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Kicked and Cuffed.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

CHAPTER I.

The little town of Denton was thrown into a great tremor of excitement on the 14th day of June, 1874. James Hardy, a bound boy, had killed his master, and for the first time in years the inhabitants of this sleepy little town were excited.

The majority of the inhabitants agreed that he had done a good deed in ridding the town of such a tyrant as Silas Mosby.

It will not be out of place here to give a short sketch of this poor boy's life.

James' father was killed in the Civil War, and his dear, patient mother was left penniless, and for several years had managed to make a living. And in 1867 she died from over work, leaving James at the tender age of 8 years to depend upon his own exertions. For several weeks he struggled along and managed to keep body and soul together by doing odd jobs. The county authorities then took him in hand and sent him to—Orphan Asylum, where he lived happily for several years, and was then bound out to Silas Mosby. It was a bad day for poor James when he left the asylum.

Immediately upon his arrival at Silas' store, he was set to work, and from earliest dawn till late at night his inhuman master forced him to perform tasks that are considered hard for a much larger boy. Although Silas was a brute, he had

a kind and gentle sister, who assisted James at every opportunity, and made his tasks as light as possible whenever it was anything about the house. At the time Silas was killed she and James were planning for him to run away from his inhuman task-master.

CHAPTER II.

On the evening on which our story opens, James had been sent to deliver some groceries to an old gentleman named Wallace, who resided at the far side of the village.

On his way back to the store he was stopped by some boys who asked him to engage in a game of ball, and boylike he accepted, and was soon so deeply interested in the game that he took no notice of the time. The side he was on had just come in from the field, and as it was his time to the bat, he just stepped to the plate, when he felt a heavy hand on his shoulder, and turning he beheld Silas!

"What, you here?" he exclaimed.

"Yes, I am here! Is this the way you are learnt to obey orders? I'll teach you how to disobey me!"

And with this exclamation he struck the boy a stunning blow across the cheek with a large cowhide which he carried in his hand. The poor boy was felled to the ground, and before he could rise blow after blow was rained down upon his head and shoulders. Springing to his feet he picked up the bat which he had dropped at the first blow, and before his assailant could strike him again, he threw the bat, with all the force he could summon, straight at his assailant's head.

True to his aim, it hit Silas and he fell to the ground, apparently lifeless! He fled from the scene. *Was he a murderer?*
(*To be continued.*)

Camping in the Cumberland Mountains.

BY JAMES JAEHLY.

CHAPTER IV.

When Joe retired he soon fell asleep. How long he slept he knew not, for he was awakened by a pressure upon his bosom. He opened his eyes, and the sight he beheld almost stupefied him. Curled up on his bosom was a large rattlesnake! Never in his life had he been so badly frightened as he now was. What must he do? To move meant certain death, to shout meant the same. Must he wait until Sam came to wake him? The suspense was terrible! His whole life flashed before him like a panorama. He thought of his loving parents. Would he ever see them again? He dared not move, for fear the viper would bury its fangs in his throat. Would he never be free? The reptile exerted a strange influence over him. Its burning eyes seemed to burn into his brain and hold him spellbound. At this moment Sam came up. Would he be saved?

CHAPTER V.

When the snake saw Sam it turned its attention from Joe to him. At first he was badly frightened, but he soon plucked up courage and stepped forward, using his gun as a club. The snake grew furious and rattled ominously. But Sam was not in the least daunted. Raising his gun above his head, with his lips com-

pressed, and every nerve thrilled with excitement, he made a terrific blow which struck the snake on the head and sent it spinning several yards away, where it lay as if stunned. He cocked his gun and fired, blowing his snakeship completely to atoms. As the report of the gun rang out on the still night air, Albert leaped to his feet. What a sight he beheld! Sam was standing nearby with the still smoking gun in his hand, while Joe, apparently lifeless, lay on the ground before him. His brow was white as snow, and the snake was lying where Sam had knocked him, and was completely blown to pieces.

(*To be continued.*)

The Master and His Scholar.

BY GEO. W. DUFRANE.

Dear readers, let me give you a kindly warning which if you note the contents of carefully, and always bear it in mind. *you will not lose by it!*

Many people are so self conceited that they will run themselves into many inconveniences rather than be thought to want assistance. There are many helps in life, which they who launch out into the wide world ought to make use of as supporters, until they are sufficiently versed in business to stem the tide for themselves. Yet many, like the child in this story, undertake affairs which are too big for them, and venture out of their depth.

None are too wise to be advised, nor are we ever too old to learn anything which we may be the better for. But *young* men above all, should not disdain to open their eyes to examples and their ears to admonition. They should not be

Sons of Ham.

BY THE CHAMPION CHUCKLER.

MEATIN NUMBER TWO.

Bruder Shiney I. Kuhn cauld de meatin too awder. Butt dey didunt obay wuth a sent, an a lodge grupe ob dem seamed ter bee mitely egsighted an now an den wood brake fourth in dare rath, an it tuck a gray deal ob ingynewyty an a lodge chunk ob stratigy ter restower awder.

Butt at lass it wass dun. Den Bruder Kuhn spoked up. Bredren, sed he, Henry Grabbuz, communly noan az Hen Grabbuz, wil speke fer hisself. Bruder Grabbuz tuck de phlatform an sune had us enraptured wid hiz largic, wich wuz az follers:

Bredrin, sez he, yew sea me hear ter nite, an yew sea how I am drawed up in a not wid de roomatism an knot able ter s'port myself, an I ask yew ter help me wid de funs wot is in de treachery ob dis newnited awder.

At dis part ob de speach he wuz abrupt-ed buy Bruder Erpropriation Ham, hoo sed dat dare was no munny in de treachery at de prezint time, an if yer are goan ter be s'ported buy dis yer club weel have ter begin ter fine sum won fer hiz miz deeds.

Misser speakur, shoutid Bruder Rastus Washintown, wee wuz talkin a wile ergo about hev'n Bruder Meloncolly Brown find fer hiz sellfishnest. I'll tell yer how it wus, de udder nite Sam Jonsing perposed ter make Misser Erbijer Smiffs find watermillion pach er vizit, an erbout 10 erclock er grupe er us membuz cumposed uv Sam Jonsing, miself, Hen Grabbuz, Deekin Ham, Breckfuss Gaderer, an erbout fifty udders reproched de pach an craulin on ow'r hans an nees gadered

up sum er de finess millions, an I hap-pinđ ter glans in de d'rectshun ob Meloncolly Brown, an I sor wie hiz mudder gibbed him dat ar name. Dat nassy brack nigger wuz craulin erlong on hiz hans an nees an he had 17 millions a rolin afore him, an dey wuz de largis an finess in de pach. I crauled ober ter ware he wuz an axed him wut he wuz gwine ter do wid awl ob dose millions. Ise gwine ter eat um, sez he. Wel, sez I, yer hevent got no mow conshuns dan er stick er would. Yer oughter bee in der penny-tencherry, yer theavin brack raskul yew. Well, sez he, yer no dare iz er lor wot sez dat enny member what leabs a pach wid less dan tree millions will bee find. Well distorted I, yer shoodknot take mo dan 12 at lease at won time. Sow yer sea he shood bee find erbout sixty dollers, bred-rin.

No! yer whoant eider, sed Meloncolly, sezain a chare an standin on de obfenzive.

(To be continued.)

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NOTES.

BY E. WILKINSON.

There is an asylum in Switzerland that collects postage stamps, and finds a market for all stamps sent to it.

The museum of the Berlin Post Office, contains a collection of stamps, of between 4,000 and 5,000 varieties.

Some "cranks" are now collecting printed envelope corners. What can we expect next?

M. DeFarrari has the largest and most valuable collection of stamps in the whole world.

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The total value of the postage stamps, etc., sold at the New York Post Office during the year 1889 was \$5,924,456.29. The year 1888 was some hundred dollars less.

A large cigarette manufacturer gives a foreign stamp valued from 1 cent to 1 dollar with every package of cigarettes.

The 3c vermilion and 90c purple of the 1887 and '88 issue of the United States are rapidly becoming valuable, and 15 years from now will probably be considered a rarity.

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ashamed to furnish themselves with rules for their behavior in this world. For example I furnish my readers with a fable from a volume published over one hundred years ago.

"As a schoolmaster was walking upon the bank of river, not far from his school, he heard the cry of one in distress: advancing a few paces further, he saw one of his scholars in the water, hanging by the bough of a willow. The boy had, it seems, been learning to swim with corks, and now, thinking himself sufficiently experienced, had thrown his supports aside, and ventured into the water without them; but the force of the stream having hurried him out of his depth, he would have certainly been drowned, had not the branch of a willow, which grew on the bank, providently hung in his way. The master took up the corks, and throwing them to the scholar, took the opportunity to lecture him on his rashness. 'Let this be an example to you,' said he, 'in the conduct of your future life, never to throw away your corks until time has given you strength and experience enough to swim without them.'"

Bogus Stamps of Moresnet.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, New York.

"Moresnet!" the reader will exclaim, "what is that? Stamps of Moresnet!"

Yes, philatelists, there are unscrupulous stamp dealers in Europe as well as in America, who try to sell such "stuff alias trash" as the "bogus stamps of Moresnet."

For the information and benefit of the numerous readers of the AMERICAN YOUTH, in the United States and foreign countries, I will announce the following facts to you:

The so-called Republic of Moresnet is the smallest independent tract of land in Europe, and the village of Moresnet has a remarkable history. In the year 1815, the governments of Prussia and the Netherlands were quarreling about the frontier. All points were, after a time, settled amicably, but Moresnet the village was the troublesome child. In the limits of this village there are important tin mines, and both Prussia and the Netherlands claimed them, on account of their rich productions of tin. As both countries remained stubborn in their demands, a chosen arbitrator made the final terms to which both agreed, *vide!*

The village of Moresnet with about 50 huts, and the property which contains the tin mines, should remain neutral property. To guard nominally the state authority (sovereignty), the governments of Prussia and the Netherlands, shall have in Moresnet one commissioner each, whose duty is to act as arbitrator in all conflicts, arising among the handful population.

Moresnet is situated in a pretty little valley between the Prussian city of Archen (formerly Aix-la-Chapelle) and the Dutch city of Verviers. The villagers, mostly laborers in the mines, speak the Dutch and French languages. Since 1815 Moresnet has remained independent, and the villagers have lived in peace. In this course of time Moresnet has grown, and now has about 800 houses, some business houses, etc. The main points of course are the tin mines, which are owned by a German-Belgian syndicate, and the property is now valuable.

The town is ruled by a mayor, and he is appointed by the people, also are 10 aldermen who are generally good-natured farmers. His Honor the Mayor and his favorite alderman are the "bosses." If the Honorable Board of Aldermen (the Mayor is Chairman) is in session, the

two bosses (the Mayor and his favorite alderman) make the laws and that settles it! The rest (9 aldermen) agree of course, as they have no other choice.

The annual expenses of the Republic amount to about \$3000, and each inhabitant has to pay an annual tax of \$1.00. With this money all municipal matters are paid. The state authority is represented by one whole policeman, who is dressed in a special uniform, so the people may know his power. The duty of this sample policeman is to walk the streets, arrest all offenders, get fresh air, and in his leisure time amuse himself as best he can. In short, he is the "John for anything to do in the 100 city affairs, but it is not much. He gets a small salary, about enough to live on.

Another curiosity of Moresnet is a castle erected by Charles the Great, an emperor of the first German Empire. Now, listen to me, ye numerous readers of the AMERICAN YOUTH: I will now come to the "bogus stamps."

In 1888, some enterprising stamp dealers of Belgium combined themselves with a lithographer and an express company, and their new idea was to manufacture stamps of Moresnet. The whole thing was a private enterprise, to deliver letters and parcels in the big city of Moresnet. The stamps were issued and thrown on the market. But the eyes of the law were watching! The above-mentioned State Commissioners of Prussia and Holland interfered. They hunted up an old law that prohibited the issue and circulation of stamps inside the territory of Moresnet. Meanwhile 18 days had passed and the commissioners had stopped matters and the stamp swindle enterprise was in the "soup."

These stamps were of 8 denominations, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 German pfennige. The description of the "stuff" is as follows:

At the head is the word "Kelmiser," below this "Verkehrs-Anstalt," below this "Neutrales Gebiet," all in a scroll. Amid the stamp in a circle is an octagon and in this is the denomination, below is the word "Pfennige," in a scroll above the value are the words "Von Moresnet." The above is in the German language, below the value in the French language the words "Poste Locale" (local post office). At the bottom of stamp are the words "DE MORESNET." The lower corners are filled out by a posthorn.

Large quantities of them were issued, and I advise all readers of the AMERICAN YOUTH not to buy these *bogus stamps*.

Boys, don't forget to patronize my advertisers when you need anything in their line.

Agents wanted in all parts of United States and Canada to take subscriptions and advertisements for this paper. For particulars address the Editor.

By the Wayside.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

ROUGH ON TRADE JOURNALS.

There was a time, and that was not long ago, when it was a very easy thing to fool the government in regard to newspaper mails, but those days are over. Trade journals, which have been accepted as second-class mail matter, are carried at the rate of one cent a pound; if rejected, the proprietor must pay eight cents per pound. It is said that the restrictions on trade papers, as to the character of their advertising, their circulation, purpose,

etc., have been easily got around by proprietors publishing one paper for the post office department, forwarding it to Washington, having it accepted, and then running future numbers as they saw fit. But this is all changed now. Orders have been sent out to postmasters to examine these papers more closely and they have been doing it, and as a result the revenue from them is largely increased. Supt. of the Mails J. A. Montgomery, Chicago, said:

"The mails are now absolutely clogged with second-class matter, a large part of which is of an advertising nature. The government figures that there is a loss in carrying that class of mail, and proposes to sustain that loss, so long as the larger class of its citizens are benefitted; but that the people may continue to receive this advantage, it becomes absolutely necessary to curtail the privileges of that class of matter which is circulated for the personal advantage of individuals or corporations, and whose papers are not issued in accordance with the statutory requirements of the law governing second-class matter."

A CURIOUS ERROR.

"The outcry raised by so many demagogues against the enforcement of an educational test of fitness for admission to the public service receives a most interesting side-light from the case of Moses Pendergrass, of Libertyville, Mo., for whose relief a bill is now pending in the senate.

"Pendergrass desired, in 1887, to become a bidder for a contract for carrying the mails from Knob Lick to Coffman, Mo., a distance of fifteen miles, and back, three times a week, and over six miles of the route six times a week. His inability to read and write caused him to take the

blank proposal to one Rudy, the postmaster at Knob Lick, and a justice of the peace, who filled it out for him and prepared and witnessed the necessary bond by which two friends of Pendergrass obliged themselves in the sum of \$1400 to see that their principal lived up to his contract. Pendergrass wanted to make his bid \$400 a year, but the justice, who appears to have had but an indifferent education himself, wrote in the four and left the hundreds out. Neither Pendergrass nor either of his bondsmen discovered the error, and when the twenty-four bids were opened they were found to range from \$699 to \$4. The next lowest to Pendergrass' was a bid of \$317.

Everything being satisfactory the department asked no questions, but accepted Pendergrass' bid of \$4, and it was not until the first quarterly settlement was made and he received a warrant for \$1.43 for his contract service and some extra duty put upon him, that he became alarmed and got ready to write a protest to the department in his behalf. The papers were overhauled and the blunder discovered. Pendergrass notified the department that he would withdraw from the service, and his contract was declared forfeited. Of course, this left not only himself—his investment in the necessary outfit being considerable—but his bondsmen also in a very awkward situation. To save all parties as much as possible, Pendergrass had continued his daily trips after the discovery of the error till a new contractor could be found to take his place, an interval which stretched his whole service to nearly a year's duration. He is now in search of relief. In order that the government shall be secure against loss, it is proposed to pay him what would have been the balance due if he had taken it at the rate offered by the next lowest bidder—\$317."

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EDITORIAL.

I have engaged two well-known philatelic writers to write for this paper hereafter. They are Mr. Ph. Heinsberger and Mr. E. P. Newcomer. The former writes articles for many well-known papers. Among them are *International Stamp Journal*, *One Dime* and many

others. Mr. E. P. Newcomer has made a 6-months contract with me to furnish MSS. of 800 or more words each month. He writes for the *Curiosity Collector*, the *Giant*, and other as equally well-known papers. The readers may expect a great treat hereafter. I have also engaged other writers of lesser note.

ADMITTED TO THE MAILS.

The AMERICAN YOUTH has been admitted to the mails as second class matter since the September issue, and now has advantage of the pound rate of postage.

How do you like Jas. Jaehly's new story "Kicked and Cuffed?" The initial chapter is in this issue.

We wish to exchange with all amateur papers. One copy please.

The following papers are now on our exchange list: The Giant, The Effort, The Collector, Yankee Philatelist, Essex County Philatelist, The Siftings, Curiosity Collector, Fun, International Stamp Journal, One Dime, The Starry Flag, Bethlehem Review, and Stamp Advertiser. We wish to exchange with all.

"Ten Days With a Modern Stamp Dealer," is the title of a work to appear about Nov. 15th. It is written by Mr. E. P. Newcomer and Mr. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me., is to publish it. We understand the work is to be issued in fine style, and will be illustrated, and to contain about ten thousand words.

The book will relate in a pleasing style, what was seen and heard during a ten-day visit with a metropolitan stamp dealer of note. Circulars containing full particulars sent upon application (with stamp) to the publisher.

Amateur Editors' Association.

As a sufficient membership has not been obtained, I do not announce names of candidates for office in A. E. A. Our membership is rapidly increasing, and we hope soon to place our candidates for our first election. Brother editors should join *now*. Initiation fee 25 cents, dues 5 cents per month, beginning November 15th, 1890. For copy of Laws, etc., address Jas. J. Hailey, Acting President, Maxwell House News Stand, Nashville, Tenn.

Odds and Ends.

- BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, a large and illustrated magazine, will shortly appear from Washington, D. C.

The best report of the A. P. A. Convention appeared in the August *P. J. of A.* Western philatelists owe sincere gratitude to Mr. C. H. Mekeel for his efforts at the Convention in trying to have the West represented.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has advanced its subscription price to 20 cents and promises to appear hereafter with 16 pages or more per month.

The *Philatelist* of New York has been suspended. We are indeed sorry to see such a first-class publication as the *Philatelist* go under.

The United States Government has granted special franking privileges to Sarah Polk, widow of President James K. Polk; Lucretia R. Garfield, widow of President James A. Garfield; and Julia D. Grant, widow of President Ulysses S. Grant; and all mail matter carried from or sent to them under their respective written autograph signatures, will be carried free, during their respective natural lives.

I have received through the mails two plain white envelopes, bearing an envelope stamp cut out round and pasted in the right-hand corner. No postage was collected on the delivery of the same, and they evidently passed through undetected.

The Chicago postoffice building is in a very bad condition and the government is very slow in making an appropriation for its repair. Every day brings a lot of country and city visitors to the Chicago postoffice building, and they go through it with some very unpleasant comments. "The men are disappointed at the broken tiling, the dirty condition of the place, and the women, while awed at the immensity of the rooms and the high ceilings, declare that, after all, it 'is not a bit nice,' and needs a good cleaning up."

NOT MAILABLE MATTER.

A novel sight met the eyes of the letter-carrier who makes the regular Sunday afternoon collection of mail matter, recently when he drove up his bob-tailed cart and stopped and opened the large mail box at the corner of Twelfth street and the avenue. Before opening the box

he heard a great racket going on inside of it, and he called a couple of policemen and a citizen to his aid, and when the box was opened a large Thomas cat walked out and began rubbing his lately cramped sides against the legs of his liberator.

The cat was overjoyed, but the carrier talked in a style that would have shocked a Sabbath School, and wound up by kicking at the mouser and remarking, "S-cat, you —— villian!"—*Washington Post*.

The *Chicago Times* recently published the following editorial:

"Mr. Heaton, M. P., proposes penny ocean postage the world over. Possibly the service can be rendered at the rate of two cents per ounce or fractional part thereof, so far as letters alone are concerned. Sir Rowland Hill said that one farthing would compensate a ship-owner for carrying a letter to the antipodes, and the service costs much less now than it did in his day. If half a cent will compensate the ship-owner, two cents ought to compensate for the entire service. No doubt under this low and universal rate correspondence would be vastly increased and the cost of service for each letter be much less."

Georgia Coins.

"LAFAYETTE DURR."

In 1830, when the first extensive production of Georgia gold was mined, Mr. Templeton Reid established a mint, and coined, by permission of the United States Government, two and a half, five, and ten gold dollar pieces. His coins bear on the obverse: "Templeton Reid, Assayer," and on the reverse the inscrip-

tion, "Georgia Gold," surrounded by a circle of stars.

The ten dollar gold pieces of 1830, 1831, 1832, and 1833 weigh 248 grains, and are 942 fine, their value \$10.06. The five dollar gold pieces of that period, 124 grains, and 930 fine, value \$5.00. The two and a half dollar pieces are 932 fine and weigh 60 5 grains, value \$2.43.

In 1834, Templeton Reid reduced his standard weight and fineness, and being of irregular value, their issue was soon discontinued. In 1849, when the gold discoveries of California startled the whole world, Mr. Reid removed his machinery and tools to San Francisco, and commenced soon after to coin ten and twenty-five dollar gold pieces.

Silver Coinage.

"LAFAYETTE DURR."

The first silver dollar of the United States was issued in 1794.

The first half dollar was issued in 1794.

The first quarter dollar was issued in 1796.

The first twenty-five cent piece was issued in 1875 for the use of the Pacific States, but was abolished in 1878.

The five cent piece was the first coin struck by the United States Mint, located on Seventh Street, between Market and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. It was issued in 1792.

The first three cent silver piece was issued in 1851. It is composed of $\frac{3}{4}$ silver and $\frac{1}{4}$ copper.

The first five cent nickel piece was issued in 1866.

The first three cent nickel piece was minted in 1865.

The first two and one cent pieces were minted in 1864.

