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FOR OUR PROGRESSIVE YOUTH.

With The Setting Sun.

When the sunbeams, o'er the mountain,
Vanish in a golden fountain,
And the eyes of day are closing,
And the night begins to reign;
Then the west the sheen discloses,
As the sun at last reposes,
Carrying all the laughing dimples,
That has made the day so vain.

Into space the stars are creeping,
Shyly in the heavens peeping,
Winking at the little sunbeams
That are trembling in their fright,
Night's dark brow and sombre tresses,
Now the crown of splendor presses,
Pearly dew drops and the angles,
Sweet "Forget-me-nots of night."

Where the shadows dews are falling,
There the Whip-poor-will's love calling,
Sounds a dirge of mournful sadness
As it floats upon the breeze;
Near by is a cottage humble,
Old, and only fit to tumble,
Still stands bravely 'neath the shelter
Of the drooping linden trees.

Down the meadow comes a maiden,
Both her arms with blossoms laden,
As she drives the cattle homeward
O'er the path she knows so well,
And the cow-bells softly ringing,
On the air its low tones flinging,
Seems to me to be the tolling
Of the evening vesper bell.

If the sun shone on forever,
And the shadows hovered never,
Then the flowers would all be fading
And their beauty soon would die,
Of the sunshine eyes would weary,
And the world would grow dreary
Longing for the night refreshing,
That the din of day might fly.

Ah, 'tis well that when the morning
Comes, the earth to be adorning,
We can hope that night to rest us
Soon will watchful virgins keep,
All of earth can be reposing,
Many eyes in slumber closing,
When the darkness in her garment
Wraps the weary world in sleep.
ARTHUR L. CURRIE.

FOR OUR PROGRESSIVE YOUTH.

Sailing.

Slowly we glide o'er the water so blue,
That stretches before us so grandly and wide,
The sails flap and wave as the wind passes
through,
The boat tips and turns on the soft flowing
tide.

The rose-tinted cloudlets float up overhead,
The sun has gone o'er the far distant hills,
And the moon in the heavens is shining
To shed
To shed its light over the sweet rippling
rills.

The rustic beauty that old Nature gives,
And ever spreads the widening landscape
o'er,
Is placed above, below, and ever lives
to gladden weary hearts forever more.

So may it ever be through life,
While sailing onward day by day,
And may their be no toil nor strife,
But beauty all along our way.

E. JEANNEATTE BAYT.

At Bay on the Bridge.

(A Story of Western India.)

BY DAVID KER.

"I say, Jack, did you ever see such a piece of foolery as building this enormous bridge over a miserable little stream no wider than a gutter? Old Harrison must be stark mad, and no mistake!"

"If I were he," replied Jack, "I'd sell the bridge and buy some water with the money."

"I've spilt some lemonade on the table," cried Harry. "I wonder how long a bridge I shall have to build across THAT!"

And the two sub-engineers, pleased with these jokes at the expense of their chief, resumed their work in somewhat better humor.

Behind a pile of timber a few yards off, within easy hearing of every word they said, stood no less a person than Mr. William Harrison himself, the chief of whom they were speaking. For a moment his hard old face flushed angrily; but the flush melted into a smile of half-pitying contempt as he turned slowly away, muttering:

"Well, well, my fine fellows, it won't be very long now before we see who's wrong and who's right."

At the first glance, however, it certainly DID seem as if Jack Hopkins and Harry Burt had some reason to laugh at the bridge which they were helping to build.

Eleven arches, each having a span of forty feet, stood ranged in stately procession over a tiny thread of water barely sufficient to wet one of the central piers. True, the rainy season was at hand; but even in the rainy season, how could this miserable little rivulet ever swell into a second Niagara?

So thought Burt and Hopkins; and so, too, thought not a few of their English subordinates. As for the Hindoo workmen who swarmed over the bridge from one end to the other, they thought nothing about the matter. So long as they got their day's wages and their day's food, the English Barra Sahib (great master)

was welcome to build a bridge over a teacup if he liked.

Day by day the bridge advanced toward completion, for the railway of which it formed a part was a very important one, and Mr. Harrison had received orders to finish it as quickly as possible. But, although he made all possible haste, he took good care that no part of the work was hurriedly or inefficiently done.

"Whatever's worth doing at all is worth doing well," he would say; "it's better to put a little extra work into this bridge than to have to build another if it breaks down."

Every day, and all day long, the old fellow was at his post, in the soiled white sun-hat and threadbare cotton jacket at which his dandified young lieutenants laughed behind his back. So well did he keep his men up to their work, that all was ready a full fortnight before the time when the rainy season usually set in, and the next day but one was fixed for the formal opening of the bridge by the English Commissioner of the district, and the running of the first train across it.

The evening before the ceremony, Mr. Harrison went out upon the bridge to look about him, and Burt and Hopkins, having nothing better to do, followed him.

