything yellow photographs black, and blue comes out white. Thus, in copying a blue stamp we could get no result at all. The colors best suited for working from are black and white.

Our work is specially adapted to reproducing prints, maps, manuscripts, &c., &c., and we will be

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glad to hear from you with any job that you may have to do. Work in all the branches mentioned in our card will receive prompt attention, and be done at moderate rates.

Yours respectfully,

LEGGO & Co.

It will be seen by this, that the invention has not yet attained maturity, but no safeguard is furnished but that it will at some future period; in fact, we feel confident that a person of such genius as is exhibited by the originator of leggotyping cannot fail in improving his process up to the highest standard. Even now it could be used to imitate wood block stamps and rougher engraved specimens which are printed in black. Any of our readers who desire to see the effect of the invention can purchase a copy of the new publication, entitled, we think, the "Canadian Illustrated News," the pictures of which are copies by this process from the London paper bearing the same title.

### EMINENT PHILATELISTS.

Collectors are, as a general thing, entirely ignorant of the antecedents of the leading men engaged in Philately, and know nothing of the "big guns," save their names.

In every other pursuit the case is different, and we now make a bold effort to raise our profession to the common level in this respect—"Charity begins at home." We begin at home, and open the ball with sketches of the two persons who have labored the most for the cause in the Canadian Provinces. We trust that the example we now set, will be followed, and hope ere long to read biographies of all the great Timbrophilists both of America and Europe.

#### GEORGE STEWART, JR.

The subject of our sketch is the only son of George Stewart, Esq., (President of the St. Andrew's Society, and well known as the most talented Auctioneer in the lower Provinces), and was born at New York City, Nov. 26th, 1848, from which place his parents soon after removed to London, C. W., where the future Editor spent the earlier years of his life. In 1859 he came to

St. John, where he has since resided. At school he was always regarded as a boy who would make his mark, and consequently his parents were desirous that he should be a professional man,—but so strong were his predilections for mercantile pursuits, that he was permitted to take his course and learn the drug business. We learn he is soon about to open an establishment of his own, and we have no doubt he will succeed.

Mr. Stewart was one of the first persons in St. John to become a stamp collector, and he seized on the new idea with all the energy for which he is so celebrated.

He went into it heart and soul: and one of the first results of his enterprise, was the establishment of the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette," the publication of which he commenced in June, 1865. Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the "Gazette" contained four pages only, but its success was such, that at the 5th issue its size was doubled, while at the beginning of the second volume, in addition to a fine ornamental heading, still four more pages were found to be necessary, and it continued thus enlarged to the end.

To criticize the "Gazette" by the increased light of these later days, would not be fair, but we can truly say, that in our opinion, with one exception, it was fully equal to many of the European stamp papers of its time, and was in most respects superior to all of its American contemporaries. Mr. Stewart as a stamp Editor, had, of course, his little faults,—the chief being a strong *penchant* for 'stories,' which marred his paper to a certain extent; but taken as a whole, the "Gazette" was most ably conducted, and reflects the highest credit on its manager.

At the time the "Gazette" was first issued, stamp collectors (more especially in Canada), were in great need of papers, through which information on Philately might be sown broadcast, where all was darkness and ignorance. Very hard did our Editor work; and now that Philately has become a science, with its thousands of adherents, we think he can safely look back and feel as would one of the pioneers of an

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exploring expedition after successfully opening up to the world a hitherto undiscovered region. In April, 1867, Mr. S. commenced publishing "Stewart's Literary Quarterly Magazine," which was stated on the title page, to be devoted to "Light and Entertaining Literature," and this new enterprise caused the death of the "Gazette," for it is hardly to be expected that he would be able to edit *two* periodicals, when the evenings (after toiling at his ordinary business all day), were his only available time.

The "Gazette" therefore was suffered to go down, and Mr. Stewart entered into the prosecution of his new aim, viz.: to develop native talent by a periodical, which should insert only original articles written by provincial authors.