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- 10 The Post-Office Detective, by G. W. Goode.
- 11 The Maltese Cross, by Eugene T. Sawyer.
- 12 The Dog Detective, by Lieut. Murray.
- 13 Darke Darrel, by Frank H. Stauffer.
- 14 The Detective's Claw, by "Old Hutch."
- 15 Tom and Jerry, by Tony Pastor.
- 16 The Mountaineer Detective, by C. W. Cobb.
- 17 The Old Detective's Pupil, by Nick Carter.
- 18 A Wall Street Haul, by Nick Carter.
- 19 The Swordsman of Warsaw, by Tony Pastor.
- 20 The Mystery of a Madstone, by K. F. Hill.
- 21 The American Marquis, by Nick Carter.
- 22 The Society Detective, by K. F. Hill.
- 23 A Mysterious Case, by K. F. Hill.
- 24 The Prairie Detective, by L. P. Richardson.
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His First Shot.

BY LAFAYETTE DURR.

An interesting incident, said to have occurred in the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789.

"By Jove," cried little Jules, one bright morning in July, "if I only had a gun!"—and he pushed away, with indignation, the chestnut ringlets that clustered around the youthful forehead, struck the table with his clenched fist, his youthful blood boiling in his veins, at the sight of friends and brothers murdered in cold blood: then he approached the window, and leaning his smooth and burning cheeks against the panes, which shook with the firing of the royal troops, his eyes filled with tears of grief and indignation, as he beheld the terrible massacre in the streets, and gazed on the results of a monarch's stupidity and a court's corruption.

"Mamma, mamma!" he exclaimed, "only look; there are some poor fellows carried off on a litter; they must be dead or dying."

"Oh, my God, Jules, come from the window."

"And look, look, there are some who have fallen, bruised and wounded! By Jove, if I only had a gun!"

His mother, alarmed at Jules' extreme agitation, drew him from the window, and endeavored to divert his mind, but he escaped from her kind anxiety, ran up the stairs, four steps at a time, up into the garret, where, among other old things,

he found an old and rather rusty musket; and little Jules clapped his hands in joy, and exclaimed, "By Jove, I have got a gun at last!" It was rather heavy for so youthful and inexperienced an arm; but what is impossible to a generous and fearless heart, though it beat in the bosom of a boy of twelve?

Little Jules raised the musket, which just suited him, and stepped down-stairs with his precious burden very quietly, for fear of alarming his anxious and watchful mother. But when Jules got into the street, he found his old and rusty musket not loaded.

Luckily, as he thought, a grocer's store stood next to his mother's house; he ran into the shop, and exclaimed: "Do not be alarmed, I am your friend Jules; load my gun, good fellow, and make haste; By Jove, I will give it to them yet!"

"What!" cried the astonished grocer, "you too?"

"Load it, load it, and don't talk to me," replied Jules.

"But you are too young to fight," persisted the friendly grocer, "they will kill you, Jules, do you not hear the cannons, and the dreadful firing?—just listen!"

But Jules stamped his foot, and answered only, "By Jove, old man, do not chatter so, but load my gun!"

And the grocer, finding all entreaties in vain, did as he was commanded, and loaded the gun.

Jules, after casting one lingering and affectionate glance at the windows of his mother's house, rushed into the street,

already strewed with dead bodies. "Oh, my God!" he murmured to himself; though even at this dreadful sight, the courage of the boy failed him but for a moment. Just in front of him was a regiment of the King's household troops. An officer, in glittering uniform, with a drawn sword, and threatening gesture, was leading them on to a new and cruel charge.

Jules gazed for a moment at the terrific scowl and commanding voice with which the officer encouraged the massacre, and murmured once more to himself: "By Jove, I have got a gun!"

He posted himself behind a low wall, rested his musket on the top of it, took long and deliberate aim, and fired.

The officer in brilliant uniform fell from his horse, shot directly through the heart. Jules rushed into the house, ran to his mother's room, and told her in triumph how he had killed "his country's foe."

The trembling mother pressed him to her beating heart; and had engraved on the old musket these few but expressive words: "PARIS, JULY 28, 1789."

Camping in the Cumberland Mountains.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

CHAPTER IV.—CONTINUED.

Albert picked up a pail and dashed down to the river bank and in a few seconds returned with it full of water and dashed it in Joe's face. In a few moments he had the satisfaction of seeing him open his eyes and look wildly around.

"Where am I" he gasped.

"Here you are, and I think you are all right now," said Sam, who was on his knees beside him.

Joe soon recovered from the weakness brought on by his fright. But none of the boys slept again that night. They seated themselves about the camp-fire and talked over their adventures of the past few hours.

Soon day dawned and they decided that they had better search for a mountainer's house and engage board, as it was becoming dangerous to camp out.

After two hours search they found the house of a mountainer named Abner Crawford, which was situated about two miles up the river from their camp.

They finally made arrangements with him to board them a week, and then borrowed his skiff and set out down the river to remove the camping outfit to his house. This they managed to do by noon.

They were seated in front of the cabin playing with a pet fawn, which was the only pet of Abner's little girl. Abner came out of the cabin, for his after-dinner smoke, and Joe asked him where he got the fawn.

"I ketched it up yere a bit of aways last spring when I war deer huntin'. But say, boyees wut yer say to us gwine a huntin' termorrer? I'll garintee that I kin lead yer ter ther place whar yer will find more deer then yer kan kill."

The boys expressed their delight by shouts of approval.

"All right then, boyees, yer better clean yer guns an git ready."

(To be continued.)

A pine tree shilling is valued from \$2 to \$10. There were six kinds issued.

The U. S. 30 cent 1861 stamp has recently been found grilled all over.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Articles of correspondence marked on the outside with the declared value of the contents, if addressed to Denmark, Belgium, the Danish Colonies, Egypt, France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Luxemburg, Italy, the French Colonies, Servia, Russia, Roumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, or the Portuguese Colonies cannot be forwarded from the United States, and will be returned to the sender, if posted.

Graham C. Richards, a well-known Scotch-Irishman, prominent during the late Congress of his race, was a few days ago the recipient of one of the oldest epistles that ever passed through the United States mails. Mr. Richards lives on Watson street, near Turmel, Pittsburg, Pa., and is a clerk by vocation. During the Scotch-Irish Congress he made many friends from localities far distant and among these were Malcolm H. McKenzie of Louisville, Ky. These two gentlemen had many agreeable conversations and in the course of one of these Mr. McKenzie offered to bet his Pittsburg friend that a common postage stamp, properly directed, and without any envelope appended, could be sent through the mails to its destination. Mr. Richards accepted the bet, and as no more was said on the subject, he forgot the whole transaction. Thursday morning, however, the postman left with many grins what he called a "letter" for Mr. Richards. The "letter" was nothing more than a 2 cent postage stamp. On the gummed side was written in tiny characters the address "Graham C. Rich-

ards, Watson street, Pittsburg, Pa." Below came the message: "All well. The bet is mine. McKenzie." This extraordinary communication was hard to decipher, as some ruthless official had stamped a postmark clear over the message. A more extended letter was subsequently received by Mr. Richards from the enterprising Louisvillian, telling him to devote the money pending on the bet to the interest of the Scotch-Irish Association.

Mrs. Mira Dean Wilcomb writes to the editor of the Chicago "Tribune" as follows.
Editor of the Tribune:

Today there came into my hands through our regular mail carrier the thousandth newspaper marked with reference to the "old postage stamps" swindle. This last one was marked with a red index hand as if every one in this unfortunate stamp pursuit had not seen it! Now I don't want to enter into any discussion on this subject, but I wish to simply say that I collected about forty thousand when my family were obliged to leave the home we had lived in a great many years and the question arose as to the judiciousness of taking an extra freight car to move them. It was decided not to do so, and a neighbor who was making a like collection bought them of me, giving me a valuable angel-food cake to take on our journey. I always shall feel that it was a fair equivalent and no advantage taken on either side, and all this talk about the "devices of a swindler" is one of the phases of this business, but like everything of a business nature one must be sure of the parties he or she deals with. I say to those who are collecting keep on, there are ways provided for every emergency, and when you have disposed of them with profit and relief you will feel amply paid and profitably comfortable whenever you see an old stamp lying around on the street.

"It would make a stamp collector insane from covetousness, to look at the fat portfolio of valuable postage stamps T. M. Beatty of the Chicago postoffice showed the reporter. There were thousands of dollars worth of stamps in very small compass, and they were of a rare kind and denomination, which the philatelistical enthusiastic yearns for with a zeal which only collectors possess. They range in value from the plain black stamp, worth one cent, to a magnificent purple stamp, worth \$60. This \$60 stamp was not any larger than the 1 cent stamp, but a sheet of one hundred stamps was worth \$6,000, or more than the salary of Chicago's postmaster. Mr. Beatty handles his portfolio very carefully, as he is under heavy bonds for the custody of the stamps, and if he were to lose one there would be a hiatus in his salary, which would give him insomnia. These stamps are never sold and seldom seen by the man who pays for them. They are, in fact, vouchers which represent money paid to the government for the postage on newspapers and periodicals. Every newspaper, magazine and periodical publication pays one cent a pound upon the printed matter sent to subscribers. It is accurately weighed in bundles and baskets and the postage is paid by the week or month. The publisher pays his money, is given a receipt and then stamps are pasted upon the stubs of the receipt book to equal the amount paid at the rate of one cent per pound. The publisher never sees the stamps which he has paid for and could not buy one of them at any cost. When the stub-book is empty of receipts and full of stamped stubs it is sent to the postoffice department at Washington. Stamp collectors who are writing continually to the postmasters for these stamps, are referred to the Washington office and even then, of late years, cannot get them, as the de-

partment declined to give them out or sell them. However, it is probable that the cancelled stamps are taken out by clerks, who realize handsomely by supplying collectors and the big postage stamp dealers of the east. These collectors who want an unused stamp can hardly afford to pay \$60 for a bit of engraved paper, which wouldn't carry an ordinary letter through the mail. But when thieves go through an office they know where to sell such rare stamps, for which they can find no other market, and so the collectors are supplied with no questions asked. The work on these stamps is far superior to the ordinary stamp, and the vignette pictures are all of mythological young women, including also a beautiful Indian maiden, who may be Pocahontas, Minnehaha, or some other dusky daughter of a sachem. The use of the stamps by the Chicago office is remarkably great and is increasing every year. Last year nearly \$200,000 worth were cancelled."

Kicked and Cuffed.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

CHAPTER III.

James was frightened when he saw what he had done. Silas looked as pale and limp as a dead man, and James taking him for such, fled from the scene. I will be hung for this, thought he, and I had better leave town at once; but I cannot get away without money, so I had better slip around the back way and get my money and clothes.

Acting at once upon these thoughts, he turned into an alleyway and in a few moments he was at the back gate, he scaled the fence and crossing the yard stealthily

crept up the back stairway, without being observed. He entered his room and secured his money and made a neat package of his wearing apparel and left the house in the same manner he had entered it. By keeping in alleys, he managed to reach the depot without being seen by anyone who knew him.

He bought a ticket for Nashville and paid \$2.40 for it, leaving only \$3.75 in his purse. He had only a short time to wait for his train, and in a few moments was speeding on his journey. He arrived in the city on time and as he stepped upon the platform of the depot he was assailed by hackmen and newsboys, who nearly worried him to death by their questions. At last finding that they could not make anything out of him they let him alone.

The bewildered boy stood wildly gazing around him, everybody was busy and industrious, and to this green country boy everything was new and strange.

He stood several moments trying to think what course he should pursue, and as he stood thus he was accosted by a kind hearted man who directed him to a cheap lodging house near by, which he found with little trouble and after partaking of a not very elegant supper, was shown to a room utterly devoid of furniture and several drunken men and boys were asleep on the bare floor. Being tired he soon fell asleep.

CHAPTER IV.

"Wake up, boy! Wake up, there," were the words that greeted James the next morning after his arrival in the city. He opened his eyes and raising himself on his elbow, looked around.

The room contained none of his drunken companions of the night before and the Irish landlord was the only person in the room.

"My boy, it's 9 o'clock and you had better get up," said he.

James obeyed and followed him out of the room and into the filthy front room that was called "the office."

"Please sir," said James, "I would like to wash and have a little breakfast."

"Bridget" called the old fellow, "give this boy a pan of water and let him wash, while you set him out a breakfast."

"Boy, go down the hall there and in the second door and she will wait on you."

James did as he was bid and soon had his breakfast. He then returned to the office to pay for it. "How much do I owe you?" he asked of the man.

"Well, you know you paid for supper and lodging, so you owe me 20 cents for the breakfast." "All right sir" said James. He ran his hand in his pocket and to his dismay found that his MONEY WAS GONE.

(To be continued.)

A man was giving the description of a negro desperado and he said: "He has ears like extra large oysters on the half shell and a wide-spread mouth that stands open like a baited tray and dull black eyes like two specks of ink on a sheet of white paper, and kinky wool that makes you think of the only black sheep in the flock. He is not handsome."

Just in Time.

BY JAMES J. HAILEY.

"Mother, I have finished my tasks and if you will not need me until milking time I would like to go hunting," said Harry Manning, as he entered the room where his mother was busily engaged in quilting.

"Well my son," said his mother, "you may go, but be careful with your gun and

be sure and come back before dark, for I am always uneasy when you are away."

Harry promised to obey. Soon he had his gun and ammunition ready, and after kissing his mother he left the house.

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The widow Manning, as she was called by the neighbors, had at the death of her husband moved to the Mill Creek Farm, the only property which her husband had, and for several years made a good living by having the farm (which was the finest in that part of the country) worked on shares by Joel Travers, who was the most popular young farmer in that part of the country. The first 3 years of their living on the Mill Creek Farm, Harry had attended a fine academy in the city. He had graduated two years before my story opens, and since his graduation had assisted Joel on the farm, but he did not like farm work at all, but he believed in doing everything well and he had performed his tasks in a satisfactory manner, believing that in a short while he would be in such circumstances as to obtain a position in the city. His mother wished for him to be a business man, but she knew that if he went to the city he would not be able at first to earn his own living alone, and she was not able to support him until he could work himself up to a position where he could.

Harry was trying to save enough money to support him until he could obtain a lucrative position, and by selling what game he could kill and by other small things he could earn a trifle on, he hoped to meet the end he was striving for in a short while. But he met with success sooner than he thought he would.

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Harry trudged along through the fields now and then stopping to fire at the game which he sighted. As the evening wore away his game-bag was gradually filled,

and just as the sun was sinking behind the far-away hills he started for home.

"I have five rabbits and eight partridges," said he to himself. "and they should add at least a dollar to my savings. I guess I had better go by the hut and look at my traps; perhaps I have caught something," continued he, and he bent his steps toward a cabin which had been the home of a colored family before they had moved to the farm. but it had since been empty and Harry had set his traps near it, in the bushes.

He soon approached his trap and was gratified to see that it contained a fine red fox. He opened the trap and as the fox sprang out he struck it across the head and he had the satisfaction of seeing it give several kicks and expire. He was just in the act of stooping to pick it up when he was surprised to hear a voice calling from the direction of the cabin.

"Sam, Oh Sam! come here, the Captain wants you right off," and to the right of him he heard the reply. "All right, I am coming."

He was greatly surprised to hear the voices, and it immediately flashed over him that they might not be there for any good purpose. Stealing through the bushes he approached the back of the cabin, and peeping in at the window, saw three men seated on a pile of old boards in a corner. "Well boys," said a man who at that moment entered the door. "What's the racket?" The small man who was sitting on the end of the boards nearest Harry, said: "Sam I've just found out that the 6.30 train will have \$10,000 on board and *I want to saw the bridge and let them down into Mill Creek!* and we'll get the boodle and skip."

"My God, what a villain!" exclaimed Harry, unable to keep quiet on hearing this startling disclosure.

The men sprang to their feet, and be-

fore Harry could move from his tracks the little man had leaped through the window and seized him.

"What shall I do with him, boys?"

"*Lock him up in the closet and set the house on fire!*" said the man who had just entered the cabin.

Harry fainted when he heard the fiendish proposal. When he came to he was greeted by the roaring of flames. It was dark as pitch where he was. Stretching out his hands he felt a door before him, and he then knew he was in the closet. He threw himself against the door again and again, *but it did not yield!*

He stood there and in a few moments the blazes were darting here and there on every side of him. Soon they touched him and gave him the most excruciating pain imaginable. "My God!" he cried, "must I perish, and every moment hundreds of passengers are drawing nearer their doom." In a frenzy he again threw himself against the door. What joy! it yielded, and he rushed forth through the smoke and flames and into the pure air.

His body was horribly burned and his clothing was a mass of burning rags. Rolling on the damp grass he soon extinguished them. Springing to his feet he started toward the bridge, which was nearly a mile away. His legs trembled under him, and it was by a great exertion of his will that he managed to stagger on. Every moment he grew weaker. "I had better not go too near the bridge," said he to himself, "for they may shoot me," and with this he took a cut further up the road toward the city. The track now was but a short distance away. The whistle of the approaching train now sounded very near, and its hundreds of passengers were now going on to their doom if he could not prevent it. He was now on the track. At this moment the report of a pistol rang out and he was conscious of a

new pain in his shoulder. The robbers had seen him. He staggered on up the track, and a shower of bullets whistled harmlessly by. The train now sped around the curve. Standing in the center of the track he waved his hands above his head and shouted as loud as he could. The engineer had seen him in time to reverse the lever and put on the brakes, and the engine stopped within twenty feet of him. The engineer jumped from the cab, closely followed by the stalwart fireman. Harry had fainted, but the engineer, thinking something unusual was the matter, ran down the track and was just in time to see the miscreants making off across the fields. At this moment the fireman came up. "*The bridge is cut!*" said he in an excited manner. "How do you know?" "The boy came to and said so." They hastened forward and found that Harry had been *just in time*, for the heavy timbers were cut so they would not support a weight of 500 pounds. They hastened to the train and found Harry stretched upon the ground, surrounded by a group of excited passengers. They told the passengers what they had discovered. The majority were in favor of pursuing the miscreants, but better council soon prevailed, and they boarded the train and ran back to the city, where a posse was sent out and that night they captured the would-be train robbers.

Harry was taken home and it was several weeks before he could be out again. The robbers were all sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary.

Harry was made a present of a large amount of money by the passengers and the railroad, which enabled him to carry out his design of learning business.

He is now one of the most popular business men in this section of the country. He often tells his children how he came to be *Just in Time*.

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was changed to THE AMERICAN YOUTH. and in August the AMERICAN YOUTH appeared in 8-page form, and being well patronized by the public, was issued in Sept. and Oct. in 12-page form, but still success crowns our efforts and this month we go you 4 pages better, and appear in 16-page form. The circulation has increased 60 per cent. since August and is still increasing. I wish to thank our friends for their patronage in the past and we kindly solicit a share of your patronage in the future. We give a solemn promise that we will not appear hereafter in less than a 12-page form, and containing but the best amateur matter procurable.

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DEATH.

Mr. Frederick S. Goldsbury died of typhoid fever at the home of his father, Mr. Joel W. Goldsbury, at Barre, Vt., Oct. 8th, 1890, after an illness of 5 weeks, aged 17 years.

Mr. Goldsbury, up to the time of his being taken sick, was editor of the *Yankee Philatelist* and Secretary of Golden Hours Corresponding Club No. 1, of Barre, Vt., also Acting Secretary of the Amateur Editor's Association.

He had a large number of friends in all parts of the United States, who sincerely sympathize with his parents in their bereavement.

Philatelic Links.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

It is a noticeable fact that very few philatelists, even advanced ones, ever pay any attention to watermarks. I do not see why this is for there are many stamps that on account of being watermarked are worth double what the same stamp is worth unwatermarked. Collect watermarked stamps.

Collectors as a rule do not give the just notice to proofs that they deserve. Proofs are nearly as good as stamps, and it is much better to complete your sets with proofs, than not to have the rarer values represented at all. There are some U. S. stamps which the average philatelist can

not afford to purchase, such as State Dep't and the high values newspaper stamps, and the proofs of these stamps come very handy.

S. Allan Taylor is reported as doing business at his old stand, 24 Congress St., Boston. A postal which was addressed to him as above was duly received and answered.

It seems rather odd to a non-philatelist that not more attention is given to foreign stamps by collectors who have specialties. I asked a collector the other day for his reason for not collecting any foreign. He said: "What good can foreign stamps do me? I can study U. S. stamps and can understand the characters represented on them. I know the portraits and the stamps are not Greek to me, as foreign stamps are, and in fact—I *know* the stamps. Is it so with foreign stamps? —No. It takes an endless amount of study to thoroughly understand the stamps as I should desire to if I collected foreign. I believe in collecting something you can fully understand before branching off in endless avenues where all the knowledge you obtain has to be scooped up, as it were, little by little."

There certainly is some truth in this statement.

One of the most annoying things to philatelists in warm weather is having all their unused stamps that are in packets sticking together. We learn from *Plain Talk* that the best method that can be used to prevent this, is rubbing the gum side of the stamp over your hair. "The oil on your hair will keep your stamps from sticking no matter how long you carry them."

Mistakes.

Last month were a number of errors in "The Bogus Stamps of Moresnet," they were not the errors of Mr. Heinsberger, nor were they the errors of the printer. These mistakes were made by the boy whom was given the *Mss* to copy. He copied "The Prussian City of Achen" (Aix-La-Chapelle) and made it read "The Prussian City of Archen" (formerly Aix-La-Chapelle), and he made "the Dutch City of Verviers" out of "the Belgian City of Verviers," also "who speak the Dutch and French language" out of "the German and French language." I hope that such errors will not occur in the future.

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Golden Hours Club Notes.

The election of officers of Golden Hours Corresponding and Philatelic Society, No. 1, of Barre, Vt., will soon take place and I as a member propose the following prominent members as its officers,

For President,

C. A. Stormes, St. Paul, Minn.

For Vice President,

G. O. Billheimer, Wind Gap, Pa.

For Secretary & Treasurer,

T. J. Darling, Topeka, Kansas.

You should vote for them as they are competent and will make good officers, they are all good friends of the late Frederick S. Goldsbury. This club is the *original* Corresponding Club and should have such men at its helm as the above named members and under their guidance will no doubt be *the club* of CLUBS. It now has a membership of 450 and if these gentlemen are elected it will have a membership of not less than 1000 at the end of 1891.

J. Eschenback, 374 Park Ave., New York City, would like to hear from young men 15 to 17 years of age who wish to join the Golden Hours Dramatic Club. *No. 160.*

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NOTES.

By "Nick"

The 90c purple, U. S. issue of 1887 are rapidly becoming scarce. A month or two ago they could be procured for a few cents, while now dealers want 40c and over apiece. Collectors had better procure them now, as every month increases their value.