It was close upon sunset; but the stifling heat which had prevailed all day was still as oppressive as ever. The whole air felt damp and heavy, and the tiny streamlet that trickled through the vast, gravelly hollow of the river bed seemed to crawl more languidly than usual, as if it were tired like every one else.

Suddenly, there came through the still air, from the great mountain that stood up against the northern sky, overhung by a thin ghostly haze, a strange, dull sound, suggestive of far-off thunder, but harsher and sharper, and altogether more like the rolling of a cart over a pebbly road.

The veteran engineer bent his gray head forward to listen, and a very grave look came over his iron face.

"What's up, Mr. Harrison?" asked Burt, feeling vaguely uneasy, though he hardly knew why.

But, before the old man could reply, a deep, booming noise, which came rapidly nearer and nearer, followed the mysterious sound.

All at once, the upper part of the river-channel, the bare gravel-beds of which had stood out glaring white all day in the burning sunshine, turned black as ink; the hollow boom swelled into a deafening uproar, and in a moment the whole country below them was one foaming, leaping, roaring sea.

Burt and Hopkins instinctively turned to fly, but an iron grasp pinned them to the spot. "Are you mad?" asked the old man, sternly. "Within five minutes, all that ground will be fathom-deep in water, with a current that would sweep away an elephant. Our only chance is to stick to the bridge, PERHAPS the water won't overflow it."

Cold comfort, certainly; but, as Harrison said, it was their only chance. There had evidently been a very heavy rain-fall in the mountains, and the rains and melting snows had brought down the summer floods a fortnight before their usual time.

The new bridge was now to be submitted to an inspection far more searching than that of the jolly, easy-going district commissioner, and if it failed to stand the test, they were lost, one and all.

Higher and higher rose the water; more and more fiercely ran the furious current. The two young dandies, who had no idea of the power of a real East Indian flood, looked aghast at seeing the whole face of the country below them changing as if by magic.

High banks fell away like melting snow; huge trees were torn up by the roots, and rocky heights backed into notches like the teeth of a saw. Great boulders fell thundering into the swirling foam; mountains of gravel were piled up where hollows had been, and hollows gaped in the surface of solid ridges.

Suddenly the fall of an enormous rock made an eddy in the current, which sent half a dozen vast tree-trunks rushing straight at the very arch upon which they were standing.

Even brave old Harrison drew a quick breath as the mighty mass came charging on, and plunged, with a deafening crash, against the pier below. But, although they felt the solid masonry shake under their feet with the shock, the bridge stood firm.

"Hurrah!" cried the old engineer, a few minutes later. "The water has risen a bit this last two minutes. I think we've had the worst of it now."

His practiced eye had not deceived him. The flood, as it spread itself over a wider and wider extent of country, lost its force more and more, and by midnight all danger to the bridge was at an end.

"Well, young gentlemen," said Harrison, with a piercing look at his two pale and woe-begone companions, "do you think my bridge too big now?"

But the "young gentlemen" made no answer.

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Hibernation of Reptiles.

Charles C. Abbot, writing in Science, asserts that the hibernation of reptiles varies much according to the severity of the winter. Many turtles take refuge in the deep holes of ponds, and Dr. Abbot asserts that, in the severest cold weather, he has caught the snapping-turtle, the musk-turtle and the box mud-turtle in deep holes and about large springs that discharge their waters on level ground.

As fish have been found partly eaten when taken in nets in mid-winter, Doctor Abbot concludes that the snapper takes an occasional meal. At the same time, he does not deny that the species found active in winter hibernate under certain conditions, and that the other species of turtle hibernate.

Snakes which live in water do not sleep so deep a winter sleep as do the black snake and others which frequent the uplands.

The true water-snake (*Tropidonotussipedon*) may often be found in winter a foot or two beneath the sand of any spring hole, and is not slow to swim off when thus disturbed.

This species and the common garter-snake are the first to appear in the spring.

The upland snakes may be literally broken into pieces without giving evidence of life, so thoroughly torpid are they.

Toads and tree-frogs, terrestrial and arboreal animals, are more sensitive to cold than the water-living frogs and salamanders.

Frogs, at the commencement of winter, retreat to the bottoms of ponds and deep ditches; salamanders to the water at the bottom of springs.

An interesting kind of frogs and three species of salamanders have been found in a hoghead sunk in the ground to collect the waters of a spring. They were sluggish, but not actually hibernating.

The United States Cents.

By HAL.

There are no less than six different designs or styles of the old "copper" cents. Their first regular coinage was in 1793, and they were coined every year up to, and including 1857, with the exception of 1815. The reason why none were coined in that year is, it is said there was such a scarcity of copper. It being just after the war, that was probably the cause of the omission that year.

The first design used was the flowing hair with chain and wreath, then the liberty cap, both thick and thin dies were tried, then the fillet head and then the turban head. The cent of 1817 has fifteen stars on it.

In 1856, the government probably thought the large "coppers" too big, so the nickel cent was tried and used a number of years. The first three years of this cent the flying eagle was the die, but after that the indian head was used.