The Quarterly at first contained only about 60 pages, and the price was fixed at 40 cents per annum, but so successful has it been, that it now contains 120 pages, and the subscription price is \$1.00. It is everywhere noticed by the press in the highest terms of praise, and is one of the standard magazines in the country. We have no intentions of criticizing the "Quarterly," it is out of our line, but we would like to draw the attention of collectors to the results that energy and enterprise will accomplish, and to Mr. Stewart's example as one worthy of imitation. We claim also on behalf of Philately, that its pursuit sharpens the intellect and enlarges the mind, and we prove it by Mr. S's case,—for we assert that it was the use of his brains required to be a timbrophilist, a stamp dealer, and the Editor of the "Gazette" which gave him the mental training and confidence in himself necessary to attempt the publication of such a magazine as the "Quarterly," at the age of 18. Personally, Mr. Stewart is considered handsome, and he sports a large black beard, which we know must be admired by the fair sex. He is a favorite with every one, and his ready wit is such as to make him the most agreeable of companions. He is a leading member of the I.O.O.F., and also, we believe, some other organizations. We will leave him here, merely adding, that though he is no longer a Stamp Editor, he is still a

collector, and has a collection numbering 1800.

E. A. CRAIG.

EDWARD ALLISON CRAIG was born at St. John, N. B., Oct. 5th, 1845, and is consequently now in the twenty-fifth year of his age. He is the oldest and only surviving son of Mr. J. W. Craig, well known as the builder of the Clipper Ships *Wanata*, *Matoaka*, *Alma*, &c., the *Wanata* being the first N. B. vessel ever classed at Lloyds', A 1, 7 years.

The legal profession was early selected as that of which the subject of our sketch, was to become a member, and he therefore was entered as a Law Student in the office of J. M. Robinson, Q.C., in Michaelmas Term, 1862, and in October, 1866, having completed the four years of study required by the Statute, was examined and admitted an Attorney. He commenced the practice of his profession immediately in his native city, and, for the short time he was permitted to engage in it, did remarkably well; but at this point his health gave away, and, after two or three attacks, more or less severe, he was stricken in May, 1867, by inflammatory rheumatism in the knee joint, and brought down to the very "Gates of Death."

In Nov., 1867, so far gone was he, that he was sent to Europe, in the faint hope that the voyage might save his life, but, on arriving there, after a boisterous passage, it was ascertained that the disease had settled into acute pyæmia or surgical fever, one of the most terribly fatal known to medical men. Mr. Bickersteth, F.R.C.S. of Liverpool, one of the greatest living surgeons, in whose charge he was at once placed, succeeded, with the help of Providence, in bringing him through all danger, but no earthly skill could restore him to anything like health; though at some future period the disease (being in the blood), will probably exhaust itself, and he may recover the use of his injured limb, it will always be bent and stiff, and he will never walk without a stick or support of some kind. At present, as for some time



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back his means of locomotion are a pair of crutches, on which he hobbles around quite smartly, but is not capable of travelling any great distance on them. It was expected that the invigorating air of his native climate would work wonders, but the hope proved fallacious, and he is now again obliged to remove—this time to California, in the salubrious breezes of which country he will eventually recover, if recovery is possible.

Mr. Craig's connection with philately began in the year 1864, about which time he became an ardent collector. In 1865, in partnership with Mr. Robert Melvin he commenced business in a small way as a dealer, but in Oct. of that year Mr. Melvin retired from the concern; and Mr. C. finding that his engaging in any other pursuit while a law student, was likely to tell against him in going up for admission as an Attorney: changed the business name first to Ridgeway Jones, and shortly after to "The Excelsior Stamp Association," under which latter title he has (excepting while in England), carried it on to the present time. He has been very successful as a dealer, owing simply to the fact, that he has always been prompt and honest, and has not spared money in advertising. In fact, it was the very laxity of the U. S. dealers which first built the E. S. A up: for collectors in writing to the latter had formerly 10 cents postage to pay on their orders, while at home it only required 3; but they like to be attended to sharply, and cheerfully paid it rather than wait two or three weeks for a reply, as their countrymen invariably compelled them to do. The promptness of the St. John firm soon became well known, and in Nov., 1867, when Mr. Craig was obliged to give it up. The Excelsior Stamp Association had a business and a name unequalled in America.

While he was absent, the concern was unfortunately allowed to go on to ruin, and, since his return, he has had to build it all up anew—which he has succeeded in doing, and now again he leaves it, at this time in the hands of a gentleman whom he fully expects to carry out the re-established reputation.

Mr. Craig has edited two stamp periodicals, the "Stamp Argus," and the "Postman's Knock." and with regard to the first series of the latter, when it is to be remembered that he had to write every line of its contents himself, that his means of obtaining information were limited, and that in most cases he got it up, corrected proof, and prepared it for mailing while he was propped up in bed, and suffering intolerable agony, it will be considered at least passable.