The market is now being flooded with bogus Hamburg locals. They are all very poorly executed, both in design and printing.

Japanese stamps have nearly all of them a chrysanthemum in the design. The Japanese have become quite attached to this flower since Americans and Europeans have been cultivating it.

The first postal system in the colonies was organized by four persons—Franklin, Holt, Goddard and Hazzard. Franklin was appointed 1st Postmaster General with a salary of \$1000 per year, his residence to be in Philadelphia. He had instructions to establish posts from Farmouth, New England, to Savannah, Georgia,

with cross posts. The rates were made 20 per cent. lower than the old Parliament charges.

There is a member of Parliament from England in this country, trying to get the postal authorities to accept the two-cent letter rate between the United States and England. The Postmaster General thinks that before we reduce that rate, we should reduce the letter rate to one cent in this country.

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Johnny—Our ancestors.

Teacher—Correct. Now Wiley, can you tell me what we call those who come after us?

Wiley—Our descendents.

John Dull (at foot of class, excitedly)—That aint what my pa calls them. He calls them policemen.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., DEC. 18, 1890.

No. 5.

Tom Hall's Christmas.

BY W. M. LEWIS.

Tom Hall lived with his mother and sister Effie, on a farm a few miles from Stanton. This farm was small and contained a house of four rooms. Tom worked the farm in the summer and managed to make a fair living for his labor by selling his vegetables in the village. In the winter he worked around anywhere he could find anything to do.

The time this story opens he was at work in a dense forest felling trees, this forest was between Stanton and the home of the Hall's, working about this way Tom managed to keep the family from actual want. It is true they lived in the most simple manner, but still they were quite happy.

Christmas only two days away and Tom and Effie being like other children wanted something for Christmas. Tom wanted a gun and little Effie a doll which she had seen when she went to town with Tom a few days before.

It was the 23rd of December, when Tom quit work for the day, (his employer had told him to quit at four o'clock) he shouldered his axe and started for the road which led to Stanton where he was going for some groceries. He reached the road and hid his axe. He arrived at Stanton, made his purchases and started for home. by this time it was dark and

was fast growing cold. Tom was used to cold weather, and by this time he walked rapidly on he found it still darker in the woods, and had some difficulty in finding his ax, at last he found it.

Just then he saw a dark form dart up a tree near by and disappear in a hole.

"By George, there's a coon!" he cried, "I'd just like to capture him," he muttered. He dropped his axe and started up the tree like a squirrel. He reached the hole and on looking in found the whole tree was hollow and would have to be cut down in order to secure the coon. This he had no right to do.

He started to descend when his attention was attracted by the sound of footsteps as the person walked through the snow, he stopped and listened, he could tell that whoever it was, were coming towards him.

Soon a man made his appearance through the gloom. His face was a dark one and he looked like an ideal villain. His face was surrounded by a mass of hair and whiskers, he stopped under the tree in which Tom was, he took out his watch and consulted it and then stepped to one side and concealed himself in a clump of bushes.

"He is here for no good, I'll bet," muttered Tom, "I'll watch him." He did not have long to wait, soon they heard sleigh bells, he knew they were approaching. The man under the tree thinking himself unobserved, drew a pistol from his pocket and cocked it.

Soon the sleigh came in sight and just as it reached the man, he stepped out and grasping the horses by the bridles he said in a gruff voice, "Hold up there or I will kill you." He emphasized his command by shoving the pistol towards the man in the sleigh, whom Tom recognized as Mr. Howells, a wealthy banker of Stanton.

"Hand out that sack of cash," said the robber, "so be lively old man or I shall have to take it from a dead man!" Mr. Howells seeing no help for it, ran his hand beneath the seat and drew out a sack which he threw into the road as commanded to do.

Meanwhile Tom was making up his mind for a daring deed. As the robber advanced, and stooped to pick up the sack, Tom swung himself off of the limb and dropped. He shot straight down as a string and struck the robber square on his shoulders, dashing him to the earth, where he lay stunned. Tom was thrown down but quickly springing to his feet, he cried out, "Jump out here Mr. Howells and we'll secure this fellow before he comes too."

The banker leaped to the ground and as Tom took some stout cord from his pocket, they hastened to secure him. Then bundling him in the sleigh and as Mr. Howells asked Tom to go to Stanton with him, Tom got in too.

The outlaw came too before they got there, but as he was bound he could do no harm except to swear at Tom, in whom he recognized the cause of his misfortune.

The sleigh soon came to the jail where Mr. Howells placed the robber in charge of the sheriff, and promised to appear against him in the morning. Then he turned the sleigh around and started for Tom's house with Tom.

On the way he thanked Tom for his services in saving him the \$1500. He said,

"I suppose it is a tramp who saw the money paid to me, and thought it a good time to make a ten strike and make himself comfortable for some time, but, thanks to you, the money is safe and you may be sure I won't forget it soon."

They stopped for Tom's packages and then drove on. When they came in sight of his home Tom saw his mother waiting for him in the door. As he got out Mr. Howells said, "I'll send a sleigh over for you in the morning for you'll have to appear against that fellow. Take this as a slight compensation for your valuable services," and he pressed a bill into Tom's hand.

Tom went into the house and told his story and then looked at the bill which to his amazement he found to be a hundred dollars. "I'll get some presents and a turkey in the morning and we'll have the biggest Christmas we ever had," Tom exclaimed, and then went to bed.

In the morning a sleigh drew up to the door and Tom clambered in. When they got to Stanton he went and gave his testimony and the result was that the would-be-robber got a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

Tom bought a new dress for his mother and a doll and a dress for Effie, also a new suit of clothes for himself and then went over and thanked Mr. Howells for the money. Then the man drove him home and the Hall family had a big Christmas dinner.

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It is now a year since the events described above, and the Hall family no longer live in that old house. They have moved to Stanton so that Tom can be near his work, for he is now working for Mr. Howells in his bank, and who has not a more trusted employee in the bank than Tom.

THE END.

Golden Hours Club Notes.

Percy Rainey of Petersburg, Va., announces himself as a candidate for President of the National Golden Hours Club.

Geo. O. Billheimer of Wind Gap, Pa., is in the field for the Secretaryship of the National Club, he would be the right man in the right place.

C. R. Fowlkes of Danville, Va., is out for the same place he is not as well known as George.

G. H. C. of Wind Gap, Pa., has 300 members. G. H. C., No. 1, of Barre, Vt., is the largest branch, it has 450 members.

They are the men, vote for them!

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For President,

C. A. Stormes, St. Paul, Minn.

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Sons of Ham.

MEETING NO. 2.—CONTINUED.

Az I said afore, Meloncolley seized a chare an stood on de obfenzive. He did-unt stan that way laung fer he wuz struck on de head by Nonothing Numskull's hevvy cower hied bute, wich feld him ter thee flore. He wuz knot hurt butt de face ob de bloe sawter keeld him ober.

He wuz up in er minnet an dare wuz er fue wut simperthighsed wid him and dey sune wiped owt de obponents, and dey wuz den marcht off ter jale by er crowd of blew coted perleece, who wuz attracted ter de seen of de cumbat by de grate noyes dey maid.

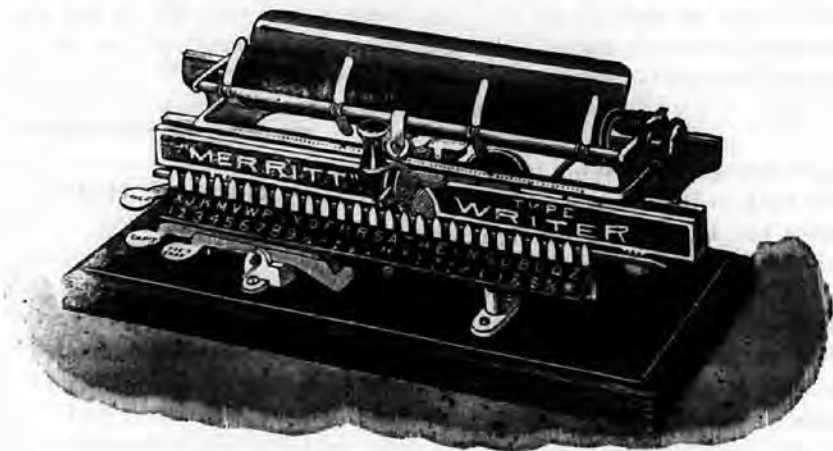
De next mawnin dey wuz tucken befo de jedge.

(To be continued)

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The Postmaster General of the "Argentine Republic" has issued the following order on October 1, 1889:

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CARCANO POSTMASTER GENERAL
of the Argentine Republic.

Probably the poor President Celmann gets too many begging or threatening letters as he is a dictator on a small scale.

After writing this note the news has been received that the dictator President, Dr. Celmann, has been forced by the people to resign his office. A result of

his despotic rule in the Argentine Republic. His successor as president is Dr. Pellegrini of Italian descentence.

The Argentine Republic has reduced the postal fee for mail to Europe as follows, in effect on January 1, 1890:

Letters up to 15 grams, 15½ grains troy cost 8 centavos (instead 15 cent), single postal cards cost 4 c (instead of 6c.), reply postal cards cost 8c. (instead 12c.), legal documents up to 250 grams cost 10c. (instead 18c.), registered letters cost 16 centavos (instead 24c.), newspaper rates remain the same, each copy 2 centavos, 1½cent U. S.

The Postmaster General of the Argentine Republic has given orders to establish a post-office in the State House for immigrants at Buenos Ayres. This "Castle Garden" of the Argentine Republic is a great benefit for immigrants arriving at Buenos Ayres, and the location of a post-office in the building (a lot of rotten frame houses) was urgently necessary, as the building is situated outside the city, and the nearest post-office was miles away, This immigrant post-office was opened on January 1, 1890.

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1884, 17,427,431	1884, 10,625,218
1885, 20,050,000	1885, 16,425,000
1886, 23,174,481	1886, 19,993,472
1887, 26,691,248	1887, 24,776,456
1888, 33,544,841	1888, 27,974,998
1889, 40,326,432	1889, 30,687,614

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The PUBLISHER.

NOTES.

By GEO. W. DUFRANK.

Mr. J. W. Scott has resigned as trustee of the American Philatelic Association of the U. S. and Canada.

Will the American Philatelist be abolished? That is the question in the minds of many philatelists throughout the country.

There are 13,000 different kind of postage stamps throughout the country.

Watch for quarters prior to 1870, 30 pieces, and 5c pieces without the word cents.

The money, coin and paper, in this country aggregates, at the present time something over \$2,000,000,000.

The Universal Philatelic Association of U. S., Canada and West Indies, is now moving right along and promises to be one of our leading Philatelic associations. The same can be said of the Golden Hour Philatelic Association of the U. S. and Canada. "Success."

Charles H. Hesse was elected president of the Supreme branch of Golden Hour Clubs of Maryland, he is now, according to the rules of "G. H." a "vice president."

Mr. Carl T. Chadsey, one of our well known members of "G. H. C.," will be a candidate in the coming nomination for president of the "G. H. C." A better man could not be chosen. Why? Look up his doings, etc., etc., in the benefit of "G. H."

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The coming annual election of the "Golden Hours Club," will prove the best election ever held before, well known club members are being put up for the "distinguished offices" and no little interest is manifested as to who will win. Strong

teams are being put in the field something like.

For President,
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For Secretary, "1"
J. Dvorak, Chicago.
For Secretary, "2"
J. S. Smith, Illinois.

For President,
Carl T. Chadsey, New York.
For Secretary, "1"
Martin P. Battle, New York.
For Secretary, "2"
Frank Beekman, Boston.
For Vice President,
Geo. F. Browne, New York.

Many others are up, but not quite so strong as the above. The first ticket is a favorite in the Western States and a good part of New York. The second is favorable in the East. Which will win?

Kicked and Cuffed.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

CHAPTER IV.—CONTINUED.

James stood motionless, a look of despair came over his face. "How can I face this man and tell him that I cannot pay him his just dues."

He stood thus, deeply thinking and trying to pluck up courage enough to speak out, when the man spoke up, "Come, come," said he "do not keep me waiting I haven't all day to wait on you."

James burst out crying, "Oh sir," he said, "I have been robbed and cannot pay you."

"Here boy dry up now, I'm to old and experienced to be fooled on that old dodge. Pay up, or I will hand you over to the police. Do you hear."

"Oh sir! believe me I have been robbed and cannot pay." James was so earnest that the man could no longer doubt him.

"But my boy, can't you borrow it from your friends and pay me?"

"I have no freinds," sobbed James.

"Then you are a stranger in town, are you?"

"Yes sir. Just came to town last night and I thought my money would last until I could secure work, but now I am penniless and friendless." With this he broke down completely and sobbed like a baby.

"There, there, me boy don't take on so I believe you now and will be a friend to you."

"Here my boy take this \$1 and you may return it to me at your earliest convenience."

"But sir, I cannot take it from you. You may need it yourself"

"Take it, take it I have plenty more and you are welcome to such a slight loan as this."

"I will take a quarter of it and pay you back tonight, sir."

"All right take it and perhaps you may double it before night by selling papers."

James took it, and after getting directions as to where he could get his papers, he thanked the kindhearted Irishman and left the house.

He stood in front of the door and looked up and down the street. At last he decided to go to the depot and see if he could make some money by carrying valises and bundles for the arrivals.

Several trains had arrived when two hours had passed and he had met with no success.

Another train came along and at last

he saw a fat jolly looking man coming toward him with a large valise in each hand. Marching up to him, James said, "Wish me to carry your valises, sir?"

"Yes, I guess so," said he handing them to James.

It was a heavy load, but thoughts of his reward spurred him on and they soon arrived at the hotel. Handing the valises to the man he was handed a 50 cent piece.

"I cannot change it sir. wait here and I will bring you the change." said James starting off.

"I want no change, the job was worth it, so keep it."

"I am very much obliged to you, sir," said James.

He then went to the *Banner* office and bought 15 *Banners* for 30 cents.

Glancing at the headlines he saw that there had been a hanging that morning. So he ran through the streets crying out the news.

In half an hour he sold nine and he then thought he would be likely to have good sales if he went to the depot. He arrived there and commenced to cry out the news, when he was approached by a large boy, who said fiercely, "What yer doin' here?"

"Selling papers," said James.

"Well yer wanter clear out from here, I don't 'low no greenies to sell papers here."

"You have no right to order me away" said James firmly.

"Git, now!"

"I wont do it."

"Well I'll make you," said he, snatch-James' papers.

(To be continued.)

REMEMBER the AMERICAN YOUTH will be sent one year to any address in U. S. or Canada for only 20 cents. See offer to every 5th and 25th subscriber on another page.

The Benefits of Philately.

Of late I have noticed that a great many ignorant persons are making attacks on philately. Says one person "Philately has no benefits, it is simply an idiotic craze in which dealers play lion, and lie in wait for their prey in the form of ignorant boys and pounce upon them, and by voluble talking soon win their confidence and sell them a lot of worthless paper."

'Tis true that there are rogues in the stamp business but is there any business on the face of the earth where there are no plunderers, but on an average there are more honest stamp dealers, than there are honest dealers in any other business.

Another says "Philatelists claim that stamp collecting teaches them geography, history, etc. There is positively no truth in their claims." There *is* truth in the assertion for a *real* philatelist on securing a new specimen, carefully examines it, and looks it up to see *where* and *when* it was issued, and becoming deeply interested looks up the history of that country. Another says, "collecting unused stamps has some sense to it for that is reducing it to a cash basis." Who ever heard of a collector who collects only unused stamps? No one, of course. Unused stamps may be counterfeit, but used stamps are more liable to be genuine, for they have the government post mark on them and would hardly be liable to pass under the sharp eyes of post-office employees if counterfeit. "A boy will collect stamps for several months," says one "and will put all his spare money in it and when in need will try to sell them and finding his efforts meet with no success, will throw them aside and give up in disgust, never to return to his collecting." There is positively *no* truth in this statement, a boy may become tired of collect-

ing, but he does not throw aside his collection never to return again but lays it aside and in a few days his old desire comes over him and he returns to his collecting again. He *can* dispose of his stamps easily if he tries, but a boy rarely does this. In buying stamps, you should have a good catalogue and go by it and you will never be robbed.

Philately does benefit wide awake collectors and teaches them history and geography. I know a boy who is only 12 years of age and has a collection of 1200 varieties of stamps, he always keeps two of each kind and sells all other duplicates. I tried to buy part of his collection and he would not sell them at any price. He can tell you what country issued each stamp and in what year they were issued with as great an accuracy as a veteran collector. He studies every stamp that he adds to his collection.

Gold and Silver Melting.

It would take many volumes to relate the full process, of which the coins of our present day pass through, but a more interesting subject cannot be found, for it is instructive as well as interesting, and to those of our readers who have never heard of the many hands and machines our coin passes through, the writer will give an outline of that interesting subject.

Passing over all the details, before the bullion is ready to be melted, we will say that previous to the bullion being charged into the pots, the furnaces are lighted by the workmen at an early hour, and the pots gradually annealed, as they are liable to crack by too sudden an application of heat. This is done in the following manner:—black lead pots calculated to contain rather more than 100 lbs. weight of

gold, are placed in a series of furnaces 14 inches square, and 20 inches deep from the grate. On the grate, formed of six movable iron bars, supported by cross bars set into the brick work, a stand is placed for the pot, usually cut from the bottom of an old pot, and the concavity being upwards it is filled with common coke-dust, to prevent the adhesion of the pot to the stand.

To give depth to the pot in the furnace, and allow of as much fuel as the furnace will hold, a muffle formed of baked clay is placed on the pot in such a manner that the rim of each will exactly fit, and the mouth of the muffle is covered with a flat cover made generally of black lead.

(To be continued.)

Camping in the Cumberland Mountains.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

CHAPTER IV.—CONTINUED.

The boys were up early the next morning, and after eating breakfast, they set out for the hunting grounds.

Abner led them to a salt spring where they arrived at daybreak.

The boys were surprised to see several deer at the spring. They crept closer to them and Abner could hardly keep the boys from firing at once, so great was their impatience. At last they gained a good position.

"Now Joe, you take that large feller to the right thar; Albert, you take that little fellow next to him and Sam, take that un on this end. Now ready boyees, one, two, three, fire. Bang, bang, bang, bang. Three deers killed and the other wounded. "Hurrah!"

They loaded the deer on the wagon and returned home, where they arrived in an hour.

The boys had many more hunts, but they never had any more startling adventures on their trip.

They went home in a few days and thus broke up their "Camping in the Cumberland Mountains."

The readers will soon see them in their city life.

THE END.

Counterfeit Stamps.

BY NICK.

Postage stamps are counterfeited to a great extent, but there is not so much of that kind of work done now as there used to be. The United States law against obtaining money on false pretences is applicable to this.

A person now days has a most excellent chance to counterfeit, there being so many surcharges, provisionals, and numerous others, and if good work is done they can hardly be detected.

The market is now being flooded with large numbers of bogus locals, Hamburg and U. S. especially, but these do not need particular mention, as a collector with any experience at all, readily detects them.

It is very doubtful whether the so-called stamps of Sedang are genuine or not. A number of good authorities declare that they were issued, not to be used as postage in Sedang, but to make money for private individuals. It is quite probable they were manufactured in Paris. Some of the Ceylon postage stamps are very dangerously forged, being so accurate

that it is only by the closest examination they can be told from the genuine. The Cape of Good Hope stamps surcharged with a "G," were extensively counterfeited, but not with much success. Also among others are some of the Great Britain stamps surcharged, "I. R. official, and India stamps" surcharged "On H. M. S.," both of which have been dangerously forged. Where there were two issues of the same design of stamps, one grilled and the other not grilled, the grilled stamp has been counterfeited a number of times, and if good work is done in the grilling, this kind of a counterfeit is very difficult to detect. Postal cards and stamped envelopes are not counterfeited as much as adhesives.

Government counterfeits, called by some, reprints, are stamps of which the entire set of plates have been destroyed. New plates like the originals are made by the Government, and new stamps printed of the same color, etc., as the originals.

A collector of experience can hardly be deceived with a counterfeit stamp. He first examines the design and engraving, if that passes, he will generally conclude that the stamp is genuine, but if it is a very rare stamp, he goes still farther. First he carefully inspects the paper and if the original was supposed to have a watermark, he examines it, then he looks at the gum and perforation, and if all these pass, he concludes that the stamp is surely genuine.

What One Philatelist Sees.

By E. P. NEWCOMBER.

It is well known that the postmaster general is strongly in favor of the establishment of a postal saving-bank, and it

is believed his next annual report will advocate the adoption of the plan, which may seem to him the most practicable to carry out at the present time. When Mr Wanamaker addresses himself again to Congress he will no doubt give it the benefit of his investigations into the practicability of a reduction of the present letter postage to one cent. He will find a strong point in his favor in the comparison with the reduction of postage made in 1883 from three to two cents, which eventually resulted in an increase instead of a reduction of postage. This reduction if made would put this country ahead of England's penny postage as the rate would then be equivalent to half penny postage.

A friend of mine has a dog named Fido, who often takes letters to the post-office for him. There is a little door at one end of the delivery window, and he pushes one paw against this and gets inside, and holds up the correspondence which he is carrying in his mouth, to a little old man who is cancelling stamps there. His master has never lost a letter which he has intrusted to him, and he has carried columns upon columns of manuscript for newspaper publication to the post-office.

The Stamps of Western Australia.

E. W.

In this article I will give a short description of the stamps of Western Australia. The area of this country is about 975,824 square miles, its population is about 32,-

000. The capital is Perth, of about 5,000 inhabitants. It is not very thickly settled, there being hardly any civilized people there. The chief currency is 12 pence, 1 shilling. The first issue of stamps was in 1855, as follows:

- 1 penny black,
- 4 penny blue.

In 1856 there was another issue viz:

- 2 penny red,
- 6 penny bronze,
- 1 shilling brown.

All the stamps in both of the above issues were imperforate.

Seven varieties were issued in 1860, all of which were rouletted, as follows:

- 1 penny black,
- 2 penny red,
- 4 penny blue,
- 6 penny brown,
- 6 penny green,
- 2 penny vermilion,
- 1 shilling brown.

There was also another issue in the same year, but these were unperforated viz:

- 2 penny vermilion,
- 4 penny blue,
- 6 penny green.