In 1864, the "bronze" cent was tried, and has been used ever since. Next month we will try and give an account of the half cent.

The U. S. Executive Department Stamps.

In January, 1873, the United States Postmaster General, Creswell, contracted with a New York firm for the engraving and printing of the Executive Department stamps.

The cost of the plates for these stamps alone, was \$2,500. The set was issued May 1st, 1873, the color of all of them being carmine:

1 cent.	3 cents.
2 cents.	6 cents.
	10 cents.

The bust of Benjamin Franklin appears on the one cent stamp; that of Jackson on the two cent; George Washington's profile adorns the face of the three cent; while the portrait of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson may be seen on the six and ten cent stamp, respectively. The company that manufactured them, at first charged the Government eighty cents per thousand for them, but afterward reduced the price to nine and one-fifth cents per thousand.

The stamps were intended when first provided to pay postage on the official mail coming from the President's office, but they were no longer needed after the introduction of the free official envelope.—Philatelist.

To Preserve Eggs.

To preserve the shells of eggs, first take care to clear them of their contents; get a small, fine-pointed common syringe, and inject the specimen with water until it comes out quite clear. When an egg has been partly hatched or addled, the removal of the contents generally includes that of the internal membrane or pellicle; this makes the shell weaker. When the specimens are quite clean internally, and have become dry (which will be in a day or two) take the syringe and inject them with a strong solution of isinglass (with a little sugar-candy added to prevent its cracking); blow this out again whilst warm. Then dry the egg thoroughly. This method varnishes the inside, and the first specimen on which it has been tried was a field-parrot's egg, which is to this day as bright in color and marking as a fresh specimen, and we have used this method continuously since.—Exchange.

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AMATEURDOM.

We have received two convention numbers of "Chic" and "Progress." "Chic" is gotten up very finely. The printing is exceedingly well done. Some of the illustrations are very good and others do not suit our taste at all. However, Mr. Hastings deserves to be complimented on his fine number.

We cannot help noticing the great change that "Progress" has gone through, when we look over the issues of five and six months ago, and then review those of the present time. We can safely say that the paper has lived up to its name, progress. We wish that we could see such improvement in other papers.

The poetical number of the "Violet" is of rare beauty and appearance. Miss Arlington has issued a number that will always be remembered by the 'dom. The poems are all very good, some being excellent. Now, that Miss Arlington is 3rd, vice president of the N. A. P. A. we may expect still finer numbers of the "Violet."

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Miss Edith May Dowe is in our estimation one of the most promising young ladies in the 'dom. Her writings are pleasing, and her editorial ability is very good. We wish her success with the official organ of the G. L. A. R. A.

LORD BALTIMORE'S landing-place in Maryland is to have a \$10,000 monument.

Nihilistic activity is said to be increasing among the upper classes in Russia.

DOG-RACING is a popular sport in Philadelphia. The distance is from 100 to 700 yards.

AMATEUR NEWS.

The "Reflector" has improved greatly since its first issue.

The "Nugget," is much better since its enlargement.

"Topics of the Day," is a new paper published by Wicks and Pugh.

"The Press," of Waterbury, Con., continues to improve with every issue.

"The Leaflet," of Chicago, has been enlarged.

The "North Carolina Amateur" for July, has been received. Contents very good.

"Our Ideas" has not been seen since March.

Where is the "Waterfordian?" also the "Go-Ahead."

The following new papers have been issued: "The Peoples Press," "The Independent," "The Rural Youth" and "Topics of the Day."

The "Reflector," of Utica, was the first convention number received. The "Picayune" came a little later, and the grand old "Sentinel," third.

The scheme for forming an M. S. A. P. A. has, we are glad to say, fallen through. The leaders have decided to help put the Eastern on a level with the Western. It can be done and should.

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(FOR A PICTURE.)

Two sweet faced figures robed in silver white
With lyres close clasped in either gentle
hand,
Awaiting now the master's slow command
Ere sweeping from the strings the music's
delight.

It comes. The melodies take flight
In thrills of tender music sweet and grand,
As if it came by some magician's wand,
It woke the stars and made them deck the
night.

Behind, a bank of pink and golden rose
Showed dimly in the star reflecting air,
And perfume rises as the music grows
As sweet and as the players fair.
How grandly now the heavenly music flows
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The Yankee Marksman.

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delight.

It comes. The melodies take flight
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As if it came by some magician's wand,
It woke the stars and made them deck the
night.

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The Coinage of the U. S.

By H. C. R.

The earliest colonial coinage was in Massachusetts in pursuance of an order of the general court, passed May 27th, 1652, which required the coinage of 12 pence, 6 pence and 3 pence.

From 1778 to 1787 the power of coinage was exercised not only by the confederation in congress, but also by several of the individual states.

In Vermont a mint was established and copper cents and half cents were coined in 1785. Connecticut established a mint at New Haven, and copper coins were coined the same year. New Jersey authorized a copper coinage in 1785. In 1785, cents and half cents were issued in Massachusetts. In 1787, copper cents were coined under authority of congress.