The service the "Postman's Knock" has done to Philately is incalculable—it circulated everywhere, it circulated gratis, its contents were not perhaps up to the standard as regarded the nicer distinctions, &c., but they were suited to the persons who were its readers; for to tell the truth, the greater number of stamp papers published at a subscription price are so intensely learned, as to be of little or no use to common collectors at all. Mr. Craig's views of timbrophily have always been those of the English School, though of late the greatly increasing number of stamps has compelled him to modify his tenets to a considerable extent, and look favorably on some things to which he was formerly bitterly opposed. He has come to the determination, that because a person may not hold exactly the same ideas as one self, is no reason why such person is entirely devoid of intellect: a conclusion which we naturally draw from most of the philatelic publications now issued. He would feel proud to be considered the founder of the 'American Moderate School,' in which every one could hold his own opinions, unquestioned, and all shall work together for the spread of Stamp Collecting.

Mr. Craig was for many years an earnest and hard working unit of the Temperance organizations, and held for two years the office of Grand Guide of Cadets of the Province. He is also a Freemason; and a member of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, N. B. R. (late 301 Irish Registry.)

☛ We have received information that the new One Cent Canada (small size) is issued.



# The Postman's Knock.

## NEW ALBUM.

We have received from the New York publishers, for review, a copy of "Scott's American Postage Stamp Album," and after a careful examination of its pages, can candidly say that we are much pleased with it. It is arranged somewhat on "Lallier's" principle, on which it is a great improvement in many respects. It follows "Lallier" to the extent of having a particular square, on which each particular stamp belongs; but it differs from its parent in the circumstance that it has the full description of the postal on the space it is intended to fill, instead of placing it on the opposite page, and leaving the collector to find a stamp's proper location by reference to its color.

Speaking as a critic should do, in an impartial spirit, we do not think this "new idea" any improvement; it looks very pretty when the book is empty, but, unfortunately, most philatelists gum their treasures firmly to the page, and once the description is covered up, who is to know anything about a specimen except from its face? One fault more, and we have done: we think the publishers have adhered almost too closely to the "American school," in omitting to provide squares for varieties that are recognized by every one, no matter how closely they may draw their lines. Taking New Brunswick as an instance, we find totally left out in the cold the 1c. mauve, 5c. dark green, and the "Connell" stamp. The arrangement of the work is alphabetical throughout—a very necessary improvement on the old system; and we cannot too highly praise the style in which the printer has done his part. All new stamp-issuing countries are provided with pages, including even spaces for Angola and the doubtful issues of Antioquia; and there are blank pages left in sufficient quantity to satisfy the greatest variety or watermark collector who ever breathed. The great amount of labor bestowed on this work by its editor, and the quantity of enterprise and money it must have required to publish it, any of our readers can best learn by buying a copy; and we trust no American

collector will purchase any imported album when he can get a superior and cheaper article at home.

## NEW STAMPS.

Our readers will be disappointed to find we have omitted our usual lengthy description of new stamps, but the reason we have done so, is that it would be likely to occupy the whole paper. We cut it down, therefore, to the following synopsis, omitting all varieties and minor changes. *Canada*,—3c. red reduced to size of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent. *Belgium*,—new issue of ten stamps; inscription, Belgique, 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8c. with numeral of value; 10, 20, 30, 40c. and 1 fr., head of King. *Dutch Indies*,—head of King to right—5, 10, 20 and 50 cents. *Spain*,—new set of thirteen—head of Spain,—values 1, 2, 4, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 and 500 mils de escudo: 1 escudo, 600 mils; 2 escudos, 12 and 19 cuartos. *Cuba*,—similar design to Spain; 5, 10, 20 and 40 centimos. *Italy*,—inscription, SEGNETASSE; design, numeral of value in central oval; values, 1, 2, 5, 30, 40, 50 and 60 centesimi, yellow; 1 and 2 lire, blue. *North German Official*,—shape, oblong; design numeral in value in octagonal; values  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1 and 2 groschen, and 1, 2, 3 and 7 kr. *New Granada*,—design, impossible to describe; value,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents, shape, irregular triangle,—we think it a hoax.

THE postage from the U. S. to England is now six cents. From and after Jan. 1st, 1870, letters can be sent from the Dominion to Great Britain via Halifax for six cents, and via New York for eight cents.

"If from money you take two letters you leave one" On this a southern editor remarks that he has heard of a man who took money from letters and left none, and all we have to say, is that we know where that man lives, viz.: in Chillicothe, Ohio.