One issue in 1861, all of this set being perforated, viz:

- 1 penny rose,
- 2 penny blue,
- 4 penny vermilion,
- 6 penny brown violet,
- 1 shilling dark green,

In 1864, the following stamps were issued, they both being perforated viz:

- 4 penny carmine,
- 6 penny violet,

5 varieties were issued in 1865, as follows:

- 1 penny bistre,
- 2 penny yellow,
- 4 penny rose,
- 6 penny lilac,
- 1 shilling green.

There were no more issued until 1872, when one variety was issued:

- 3 penny brown.

In 1875, there was a surcharge, 1 penny on the 2 pence yellow of 1865.

Issued in 1879,

- 2 pence lilac.

Another surcharge in 1884, was,

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BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

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Golden Hours Club Notes,

IMPORTANT.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of Golden Hours Clubs in the western and southern portions of the country this year, to take a hand in National Club affairs themselves. Situated as most of them are, however, many hundred miles from the seat of war, they are practically powerless to convey in any intelligent way to the Eastern Clubs their ambitions, etc. Realizing this fact and knowing that the only way to solve the problem is to invest a delegate with the power to act at the Convention. Mr. T. J. Darling has informed us that if the many members of Golden Hour Clubs would get together and raise sufficient money to defray from Chicago to Philadelphia and return, that he will assume all expenses from Topeka to Chicago and return. Through Mr. Darling's railroad connections he thinks it probable that he can secure reductions from the railroad and thus cut down the amount necessary to \$50.00. He is perfectly willing to undertake the journey on that amount. It seems to us that he is the right man for the right place. He is the author of several proposed amendments to the constitution of our National Organization, which if adopted will mean extraordinary, yet just liberties to all Branch Clubs. We hail him as the coming Emancipator and for this rea-

son alone he should receive financial encouragement from every Golden Hours member without exception. It is beyond peradventure that if Mr. Darling is present at the Convention to fight personally for those amendments, that the majority of them will be passed. Rally to his standard, Golden Hours members, and the struggle in Philadelphia this year will be but the forerunner of the great Chicago Convention in 1893. Don't be backward in subscribing on account of only being able to spare a small amount. The smallest sum from the lowly cent to the almighty dollar will be acceptable, and will help swell the total amount just one cent or a dollar's worth. Some of you will receive a blank enclosed, to be sent with subscriptions and others will not. To the latter, we say, tear out this leaf and accompany same with your name, address, club you belong to and amount contributed, and send into Jas. J. Hailey, the editor of this paper. All receipts of money will be acknowledged through these columns. Mr. Jas. F. Grealy, one of the prominent bright lights of the East, starts off the list with \$1.00. Others have also been received, receipt of which will be acknowledged in our next issue. Will you be the next one? This is something you are interested in, and we look for hearty concurrence on your parts. For proof of our assertion, read the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, ninth, tenth and thirteenth amendments. Mr. Monro, we will meet you in Philadelphia. The war

cry is, "More Suffrage, less Coercion." The fight at Philadelphia will be in able hands if we can secure Tom Darling's presence there. Will you contribute your mite towards sending him? Remember, "More suffrage, less Coercion! More suffrage, less Coercion!!"

Garrett Pearson, of G. H. C. C., No. 1, Barre, Vt., has been nominated for President by the Maryland State Club.

G. H. Pleasure Club, No. 3 of St. Paul, Minn., has been re-organized to a G. H. Athletic Club. Officers are:

President—F. Pampusch, Jr.

Vice President—Jos. Foley.

Secretary—J. J. Brown.

Treasurer—A. E. Booth.

Members—P. Pampusch, Jos. King, Frank McCullough.

Secretary's address, 477 Lafond St., St. Paul, Minn.

We respectfully invite officers of Golden Hours Clubs to use these columns for reports of meetings, election of new officers, etc. We intend to devote special attention to this, hereafter.

More suffrage, less coercion.

What's the matter with No. 1, of Barre, Vt.? When will the election of new officers take place, Mr. Bishop? The time is some two months overdue.

Geo. O. Billheimer belongs to more clubs than he has letters in his name. Geo. is making a desperate stagger at the

Presidency and it is said that he has the backing of Editor Dunn. Mark the prediction—a Golden Hours Revolution is at hand and Mr. B. is elected President, it will be by reason of ability, not by having a strong pull and stand in.

Mein friendt Hesse, of Baltimore, also has a bee in his bonnet. Sorry to have you get stung, Charlie.

It is laughable to see the prominent (?) members making such a scramble to join as many clubs as possible before election, in order to carry favor and secure indorsements from these clubs. At present, our Wind Gap friend is in the lead with Hesse a dangerous second. S. A. Frank is neck and neck with Geo. Dufrane and both are so near Hesse that the dust he creates hides them from the audience. Watch E. J. B. of C., Ohio.

There was a meeting held by the Md State Branch recently. The following were declared elected:

President—C. Hesse.

Vice President—Chas. H. Hesse.

Secretary—C. H. Hesse.

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The following is the ticket nominated for National Officers, viz., President Charles H. Hesse; Secretary, C. Highfalutine Hesse. See?

H. Salomonsky-ski-sko-ske of dot Norfolk, Va., "aind id" would condescend to be put in nomination for an office. No this year, Ski-sko-ske, sm'other year.

Ed. J. Burkhart of Ohio, is one of the dark horses in the coming election. Don

TENTH AMENDMENT.

The Legislative power of the National Organization is vested in an Executive Committee of fifteen members appointed by the President. Ten of the members of the Committee shall be known as the Committee on Resolutions, the remainder as the Ways and Means Committee. When occasion demands both committees shall be resolved into a Committee on the Whole.

ELEVENTH AMENDMENT.

The presiding officer of the Executive Committee shall be known as Chairman and will be elected by a majority vote of the Committee.

TWELFTH AMENDMENT.

Branch Clubs may elect new officers quarterly, and the Secretaries must send complete reports of the Club's condition to the Secretary of the National Organization, monthly. Reports on finances must also be sent to the National Treasurer, monthly. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Amendment means a Club's dismissal from the National Organization at the discretion of the President and Executive Committee.

THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer must have residence in separate states as no two officers from the same state can hold office in the National Organization under this Constitution.

A Robin Hunt.

BY JAS. J. HAILEY.

How many of my readers have ever visited a robin's roost? Not many I suppose, and for the benefit of those who have not, I will relate the experience of several boys who made such a visit only a few nights ago. Willie Wolf, John Clements, Matt Allen and Chas. Mitchell started out last Monday about four o'clock in the evening, and after a two hours' walk arrived just before dusk at a cane brake on the left bank of the Cumberland River and they were delighted to see droves after droves of robins alight in the tall, green cane, and when it was good and dark, they lit the torches they had brought with them and entered the brake holding their torches in their left hands and high above their heads, in their right they held a stout club. Each of these clubs were about 2½ feet in length. They each had a sack or satchel secured over their shoulders, as a girl carries her school satchel. Perched on the canes on all sides were the robins.

As long as you hold a torch in such a manner as to blind the birds, they will sit motionless, and you can knock them off their perch and pick them up and put them in your satchel. This the boys proceeded to do, and for nearly an hour this sport went on, and as the oil in the torches had burned low, they were now becoming useless, for the robins will fly away when there is no bright light to dazzle their eyes. The boys were now called together and the counting of the game now began. It was found that

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Deubler's New Cow.

(Continued.)

To put him together again.

The cow was brought home by two of

the neighbors who found her more gentle than a goat, after her long and triumphant race. She was put in the stable and was milked by Mrs. Deubler and about a dozen neighbors.

The next morning, despite the advice of the doctor and his own family, Deubler took the pail and started for the stable, put the bran in the trough, and when the cow began to eat, he seated himself on the stool and not knowing how to extract the herbiferous beverage, he began to squeeze, pinch and pull on the teat. He did not operate long for the cow let fly with her right hind leg and spatted him flat on his \$150 diamond stud, wrecking it completely. Deubler picked himself up and galloped to the house in short order. He called for neighbor Taylor's assistance and Taylor, who had once been a dairyman, was well acquainted with the process of lacteal extraction. He led the way to the stable followed by all the men in the neighborhood. Some of them were armed with shot-guns, revolvers, cutlasses and clubs, while one man had a ten foot piece of six inch watermain as a means of defense.

However, they had no immediate use for their implements of war. The cow stood in her stall as meek and gentle as a suckling lamb. Taylor took the pail and seated himself on the stool. He then proceeded to business while the neighbors gathered around to watch the operation. He was getting along very nicely, when Deubler said, "Och, what ein fool I have been nod to see how to do before. Led me milk vonce, shust ein leedle bit."

Taylor was nothing, if not obliging, so he yielded up his position to Deubler who took the stool and was getting along very well until neighbor Hickman, who was standing near with the calf's head between his legs, leaned forward to watch the operation and the calf, taking advant-

put too much stuff on Pittston or Wind Gap. This is official. Get there, Ed! You have our support.

The fight at Philadelphia will be three-cornered this year. The more, the merrier, and the more reason we should have a delegate. Darling is your man.

We are great admirers of Jas. F. Grealy, of Newark, N. J. He is one of us.

Percy Rainey! Och, I'm so sick. Percy, can you understand Latin? What does "non-compos-mentis" mean?

A NOTE OF WARNING.

Our astute Editor of *Golden Hours* over-reaches himself when he attempts to change the method of electing officers without first having authority to do so. Article III of the Constitution says that officers are to be elected at the Annual Convention by a vote of the branch clubs. The last article tells how the Constitution may be amended. Mr. Dunn has not complied with the provision of that Article. Consequently, we would advise all clubs to send in their club vote as heretofore. If the Editor himself openly violates our laws, it is high time he was squelched. What shall it be Mr. Duun? Gloves or knuckles, draw or a finish, London prize ring or Queensbury rules? We defy you to put your personal ballot scheme into operation. We fling defiance in your teeth. This ballot scheme was concocted to down Illinois. She is hard to down and what's more won't swallow the dose. Live up to the Constitution. Also, why did you accept nominations for President and

Secretaries from the unorganized clubs of Vermont and New Jersey last year and refuse to accept nominations from unorganized clubs this year? Please give reference to your authority for so doing. Beware of the fifth amendment: More suffrage, less coercion.

Here They Are!

T. J. DARLING'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO G. H. C. CONSTITUTION.

FIRST AMENDMENT.

Article II. Section 1 of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: Every reader of *Golden Hours* who obtains a Club Badge and certificate of membership, signed by the President becomes thereby a member of the National Organization.

SECOND AMENDMENT.

The words: "The State Club shall have no right to collect any dues from the Branch Clubs," *except* such as are inscribed by the Editor of *Golden Hours* are hereby eliminated and stricken out of Section 3 of Article II of the Constitution.

THIRD AMENDMENT.

On and after the first day of the first month following the Third Annual Convention certificates of membership, in order to be deemed valid, must bear upon each and every one, the signature of the President, either by autograph, stamp, stencil or other device, providing the signature is a fac-simile of the President's style of penmanship.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

Article III of the Constitution shall be considered wholly cancelled upon the ratification of this Amendment, and shall read as follows: "The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary to be appointed by the President. The duties of these officers will be the same as prescribed for in Cushing's Manual. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Convention by a vote of the Branch Clubs, the Treasurer being required to give a certified bond of not less than \$3000. The Vice Presidents shall consist of the Presidents of the various State Clubs."

FIFTH AMENDMENT.

Article IV of the Constitution shall be so changed as to read as follows: "The Annual Convention shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President and Committee on Resolutions who may confer with and be governed by the advice of the Editor of the *Golden Hours*. All members of Golden Hours clubs may have free access to any Annual Convention upon showing their certificate of membership. All Clubs shall have the right to offer resolutions at any Annual Convention, which resolutions must be referred to Committee or same, in writing and if passed by a majority vote of said Committee, shall have the force of law until repealed at a subsequent convention; the Editor of *Golden Hours* shall have the privilege of adding a literary and entertainment program to the business of each Convention."

SIXTH AMENDMENT.

The President shall have the power of veto, but any measure that has passed and has been vetoed by the President shall upon being repassed by the Committee on the whole by a two-thirds majority vote be considered lawful, and shall have the force of law until subsequently repealed.

SEVENTH AMENDMENT.

The positions of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered honorary ones, as shall also all other positions held by officers of the National organization, but the sums of one hundred, (\$100) fifty (\$50) and seventy-five (\$75) dollars respectively, shall be allowed the President, Treasurer and Secretary, to defray postage and minor expenditures incurred.

EIGHTH AMENDMENT.

The President and Committee on Resolutions shall confer with the Editor of *Golden Hours* and agree upon a reasonable amount to be charged each Branch Club as dues.

NINTH AMENDMENT.

Each state, territory and province, shall be represented at Annual Conventions by as many delegates as the means of the Branch Clubs contained therein will permit. No more than five (5) delegates can represent the same city. All expense of sending delegates to be borne by the National treasury.

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age of this splendid opportunity, made one gallant charge towards its mother, upsetting him on Deubler. This set the cow crazy and she began to horn right and left. Everybody struck at her with something. She was too lively, so they missed and struck a person. The man with the watermain accidentally tapped Hickman on the head and laid him out. Ill-feeling sprang up and each man struck out right and left at the infuriated cow, but, as a general thing, they struck a friend. The cow made a break for the door followed by several of the men, and just as she made a bee-line for the gate, she received several charges of buck shot that ended her mortal, physical and victorious career.

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Underclothes,	10.00
Sock,	.25
Watch,	100.00
Diamond stud (lost),	150.00
Cow,	50.00
Arnica, Court plaster, etc.,	78.00
Doctor and Surgeon,	112.00
Total,	543.90

I left out fine imposed on him by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This was \$250, making a total of \$793.90.

Deubler still has the calf. He does not keep it for a milk cow, but he finds it a paying investment to charge the neighbors fifty cents a kick at it. It is a luxury the neighbors much indulge in every morning, and Deubler has to do no work as this pays him big money.

[THE END.]

Kicked and Cuffed.

BY JAS. JAEHLY.

(Continued.)

The officer laid James on the floor, and turning to the proprietor of the restaurant, he said, "Bring me some water, please." The man obeyed and the officer began to wash the blood and dirt. He found that James was only bruised a little, and when he had recovered sufficiently to talk sensibly, the officer said, "My young friend, who hit you?"

"A newsboy took my papers and I tried to get them back. I threw him on the ground and was getting them from him when his friends came up and dragged me off of him and robbed me."

"Do you know who they were?" asked the officer.

"No, sir."

"I do," cried a boy standing near. "It was Teddy Walsh, Sam Sloan and Billy Hoyt. They done me the same way when I began to sell papers. I saw them from across the depot platform and started towards him (pointing to James). When I got there they were running down Walnut St., towards Cedar. I thought I would run after them, but saw he was injured and thought I would help him."

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age of this splendid opportunity, made one gallant charge towards its mother, upsetting him on Deubler. This set the cow crazy and she began to horn right and left. Everybody struck at her with something. She was too lively, so they missed and struck a person. The man with the watermain accidentally tapped Hickman on the head and laid him out. Ill-feeling sprang up and each man struck out right and left at the infuriated cow, but, as a general thing, they struck a friend. The cow made a break for the door followed by several of the men, and just as she made a bee-line for the gate, she received several charges of buck shot that ended her mortal, physical and victorious career.

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Watch,	100.00
Diamond stud (lost),	150.00
Cow,	50.00
Arnica. Court plaster, etc.,	78.00
Doctor and Surgeon,	112.00
Total,	543.90

I left out fine imposed on him by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This was \$250, making a total of \$793.90.

Deubler still has the calf. He does not keep it for a milk cow, but he finds it a paying investment to charge the neighbors fifty cents a kick at it. It is a luxury the neighbors much indulge in every morning, and Deubler has to do no work as this pays him big money.

[THE END.]

Kicked and Cuffed.

BY JAS. JAEHLI.

(Continued.)

The officer laid James on the floor, and turning to the proprietor of the restaurant, he said, "Bring me some water, please." The man obeyed and the officer began to wash the blood and dirt. He found that James was only bruised a little, and when he had recovered sufficiently to talk sensibly, the officer said, "My young friend, who hit you?"

"A newsboy took my papers and I tried to get them back. I threw him on the ground and was getting them from him when his friends came up and dragged me off of him and robbed me."

"Do you know who they were?" asked the officer.

"No, sir."

"I do," cried a boy standing near. "It was Teddy Walsh, Sam Sloan and Billy Hoyt. They done me the same way when I began to sell papers. I saw them from across the depot platform and started towards him (pointing to James). When I got there they were running down Walnut St., towards Cedar. I thought I would run after them, but saw he was injured and thought I would help him."

"What is your name?" said the officer to the newsboy.

"Rob McLane, sir."

"Well, Rob, do you know where these boys stay?"

"At Granny Wilcox's, sir, down on Cedar St."

"Both of you boys come and show me the place."

He led the way and in five minutes he had knocked at Granny Wilcox's door. An old woman came to the door.

"What do you want?" she demanded impudently.

"I want three boys who just came here."

"There is no boys here," said she slamming the door in his face.

The officer threw his weight against the door and it went down with the officer on top of it.

(To be continued.)

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Willie Wolf had killed the largest number, his capture being 93 birds. John Clement had killed 90. The others were not so lucky, Charles Mitchell had only killed 51, and Matt Allen had only secured 48. The boys now started for home, where they arrived at midnight, much pleased with their success. The boys managed to dispose of their birds for a fair profit each, and thus ended a successful "Robin Hunt."

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FOR PRESIDENT

C. H. De St Martin	2156
Louis C. Wurzer	1540
Percy Rainey	1144
William Ford	594
Charles H. Hesse	419
Garrett Pearson	264

FOR SECRETARIES

Geo. W. Dufrane	2948
Jas. F. Grealy	2684
John C. Dvorak	1540
E. J. Burkhart	1298
Geo. O. Billheimer	968
Chas. R. Folkes	502
Anthony Perry	418
Antone Rosa	396
Thos J. McKenna	352
Guy F. Gilbert	352

Mr. Dunn finished his remarks by causally observing that 1672 VOTES were thrown out owing to repeating; he also hoped that the officers would fill their positions to their own credit and to the credit of the organization.

An exercise by Mr. Crozier and the recital of a pathetic poem by Prof. Sheldon closed the entertainment. Thus has another convention come and gone.

AN EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

A special meeting of the Commit-

tee on Resolutions was held in New York City, Sunday, April 19th at 3 p. m. The committee was called to order with Mr. Levy in the chair. Present, Grealy, Mackey, Southof, Wurzer, De St Martin and Baker. Mr. Grealy held the proxies of several absent members. Wm. J. Fogarty was unanimously chosen clerk. President Beckhardt was also present, upon motion of Mr. Mackey the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mr. Mackey then introduced five resolutions in behalf of Pres. Beckhardt. They provided for the government of the committee and also provided that each succeeding committee should adopt a number thus making the present committee No. 3. Also that all resolutions passed by the committee shall be published in GOLDEN HOURS in full and if rejected the number of the bill and the name of the author shall be published. They were passed without dissent. Mr. Grealy introduced for the Kansas State Club per its President, T. J. Darling, thirteen amendments to the constitution. Upon motion of Mr. Grealy they were placed up-first and second reading.

A motion to adjourn until Saturday, April 25th, at 7 p. m. was made by Mr. Grealy and carried.

LONG THREATING COMES AT LAST.

Pursuant to adjournment the Committee on resolutions met in President Beckhardt's parlors in the Hotel Lafayette, Philadelphia, 7 o'clock p. m., April 25th.

Committee was called to order by Chairman Levy. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and

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approved. The unfinished business was then brought up. This consisted of the thirteen amendments to the constitution. Upon motion of Mr. Grealy they were placed upon third reading and considered separately. Upon being put to a vote it was found that Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, Nos. 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12 were passed as originally proposed.

No. 5 was amended to read "All members to Golden Hours Clubs may have free access to conventions upon showing their club badge.

No. 7 was amended on motion of Mr. Levy to provide that recompense be allowed the presidents elected previous to the adoption of the amendment, in the same amount as the succeeding President shall receive.

Amendments Nos. 9 and 13 were rejected.

A motion to adjourn sine die was carried.

The Committee then adjourned to Association Hall to witness the entertainment of the National Club.

The entire thirteen amendments are here given in full.

FIRST AMENDMENT.

Article II, Section I of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: Every reader of Golden Hours who obtains a Club Badge, and certificate of membership signed by the President becomes thereby a member of the National Organization.

SECOND AMENDMENT.

The words "The State Club shall have no right to collect any dues from the Branch Clubs except such as are inserted by the Editor of GOLDEN HOURS are hereby eliminated and stricken out of Section III

of Article II of the Constitution.

THIRD AMENDMENT.

On and after the first day of the first month following the Third Annual Convention certificates of membership in order to be deemed valid must bear upon each and every one, the signature of the President, either by autograph, stamp, stencil or other device providing the signature is fac-simile of the President's style of penmanship.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

Article III of the Constitution shall be considered wholly cancelled upon the ratification of this Amendment, and shall read as follows: The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary to be appointed by the President. The duties of these officers will be the same as prescribed for in Cushing's Manual. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Convention by a vote of the Branch Clubs, the Treasurer being required to give a certified bond of not less than \$3,000. The Vice Presidents shall consist of the Presidents of the various State Clubs.

FIFTH AMENDMENT.

Article IV of the Constitution shall be so changed as to read as follows: The Annual Convention shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President and Committee on Resolutions who may confer with and be governed by the advice of the Editor of GOLDEN HOURS. All members of Golden Hours Clubs may have free access to any Annual Convention upon showing their certificate of membership. All Clubs shall have the

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right to offer Resolutions at any Annual Convention which resolutions must be referred to Committee on same in writing and if passed by a majority vote of said Committee shall have the force of law until repealed at a subsequent Convention. The Editor of GOLDEN HOURS shall have the privilege of adding a literary and entertainment programme to the business of each Convention.

SIXTH AMENDMENT.

The President shall have the power of veto but any measure that has passed and has been vetoed by the President shall upon being repassed by the Committee on the whole by a two-thirds majority vote be considered lawful and shall have the force of law until subsequently repealed.

SEVENTH AMENDMENT.

The positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be considered honorary ones as shall also all other positions held by officers of the National Organization, but the sums of one hundred (100), fifty (50), and seventy-five (75) dollars respectively shall be allowed the President, Treasurer and Secretary to defray postage and minor expenses incurred,

EIGHTH AMENDMENT.

The President and Committee on Resolutions shall confer with the Editor of GOLDEN HOURS and agree upon a reasonable amount to be charged each Branch Club as dues.

NINTH AMENDMENT.

Each State, Territory and Province shall be represented at Annual Conventions by as many delegates as the means of the Branch Clubs contained therein will permit. No more than five (5) delegates can represent the same city. All ex-

pense of sending delegates to be borne by the National Treasury.

TENTH AMENDMENT.

The Legislative power of the National Organization is rested in an Executive Committee of fifteen members appointed by the President. Ten of the members of the Committee shall be known as the Committee on Resolutions; the remainder as the Ways and Means Committee. When occasion demands both Committees shall be resolved into a Committee on the whole.

ELEVENTH AMENDMENT.

The presiding officer of the Executive Committee shall be known as Chairman and will be elected by a majority vote of the Committee.

TWELFTH AMENDMENT..

Branch Clubs may elect new officers quarterly and the Secretaries must send complete reports of the Club's condition to the Secretary of the National Organization monthly. Reports on finances must also be sent to the National Treasurer monthly. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Amendment means a Clubs dismissal from the National organization at the discretion of the President and Executive Committee.

THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer must have residence in separate States as no two officers from the same State can hold office in the National Organization under this Constitution.

Compliments of the Author of the above Amendments.

T. J. DARLING.

LOBBY CHAT.

Among those present at the Convention were A. L. Beckhardt and S. A. Frank, of New York City, Abram L. Levy and J. G. Young, of Brooklyn, Secretary-elect Grealy, John J. Martin and Harry Pewtner, of Newark, Jos. Stillger of Bayonne N. J., John De Morgan of Hart Park, L. I., and J. R. Abarbanell and Editor Dunn. Other prominent members noticed were Vice President Prevost, State Secretary Farrell and C. W. Anderson formerly of New York. The thanks of the visiting delegation are tendered the latter three for their kind attention and care taken of them while in the city.

It is rumored that Ex-President Beckhardt will be the Chairman of the Fourth Committee on Resolutions.

A RESOLUTION was received from the Supreme Branch of Pennsylvania thanking the retiring officers for ability shown and interest taken in the upbuilding of the Club.

THE election of De St Martin took all the WIND out of the Southern States' sails.

WURZER was first in the betting, Rainey a good second and the dark horse De St Martin not placed.

NEW YORK leads; she always does except in a small affair like the World's Fair for instance—W. C. Dunn April 20, 1890.

IT is evidently a cut and dried programme that the South and West shall never be recognized.

GEO. DUFRANE didn't attend the convention. Geo. is against paying dues, and when it comes to the CASH QUESTION is not in it.

JAS. F. GREALY attended the Convention. "Jeems" went there for the good of the Golden Hours Club MEMBERS and his earnest work in behalf of needed legislation betokens him as the member's champion.

THERE were just 6106 legitimate ballots cast. The whole number deposited was 7778.

APROPIS OF PERCY RAINEY.

In a personal letter to the Golden Hours Editor of this paper, Percy Rainey formally signifies his intention of withdrawing from the Club. He gives various reasons for for so doing, some are very good indeed, other savor of mediocre. Rainey made a phenomenal spurt considering the obstacles he had to encounter in the race for the Presidency. We will reserve our private opinion of Rainey's capabilities to act as President. He intimates in his letter that probably the ballots Mr. Dunn refused to count were maybe more on De St Martin's side of the fence than his or Wurzer's. This will bear watching. It is possible that Mr. Dunn may have made a mistake AND BEFORE HE CAN SATISFY THE MINDS OF THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN MEMBERS that C. H. De St Martin received a majority of the votes cast it will be necessary to submit every ballot received to an inspection by a committee of three, one each for the East, South and West. Mr. Rainey's point is well taken. It is our personal belief that if the returns are more carefully canvassed a majority will be found in favor that brilliant young member—Louis C. Wurzer of Detroit, Mich. Rainey said he would have resigned in favor of Wurzer if he had been elected. Rainey drops back into

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private life but he will long be remembered in Golden Hours circles nevertheless.

GIVE us a fair count of the ballots by our peers and not by a \$30 per month clerk in the employ of Norman L. Munro.

EDITOR DUNN is to reorganize the Club. Has the Club a constitution and is Mr. Dunn privileged to amend it at will? Echo answers.

A PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the members of G. H. C. C. No. 1, of Barre, Vt. Fellow members:—It is just eight months since an all wise Creator summoned our beloved leader to his throne and enlisted him in the army of his angels. For eight months we have been wandering in darkness without a guide and our oil of patriotism is well nigh exhausted and our lamps of unison are burnt down to the burners. We must have some one to lead us from this chaos and follow the wishes of our departed chieftain to the letter. Fred. Goldsbury's wish that the glory of No. 1, of Barre be perpetual. It was also his wish to make it grow, not to stop at a few hundred members but enlist thousands. The election of officers which should have taken place Jan. 1st is now five months overdue. Now we propose that officers be elected at once. We are going to do all in our power to set No. 1 in good running order and keep the memory of Fred. Goldsbury green the memories of his fellow laborers. To that end we will publish monthly all the news concerning the different members of this great club and all members desirous of joining the club can secure this paper at the

same price named by Fred. Goldsbury for his Yankee Phil. viz: 15c. per year. We do this as a duty to a departed comrade whose memory shall always live in our hearts. In the meantime we suggest that President Garrett Pearson call an election for officers and if he fails to do so take advantage of the liberties granted by the constitution and have President De St Martin call the election.

WHAT ONE PHILATELIST SEES.

BY E. NEWCOMER.

President Harrison in his message has this to say in regard to postal telegraph:

"The use of the telegraph by the Postoffice Department as a means for the rapid transmission of written communications, is, I believe, upon proper terms, quite desirable. The Government does not own or operate the railroads, and it should not, I think, own or operate the telegraph lines. It does, however, seem to be quite practicable for the Government to contract with telegraph companies, as it does with the railroad companies, to carry at specified rates such communications as the senders may designate for this method of transmission. I recommend that such legislation be enacted as will enable the Postoffice Department fairly to thoroughly experiment the advantages of such use of the telegraph."

At one time during the reign of King Louis Philippe of France, there arrived at the Paris postoffice, from Russia, a letter bearing this superscription:

THE AMERICAN YOUTH.

"To the greatest Poet of France, Paris.

The postmaster was in doubt what to do with it. He had his own literary preference, but this was a public matter, and he felt that an officers private notions should not influence his public action. He accordingly called a council of his staff, and there was among them a long debate as to who was the chief poet of France. Finally it was decided that the letter should be sent to the street of the University, where lived M. Lamartine. So the letter was sent to M. Lamartine. He looked at the address and hastily called the carrier. "You've made a mistake," he said; "this letter isn't for me. Take it to M. Victor Hugo, Place Royale." The carrier wrote "Refused University Street," on the envelope and had it sent to Victor Hugo, who had no sooner read the superscription that he exclaimed: "You have come to the wrong house carrier! This letter is for M. Lamartine." The carrier wrote "Return to University St.," on the envelope and sent it back to Lamartine, who started it once more on its journey to the Palace Royale. After the letter had made several of these trips back and forth, and the envelope had become pretty badly worn, the Postmaster used his discretion to open it, to see if the letter itself would supply the key. He found within the following communication:

To the Greatest Poet of France.

Monsier Moet,

Manufacturer of Champagne Wines,
With my most respectful regards.

It was signed with the name of a Russian prince.

People who think the country is progressing at a gallop never visit the rural hamlets. I was in a small village in New Hampshire the other week says a writer in the New York Sun, when a woman came into the postoffice which was in the back end of a general store, she had a letter in her hand marked "in haste."

"Mr. Stubbs, won't a cent carry this letter?" she said to the postmaster.

"No, Mrs. Judy.

"Is postage stamps down any?"

"Just the same.

"Will you lick on the stamp?"

"Yes'm.

"It's a letter I've writ to my sister in Massachusetts.

"Yes'm.

"There ain't no money in it.

"No'm.

"It's just family news you know?"

"Very well.

"Didn't know but it might git open and I used paste to stick it.

"Yes'm.

"When will it go out?"

"In the morning.

"And when will she get it?"

"In two days.

"Will you warrant it?"

"Can't do that Mrs. Judy.

"You can't! Then what's the use of my sending it? That's what I told them when you was appointed postmaster—I say 'Will Jim Stubbs who once beat my husband out of a load of hay, warrant our mail to be all wool and a yard wide, or will the colors run on us and the dye crock? That's what I asked Jim Stubbs, and nobody has answered me yet.

"Do you wish to send your letter Mrs. Judy?"

THE AMERICAN YOUTH.

"No! I don't take no chances. She might get it and then again she mightn't. Samuel is going down that way in the spring and he can take it hisself, and two cents don't grow on every bush, Jim Stubbs!"

"Few people know how much counterfeiting is done in the line of postage stamps and how profitable a business it is. Stamps are not counterfeited for the purpose of transmitting letters through the mails, but to be sold to collectors. Germany is the headquarters for this business, as in that country a score of men at least make their living by manufacturing and selling spurious stamps. Some are sold as unused stamps, but probably the majority are cancelled, the inexperienced believing that the cancellation marks are infallible indications of genuineness. The rarer stamps are not often counterfeited, as those who buy them generally possess enough knowledge to detect anything but the best executed imitation. The counterfeits are usually printed from cheap wood cuts and are used to make up packages to be sold to boys. Among collectors there certain men who have a high reputation as detectors of counterfeits, and any one who obtains a rare stamp of the authenticity of which he is doubtful sends it to one of them for examination."

Postage stamps were permanently introduced into France in 1848 having been issued by the Republicans.

In the Berlin Museum there are 4,500 specimens of stamps, so it is said, of which 2,460 are European and 1,147 from America.

There are over 150 postage stamp sellers in Paris, which shows what

a rage Frenchmen have for collections of this kind.

The Postoffice Department will not abandon the present mail bag fastener. New devices have been examined recently from about 50 inventors, but no improvement from the cord system now in use, was presented. There are about 10,000 of these fasteners used each year. The fastener retained by the Government, was purchased from a local inventor who had already made \$20,000. The inventors who had new devices submitted propositions for their use by the Government. Some asked royalty varying from 1 1/2 cents to 75 cents; others proposed to sell the patent at a price varying from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The inventions presented every possible form of ingenuity, from a simple cord of knots to an intricate combination of cord and tackle.

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"Thems our sentiments" Mr. Dunn.
Safe.

Percy Rainey has started the ball
rolling by getting out of line.
Who'll be the next?

G. H. C. C. & P. S. No. 1, of
Barre, Vt. should be reorganized.

J. S. Rourke is the new Vice
President from Connecticut.

S. A. Frank is a gentleman we
GUESS.

Wonder if the Tom Cat will purr
in May. Pretty doubtful.

You can now figure on candidates

for 1892. Plenty of time and plenty
of candidates.

'Tis said that if De St Martin had
been shot through the left side April
25th it wouldn't have hurt him a
bit. His heart was in his mouth
when he was told that he was the
new President.

Jas. P. Walton, of Hoosick Falls
was a strong Rainey man.

Geo. Dufrane, voted for Rainey,
Dufrane and Billheimer, so 'tis
said.

The South and West should pull
together. If they had the person-
nel of the present N. G. H. C. it
might have been President L. C.
Wurzer, Secretaries—Percy Rai-
ney, Jno. E. Dvorak.

Ed. Burkhart — has a chicken-
heart.

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fee of 10 cents charged each mem-
ber yearly, an annual message from
the President and a report from each
National Officer, a convention that
is a CONVENTION in every particu-
lar, an honest ballot and a fair count
and a hundred other necessary ar-
rangements. It wouldn't hurt Edi-
tor Dunn to sleep on a few of these
suggestions. If the Club is run as
an advertising dodge only he will
take no notice of them. If he is for
justice and a youthful paternal or-
ganization that will open the eyes
of the world he will raft a few of these
suggestions into the constitution.

THE AMERICAN YOUTH.

A special meeting of the new Committee on Resolutions will soon be called by Editor Dunn for the purpose of ratifying the new amendments to the constitution just passed. This should be done as quickly as possible in order that the members may have a taste of liberty.

TO GOLDEN HOUR MEMBERS.

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Tohill, Tohill you fill the bill and when you advertise succeed you will.

KICKED AND CUFFED

CHAPTER 6.

The officer was not in the least frightened to see the desperate men before him. Drawing his pistol he sprang forward and grasping the foremost ruffian by the throat bearing him to the floor. The fellow's head struck the pine boards so hard that it knocked him senseless. Seeing this the officer sprang from off the prostrate body and turned toward the other desperadoes, only to see James and Rob struggling with them. Rob had succeeded in tripping up his adversary and was striving desperately to hold him down. The fellow was slightly built but was nevertheless a powerful fellow and Rob could not have held him if he had not had his arm twisted under him when he fell and seeing his opportunity Rob threw his whole weight upon him. The officer sprang forward and effectually stopped the fellow's struggles by a kick on the head with his heavy boot. The other man had forced James into a corner and was in the act of stabbing him with an ugly dirk knife. His uplifted hand was about to descend when a well directed shot from a pistol in the hands of Rob sent him lifeless to the floor shot through the brain.

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By an act of Congress, March 3d, 1835, a mint was ordered to be erected at Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, N. C., for the coinage of gold only. The mint-mark of the Charlotte Mint is the letter "C," which appears on all the coins minted there. Since 1862 no coinage has been done there, and by an act of 1873, it was transformed from a regular mint to an assay office. This mint was built in 1836-37, and commenced operation in 1838, burned down in 1844, and was rebuilt in 1845-46.

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Congress, in 1835, also provided for a branch mint in Dahlonega, in Lumpkin county, Ga., for the coinage of gold only. The productions of the Georgia gold mines made this a necessity, and Congress relieved this much felt want by enacting a law providing this branch mint. The discovery of gold in California, and the events of war in 1862 induced the U. S. Government to close the mint. On all coinages of the Dahlonega Mint the initial "D" appears as a mint-mark, on the Obverse of the coin. The first coinage of gold at this mint was made in 1838.

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On the 3d of March, 1835, a supplementary act was passed and approved for the establishment of a

branch mint in New Orleans, La. This mint commenced operation in 1838. This mint is also furnished with the latest improvements for the coinage of gold and silver. The initial of the New Orleans Mint "O," is on all of this Mint's coinages.

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The Carson City Mint is provided with the latest improvements for the mintage of money. On all the coinages of this Mint the initials "C. C." appears as a mint-mark.

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On the 4th day of July, 1864, a bill was passed and approved for the establishment of a mint at Dalles City, in Oregon for the coinage of gold and silver money.

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On the 2d day of April, 1862, Congress ordered an assay office at Denver, Colorado. A building was purchased in 1863, and operations was commenced in 1864. This establishment was styled a Mint in the coinage act of 1873. This Mint is in operation at the present time.

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In July, 1852, an act was passed and approved for the establishment of a branch mint in San Francisco, Cal., for the coinage of gold and silver money. Having been established since the discovery of gold in California, and the vast production of precious metals on the Pacific Slope, the mint at San Francisco which commenced operation in 1854, has, since the legalized suspension of specie payments in 1861, and up to the full resumption of the same

in 1878, coined much the greater part of all the vast sums of gold and silver money minted in the United States, which never ceased to circulate in the far West, and along the shore of the Pacific Ocean. This Mint provided about twenty-nine millions of Trade Dollars for export to China and Japan, and in 1875 was doing about four-fifths of all the coinage of the United States. On all coinages of the San Francisco Mint, the initial "S" appears as a mint-mark, generally on the Obverse, but sometimes on the Reverse of the coins.

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After the first Mint was built in 1791, the first purchase of copper by the U. S. Government was made on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 1792, and comprised six pounds of old copper.

KICKED AND CUFFED

CHAPTER 7.

Rob was horrorstricken when he realized what he had done. He cried out in distress for the officer to witness that the killing was in defense of his friend. My boy don't feel bad about this, you did what was right and instead of being censured for it you will be praised for your bravery, said the officer. But you will be arrested and held for examination so just stay here and you will come out all right. Ah, here comes some one, be ready now it may be foes. The sound of slamming doors then footsteps on

the stairs was what brought this comment from the officer. He drew his pistol and stood on the defensive. But the newcomers proved to be two officers who had been attracted to the spot by the shots. What is all this, said the older one stepping forward. In as few words as possible the officer explained the situation, this young man, said he to Rob will have to be held for an examination, so I guess he will have to wait here until the caroner comes. The charge against your prisoners is a double one, counterfeiting and attempted murder. There is another one in the dining-room, said Rob. Here Jones, take this old gal along for resisting an officer, said he, pointing to old Granny Wilcox who was crouched in a corner near by as if in mortal terror. Here, said he to Jones, you will stay here also as a witness. The reader will no doubt think it strange that the officers should make a charge of counterfeiting against the prisoners but it will be easily explained by the fact that through an open door that led into the next room he saw stacks of counterfeit greenbacks and presses and other articles used in the printing of them. The officers had secured the doors below to keep out the crowd who as usual crowd around the scene of any excitement and at this moment they were crying for the officers to open the door and let them in. The villain who had been silenced by a kick from the officers boot, at this moment opened his eyes and looked around in a dazed manner, at the sight of his captors he commenced to rave and swear in an outrageous manner, you — dog, he cried

fiercely to Rob, I will kill you yet. Mark my words young man. Shut up, said the officer, who assisted in the capture. Will put you where you'll do nobody any harm.

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BOOM - BOOM - BOOM

The batteries of its Vice Presidents trained upon the National Golden Hours Club—Vice Presidents Smith of Illinois, Wurzer of Michigan, Rainey of Virginia, Simpson of West Virginia, Fogarty of New York, Hesse of Maryland, Darling of Kansas and Ex-Secretary James F. Grealy arise in their might and declare that they positively WILL NOT submit to Czarism, howsoever administered—The battle Royal begins and thousands are deserting the Club, like rodents from a sinking ship—The cannonading terrific and it is only a question of time before the decayed old hulk will sink with all on board—Illinois and New York are fighting shoulder to shoulder and sectionalism is buried forever—The screeching of shells and the plunk of solid shot as it pierces the ormanent of the enemy plainly heard all over the universe. Already we can imagine the battle-worn and smoke-begrimmed warriors clasping hands over the ruins and thus proving by THEIR ACTIONS that they are absolved from all allegiance to the National Golden Hours Club, and mutually pledging to one another their undivided support of a new National Club, which shall forever be ONE GLORIOUS TRIUMPHANT.

NEW YORK CITY, July 1, 1891.

For some time past the American Youth has warned one Wm. C. Dunn that he was carrying his despotic arrogancy too far; that there is a limit to forbearance and a repetition of many more such tyrannies that he has practiced so well in the past would result in an open rebellion on the part of the members. It was pointed out to him that he had no power to regulate our laws at

will and set the provisions of the CONSTITUTION at defiance. He was warned that if he changed the system of voting without first proceeding in the manner outlined by the CONSTITUTION, that dissatisfaction would be created and the criminating charge of fraud laid at his door. He was also informed in language more plain than eloquent that an attempt to re-organize the club was Usurpation and Tyranny, and the

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members of the club would not submit or bow down in acquiescence. The Editor has been impervious to warnings. He has treated them with the coldest contempt and indifference. Note the result. All New York are in arms and eager to give the craven Editor a test of their prowess. This is the GODEN HOURS stronghold, and W. C. Dunn may now console himself with the fact that this is all his own work. The Eastern, Western and Southern members declare that his act in reorganizing the club absolves them from all allegiance to the Golden Hour Clubs and the degree of spontaneity which exists among them is remarkable. The spontaneous demand for a NEW NATIONAL CLUB and a leader to conduct them to the promised land is in full accord with public sympathy. A CONVENTION for the purpose of organizing a NEW CLUB will be held soon in New York City. Each organized State Club will be represented by three delegates who will receive their appointments from the respective Vice-Presidents, also all parties who have individually been endeavoring to form such organization will be represented. All states have been invited to send its quota of delegates and it is understood that New York, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri and Kansas have accepted and will appoint delegates. There are still six states to be heard from and it is more than likely that they too, will accept. The date and place of holding the Convention have not yet been decided on, but will be announced. It is said that the Editor views this aggressive action with unfeigned alarm and is

ready to agree to a compromise, but as the battle is already on and as he forced it, there is very little prospect of a reconciliation being effected. Not a little surprise was created by the way in which EX-PRESIDENT BECKHARDT editorially castigates Dunn in the "Eastern Star" for June. Beckhardt is in full accord with the plan to form the NEW CLUB and plainly say so. The excitement of the hour is the peremptory resignation of Secretary Grealy and the rumor that Secretary Dufrane will follow his example. Grealy stands high in the estimation of the members of New York and Jersey and his sudden resignation is a bombshell in the Golden Hours Editorial camp. The office of Secretary is now being offered around by Editor Dunn but no one will have it. It has been offered Dvorak and Billheimer but disdainfully rejected by both of these young gentlemen.

The circulation of Golden Hours is said to be decreasing at an alarming rate and there are numerous rumors afloat to the effect that W. C. DUNN (Ex-Czar) and NORMAN L. MUNRO (Ex-Chief Potentate) are contemplating making the Editors "The Tom Cat," "The American Youth," "Eastern Star" and "Club Chat" parties to a libel suit. This isn't always a sure way of recuperating lost fortune as the wily trash rendors will learn to their sorrow. The calcium light of TRUTH and its scintillating rays are always injurious to the sight of usurpers and petty tyrants.

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The Eternal years of God are hers, but
Error wounded, writhes in pain
And dies amid her worshippers.

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We have it from an authoritative source that Percey Rainey, Tom J. Darling, Pierce J. Hayden and Abe L. Beckhardt collectively, respectively and perspective, are to be "sooed" by the irascible W. C. Dunn for libel. It is not stated in just what amount the Editor places the damage to his injured feelings and sensitive nature. It is too bad that these young editors, in the halcyon of their journalistic efforts must be forced to disgorge the countless thousands they have amassed from the sale of their papers, and apply the same as a salve to soothe the lacerated affections of the poor hounded Editor. How the salve will be applied has not been determined. Probably it will take the form of a flask and be applied inwardly, for such a course is often found beneficial in the case of snake-bites and Czar Dunn says the Editors ARE young reptiles.