On April 2nd, 1792, a code of laws was enacted for the establishment, and regulations for the mint, under which, with slight amendments, the coinage was executed for forty-two years.

The act of February 12th, 1873, known as the coinage act of '73, has consolidated the regulations governing the coinage of the United States.

Lyman H. Low's new catalogue is a beauty, in fact the best we have ever seen. All coin collectors, whether advanced or beginners, should send 15c to him for a copy. His address is 838 Broadway, New York City.

We are very desirous of getting an extra good article on coins for our Christmas number, and will offer the following prizes for the same: For the best article received before December 15th, 1885, twenty-five (25) foreign coins; for the next best, ten (10) foreign coins. All who enter articles will receive OUR PROGRESSIVE YOUTH for three months.

We are told that all the mints except the one at Philadelphia, have been closed. The reason for this movement, is, we suppose, the over abundance of silver.

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Papers devoted to philately alone and also to philately and coins, are constantly springing up all over the

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We have received copies of the following new papers:—The Long Island Collector, The New York Collector, and The Philatelic Tribune, all very good, especially the last named journal. We will be pleased to exchange with all three.

The Collector's Companion comes to hand every month, and is always filled with interesting reading matter.

We are afraid that the Independent Philatelist is on its last legs. Mr. Mitchell has lost his old time vigor.

The Stamp World has been received. We hope Mr. Mills will not stop in the good work he has commenced, viz.: exposing frauds.

We would like very much to exchange with the P. J. of A.

List of Recruits.

We take the following list of recruits from the October "Violet." Editors will be helping to encourage them by sending them their papers:

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AMATEURDOM.

In the "National Amateur," President Sullivan puts forth what we think is a very good idea. He proposes to appoint a committee of three in each State for the encouragement of recruits, and to induce young people to enter our little but pleasant world. The committee of three will be chosen from amateurs who send in applications for the same. Our application has already been sent in, and are anxiously awaiting the result of the appointment.

President Sullivan also states in his letter in the "National Amateur" that he will give a handsome gold medal to the editor or editors getting out the finest number of an amateur paper before June 30, 1886.

We congratulate Official Editor Emery on the fine number of the Official. Everything in it, with the exception of "our classification" is good; we do not think that a paper that publishes contributed matter should be classed with one that does not; we think it is unjust.

During the last two months we have been unable to attend to our Amateur duties, as we should have done, and therefore think that we shall do something for the 'dom this winter besides issuing our paper. What we intend doing is this: we shall get up a neat little pamphlet of 12, 16 or possibly 20 pages, to be devoted exclusively to the encouragement of the recruit.

It is with pain that we hear that Charles R. Burger is going to retire. In our next number we shall try and give a full account of Mr. Berger's career as an amateur journalist.

SHORT BUT SWEET.

The "Eagle," of Bridgeport, Conn, will be enlarged shortly.

Two new papers. The "Midget,"

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Monroe's "Boy's Folio" is quite good. His "our telephone" is very funny.

The "Temperance Banner" continues to improve, and its editor has shown himself a very enterprising young man.

"Plain Talk" as its motto implies, speaks for its self.

The "Bumble Bee" has been trying the stinging business. Wonder if he has lost his stinger, if so will he die?

The "Maxim" for a first number is very good.

The "Lone Star Amateur" just arrived; contents good; printing poor.

The "Union Flag" is a great addition to the 'dom.

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. I.

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 Always wears a smile;
 He is known around the country—
 Yes, throughout every mile.

II.

The man that advertises not
 Sits in his store alone,
 Looking at his stock fast spoiling
 And lowly but sadly moan (ing).

MORAL.

He who showeth enterprise
 Is bound to rise,—
 If he but freely advertise.

The fashionable gem of the day in Paris is the oudja, a charm as old as the pyramids. It is a delicate parallelogram of gold or silver in closing an elongated eye, from which falls a tear, dividing into smaller drops.

JOTTINGS.

—No stamps have been auctioned lately.

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—Read Charles Enders, Jr.'s, advertisement in this number.

—We are informed that *Our American Youth* is about to suspend.

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—England is to have a new set of stamps, it is said. They will all be of the same color.

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—Subscribe and be happy!
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 But genuine sense
 From the editor's penc [il].)

—"Long may we live!"
 So say we all of us.

The word "mugwump" is in political use in England now.

THE COOT.