During a recent flood in Norway, Maine, P. M. lashed the P. O. to a big elm tree, next morning it was gone, but on search, it was discovered at Hannver, some miles distant.

# The Postman's Knock.

Cyrus McGowan, P. M. at Knuxville, Illinois, had an amiable failing in the way of pocketing the contents of registered letters. The authorities found him out, and Cyrus has retired from public life, and lives in a secluded state in "marble (or some other kind of stone) walls."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. H. F., *Lansingburgh, N. Y.*—By reading this paper you will see that we had no time to reply to your favor, and you will also perceive where to direct your letters.

A. Y., *Fordham, N. Y.*—We were obliged to pay 10c gold for your letter, which swallowed up the scrip enclosed. Prepay all letters in future. See reply to C. H. F.

D. B. V., *Middletown, Ohio.*—See answer to A. Y. as to full prepayment. A price list will cost you 15 cents. Mr. Craig's new catalogue for 1870, you can only procure by writing to his California address. Mr. C will probably be established in San Francisco by April 15th. Read advts.

A. C. B., *Fort McPherson, Nebraska,* and others.—Dealers now-a-days, do not give away their price lists; the reason for this is that there are numberless collectors who collect *price lists only*; and if the pamphlets were given away, as they used to be, would write about once a month for the latest edition of the same. The books, though small, cost a considerable sum to print and the various stamp merchants soon became tired of such unprofitable customers. Any collector who is too stingy to pay for a catalogue, will be too mean to expend any money with the person issuing it, and consequently a price is now charged. A. C. B. must not deem this personal, as it is evident from the tone of his letter that he was not aware that what he required had to be paid for; but as we have disposed of the business, we have no other way of informing him why no list was sent him.

G. F. H., *Poultney, Vt.*—See answer to C. H. F.

C. V. R., *Amsterdam, Holland.*—Letter duly received this morning, (March 11.)

S. T., *Augusta, Me.*—Scott's American Album is decidedly the best for you to procure: it is bound in two styles, at \$5.00 and \$6.00, and is taken as a whole, superior to any imported article. Every American Collector should patronize the home made book, and encourage domestic enterprise.

*Canandaigua, N. Y.*—There are two packets awaiting the time when you will send your name; your letter was unsigned.

J. R. C., *Brookline, Mass.*—There are no new Canadian stamps, excepting the 3 cents red, reduced in size. Although our contemporaries do speak of a complete new issue, they do not name the values; and the P. O. Officials are not aware of any others than the one we name. The 12½ and 15c., the former of which is now *entirely*, and the latter *almost* useless, will not probably be re-produced, but there will likely be a new lot of values, viz.: 5, 8, 10 and 20 cents. The reason of the reduction in size is not as our N. Y. friend supposes, just because he "said so," but because the Bank Note Company's building have been totally destroyed by fire, and the plates of the now current issue destroyed. This circumstance necessitated the re-engraving, and when the work had to be done, it was resolved then, that there might as well be a change.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

SCOTT'S AMERICAN ALBUM.—The very thing for American Collectors. Price \$5. and \$6.00 according to binding, by post, 25 cents extra. E. A. Craig, San Francisco, Cal.

CRAIG'S NEW PRICE CATALOGUE FOR 1870.—Containing description and price of all stamps issued up to date. List of Packets, &c.—fourth edition, post free, 15 cents. San Francisco, California.

REMEMBER!—E. A. Craig's New Address, viz.: care James Olmstead, Esq., 71 Clementina Street, San Francisco, Cal., and remember that all orders sent to that address will be filled on E. A. C's arrival (about April 15, 1870.)

BREMEN.—Complete set of SIX, viz.: 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 grot, and 5 s. gr., all *unused* and *genuine*, only 40 cents. E. A. Craig.

WANTED.—Canada Bill Stamps—U. S. Envelopes, rare—Genuine original Locals South and Central American, all kinds in quantity—Pence issues B. N. A. Provinces, &c. E. A. Craig.

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We are making very great additions to our present stock, and will shortly be able to fill all orders, however large.

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#### NOTICE OF SALE.

EDWARD A. CRAIG begs leave to inform his numerous customers and friends, that he is removing from St. John, N. B., to San Francisco, Cal., and that he has sold the business known as the The Excelsior Stamp Association, to Mr. Lemont of Fredericton. (see advt.) Collectors will please observe, Mr. Lemont is the only person entitled to use the above name, or to sell Excelsior Packets, &c., and will in future write to the Fredericton address, as all letters received after this notice at the St. John Office, will be forwarded after Mr. Craig to California. All claims due from or to The Excelsior Stamp Association previous to this notice, will be settled by E. A. Craig. Mr. Craig trusts that the liberal support so long given to The Excelsior Stamp Association while owned by him, will be continued to his successor.