We hail with delight the erudite Editor's courage in summing up enough of that stimulating (and to him totally foreign article), to register on the Criminal Court Docket of King's County the charming little passage "Dunn vs Darling et al" one cannot fail to see that such a sentence is a charming little bit of prose. We now reiterate these statements. If any sensible Eastern boy or girl believes for an instant that wild Indians are running loose out in the Western country placarded "Please scalp me," or that all you have to do is to come out here and find a Buffalo, deer or other desirable game commodatingly search you out three times a day and patiently wait to be slaughtered, you are very much out of your mind.

The festive Indians now confirms himself to the soft places he knows so well how to discern around an "Agency," and lets his squas do heap work. The Indian can't find a market for scalps in these days and would much rather smoke the mythical peace-pipe. So our dear young friends do not indulge in day dreams of a wholesale slaughter of the wards of the nation, nor don't indulge in the idea that you will have to attach an anchor to your tresses should you travel through this great Western country. As for accomodations we can whisk you over the prairie in finely appointed Pullman Palace car and arrange for your comfort at the finest hostelrys you could imagine. As for a meal of antelope steak, brook trout and other parts of the Cowboy's(?) usual morning repast, that twelve story tenement rave of, don't indulge in such foolish dreams. As for us in the West we can read the wonderful narratives of New York city boys gaining a clue to a big bank robbery, following the robbers fourteen days and nights disguised in a shoe buckle and a parlor match and going without rest or food; coming upon the outragers of the law in a place inaccessible to man or beast, grappling with the villians single handed and silencing one while the rest obligingly waited their turn to be silenced and when he had overcome the whole gang, blow a whistle and bring the patrol wagon to the scene; faints, hovers between life and death for two whole hours with a refractory tooth, miraculously recovers, marries bankers daughter and so on, and appreciate what heroic boys

you are any how. Golden Hours abounds with trash based upon plots of the above nature and for letting the good people know it. Mr. Dunn is going to wring our youthful and innocent young hearts and purses and bring our curly locks into sorrow to the court-room. "Lay on McDuff and damned be he who first cries, Hold! enough!"

FACTS AND FIGURES.

In a letter to Ex-Secretary Jas. F. Grealy upon the presentation of his resignation the Editor Czar makes the assertion that Golden Hours can get along very well without the club; that it advertises the club more than the club does it, and even if the whole membership were to quit taking Golden Hours it would still have a circulation of 250,000. All of which will enable us to do a little figuring. When we went to school, 21,000 five cent pieces amounted to just exactly \$1250.00. This amount represents the sum the twenty-one thousand members of the club pay weekly into the coffers of Golden Hours. Monthly this will amount to \$5000, yearly it will aggregate \$60000.00.

We can (?) believe Norman L. Munro's mouth-piece when he asserts that they care very little for an income of nearly six per cent. of one million dollars. It is so very easy in these days to sweep street-crossings, drive a team of mules, or saw cord-wood and amass such an insignificant sum as \$60,000 in a year. An income of \$5,000 a month is not sufficient to tempt the cupidity of the festive Norman.

Again if Golden Hours has a circulation of 270,000 as is claimed, it shows what systematic robbery it is to exact \$2.50 per annum for fifty-two doses of mental poison. Say for instance that each of this enormous amount of papers was sold for 5 cents each. This will bring a return of \$13,500 per week or in the neighborhood of \$54,000 per month. It is fallacy to say that the ENTIRE COST of one issue of Golden Hours AT THE MOST can exceed \$3000. Deducting \$3,000 from \$13,500 and we have a clear profit of \$10,500 weekly or \$42,000 monthly. By a little calculation we find that the Publisher of Golden Hours could sell each paper at two and one-half cents per copy and still realize a clear profit of 125 per cent. Again the advertising rates of a paper are regulated by the size of its circulation. If the Golden Hours dropped from 271,000 to a circulation of 250,000 it would cause a corresponding decrease in the advertising rates. We invite members to ponder over this article and if according to his own statement Mr. Munro is making such an awful interest on his money, then he is robbing you, for he claims to be publishing his paper and furnishing it to the trade for as low a price as will guarantee a fair rate of interest on the investment. 250 per cent is evidently to his exaggerated idea a LOW, REASONABLE, RATE of interest.

UNJUST—UNWISE—UNWARRANTED.

Thare crept into the columns of "Club Chat" for May, an article se-

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verely excoriating Jas. F. Grealy, Ex-Secretary of the N. G. H. C. This attack is no doubt instigated by one Paul F. Howard of New York city, who desires to draw the genial Ex-Secretary into a controversy that can do him, Howard, no possible good and will only be productive of hard feelings. We have had quite an extensive and extended correspondence with Mr. G. and we can truthfully say that there is no truth in any of the fables springing upon an unsuspecting fraternity by the Editor of "Chat." If Editor Hayden knew the true facts of the case and how Mr. Howard addressed Mr. G. and sought to quarrel with him of his own volition, there is no doubt but what the effervescent Prince would promptly apologize to Mr. Grealy in that graceful manner the above knows how to assume. Bro. Hayden wields a facile and chaste pen and we can safely declare that Paul F. Howard wrote the article in question. Let us say in conclusion that there are very few equals of "Chat."

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Although not practiced to any great extent these submissive and degenerated days, the making of a Declaration of Independence is not by any means a lost art, as a certain individual of the featherless biped species seems to think. As a member of the G. H. C. C. I am thoroughly disgusted with the high-handed Czar-like method in which W. C. Dunn is abusing the authority he has arrogated to himself, and suggest use of means to check his despotism.

"STRAWS SHOW WHICH WAY THE WINDS BLOW."

In the Golden Hours Club now known throughout the civilized world, there are members who do not know why they belong to it or whether there are any benefits to be derived from it—Abe L. Beckhardt, Ex-President.

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I am now glad that I was defeated, for it would be a lasting disgrace to be the Executive of an organization which is fast being packed with Cicilians, Italians, Norwegians, "Huns" "and ladies of color" and is now so near the edged of a precipice that the first slight wind will waft it over—Ex-Vice President Louis C. Wurzer.

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I am glad that I am out of it. Please say that No. 42 is not in it—Ex-Secretary Jas. F. Grealy.

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As a member of the G. H. C. C. I am thoroughly disgusted with the high handed Czar-like method in which W. C. Dunn is abusing the authority he has arrogated to himself and suggest use of means to check his despotism.—Pierce J. Hayden.

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I am out of G. H. circus for good. I pity the poor fellows who will have to stand it another year.—Percy Rainey, Ex-Vice President.

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Resigned from all G. H. Club affairs and the hereafter is none of my funeral.—P. Smith.

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Yes Dunn offered me the office of Secretary. Did I accept? Well you won't have to read the answer in the stars. Of course I didn't.—Jno. E. Dvorak.

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Dunn can't run in a bluff game on us.—Ex-Vice President W. J. Fogarty.

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I am out of it.—Ex-Vice President Darling.

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So am I.—Geo. Billheimer.

OUR EXCHANGES.

IF IT AINT IT OUGHT TO BE.

YOUNG FOLKS' FRIEND.

"The AMERICAN YOUTH reaches us this month for the first time. It seems to be the official organ of the Golden Hours Club, a progressive young people's society and if the society is as good as the paper, surely it deserves the support of all."

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We are glad to see the Tom Cat, Club Chat, and Eastern Star coming so promptly to aid us in our campaign against Czarism. We opened the campaign in February last and have been alone in the field until recently. The Tom Cat came unsolicited to help us conduct the merry war and bright little Club Chat, nothing loth, threw itself in the breach and opened up its batteries. Eastern Star now wheels into

line and pours a charge of grape and canister into the enemy's midst. The Tom Cat made it a pair, Club Chat completed the trio, Eastern Star filled out the quartette and we are now anxiously waiting to see what'll make it a quintette of the best papers afloat.

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Eastern Star for June contains a scathing denunciation of all things Golden, from the facile pen of one M. T.

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Club Chat opens fire on monarchism this month.

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Tom Cat has not purred on our table for lo, these two months. Has Percy Rainey forgotten his journalistic brother from the sun-staked plains of the Slano Estacado?

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"Our Compliments" (June No.) contains a very neat and masterly response to the toast, "The Ladies," by Truman J. Spencer. We are sorry that space forbids our publishing it, for it is a gem of the purest ray serene.

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The Pearl from San Francisco is on our desk. Neat too.

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Flushing Watchman comes regularly, likewise News-Letter from Corona.

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We have not seen a copy of the Yankee Phil. since Nov. last. Can any one tell us where Nancy's gone?

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EDITORIAL.

Just now every former member of the Golden Hour Club is enthusiastically in favor of a new National Club to succeed the superannuated stricture now chaperoned by Czar Dunn. A weekly paper must

be secured to adopt the club or the Club adopt it. If our humble opinion bears any weight whatever we would suggest that the "Argosy" be adopted if the necessary arrangements can be perfected. There is as much difference in the pure chaste literature contained in the "Argosy" and the highly inflammable absurdities masquerading under the title of literature in "Golden Hours" than there is between sweet fresh country butter and oleomargarine. One desolves and melts on the youthful mind, soothing and educating, leaves a sweet taste with a desire for more, the other leaves a rancid taste, poisons the mind, excites passion, and saps and undermines the knowledge.

The "Argosy" with its crisp clean wholesome pages, finely executed engravings, narratives of adventures, heroism and youthful manliness; the "Golden Hours" with its dull, uninteresting, graveyard pages abominable engravings of atrocious murders and absurd situations, its trashy contents catering to the depraved tastes of a low element, and exciting the weak minds of its deluded victims by recitals of impossible facts and situations. The "Argosy" permeated with a fine view of delicate humor calculated to make its readers appreciative of a good joke and inculcate in them the desire for ready wit and educate them in the art of repartee; the Golden Hours with its grotesque and horribly batched pictures of "Boul's Pard" and other like libels on the fair nature of humor, calculated to only sow the seeds of vulgarity in the young impressionable minds of its readers, giving

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them a thorough schooling in coarse and indecent "gags" as it is pleased to call them. Our advice to every mother whose son or daughter has subscribed to cheap trashy periodicals to BURN THEM. Treat it as you would a vampire, it has no business in the house of a self-respecting boy or girl and it is in direct violation of the Fourth Commandment, for any one to pursue its reeking, offensive contents. Throttle any desire your boy or girl may have acquired for pernicious literature and place in their hands "The Argosy," "Holiday," "Golden Days" and other periodicals whose contents are not besmirched with narratives of hangings, murders, horrible accidents and other like trash.

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W. C. Dunn may have been an expert in the handling of leading strings, but his hand has lost its cunning and the strings are very much played and the vigorous G. H. infant may bolt at any moment and leave its incompetent and ungentlemanly ruler monarch of all he surveys—when he shuts his eyes.—Club Chat.

We are all disgusted and favor means to check his despotism. Therefore be it remembered that during the month of August, a Convention will be held in New York City and the despotism will receive its time-check.

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LET THE DEAD PAST BURY ITS DEAD.

We can't impress too strongly upon our readers' minds the grave importance of avoiding personal quarrels, petty jealousies and bick-

erings. W. C. Dunn says that on this account we are not fit to govern ourselves. Aint we? We leave it to you to decide. We want and need and must have ammunition to fight the common enemy and not wantonly waste it upon wooden targets.

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How many of our readers are often approached with the question what is the Golden Hours Club? It is humiliating to have to respond that "the object of the organization is to bind all the readers of Golden Hours in a common organization, for the purpose of moral improvement, the accomplishment by a union of lofty aims and undertakings of that which it would be impossible to accomplish single-handed, et cetera," and have the questioner listen patiently all the while "sawing wood" and then have him or her fumble with your "badge" (?) (breast plate) and after turning it over once or twice and mastering the mystic Hieroglyphics inscribed thereon incidentally remark "I've got one of them things to hum."

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We will give you a surprise next month. Who says we ain't better worth \$2.50 a year to any boy or girl than is the Golden Hours.

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Albert Weaver of Bergen Point N. J. has resigned from all N. G. H. C. Affairs.

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To. W. C. Dunn—Sic semper tyrannis.

MOUND BUILDERS.

BY "LUCULLUS."

Anyone taking any interest in the habit, history and occupation of prehistoric man could pleasantly and profitably spend a week or two in the vicinity of Nashville. This neighborhood is especially rich in mounds, which would undoubtedly pay well any one who would investigate them. These mounds lay only a short distance from the city. The largest and most notable ones are located about three or four miles south of the city, several of which are on the John Overton place which lays between the Franklin and Granny White Pikes. Some of these mounds have been partially explored and turned out profitably. In this neighborhood General Andrew Jackson executed several deserters on an Indian mound about the year 1812 which was during the war between the U. S. and Great Britain.. This is only a short distance from the battlefield of Nashville and is as pretty a spot as can be found anywhere.

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There is a man named Johnson aged about 53 or 54 and his son aged about 30, who lives here at the foot of Broad street on the river in a house boat. With them lives a deaf and dumb man who is the husband of old man Johnson's daughter. They have their boat, which is a good sized one, fitted up very nicely, it is divided into two apartments, the larger of which is arranged around the walls with show cases. This room is used to exhib-

it curiosities of all sorts and descriptions, chief of which are curios taken from Indian mounds. These articles are arranged artistically in cases, one contains arrows of all descriptions, the next contains spears, ornaments, &c., another war clubs, battle-axes, tomahawks, &c., while still another contains stone knives and other implements supposed to have been used for tanning purposes. There is a case containing mortars, jars, pestles &c., the like supposed to have been used for grinding up corn and other grain. There are stones that were no doubt used in a game somewhat similar to quoits as they are shaped as rings. Mr. Johnson is well posted on such matters and can explain thoroughly the uses of the various articles. He says these articles were mostly obtained in Middle Tennessee and quite a number from this vicinity. He intends drifting down the Cumberland exhibiting his curiosities and searching along as he goes. He also has articles, brought to this part of the country by early settlers and also numerous relics of the late war.

He makes his living by charging an admission fee of 25 cents to view these curiosities.

mens which were taken from letters received from mother when she was abroad. These we kept on the original envelopes, and they are still to us the most valued specimens of our collection. Until we were large enough to earn money the growth of our collection was very, very slow, but about the time our neighbors began to speak of us as "good sized boys," this hobby took a new and firmer hold on us, and our collection was extremely rapid in its growth. Every cent we could rake or scrape up went this way and our love for our collection was almost as great as a mother for her child. Several of our neighbors seeing our willingness to work would call on us to do any odd jobs they might have, and veen then our collection did not increase as rapidly as we desired. We soon took up the selling of stamps from approval sheets for dealers and always took our commission out in stamps. By being constantly on the lookout for collectors we managed to trade our duplicates to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Our desire to add to our collection was now almost as great as that of a miser to continually add to his store of gold. Our craving was intense and we gradually grew to watch our steadily increasing collection with much complacency. We studied eagerly everything we could find relating to stamps and many other things which these suggested. The attempts to discourage us by arguments and ridicule were frequent. We heard each in silence, ridicule out of respect to ourselves and argument out of respect for our elders. We did not allow either ridi-

THE KIRKLEY FRAUDS.

BY JEDWARD LITTLEFIELD.

CHAPTER I.

My brother John and I first became interested in stamps when we were both very small boys. I shall never forget the first 20 odd speci-

cule or argument to affect us in the least, but it seemed to make us more determined than ever to get all the benefit possible out of our hobby. Our continued interest in stamps in the face of all these attempts at discouragement, after a time excited a curiosity in some of our closest friends, who intimated cautiously that they would like to examine our stamps and see if possible how these small bits of paper could create such a fascination for us. Some even went so far as to examine them still more closely. We took this as a sign of surrender, but we managed to be very dignified and outwardly evinced no delight in this headway we had made toward winning them over to our hobby. We went through the exhibition, telling as we went all we knew of the various specimens. This we did with pardonable pride. We saw with pleasure that they were entertained, in fact deeply interested, and our invitation to look them over again at some opportunity when our time was not so limited, was eagerly accepted. Other visits followed and we watched their interest deepen. They became eager and when we offered them some duplicates they accepted with unrestrained eagerness. From this time forward they were collectors, and our collection as small as it was, was soon the standard of the beginners. The obtaining of a specimen we did not have, was an occasion of great exultation for the fortunate possessor, and a friendly interest all around.

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"A MYSTERIOUS JOURNAL."

About the year 1852 a paper called the "Raging Tad" was issued in this city. Its origin was very mysterious, no one except the printer any newsboys knew where its office was located. It was devoted almost entirely to hauling persons over the coals who committed any misdeed, and men often tried to bribe the newsboys to tell who published it and where it was published but without success. This is a conversation I heard and on enquiring offered \$5 or \$10 to tell where the office was but refused. I know one boy who was offered fifty cents to tell where it was published. Give me your fifty cents, said he, and I will tell you. The man gave him the money and the boy broke out in a run and when he had got at a safe distance he cried out: It is published at the "Tad" office.

It was published five or six years and discontinued. A man told me the following:

The "Raging Tad" suddenly made its appearance about 35 or 40 years ago, said he, and it was continually bringing to light some misdeed performed by city officials, rich men, poor men and all classes. The publisher was a man named McLaughlin, and its office was located on the east side of Cherry St., between Union and Deaderick Sts.

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KICKED AND CUFFED

CHAPTER 8.

The prisoners were led off to jail by the officers, and the boys were told to take seats and wait for the coroner to put in his appearance. In a short while a large fat man came bustling into the room sweating like a porpoise. He was a red faced gray-headed individual and he seemed extremely wise. This was the Coroner. He was followed by a crowd of eager spectators who craned their necks and opened their eyes to their widest extent all of them intent on seeing the cause of the excitement and despite the attempts of an officer to keep them back they crowded forward to see and see they did. The wise Coroner at once proceeded to business and out of the crowd of spectators he chose the jury. The inquest over the body of the dead counterfeiter then proceeded, the officer who made the capture was first examined and he told the particulars in full from the row between the news boys until the present moment. He was told to stand aside and James was called. His testimony was a complete substantiation of that given by the officer and he was then stood aside. Rob was then led forward by the officer. He was very weak and faint from loss of blood caused by the wound in his shoulder. He told in a very weak, trembling voice how he had helped James from the sidewalk and how they had with the officer, followed the newsboys who assaulted him, and even refused admittance to the

house by the old hag, how they had in searching for the newsboys run across the den of counterfeiters and how they affected the capture. He had a pleasing style of telling the exciting events which was the cause of great indignation for the counterfeiters. Some one in the crowd cried death to the rogues. The cry of on to the jail, lynch them and like cries were freely used.

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FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

A new organ for our club found at last, it is a literary gem contributed to by the best American authors. Club members read this think over it talk to your fellow members about it and act. No longer shall the G. H. C. members feel the heels of oppression on their necks. Chief Potentate Monroe and Czar Dunn receive another dose of hot shot. This cooks their goose. Sure.

In our last issue we advocated any way interfere with the membership. Now this is the chance for adoption of a new official organ for the Golden Hours Club and we have mailed copies to prominent publishers and we have received a letter from Mr. E. B. Heineman of San Francisco, Cal. stating that he with (the present editor of the New York Golden Magnet) Mr. H. T. Cook will issue the first number of a weekly story paper in a short time. It is to be a 16 page handsomely illustrated paper, with a subscription price of \$1.75 a year or 5c a copy. Its contributors will be the best known in the country having gained a great reputation writing for the Golden Days, The Argosy and Good News. They state that all the space necessary to the good of the club will be at the disposal and that they will take no hand in club matters that will in

any way interfere with the membership. Now this is the chance for bright boys to come to the front. Join this new club. Send us your opinion on a postal card or better still write us a long letter telling us that you will join the new club and your name will be placed on the list as a member, don't forget to send us the name of a dozen or so of your fellow members so as we can send them a copy of our next issue. As this is only a forerunner of the proposed paper, we can not give a full statement now, but in our next issue we shall devote a number of pages to this matter, and you can get a complete list of who its contributors will be. Our paper will be in great demand and if you want a copy, send your name on a postal or better still send 25c for a year's subscription and be sure get a copy.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF PANAMA

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

The city and territory of Panama was up to the year 1882 an independent state of the Republic of Columbia in South America. American citizens have large property in Panama and the mail steamer of the Pacific S. S. Co. of New York make regular trips to Panama, where this Company own much real estate, and have important shipping property there. The state of Panama always was a troublesome child of the Columbia an mother republic and in the year 1882 an insurrection broke out. The Panama state troops were unable to suppress the "Mob," and also the national Columbian force could do nothing to stop matters. The insurgents were marauding the cities, and in "Colon" (Aspinwal, called so, in honor of its founder, the New York merchant "Lloyd Aspinwal.") Colon is the Spanish name, in honor of Christopher Columbus, the mob burned among other property, the Postoffice, Aspinwal, in which was landed just the day previous the American mail. Among these were registered letters containing stamps, and important business documents, valued at \$750, and mailed by the firm of Ph. Heinsberger, New York, to their trade in South America. (The Columbian government later has partly reimbursed). The insurgent further destroyed the railroad and shipping property of the Pacific S. S. Co. of New York. The directors of this Co. applied to the Columbian government for help, and in his need President Nunez of Col-

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These Provisionals have an inscription written in violet ink reading, "Direccion General de Correos." I have had occasion to see imitation of the Provisionals but it can early be discovered by any collector. The genuine Provisionals are not perforated, while the imitations are perforated and beside this, are made of different hues. I may mention yet, that also the regular issue 1878 of Panama stamps is counterfeited—for sale by unscrupulous dealers, as Panama genuine stamps are scarce. The acquisition of which is every day more and more difficult, and will soon be of great importance to collector, to get the genuine emission. Since 1882 Panama is using the regular stamps of Columbia. To conclude my article, I inform you yet that the Columbian postage stamps, pasted on letters coming from the Panama Railroad line "U. S. private property" and on those delivered to letter

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year. Their disappearance is accounted for by the fact that they were sent to Africa to pay the sailors engaged in the Tripolian war. The sailors paid them to the natives and they have been hoarded or melted or otherwise so disposed of that they were never returned to this country. There is one in the Philadelphia Mint, one in St. Paul, one in the collection of Mr. W. S. Appleton, of Boston, Mass., and one owned by Mr. Stickney, of Salem, Mass. These are the only dollars of 1804 known, except Mr. Connor's find.