The American or cinereous coot is about 14 inches long with an extent of wing of 25 inches; bill long, the beak $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; weight about one pound. The head is small, neck slender, body rather full; feet strong; tibia bare a little above the joint; the plumage is soft and blended. The bill is grayish white with a spot near the end; the general color of the upper parts is a deep bluish gray, blackish on the head and neck, and olivaceous on the shoulders. They are found through North America, in New England in the autumn, retiring south in November. Their favorite resorts are the borders of ponds and rivers lined with thick reeds, to which they fly on approach of danger. They swim, dive, fly and run well, but rise however with difficulty, fluttering with the wings and striking with the feet to assist. They feed especially in the morning and evening near the edge of the water, and in the open lands bordering streams and lakes. The food consists of aquatic insects and plants, mollusks, small fish, worms, seeds, and tender grasses and leaves. They probably breed in the Northern States; the nest, built of decayed vegetable matter and sticks, is placed near the water among the reeds. It is sometimes carried away by inundations, when it floats without injury to the eggs or displacing the female. The eggs are from seven to ten in number, of an ash-gray color, spotted minutely with black, and the young take to the water as soon as hatched. A common name for this species is the mad hen. They are abundant in New Orleans markets in winter, and are much used as food for the poorer classes, who skin instead of plucking them. In New England the name of "coot" is improperly applied to several species of duck, among them the Scoter duck, etc.—*Tidings from Nature.*

COPPER SPECIMEN COLLECTING

BY W. J. G.

The number of tourists that have taken in the copper mines in the vicinity of Hancock and Houghton, situated in the Keewenaw peninsula, Michigan, and carried away specimens is well up in the millions. The amount of copper which has been carried away by tourists is estimated to be worth \$16,000. The color of the common ore is of a dull red, but once in a while the miners come across a shining piece, coral-shaped, and the opening filled up with black and white quartz, and the miner places it upon a shelf near by, to supply the tourists in the summer. I could not find but one miner who had saved much of a collection for himself, the average miner being as sick of copper as a school-boy is of school. A party of eight, of which I was one, visited the great Calumet mine, about twenty miles from Houghton; in some cases we purchased specimens of the workmen, but in most cases the female portion of the party succeeded in begging them. In one part of the building, where the copper is sorted, there is a long trough before which a boy is at work picking out silver; he picks out a little spice box full in a forenoon. We tried hard to make him sell some specimens, but he was not to be persuaded.—*Exchange.*

NEW USE OF CARRIER PIGEONS.

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Especial pains will be taken in trying to please our friends and patrons. We shall, from time to time, offer prizes to induce subscribers to write articles for us. Besides this we shall have an Exchange Column, open to all; a Correspondence Column, open to subscribers only; and a Fraud Column. This last department we hope we shall be able to keep out of our paper as long as possible. Anyone's name will not be inserted in it until we have unmistakable proof that he is a fraud.

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Articles of interest to our subscribers, such as notes on Philately, Numismatics, Oology, Zoology, &c., will be gratefully received and credited. We hope those of our subscribers who have anything of the kind will send it to us.

It gives us great pleasure to present to our readers this month the portrait of Mr. DURBIN. Next month we shall try to procure the picture of a prominent New York dealer.

A writer in an English journal claims that "singing fish" exist in the Indian Ocean and in parts of the Atlantic. He says that the sound produced by such fish is a sore of musical twanging, similar to that of the jews-harp. The music is faintly heard on the deck, but it is clear and loud to the ears of the person who goes into the ship's hold. The particular species of fish which emits the sound has not been pointed out by naturalists. Indeed the mysteries of life in the deeps are apparently numberless.

A LETTER FROM MR. W. G.
WHILDEN, JR.

The following letter is one received in answer to our request for news in Mr. Whilden's locality:—

140 WASHINGTON STREET,
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19, 1885.

Mr. Harry K. Zust.

DEAR SIR:—I reached this city on the 20th of last September. I became acquainted with one stamp collector, and he introduced me to other collectors. Mr. D. McD. Parkhurst and myself got notices in the daily papers of this city as follows:

"In several of the Northern cities the collectors of postage stamps form themselves into societies for the purpose of learning more in regard to Philately. Such a society would be beneficial to Atlanta. Therefore, all those interested are respectfully requested to meet promptly at 7.30 P.M. at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association rooms to-night, for the purpose of establishing a Philatelic Society."

I am not positive that the above is the exact thing that appeared, as I wrote it from memory; but it was to the same effect.

Promptly at 7.30 P.M. we took our seats. I had the honor of presiding (Chairman). In a few words I tried to explain the object of our meeting, etc., and requested all who wished to join the society (or rather, help to form one,) to rise. Twenty-one arose, and Mr. Haynes, who acted as Secretary pro tem., took their names down in alphabetical order, as follows:

1. W. Atkinson.
2. F. M. Coston.
3. Robert Cox.
4. J. B. Campbell.
5. M. Fain.
6. C. F. Fox.
7. Z. D. Harrison.
8. J. M. Gaston, Jr.

9. A. Haynes.
10. E. Kruger.
11. T. J. Kongley.
12. H. B. Mays.
13. E. Meyer.
14. S. Meyer, Jr.
15. W. H. Pope.
16. S. Rosenfeld.
17. W. B. Symmers.
18. J. C. Strauss.
19. W. G. Whilden, Jr.
20. D. McD. Parkhurst.