#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

EDWARD A. CRAIG, Dealer in Foreign Stamps, desires to inform collectors that he is about to open an establishment for the commerce in postals in San Francisco, California, and hopes to hear from all his old friends there. The Pacific Railroad has so shortened mail communication, that a letter will travel to California in a very few days; and as Mr. C. invariably ANSWERS ALL COMMUNICATIONS PER RETURN POST, customers in the Eastern States and Canada will not be any longer delayed in getting their orders filled, than they would in ordinary cases, while those living in the West will receive their stamps much quicker than formerly. Read Mr. C's advertisements, and send your orders right along!

#### DATE OF REMOVAL.

Mr. Craig will (D.V.) leave St. John, March 17th, and sail for California (via Panama) March 21st, and as the passage generally takes three weeks, will probably be in San Francisco by April 15th, and on his arrival will be happy to have a large number of orders waiting, which, of course, he will at once fill. By May 1st, Mr. C. hopes to have a place fitted up, his stock arranged for inspection, and to be ready

to execute commissions to any amount. Mr. Craig requests till further notice all letters should be addressed thus—EDWARD A. CRAIG, care James Olmstead, Esq., 71 Clementina St. San Francisco Cal.

As soon as he is settled, he will issue a circular to his customers, informing them of the fact, and of any change in the mode of directing communications, but begs leave to assure his friends that all letters addressed as above will be sure to reach him safely.

#### CARD.

EDWARD A. CRAIG, Dealer in Foreign Stamps, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A. Read his advt. in other parts of this paper. All kinds of stamps in stock. All stamps warranted genuine. All orders over \$1.00 post free. All packets post free at price named. Packet List for 1870—gratis. Price Catalogue, 15 cents. Collector's duplicates exchanged. Collections bought or sold on commission. Albums for sale. Old stamp papers for sale. POSTMAN'S KNOCK, (new series), set of three Nos. \$0.25. Wanted—Canada Bill Stamps, old U. S. Envelopes. Address till further notice—care James Olmstead, Esq., 71 Clementina Street, San Francisco, Cal.