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There is one unpopular coin issued by uncle Sam, says an official of the Treasury. It is the half dollar, and it has a tendency to work its way back into the treasury vaults, where it isn't wanted. As money nobody objects to the half, but the popular fancy is for the same value in another form. That is, the average citizen prefers to have two quarters. They are a trifle more convenient. If he wants to pay out half-a-dollar he can use the half or the two quarters with equal convenience, but if 25 cents is to be paid out the quarter is far the handier coin. This may not seem to be a very important matter, but counts in the long run. Little by little the halves find their way back to the government vaults, and there they stay, like poor relations. In fact so far as coming home in disgrace goes, the half dollar is the prodigal son of the mints. A very large proportion of the \$20,000,000 of fractional silver on hand in Washington is made up of halves. It is

probable that a good many of the halves stored up in Washington will be recoined into quarters and dimes. In that way they will be more convenient for popular use. Of course lots of halves are used and will continue to be used. Their coinage will be kept up and nobody will have any more difficulty in getting them than usual. But the proportion of other coins will be increased because the people like them better.

A. F. EWFACFS.

"GRINS."

BY JAMES J. HAILEY.

Amateurs are at liberty to publish "Grins" provided they give this paper credit for them.

The World is mine cried the New Yorker as he purchased a copy of it for 2 cents.

DOWN WITH MONOPOLY.

A case where it is a "grinding-monopoly." Only one hand organ in the town.

SAD INDEED.

Gussie—Chappie, have you heard the news?

Chappie—No, what news?

Gussie—Charlie has committed suicide by hanging himself.

Chappie—I always did say that calf would hang himself if he was given plenty of rope.

WHY IS IT THAT—

A collar button is the hardest thing to find and the easiest to lose of anything mortal can think of.

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IT IS ALSO POINTED.

BeJack — Jones, you dou't say much?

Jones—No, but what I usually say is pointed.

Bejack—What do you usually say? Pitchfork?

THE EGG WAS LONGER.

First Brother—Will, were those pigeons hatched at the same time?

Second Brother—Yes. Why?

F. B.—Because one is feathered and the other is not and he is also larger than the other. Why is this?

S. B.—I guess one egg was laid longer than the other.

F. B.—Yer, judging from the difference in their sizes one egg must have been laid a great deal longer than the other.

ANOTHER FREAK.

Mrs. Simper. (Excitedly)---John, run for the doctor quick, the baby has swallowed a fine comb, his rubber rattle, a thimble, two nails and a cake of soap.

Mr. Simper---You don't need a doctor, send him to the museum at once and have him billed as the "only Living, Breathing, Human Ostrich!"

IT BROUGHT ON WAR.

A soap peddler absent mindedly strolled down into that part of Chicago in which Anarchists reside, crying nice hand soap, nice shaving soap, all kinds of soap and in exactly 3 seconds his body was on a shutter waiting for the arrival of the coroner.

LIFE IN A MINING CAMP.

Miner, excitedly breaking into the tavern.---Boys, Hank Simpson has started a ba'r up the gulch.

Crowd, eagerly. --- Did he kill him?

Miner.---Naw, this is a bar and I was the fust to drink at it.

We have often heard the story How Jonah was swallowed by the whale, But I truly think there's too much glory Attached to this wonderful tale.

WAS HE A WAG OR A WAGGER.

Its an idle tail! cried the monkey as he wagged his own and gazed maliciously at the useless broken member of his brother.

AND HE GOT IT FOR 50 CTS.

I'll have his life cried the book man as he bought the Biography of Benjamin Franklin for 50 cts.

HOW TO LIVE.

Enjoy life and crowd as much enjoyment in a day as you can for Prof. Totten says we have only 8 more years to live. So live at a 2:40 pace.

Life is real and life is earnest

And Totten is not the first;

A thousand such have gone before him.

But of the crowd he is the worst.

IT WAS IN NEW JERSEY

The farmers sat at the foot of the stair,
Smoking his pipe of clay;
The time was midnight and he was there
To smoke the mosquitoes away.

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EDITORIAL.

In a great hurry to get out our last issue the printers made a great many errors, among the most noticeable was that of mis numbering the paper it should have been Vol. 1 No. 11 and he got it Vol. 2 No. 1. The expression of a great many

sentences was lost by errors; and no doubt many of our readers were amused by the ludicrous or rather ridiculous wording. In the future we hope that the errors will be as nearly obliterated as possible.

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The July issue was over two weeks late in being mailed the delay was caused by the Railroad Co. losing the papers when being transported from the printer to us. We hope our advertisers and subscribers will excuse this unavoidable delay.

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With the next issue we begin Vol. 2 and we hope subscribers will renew their subscriptions when they expire. The first volume was very successful and greater success is undoubtedly in store for us in Vol. 2. If you receive a copy of our paper and are not a subscriber to it, you should be. We shall have a better class of reading hereafter and will endeavor to make our paper the best amateur out. Advertisers our rates are 100 per cent cheaper than those of any other paper published with a circulation of 2,500 copies. See testimonials below as to the benefits of our paper as an advertising medium.

Mr. L. O. Bowman of Phila. Pa. had an inch ad in our May issue which consisted of a 1500 copy circulation. He says up to the 11th of June I received 6 cash orders, besides numerous books, catalogues and papers. Continue ad I am well pleased with returns. This was 6 orders in 7 days as our paper was mailed from here on June 4th.

THE AMERICAN YOUTH.

Wellington Stamp Co. Wellington Ohio has a little say. We wish to say that our ad pays better than we anticipated. We wish you success. Change our ad from one col. to 1 page and insert 2 times.

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W. H. Bruce of Hartford Conn. "The liberal advertiser" as we have dubbed him, Says nothing but sends us a page ad to run 1 year. This is more expressive than words. We wish to say that we tried months before we could get a trial ad from him, and now he is one of our best advertisers. Others we are after would do well to follow his example.

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I wish to say that my sister Miss Amie Hailey has started a circular mailing agency send her a batch of your circulars as a trial. She uses business principles in their mailing and you will find that you can make money by giving her your patronage.

IMPORTANT.

Owing to the refusal of the P. O. authorities to grant the National Exchange and The Stamp Chronicle 2nd class rates these two enterprising papers were obliged to discontinue. This paper has been appointed to fill out their "ad" and subscription contracts. We shall (in addition to matter for our own paper) publish matter intended for these papers. We wish here to thank Messrs. Jos. Neubauer,

Beecher Ogden and A. Muller for their kind assistance in carrying on their respective departments (lately conducted for National Exchange) in this paper. You can reasonably expect 5 or 6 times the value of our subscription price hereafter. See Mr. Stowell's card in this issue and when you have read it, think over it, and see if you don't think that 25c of your money is rightfully ours and a years subscription to this paper yours.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The Tom Cat has scratched again within our sanctum. It is an amateur of amateurs and strictly up to the times.

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Club Chat is another good one and is a warrior bold and is doing good work for us by helping to down Czar Dunn and Chief Potentate Norman Munro.

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American Philatelist and Collector is at hand. It is brighter and newsier than ever.

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Stamp News of London Eng. affords us much entertainment. We cordially invite it to come again.

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The Eastern Philatelist is an exceptionally good philatelic journal, and is an experienced teacher of stamp collecting.

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Postoffice can't be called an amateur, it is the prince of American philatelic papers.

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The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain at hand, it is a gem of the first water.

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Young Folks Friend a neat temperance paper greets us once again. It is still at its good work.

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The Pearl is a literary gem a diamond in fact.

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Other papers received, but lack of space forbids their review.

THE KIRKLEY FRAUDS.

BY J. EDWARD LITTLEFIELD.

CHAPTER II.

Our relations with the dealers of whom we bought had always been very pleasant. We had early found out that it did not pay to scatter our orders and had confined our dealings to a few first-class dealers. We had also been careful to return the sheets sent us at once and in good condition. We were, therefore, very much surprised and very indignant when on opening a letter one morning we read the following, to which the signature of a well-known firm, with whom, how-

ever, we had never dealt, was attached:

Gentlemen:

We should be pleased to hear from you in regard to our account against you. We have requested you to settle several times but have never received an answer.

I read it first and then handed it to John without a word.

When he had read it he raised his eyes and we stared at each other for several moments, unable to utter a word.

As soon as we could collect our thoughts we asked each other what it could mean. We had, never even so much as written a letter to him. Neither was it probable that the dealer was attempting to defraud us, as his reputation for fair dealing was well known to us.

After a long consultation we wrote to him stating that we had never had any dealings with him and asking for particulars.

We also gave as references the names of the dealers whom we had given our trade. A reply to this a few days later gave dates and amounts to the claim, and also said that we had given some references before and had been well recommended by them. It also stated that the hand writing in the former letters was entirely different from that of the last, which was the one we had written. This satisfied us that some one had been using our name but who it was we could not guess. We wrote again asking for a sample of the handwriting but when we received it, we were as much puzzled as before.

That the fraud was some one who

was acquainted with us and knew of our collecting and of our business relations we were certain. The sample of the handwriting was certainly not like that of any of our acquaintances and we came to the conclusion that it was disguised. We could not even make a guess as to who it might be, and finally promised the dealer that we would pay the claim if at the end of two months we had not yet detected the frauds.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A CARD.

Being refused 2nd class rates for the National Exchange, we find that it would be very unprofitable to continue publishing it so we have arranged with the American Youth to fill our subscriptions, and ad. contracts, and we think that the persons that have unexpired subscriptions of the N. E. to be filled by this paper will be more than satisfied as it will contain all the departments of the Ex. besides many of its own.

Yours Truly,

J. W. STOWELL.

KICKED AND CUFFED

CHAPTER 9.

A howling mob ran through the streets their number increasing each moment. On to the jail! Death to

the rogues! and like cries filled the air. Pandemonium reigned supreme and on each face was a determined look which seemed to grow more intense as they drew near the jail. The howling crowd hurried from street to street and at last they arrived at the jail. A few of the boldest men stepped forward and rapping on the door shouting for the jailer to come down and admit them. Hearing the noise the jailer appeared at an upper window and asked what was wanted we want the counterfeiters was the cry that went up from a thousand throats. You cannot have them. We will break in the jail if you do not surrender them at once. Gentlemen, cried the jailer, please be quiet and let me talk to you. We will listen to you but it will do no good, we are determined as to what course we shall pursue and we shall carry it out. The jailer himself saw that it was worse than useless to try to argue with the determined mob, but to gain time and perhaps keep order among the crowd was what he thought he could do. The mob quietly listened, listened as the jailer spoke. Gentlemen said he "do you know the consequences of a mob law, have you ever read the riot act. If not I will read it to you. With this he read in a calm collected voice the riot act and as his voice rang out with the last sentence, a squad of police and militia turned the corner above the jail and ran forward. Seeing this the most timid of the mob turned and ran leaving the determined ones with drawn fire-arms ready to make a resistance.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE RED MAN'S PLEA.

BY CHAS. UNGER.

Oh why does the white man follow my path.

Like a hound on the miscreants track;
Does the flush of my dark cheek awaken his wrath,
And invite a shot at my back.

There are rivers and seas where the billows and breeze

Bear riches for the white man alone,
But the red man ne'er usurps the pleasures so rich
That the white man claims as his own.

Why then should he come to the streams neath the sun

Where none but the red man dare swim?
Why then should he mar the red hunters fun,
For I never did harm to him.

The Father above thought fit to give
The white man corn and wine,
And golden fields where he may live,
But the forest's shades are mine.

The eagle has his place of rest;
The wild horse a place to dwell;
But the spirit which gave the bird its nest
Gave me a home as well.

The hunter no longer is on my track
His eyes with tears are dim;
He knows that the red man is not as black
As he has painted him.

Let the red man have his forests and streams
Where he is free to roam,
No longer troubled by the white mans schemes,
In his happy forest home.

ARABIAN CURRENCY.

In Arabia, at the present time, mostly the Persian, Turkish, East India and some European coins are

current, but their prices constantly fluctuate, they are much higher during the Monsoon than after it, as there is less want of specie when all the foreign ships are gone. The Turkish coins however have a fixed value, though the American and foreign merchants, in their dealings with strangers, will generally rate them something above their legal value.

The coins coined now are: 1, Commassies, which contain but little silver, they are used in small payments, and generally pass at 6c for a Spanish Dollar, but their value varies often, so that sometimes 80, sometimes no more than 40 of them are given for a dollar. 2, The Carat, a small coin, the seventh part of a Commassie.

In Bussorah, near the Persian Gulf, accounts are kept in Mamoodis of 10 Danims, or 100 Flouches, 100 Mamoodis make one Toman of Persia or \$5.85 cents, United States Gold. It must be borne in mind, however, that there are the real and imaginary Toman and Mamoodi, the latter being about three-fourths of the value of the former.

In Mocha accounts are kept in Piasters of eighty Caveers. This Piaster is also an imaginary coin, but most payments are now made in Spanish Dollars, 100 of which pass for 121½ Arabian Piasters, which gives the value of the imaginary Piaster equal to 92 cents' United States Gold. Large payments are often made in gold and silver ingots, and ore weighed by the Cheki of 100 Miscals, or 150 drams; a Miscal weighs 72 grains Troy. A Miscal of the finest gold is worth about 22½ Mamoodis, gold less fine

in proportion. A Cheki of 100 Miscals, or 150 drams of fine silver, is worth 180 Mamoodis; hence, the Mamoodis equal 3 1-5 grains of fine gold or forty grains of fine silver, or about 10 cts United States value.

In Mocha they often use the old standard for weighing the gold and silver ingots, namely by the Vakia weight of 10 Coffatas, or 160 Carats, 24 Carats make a Miscal, and 1 1/2 Vakia a Beak. 100 Spanish Dollars weigh 87 Vakias; thus the Vakia weighs one ounce Troy weight nearly.

In former years the "Larin" was used as currency; this was a silver wire, about an inch in length, doubled up and flattened on the inner side to receive the impression of some Arabic characters; It has of late become very scarce as circulating medium, but is still used as money of account.

The Dutch Rijksdaaler of 1813 is called by the Arabs "a bukesb," and is much current among them; the impression of the lion being so very bad, that they take it for a dog, and so call it a bukesb, being dog in their language.

Payments in wheat and barley is considered current, and eagerly accepted; but if in Tainbak, an inferior kind of tobacco, much dissatisfaction is expressed. In the interior the trade is carried on chiefly in barter, and at the seaports and the principal cities by cash payments. Credit is obtained with difficulty, hence no Arabian merchant can contract debts which he is unable to pay, and consequently there are no mercantile failures in speculations such as daily occur among other nations. The old Arabian

coins are devoid of effigies, and bear only inscriptions in Taleek.

A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The sixth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order at fifteen minutes after ten o'clock on Monday morning, August 17th at The Times Building, New York City. There were about thirty members present and at the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported two hundred and seventeen members represented by proxy.

The event of the afternoon session was the annual address of President Tiffany. It was listened to with rapt attention and at the close there was great applause.

Tuesday was a very wet day and the attendance was smaller. The air was thick with tobacco smoke and the business proceeded slowly. The reports of several committees were read. It was suggested that if the "American Philatelist" was printed in some city other than Chicago or even in the Dominion of Canada there would be a saving in cost of printing and if it was done in Canada there would be no such trouble with the postoffice as is experienced with the officials at Chicago. A motion was passed allowing the literary board to use their discretion in the matter.

Nominations for the place for holding the next convention being in order, fifteen places were named in such rapid succession that it seemed that no one but a stenographer could take them down. Niagara Falls had one hundred and seventy

three votes and was chosen. Amid laughter Niagara Falls was made unanimous.

A resolution of the Pacific Philatelic Society was read but as it was out of order no action was taken.

It has been the practice to limit the amount of space which one dealer can have in the "American Philatelist" but this limit was revoked and hereafter there will be an exchange department and a dealers' directory in the paper. The report of the trustees was considered and several members were reimbursed for stamps substituted on the exchange books.

The committee on exchange and sales department recommended that the Albrecht sheets should be adopted for the use of the department. The actual cost could not be ascertained and the matter was dropped.

On the third day the attendance was smaller than ever. The report of the committee on the constitution and by-laws was read. The number of proxies which a member can hold at any convention was limited to fifty, the trustees were made elective, and the constitution changed so that the members of the official board must be chosen from different states. The questions of having the superintendent of exchange and sale elected or appointed and as to whether he should be a dealer or simply a collector was discussed, it was thought best to leave it to a vote of all the members which will be taken by mail.

The official board was authorized to incorporate the association, if everything was favorable in the State of West Virginia within sixty days.

President Tiffany had announced his intention of resigning his office at the close of the convention but Mr. Calman made a speech and the members joined with him in requesting the President to reconsider his intention. Mr. Tiffany, although he said he could not spare the time which the important duties of the office required agreed to serve for the remainder of the term.

A vote of thanks to "The Times" for the use of their rooms and to all the officers was passed and the meeting adjourned.

Considering the number of members and stamp collectors who reside in New York City and the vicinity, the attendance was very small.

The next convention will be held at Niagara Falls and it is to be supposed that a much larger number will be present. The convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association will be held at the same place and during the same week as that of the A. P. A.

Some sore-heads wanted to pass a vote of censure against those who "ran" the convention last year. The communication from the Pacific Society was a resolution to that effect. When the letter was read the president quietly said that it was out of order and the matter was dropped while a smile went around the room.

Mr. Corwin looked quite comfortable in a big arm chair.

The "Albrecht sheet" which was

recommended for the use of the exchange department makes substitution of stamps or "exchanging" on the sheets almost impossible. It is necessary for each person who receives the sheets to examine the backs of every stamp on them and some members thought this was too much work. As it is now, members have to see that there is a name written or stamped on every place from which a stamp has been removed. If a stamp is taken and no name written in the member who notices it has to notify the previous one on the list or be responsible for the stamp himself. As the value of the stamp is often more than a hundred dollars this entails considerable work and to add to this the necessity of examining the back of each stamp would, doubtless keep many from joining the department.

BEECHER OGDEN.

BECKHARDT'S COLUMN

I had the pleasure of meeting recently Mr. Samuel Cohen who had come all the way from Boston, Mass. to attend the convention of the new organization which he thought would take place at New York City on the 10th inst and said he had come here expressly to attend it, he seconded my views when I said that the new organization if it wants to improve itself should not admit any candidate before his character is first seen into and that no white person will be allowed under the age of seventeen—this would bring in more of the older members.

After a few weeks consideration I have decided to enter the new organization and in future will be on hand to protect its interests.

Pierce J. Hayden the Editor of the Club Chat is the Captain of a company of the National Cadets—I hope he will be as successful in his new career as Captain as he has been as Editor.

Before entering any organization first investigate it and convince yourself it is all right, for then you will see for yourself and find more pleasure in it, if members of the National Golden Hours Club and the many who have resigned would investigate this new organization they would flock to this now growing army, the old organizations being deserted, whose fault is it? No one but Editor Dunn's, when I speak of Editor Dunn I mean as Editor, outside of Golden Hours Club matters he is all right, but as His Royal Highness, Ruler of the Golden Hours Club I am against him as bad as any other member. You who have resigned from the organization are not traitors as some have said. You have been maltreated and stood it until the last moment when you resigned, you must remember we have against us, capital and capital that will be wasted to make us return, but stand together and we will fight as the American Youth of today should, when I say American Youth, I mean every former member of the now dying organization The National Golden Hours Club, stand together and have patience and we will win and carry our laurels back

with us, it is only a matter of time. [Let it be understood that the above does not voice the sentiments of the Editor as regards Mr. Dunn.]—Ed.

I am glad to see that most of the renowned members have flocked to the ranks of this new organization and not only have we the most renowned members but we have some of the best writers of the amateur press today.

Do not delay but be the first to join our ranks; we want members of the age of 17, no children as we have no time to have them in our ranks.

The only way to show your appreciation of any paper is by subscribing to it. In case of doubt—take *The AMERICAN YOUTH*. At 25 cents per year.

It would be well if the convention could come off with a boom, for we will be attacked by H. R. H. Editor Dunn if we make a big fuss about nothing.

A certain well known New York gentleman, asked a friend of mine recently, why the young men of today think that they know more than their fathers did when they were of the same age? Was it because the the present generation is not brought up as they were? Perhaps so, but the majority of the young men today are well educated and know a dood deal, sometimes too much.

ABE L. BECKHARDT.

A COMPREHENSIVE DECLARATION.

We have read the alleged "Declaration of Independence" promulgated by Mr. Wurzer.

This gentleman is certainly very foolhardy, if appearances indicate anything. In the first place, his name is the very first one signed to a document declaring the election of De St Martin unconstitutional, and he a DEFEATED CANDIDATE. We should think a sense of delicacy would have prohibited Mr. Wurzer from being the first one to denounce St Martin, who was his opponent in the late election.

It looks decidedly childish, because you were defeated to be the first one to cry "Fraud" at your successful antagonist. Did Rainey do it? Ford, Pearson or Hesse? We think not.

Aside from this apparent lack of delicacy, the Declaration itself is weak. It makes a statement but gives no proof in support of it. It simply says "Whereas Wm. C. Dunn has unconstitutionally declared one Chauncey Henry De St Martin elected President of the N. G. H. C."