After some time the following officers were elected, to serve three months:

President, W. G. Whilden, Jr.; Vice-President, S. Meyer, Jr.; Secretary (Recording), J. B. Campbell, Jr.; Secretary (Corresponding), D. McD. Parkhurst; Treasurer, W. B. Symmers; Librarian, W. H. Pope. Executive Committee: Chairman, C. F. Fox. J. M. Gaston, Jr., H. C. Mays.

It was decided to call a meeting on the following Friday, at 7.30 P. M. Twenty-five were present. Two new members were admitted. Messrs. Durbin, Watkins and Gibbons were elected honorary members.

We have not got the Society in good working order yet, but by the first of February I trust that it will be in excellent shape. We had a splendid meeting last night. The U. S. Gen. Issues were discussed and Mr. Gaston read a fine essay.

We have here some fine talent. Mr. W. H. Pope, 45 E. Mitchell St., has contributed to several papers, and his articles are considered fine. He received a request from Mr. Raymond a few days ago for an article, but I don't know what reply was given.

Mr. Terrill, 169 Jones St., has every stamp ever issued by the U. S. Government, all unused. Dr. J. P. Huntley, Wheat St., has a *fine* collection. He has travelled to a considerable extent, and his many rarities indicate what countries he has visited. He has a *genuine, used*, original (not a reprint)

of the 1d. "Black Mulready Envelope." He paid \$2.50 for it from an old woman in London, in 1870. A few days after he had bought it he saw one sold to an English duke for \$25.00 at auction. Yours truly,

W. G. WHILDEN, Jr.

A GOOD PLACE FOR A NEST.

John Burroughs describes in the *Century* "The Tragedies of the Nests," and commends the shrewdness of the bobolink: "If I were a bird," he says, "in building my nest I should follow the example of the bobolink, placing it in the midst of a broad meadow, where there was no grass, or flower, or growth unlike another to mark its site. I judge that the bobolink escapes the dangers to which I have adverted as few or no other birds do. Unless the mowers come along at an earlier date than she has anticipated, that is, before July 1, or a skunk goes nosing through the grass, which is unusual, she is as safe as bird well can be in the great open of nature. She selects the most monotonous and uniform place she can find amid the daisies or the timothy and clover, and places her simple structure upon the ground in the midst of it. There is no concealment, except as the great conceals the little, as the desert conceals the pebble, as the myriad conceals the unit. You may find the nest once, if your course chances to lead you across it and your eye is quick enough to note the silent brown bird as she darts swiftly away; but step three paces in the wrong direction, and your search will probably be fruitless."

Reports from icemen say that the ice in the main channel in the Hudson River above Catskill averages four inches in thickness. There is no snow on it, and the winds carry the dust from the land which makes it gritty and dirty.

SIZE OF SUN SPOTS.

Mr. H. A. Smith, in the *Popular Science Monthly*, gives some interesting data on astronomy, in the course of which he says a single spot has measured from 40,000 to 50,000 miles in diameter, in which, as will be readily seen, we could put our earth for a standing point of observation, and note how the vast facular waves roll and leap about the edge of the spot, and also how the metallic rain is formed from the warmer portion of the sun. In June, 1843, a solar spot remained a week visible to the naked eye, having a diameter of about 77,000 miles; and in 1837 a cluster of spots covered an area of nearly 4,000,000,000 square miles. When we call to mind that the smallest spot which can be seen with the most powerful telescope must have an area of about 50,000 miles, we can readily see how large a spot must be in order to be visible to the unaided eye. Pasteroff, in 1828, measured a spot whose umbra had an extent four times greater than the earth's surface. In August, 1858, a spot was measured by Newall, and it had a diameter of 58,000 miles—more, as will be seen, than seven times the diameter of the earth. The largest spot that has ever been known to astronomy was no less than 153,000 miles.

IRON AND STEEL GIRDERS.

Experiments on an extensive scale have been made in Germany to ascertain the relative strength of iron and steel girders. The soft-steel girders proved to be 22 per cent. and hard-steel girders 66 per cent. stronger than the iron girders; and it is remarked that it seemed pretty well established that the strength of steel girders is about the same for the two flanges if made alike in section.—*Exchange.*

REMARKABLE CONTENTS OF A COD'S STOMACH.

Mr. Rackstraw, fishmonger, Sussex Place, Brompton, England, has kindly presented to Mr. Edon, for my fish exhibition, the contents of a cod's stomach. This curious object is a mass consisting of a tangled mass of horsehair and string, the fibres of which are matted and intertwined well together by means of no less than ten fish-hooks. All these are small hooks except two which are much larger. It is a remarkable thing that the points of all these hooks are turned upward. I confess I cannot quite account for the presence of so many hooks in the stomach of this cod, except that the cod who owned the stomach had somehow or another managed to get hold of haddocks or whiting caught on hooks, and in whose bodies the hooks still remained. The flesh of the whittings or haddocks had been entirely digested by the juices of the cod's stomach; the horsehair and metal of the hooks, however, resisted its action. That whiting and haddock have frequently hooks left in them is well known to all those who have the care of seals. Sea fish-hooks are very cheap, and the fishermen, rather than take the trouble to extract the hook from the fish's mouth, very frequently cut off the "snood" or line to which the fish is attached, and let the hook remain *in situ*. The seal swallows the fish-hook and all the hook gets entangled in the poor seal's intestines, and, of course, proves fatal. The cod is what is generally called a "voracious" fish. I have now in my museum a portion of a tallow candle, about seven inches long, that was taken from a cod's stomach. This was presented to me by Mr. Grove, of Charing Cross. Mr. Rackstraw has lately sent me a pair of

sailor's mits, also taken from a cod's stomach.