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Bavaria, 1850, (1, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18,)	6 "	1.00	Barbadoes,	5 "	0.25
Brunswick, 1865,	6 "	0.15	Bavaria,	12 "	0.25
Bergedorf,	5 "	0.35	Belgium,	8 "	0.25
Bremen,	6 "	0.40	Bermuda,	4 "	0.45
Belgium, issue, Nov. 1869,	6 "	0.30	Brazil,	6 "	0.30
Brazil, (10, 20, 50, 80, 100, 200, 500,)	7 "	1.60	British Guiana,	4 "	0.20
Cashmere,	2 "	0.30	Canada,	10 "	0.20
Ceylon Envelopes, (complete)	12 "	6.00	Cape of Good Hope,	6 "	0.30
Confederate States,	4 "	0.20	Ceylon,	15 "	1.50
Canada, (including 1870 issue)	12 "	1.00	Ceylon,	6 "	0.35
Egypt, (old and new,)	6 "	0.60	Denmark,	10 "	0.30
Finland, 1863, (5, 8, 10, 20, 40)	5 "	0.80	Finland,	5 "	0.35
Hamburg Adhesives,	10 "	0.75	France, including Republic,	15 "	0.60
Hamburg Envelopes,	6 "	0.80	French Colonies,	6 "	0.50
Hamburg-Boten,	116 "	0.50	Great Britain, (Oct.) 6d, 10d, 1s,	3 "	0.35
Heligoland, complete,	4 "	0.75	Do. (later issues,)	10 "	0.15
India Envelopes,	2 "	0.25	Greece,	7 "	0.15
Ionian Islands,	3 "	0.50	Hamburg,	10 "	0.50
Lubeck,	18 "	1.50	Hanover,	8 "	0.25
Lubeck, official,	2 "	0.50	Holland,	6 "	0.15
Luxemburg,	9 "	1.10	Hong Kong,	9 "	0.30
Madeira,	4 "	4.40	India,	16 "	0.30
Meek, Strelitz,	9 "	1.10	Italy,	18 "	0.25
Modena, 1852,	8 "	1.25	Jamaica,	6 "	0.40
Modena, provisional,	5 "	1.00	Luxemburg,	6 "	0.30
Montevideo, envelopes,	2 "	4.50	Luzon, (1864)	4 "	1.50
Montevideo, adhesives, (1868.)	5 "	1.00	Moldavia,	6 "	0.25
Naples, arms,	7 "	1.50	Mexico,	10 "	2.00
Naples, provisional,	8 "	1.00	Do. 1869,	5 "	1.00
Newfoundland, (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6½, 8 and 1s.)	9 "	4.00	Natal,	5 "	0.40
Newfoundland, (1, 2, 5, 5, 10, 12, 13 and 24)	8 "	2.50	New Brunswick,	6 "	0.35
New Zealand, (1, 2, 3 and 4d.)	4 "	0.60	New South Wales,	6 "	0.30
North German Conf. (1, 2, 5, 7 & 18)	5 "	0.75	New Zealand,	5 "	0.25
Nevis,	4 "	1.25	Norway,	6 "	0.25
Nicaragua,	4 "	1.60	Nova Scotia,	6 "	0.20
New Caledonia, (fac-simile),	50 "	0.25	Oldenburg,	8 "	0.35
Oldenburg, 1862,	5 "	0.40	P. E. Island,	4 "	0.25
Orange Free State,	3 "	1.50	Papal States,	10 "	0.40
Parma, provisional,	6 "	1.25	Portugal,	6 "	0.30
Parma, 1858,	3 "	0.40	Prussia,	12 "	0.30
P. E. Island, (1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9)	6 "	1.10	Queensland,	5 "	0.25
Prussia, 1861,	6 "	0.20	Russia,	6 "	0.25
Prussia, 1867,	5 "	0.30	Do. (Envelopes),	2 "	0.25
Papal States, obsolete,	9 "	1.50	Saxony,	12 "	0.25
Russia, envelopes,	4 "	2.00	Schleswig Holstein,	10 "	0.45
Roumania, (5, 10, 15, 25, 50),	5 "	1.00	South Australia,	4 "	0.20
Romagna,	9 "	1.00	St. Helena,	6 "	1.30
Saxony, 1863,	6 "	0.15	St. Lucia,	4 "	0.80
Servia, old issue complete,	7 "	0.75	St. Vincent,	4 "	0.75
Servia, 1869, complete,	8 "	1.00	Spain,	10 "	0.60
Schleswig Holstein, (1849),	2 "	0.55	Do. (many very rare)	80 "	13.50
Schleswig Holstein, (later issues)	14 "	1.25	Strait Settlements,	9 "	1.50
Sicily,	7 "	1.00	Sweden,	9 "	0.25
Spain, (official),	4 "	0.30	Switzerland,	15 "	0.30
Shanghai, (old issues),	8 "	3.60	Tasmania,	6 "	0.40
Spain, 1870,	7 "	1.50	Trinidad,	6 "	0.50
Switzerland, envelopes,	4 "	0.50	Thurn and Taxis,	10 "	0.30
Singapore,	4 "	0.90	United States,	15 "	0.20
United States, 1857,	8 "	1.25	Victoria,	18 "	0.60
Virgin Islands,	4 "	1.25	Wurtemberg,	15 "	0.30
			Wenden,	2 "	0.35
			Western Australia,	5 "	0.40



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Contains 200 varieties, including many *rare* and *unused*, (highly recommended.)

### **ERRATA.**

Owing to an unavoidable accident several errors have crept into the Packet List on our last page,—thus in Packet No. 27 for “29 varieties” read “20 varieties.” In Packet No. 37 for “none worth less than 8 cents” read “none worth less than 5 cents”; and in Packet No. 38 for “post free \$1.00” read “post free \$10.00.” The mere typographical errors our readers will excuse.

TAKE NOTICE.—E. A. Craig was unable to leave St. John on March 17th as expected, owing to the heavy storm then prevailing; he will consequently remain here till March 31st, and fill all orders received up to that date,—those which arrive afterwards will be forwarded after him to California and be filled on his arrival there which will be about May 1st, instead of April 15th as previously advertised.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 19th, 1870.

REMARKS

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The *Zona*—M. A. Craig was unable to leave St. John on March 17th as expected, owing to the heavy storm the *Zona*; he will consequently remain here till March 21st and fill all orders forwarded up to that date—those which arrive afterwards will be forwarded after his return to California and he filled on his arrival there which will be about May 1st. *Zona* of April 15th as previously advertised.

St. John, N. B., March 19th, 1870.