Ling are also very voracious. Mr. Henry Fiennell, son of the late lamented Inspector of Fisheries, has in his possession a pewter flask which was found in the stomach of a ling taken off Bandon Head, County Kerry, Ireland. It contained two glasses of whiskey. How long it had been in the ling's stomach is not known. Pike are frequently found with stones in their stomachs. In fact, both pike and cod will fly at and swallow anything moving or falling quickly through the water.

FRANK BUCKLAND.

THE BLOW-GUN OF THE INDIANS OF THE ORINOCO.

The Indians of Brazil who live on the banks of the Amazon, and those of the Orinoco in Venezuela, and indeed in all the vast districts of country that extend from the shores of the Carribean Sea to the southern boundaries of Bolivia and thence to the Atlantic Ocean, have a very peculiar weapon, in many respects superior to the shot gun, with which to kill small monkeys and birds. It consists of a tube cut from the lower stalk of a reed which grows in the Andean sources of the rivers named. Like the bamboo, this cane grows in clusters, and although its diameter is rarely half an inch thick, it often attains an altitude of thirty or forty feet—the first fourteen or sixteen feet being without a knot. This section of the cane, upon being cut, is made into a blow pipe, the inside being perfectly straight within and smooth as glass. One end is chosen for the mouthpiece, and is with a peculiar grass made soft and therefore easily impressed on the lips. The other end is tipped with a portion of a very hard nut called the *acuero*.

COIN DEPARTMENT.

Any news concerning this department that dealers and collectors may send us will be gratefully received. Please address all mail for this department to COIN EDITOR,

OUR PROGRESSIVE YOUTH,
339 W. 23rd St. New York.

EDITOR OUR PROGRESSIVE YOUTH:

I am a young collector of coins and medals. I have a collection of about 500. As yet I have no special place for them. Now, can you or any of your readers tell me a good way to make a cabinet for them? Please insert this in your Exchange Column.

Wishing you success, I remain,
CHARLES L. P.

[Can any of our readers answer Mr. P.'s question?]

THE TRAGEDIES OF THE NESTS.

The song-birds nearly all build low; their cradle is not upon the tree-top. It is only birds of prey that fear danger from below more than from above, that seek the higher branches for their nests. A line five feet from the ground would run above more than half the nests, and one ten feet would bound more than three-fourths of them. It is only the oriole and the wood pewee that, as a rule, go higher than this. The crows and jays and other enemies of the birds have learned to explore this belt pretty thoroughly. But the leaves and the protective coloring of most nests baffle them as effectually, no doubt, as they do the professional o-ologist.—*John Burroughs, in the Century.*

Jurymen should be careful in condemning on so-called expert testimony, especially medical, as doctors disagree, and medicine is not an exact science.

EXCHANGES.

We will insert exchanges not exceeding 40 words free for subscribers; others will be charged 10 cents. Exchanges of a trifling nature will not be inserted.

The Publisher reserves the right to reject any exchange.

The scarcity of small coins is due to the children, according to a Chicago newspaper. "Hundreds of thousands of dollars in pennies, nickels and dimes are hoarded in the thousands of toy banks throughout the country, and these, if put into circulation, would materially lessen the stringency of the money market in coins of the small denominations."

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A Valuable Collection.

Perhaps the most valuable collection of bird's eggs in the country is the property of Prof. Thomas G. Gentry, of Philadelphia, who is the author of "The Nests and Eggs of Birds of North America." He spent four years collecting the specimens, some of which are worth to collectors \$100 apiece. The handsomest egg in the collection is a set of six laid by the White Ptarmigan, a bird related to the grouse family and which is found in Labrador. The eggs are a beautiful shade of golden brown with black dots and lines, no two of which are alike. The foolish Guillemot, a bird which only lays one egg and leaves that upon the stones, depending on the heat of the sun for incubation, except in cloudy or stormy weather, when the female covers them, until the sun appears, is represented by seven beautiful specimens. Of the Greenland Eider Duck, five eggs of an olive hue are found in the collection. These were presented to Prof. Gentry by Erastus Corning, of New York. The nest accompanied them, and is made of feathers plucked from the body of the bird. Two eggs of the Iceland Gyrfalcon, about the size of an ordinary chicken's egg, of deep amber color smeared with a darker shade, and valued at \$20 each lie alongside of two eggs of the Turkey-buzzard of Florida. These are blue, with brown blotches, and are laid in a cavity of a log. Both the male and female take turns in performing the incubating process. A peculiar egg is that of the Red Flamingo, found in the Bahama Islands.

The soft shell is like chalk and leaves a white mark wherever it is deposited.

An egg of the Golden Eagle, (the size of a goose egg), two eggs of the Bald Eagle, two eggs of the Gray Sea Eagle and three eggs of the Fish Hawk (which builds a nest five feet wide) are among the curiosities of the professor's collection. Another rarity is a set of two eggs of the Inagua Heron, of the Bahama Islands, which were discovered Mr. Charles B. Cory, of Boston and presented to Prof. Gentry. But one other set has ever been collected. As a natural curiosity in egg laying, the professor exhibited a set of eggs of the Piping Plover, found on Seven Mile Beach, N. J. This bird does not build a nest, but scoops a hole in the sand in the midst of broken shells, always laying eggs with the points together. They are the color of the sand, covered with dots to resemble foreign substances, and are not easily recognized.

"This nest is worth \$50, said the professor, as he opened a handsome cabinet and took out what appeared to be seven large beans. The collection was, however, a complete set of eggs of the Golden Crown Kinglet, found on the Coast of Labrador, only two sets can be found in collections in the United States, and are highly valued by egg collectors. Each drawer of the cabinet as it was opened displayed new combinations in colors, many of the specimens had their beauty enhanced by the glossy surface which nature had provided, while others were adorned with such varied tints as to lead one to believe that the hand of man had applied the colors. A set of eggs of the Least Tit, of California, is

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We regret not being able to send out a better paper for February, but as our time was very much occupied with more important business we were unable to attend to our journalistic duties. We promise next month a better showing, and will be out on time.

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A Monster Reptile.

Dr. L. M. Green, of Woodbury, N. J., who now owns the Mickle farm, near that town, proposes to dig for the petrified remains of a supposed antediluvian monster, which was found in a marl bed on the farm forty years ago, but which has never been entirely unearthed. The story of the discovery of the petrified remains and the failure to unearth the relic reads somewhat strange at this late day. The discovery was made by some laborers who were working in a marl pit on the Mickle farm. Astonished at finding such a strange object, the men proceeded to unearth it. Lengthwise it was found to extend beyond the sides of the pit, and it was evident that a great amount of excavating would be necessary to fully expose it and learn its true character. Enough had been seen of it, however, to convince the men that they had come upon the petrified remains of an enormous lizzard-like creature which had existed long before the creation of man. The workmen were compelled to desist from their labor by the approach of night, but intended to resume the task the next morning. Unfortunately

ly during the night a heavy rain began the sides of the pit caved in and the excavation in the vicinity of the great saurian was filled with water and earth. The search for the relic was then abandoned for a more opportune time, but it was never resumed. The farm now belongs to Dr. Green, and when he decided to resume the search for the antedeluvian monster a number of scientific gentlemen volunteered to share the expense with him. James Mickle, who was born on the farm named, was a small boy at the time of the discovery, but remembers nearly the location of the pit. He is unable to designate, however, the exact spot.—*Selected.*

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highly prized. This bird, though only the size of a wren, builds a nest twenty-two inches long, four inches wide and ten inches deep. Its eggs are about the size of peanut kernels. Next to them in the cabinet is a set of eggs of the Cactus Wren, of California, which builds a nest the size of a half-bushel of cactus spines to protect its little ones from intruders. Prof. Gentry has in his possession the largest set of eggs of the Ruffed Grouse ever known to be found in one nest. The set comprised twenty-two specimens, but as the family is polygamous they were not probably laid by one bird.

JOTTINGS.

Several deer were shot last week at Stillwater Centre and Ketchum's Corners, N. Y.

There are 130 members in the Eastern Society of Naturalists of the United States.

Prof. Spencer F. Baird says that the American fishers realize a revenue of \$100,000,000 annually.

Wild turkeys are said to be more

plentiful in Franklin county, Tennessee, than ever known before.

Scores of anglers are fishing through the ice at Newburgh, and making big hauls.

Jack rabbits have devastated Tulare county, Cal., during the past season, and caused a damage of \$50,000.

An owl four feet long from tip to tip was killed the other day in the neighborhood of Luthersville, Ga.

Prof. Landmark, chief director of the Norwegian fisheries, asserts that salmon sometimes jump perpendicularly sixteen feet.

A tame cougar followed like a dog at the heels of a wild cowboy in the streets of Portland, Ore., the other day.

The western rice fields are swarming with game fowl, and regular battues are made by shooting parties every day.

It is claimed that a peculiar breed of fish are found at Hind's Springs, Lyons county, Nevada, which are covered with a coat of hair instead of scales.

A hunter of Stanislaus county, Cal., brought in thirty-three coyote skins one day last month and received \$99 bounty money from the County Treasurer.

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