This is all well enough and is the truth, as those of us who are familiar with the circumstances well know. But remember this is an appeal to ALL Golden Hours members. It must also be borne in mind that a great majority of ALL the members are totally ignorant of the grievance against Dunn, and don't see why De St Martin was unconstitutionally declared elected. They are not familiar with the case as many of us are, and know very little or

nothing at all of the many acts of petty tyranny practiced by usurper Dunn. Therefore we truly think that the previous declaration fails to cover the area it should, and is withal too abrupt. The following is a declaration that places the matter in a clever light before ALL G. H. C. members, and which we are egotistical enough to consider the superior of the former declaration.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

We the Presidents of the Golden Hour State and Branch Clubs named herein, do hereby announce that we have severed all intercourse with the Golden Hours Club, and have withdrawn our respective organizations from that body. For the enlightenment of the uninstructed, and for the edification of any American youth who may in the future be beguiled into lending his or her fair name to support and advertise a certain rancorous periodical, which is now championing the cause of the Golden Hour Club for "Revenue only;" we hereby submit the following facts in support of the cause we have been compelled to adopt, owing to the despotic and avaricious policy adopted by the publisher of Golden Hours, aided and abetted by able lieutenants:—

We have good cause to believe that the publisher is using the "Club" as an advertisement for his paper, irrespective of the will and interests of its members:—

That in support of that belief we can point to the following significant facts:—

He has usurped the powers vested only in the President by the constitution. His assent has been refused to amendments to the con-

stitution, which were legally passed by the third committee on resolutions:—

He has declared that it is a matter of total indifference to him whether the club accepts his recent re-organization or not: He has illegally and unconstitutionally declared The National Golden Hour Club disbanded and has caused the names of its Vice Presidents to be stricken from the roster of officers, thereby grossly violating the constitution, insulting the members from the States at interest, and doing them an irreparable injury: He has refused to publish reports of club meetings whose proceedings were in any way distasteful or galling to him: He has positively announced it as his determination to publish no reports of clubs not organized according to the new formula: To crown all he has refused us an honest and fair count of the ballots cast at the last election, but has unconstitutionally declared C. H. De St Martin elected President, when it is a well known and easily proven fact that C. H. De St Martin received less votes than Percy Rainey or Louis C. Wurzer: He put in vogue a new system of elections which was a domineering and flustering piece of misrule, tending toward a large sale of Golden Hours by compelling each candidate to purchase several hundred papers in order that his constituents might vote: He refused to count any ballots not printed in Golden Hours which was another admirable example of his avarice and unscrupulousness.

These are but a few of the usurpations and petty tyrannies practic-

ed upon us by the Publisher of Golden Hours, but such as are named are sufficient to impel the course we have pursued. We believe it our duties to protect the interests of our members first, the accounting and financial departments of Golden Hours—never.

Therefore we do hereby declare that our respective State and Branch Clubs are by this action absolved from all allegiance to the National Golden Hours Club, and are no longer under its jurisdiction. We earnestly call upon all former members of the Golden Hour Club to forward their written resignations accompanied by their certificates and badges to the Editor of Golden Hours, for they will have no need of such gaudy finery in the new club soon to be formed, and of which our respective clubs will form a component parts.

Respectfully submitted,

EXISTING RELATIONS.

Now that decisive action has been taken regarding the formation of a new organization, it is not altogether out of place for us to call attention to the relations existing between the new society and Mr. Louis C. Wurzer.

When Mr. Wurzer received the triple nomination for the Presidency of the National Golden Hours Club from the States of Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, we considered ourselves bound by then existing circumstances to support Mr. Wurzer's candidacy. This we faithfully did as is well known to all of our readers. No stone was left upturned

by the Editor of this paper in his efforts to secure the Presidency for L. C. Wurzer.

We could not indorse Rainey, because that party had been indiscreet enough to let the G. H. C. world know that the friendship between himself and Dufrane was indivisible, and again for the policy he avowed to support.

There was nothing left for us to do but support Mr. Wurzer's candidacy, for at that time we firmly believed that Louis C. Wurzer was the Moses who would lead the long suffering members out of bondage. But Time has worked wonders on Mr. Wurzer. He has been very indiscreet even more so than Rainey. He has allowed his name to become so identified with the new organization that members have fallen into the common error of calling it "Wurzer's Club." Nothing could be more absurd than this. The fact of the matter is that while Mr. Wurzer may be heartily in favor of a new organization it still remains a potent fact that preceding the announcement of the result of the election Mr. Wurzer discountenanced the idea of "secession" if the ballots of the Western Alliance were not counted. However when it became known that the "powers that be" on Vandewater St. ruled that even if Wurzer or Rainey did receive a majority of the ballots they would not be allowed to qualify, it is a fact worthy of notice that the views of our Detroit neighbor underwent a lightning change and he immediately announced that he was going to organize a new National Club.

The truth of the matter is that although Mr. Wurzer may be a strong

adherent to the new club and may wish it unbounded success he either lacked the tact or courage to gather the many different parts of the machine together, subsequent to setting the machinery in motion. Curious as it may seem the task of calling a convention, evolving a plan for representation thereat, notifying the principals and arranging the preliminaries devolved entirely upon the Editor of this paper. It is also curious that all of the parties who have been so enthused over the prospects have been deluging him with letters beseeching him to call the convention and earnestly begging for "particulars" and "suggestions" entirely forgetting the all important fact that his was an up-hill task and that he needs must have assistance. Very little assistance has been rendered, the Editor fighting the battle alone and we hope to soon chronicle his triumph. By this it can be seen that Mr. Wurzer has done little or nothing pertaining to the organization. More than this he has become imbued with a plan for the general and local government of the organization that is positively suicidal and actually dangerous to the interests of the organization at large. His plan is known as the "University plan," and one which would prove obnoxious to a vast majority inasmuch as it provides for their delving in Art and Sciences when in fact they are ignorant of the rudiments of plain arithmetic.

Mr. Wurzer means well, but how many of our readers have had his opportunity in the way of education Mr. Wurzer has received, an education that fits him for the taking up of Art and Science. Taking all

these facts into consideration we earnestly believe that Louis C. Wurzer is not the man for President of the new club and sincerely believe that his election would be a great calamity. A man of vigor is needed. One who does not feel bound to keep a certain path because he likes its surroundings better than some other path that is equally as good. Fairness, impartiality, justice, firmness and originality should compose the makeup of our Presidents.

DU-FRANE.

Under the above caption we will endeavor to enlighten our readers a little as to the character of that sniveling toady. We first hear of him as, "Dufrane." That was about eighteen months ago and before he screwed his courage up to the sticking-point to part his name in the middle, and put the capital letter "F" to a base and degenerate use.

This Dufrane wished to start a Golden Hours short-hand corresponding club, and caused to be sent to publishers of amateur papers, personal letters so schemingly worded that they would be instantly construed as an order for two inches of advertising space. When the same was filled however and a marked copy sent Dufrane would either forget (?) to reply or in case he was FORCED to reply would answer that he had simply applied for rates and had placed no order whatever.

It seemed that not long afterwards Georgie's dear sweet name appeared in print several times and the

thought struck him, that his dear little cognomen would look awfully nice purchased at the top of the heap as an officer of N. G. H. C.

Associating himself with C. H. De St Martin and several traitorous New Jersey members, our whilom friend sets about planning for a nomination.

It seems however that the New Jerseyites had a little sense of decorum left in their make-up and besides realized that Jas. F. Grealy was a power in his state and could not be snubbed. Accordingly Grealy was nominated, he throwing strength to Dufrane and St Martin, their candidacys detracting from the strength of his (Grealy's).

The scheme was very cunningly laid and worked like a charm. The New York members swallowed the bitter dose administered by the sham convention like little men.

During the campaign Dufrane was guilty of the grossest duplicity to his running mates. Knowing that De St Martin was lamentably weak he opened up a very honied correspondence with Percy Rainey, bestowing all manner of compliments upon Rainey and finally securing an endorsement from West Virginia owing to the fiery Southerners influence.

To show in what manner Dufrane betrayed De St Martin we quote the following from a letter written by Dufrane and which has since fallen into our possession:

NEW YORK, March 28, 1891.

"As to my opponents I do not know much about, nor do I care. ——— De St Martin I will plainly say is N. G., and not fit to hold the office of Pres. * * *

"He has not lifted a hand for the G. H. C. for nearly a YEAR OR SO AND I WILL STATE THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED MY VOTE OR THAT OF MY FRIENDS. I was nominated with the vow that I would stand by OUR TICKET to the end, but that promise I do not care for, * * * but invisible it will be as stated. I am sorry that St Martin is a back-biter but he is of little account now-days. It was a grand plan, that mixing up of mine and knocking Billheimer out of Penn. and stopping that state ticket. It was all arranged for which suggestion I am indebted to my friend Mr. ———."

"I hope you will see that I receive the Western vote and YOU WILL NOT BE SORRY FOR IT.

Yours Truly,
GEORGE W. DUFRANE.

We cannot say that we just exactly admire "Du-Frane's" grammar in the opening lines nor his knowledge of orthography but we give his exact words.

When we told Percy Rainey in our March No. that he was playing the part of a saviour to a representative of Judas Iscariot he waxed wroth and declared that "Geo. W. Dufrane is a gentleman, I thank you." What is his opinion, now that we offer him evidence? Another thing, Rainey was in New York a few months ago and "Du-Frane" simply ignored him. A guilty conscience needs no accuser, says the old adage and the cowardly Secretary found it so and was afraid to face Rainey. Notice also how he betrayed Billheimer thou whom a more noble or whole souled boy doesn't live, and yet Billheim-

er was Rainey's running mate, see how the toady gloats over the fact that he "knocked Billheimer out of Penn. and stopped that ticket," and all the time writing the Pennsylvania sugar coated letters of undying friendship. Now to cap the climax "Du-Frane" thinks that Generalissimo Dunn's reorganization is just the thing and a brilliant piece of management. As all of our readers know, the Editor of this paper is interested in the project to disrupt the old G. H. C. and organize a new club. He sent a straightforward business letter to Dufrane, asking him to come out and show his colors. After a three weeks lapse of time an answer was received. Any one who has ever received a letter from Dunn [Ex-Czar] will instantly perceive that Dufrane's answer is a dictation of Dunn's. We subjoin the letter:

LLOYD, N. Y. July 15 1890.

T. J. DARLING

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your communication I wish to state that I will have nothing to do with the organization you propose forming. Please let me inform you that your proposed organization will not hurt ours ["G. H. C."] in the least.

Yours Respectfully.

GEORGE W. DU-FRANE,
Secretary of G. H. C.

Lloyd, Ulster Co., N. Y.

It is a notorious fact that quite recently Mr. Man was quite willing to enter the "proposed organization" but when he learned that it was to be conducted on a plan far superior to the rotten old G. H. C. hulk as regards the election of officers, he immediately "flopped" and became a stronger Dunnite. He

saw only too clearly that the members of the new club would never honor an idiosyncrasy like himself with an office. In conclusion would advise the "Du-Frane" to get his name back into proper proportions and thus relieve it of the enormous strain it is being subjected to by the hyphen. His record of treachery and duplicity will live after him and it is safe to say that never again can he enter the counsels of Smith, Dvorak, Rainey, Billheimer, Beckhardt, Grealy and the other bright lights.

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PHILA. Aug 1.

The Annual Convention of the National Amateur Press Association was held in this city July 14th, 15th and 16th.

The convention was a disorderly one from the start and the record of its proceedings will always remain a blot on the fair name of the Association.

The delegates were pretty evenly divided between F. E. Schermerhorn and Dr. Swift for the Presidency, "and that is how the trouble began." Jno. L. Tomlinson was guilty of trying to ring in 73 recruits votes, but the Schermerhorn faction protested and declared that these were recruits who had not complied with the provisions of the constitution, and demanded that they be rejected. In such a case Schermerhorn had more than enough votes for an election and Tomlinson & Swift would be left. This led to an agreement; "Any thing to beat Schermerhorn" and the

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Tomlinson and Swift factions united on Dr. Swift, admitted the 73 bogus recruits and elected the following officers:

President, E. B. Swift; First Vice president, Harriet C. Cox; Second Vice President, Chas. H. Lawson; Recording Secretary, John Moody; Corresponding Secretary, Oscar A. Reum, Treasurer, Hope Reed Cody; Official Editor, Walter C. Chiles.

John L. Tomlinson, Willard O. Wylie and Truman J. Spencer were elected Executive Judges.

Boston was selected as the next meeting place by acclamation.

Dr. Swift appointed Chas. R. Burger Secretary of Credentials, James F. Morton for Laureate Recorder and Chas. W. Edmunds Librarian.

The Schermerhorn men had withdrawn from the convention upon the unision of Swift and Tomlinson and the acceptance of the 73 spurious recruits and repaired to the parlors of the Colonnade Hotel where they regularly organized as the N. A. P. A. Convention and elected Frank Earle Schermerhorn President, J. G. Kugler and George A. French, Vice Presidents; John H. Cole, Recording Secretary; Harry Sizer, Corresponding Secretary; Arthur E. Baker, Treasurer; H. F. Heath, Official Editor, and Buffalo the next meeting place.

The Convention adopted ringing resolutions denunciatory of the shameful and disgraceful action of the Swift and Tomlinson combine.

Everything is in a chaotic state but there is no doubt but that the Schermerhorn party is clearly in the right.

The Swift gang offer as an excuse

for the acceptance of the 73 counterfeit proxies that the Schermerhorn people did the same thing. It is yet to be recorded where two wrongs ever made a right and the infantile action of the Swift-Tomlinson people is sublimely ridiculous.

A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND.

A house divided against itself. Such is the condition of the proud N. A. P. A. of today. The National Amateur Press Association is one of sturdy growth. Its existence dates back not for a few years but for many years. It is composed of men possessing an affection bordering on the idolatrous for their beloved pursuits—literature and typography. The association numbers among its members some three hundred of the brightest, active and useful young men of the decade.

It is little wonder then that to be the Executive of such an organization is a much coveted honor.

To be the President of such a body, to be regarded as the most thoroughly competent person to handle the reins of its general government, to be known by his title as king of the Amateur Literarians is an honor which many aspire to, and taking into consideration the fact that so many do aspire, it is not surprising that from the time nominations are in order, the election in all its phases borders on little else than a political campaign.

Many are called, but one is chosen, consequently hard feelings are sure to be created between the successful and the defeated candidate.

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The successful candidate is always bound to incur the displeasure of the defeated, who seem to take common cause after the result is known and are thereafter known as bitter enemys of their jubilant opponent.

Nor does this enmity simmer down with the escape of time. It is on the contrary blown into a fresh blaze by the frequent biting and sarcastic flings at the President through the organs of his one time opponents. Thus enmity and malice frequently intermingled with slander are kept rife and many months before the next convention convenes to use a common but to the point expression, the knives of his enemies are being sharpened by the Executive's enemies in order that any hopes he may indulge for a re-election will be withered and blasted and his official head fall in the basket. Such is the state of affairs in the Napa.

At present there is an evil influence at work, which is slowly but surely undermining the structure and sapping its strength. We refer to the meddlesome tactics of Chas. R. Burger, who with his political bombast and wire-pulling accomplishments has gained considerable notoriety as an ultra-politician. It is as sure as fate, then when this man attends a convention of the Napa everything ends in a turmoil and another check is placed upon the association's growth. From all evidence submitted we cannot but admit that the record of Mr. Burger is more than unsavory and smells to heaven.

In 1887 when the question of counting proxies was agitated this worthy took a pronounced stand against their being counted in the

result, and by a technicality basely and illegally defeated the will of the majority.

In 1888 we find him at his old tricks, in 1890 he had not changed heart and was still forinst the proxy system, but in 1891 by reason of his political capabilities he was chosen campaign manager of John L. Tomlinson a candidate for the Presidency of the Napa. The constitution of the association provides that a member must have published a paper or contributed to one within one month of the annual convention, also in order to be entitled to a vote dues must be paid. Upon being honored with the title of campaign manager Mr. Burger underwent a lightning change of heart. He was now a staunch advocate of the proxy system and in order that each absent member might vote, obligingly offered to pay each ones dues—if they voted for Tomlinson. He also became a great recruit fiend and his labors were productive of seventeen new amateur papers the largest of which did not contain more than 2000 words original matter by FIVE editors. It took seventy-three persons to edit these seventeen sheets; which were remarkable for the extraordinary likeness they bore to one another, half of them bearing a portrait of John L. Tomlinson and being printed on the same press.

It was intended to qualify these 73 recruits and vote them solidly for Tomlinson. However the schemers tarried too long. Ere they could qualify their recruits and make application it was within twenty-five days of the convention date, five days later than the constitution allowed a recruit to become

a member and retain a vote. Not to be outdone however a wild scheme was concocted by the Swift and Tomlinson parties who had now joined causes against Schermerhorn and it was agreed to steal the election of Swift, thanks to the arbitrary and unparliamentary decision of President Dunlap.

Dunlap played his part too well, and the Schermerhorn party who had hitherto been on record as "any thing for peace" quietly withdrew from the convention and being naturally in the majority, elected Frank Earle Schermerhorn as the rightful President of the Napa.

To show however that they were for the good of the Napa first and all the time Mr. Schermerhorn himself made a proposition to his followers that a conference be held with the opposing faction, who in the meantime had elected Swift, and that if necessary he be sacrificed in the interest of harmony. Accordingly conference committees were appointed on both sides and every thing bid fair to come out all right.

But the unscrupulous members of the Swift party were in the ascendant and fearful that the conference committees might unseat Swift they hurriedly adjourned sine die refusing to hear the report of the conferring committees. Thus the house is divided against itself.

Time, and the prompt expulsion of the steering politicians will probably heal the breach already created, and until that breach is healed in that manner, even though we are not members of the Napa, our sympathy will remain with Frank Earle Schermerhorn and we can always be counted in the ranks

of his handful of valiant supporters.
(THE EDITOR.)

NATIONAL STAMP DEALERS ASSOCIATION.

A convention for the purpose of organizing the above association was held simultaneously with the A. P. A. Convention in N. Y. Cy. Aug. 17th. An organization was perfected by the election of E. A. Halton President Ex-officio.

A stormy constitution was adopted and E. A. Halton was elected President, R. R. Bogert Vice-President, J. W. Scott Secretary and Henry L. Calman Treasurer. A committee was appointed to draw up a petition to Congress for a more equitable ruling in the duties on stamps or the total removal of all tariff. It is expected to get 10000 signatures to this petition.

C. H. Mekeel, W. V. de Wettern and E. B. Hanes were chosen as Executive Committee. Convention adjourned subject to Presidents call.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. Wm. Donovan in the July No. of Southern Herald suggests that a Southern Amateur Press Association be organized. We are right in with Mr. Donovan in this matter and will lend all our energy and influence in that direction. It is a very good idea and should be taken up by every Southern amateur Editor and Publisher. Here's wishing the S. A. P. A. well rounded success.

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PUBLISHER'S ATTENTION.

H. B. Wilber & Co. White Gravel, McKean Co. Pa. owe this paper \$3.00 for advertising.

They have been written to half a dozen times but decline to answer. We warn all publishers against advertising them until they settle with us due notice of which will appear in this paper.

F. T. Hoyt, 58 Metropolitan Block and 243 Maxwell St. Chicago owes us 35c and refuses to answer. He claims to be No. 26 of the U. S. P. S. Have no dealings with him until he has paid us if you please.

J. F. Bowen, Antreville, S. C. owes us \$1.00. He repudiates the debt. You are warned against him until he settles with us.

Meanwhile we are in communication with the Division of correspondence of the U. S. Atty. General with a view to taking action against all of them.

We shall also undoubtedly ask the U. S. Attorneys for their respective Districts to haul them up for investigation.

P. A. J. A. OF NEW ORLEANS.

Was organized July 10 1891 in the Palmetto city with the following staff of officers.

Thos. O. Harris, President; Miss Ella Bently, Vice President; Miss Stella Truman, Secretary; John Kendall, Treasurer; John T. Nixan, official Editor. Meetings will be held quarterly. A constitution was adopted and routine business transacted. Next meeting place Opelousas, La. in October.

A QUESTION AS TO BIRTH-PLACE.

Jas. F. Grealy, Newark, N. J. is probably the most unpopular man in the G. H. Club. He was born in Dublin, Ireland.—Southern Herald.

This is on a par with the rumor that J. Wm. Donovan was born in Florence, Italy.

A GROWING PAPER.

The American Youth is a growing paper. The Editor advises us that he intends to enlarge soon, as the circulation is increasing very fast.—Brooklyn Philatelist.

The above is the generally accepted version in G. H. Club and Philatelic circles nowadays. In case of doubt—the subscribers do the rest.

Ah! Mr. Dunn and how do ye all come on? Right peart, say you. That's good news.

It is becoming more and more apparent as the list of approval sheet frauds swells so rapidly that some ways and means must be devised to check the wholesale plunder of sheets.

Some different way of getting stamps on approval to collectors who mean business and keeping them from those who are afflicted with absent mindedness must be devised and that as quickly as possible.

A society of collectors has been formed in Boston, under the name of the Boston Philatelic Society.—American Philatelist and Collector.

GLORY GLORY HALLE-LU-JAH

VIVE LA NEW NATIONAL CLUB

GLORY ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY!

OH WHAT A FALL WAS THERE WHEN DUNN
WAS DEFEATED.

We have just received intelligence that a Convention for the purpose of organizing the New National Club will be held Sept. 14th, at 464 West 43d St. A detailed account will appear in our next issue.

ONE-GLORIOUS-TRIUMPHANT

N. N. C. RAH-RE-RAH!

OUR AGENTS.

The following parties are authorized to take "ads" and "subs" at our published rates:

E. C. Hennings, 117 S. Albany St.
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Frank Pampusch Jr., 420 La
Fond St., St. Paul, Minn.

Frank L. Erskine, room 303
Bullitt Bldg., Phila. Pa.

The Following Exchange Notices were received
too late for their regular column.

A good book for 25 U. S. postage or
revenue stamps. No 1c or 2c postage
stamps issued since 1870 wanted. I want
3c green 1872. H. A. Parks, Endicott,
Neb.

I have the following papers to exchange
as a lot or separately for best offer of stamps
Youths Companion 10 numbers 1886,
52 numbers 1887, 52 numbers 1888, and 52
numbers 1890. Happy Hours 24 num-
bers 1 year. Harpers young people of
year '86 commencing with No. 332. Gold-
den Hours from No 92 to 148. The Argo-
sy from No. 417 up to date. any reason-
able offer considered. E. F. Doerries, P.
O. Box 17 Murray Hill, N. J.

Ten Dollars worth of books for a stamp
album and collection of stamps, (Foreign).
Coins wanted for books, H. Buchanan,
123 Washington Place, N. Y. Cy.

A young America Printing Press 4x6
cost \$15.00 and as good as new, complete
with one roller, pack of cards, one chase,
furniture, ink; etc, and four fonts of new
type, with a five case cabinet for best offer
in stamps or cash, Outfit well worth
\$25.00, Beecher Ogden, 549 Lexington
Ave, Brooklyn N. Y.

IN CASE OF DOUBT

TAKE THE AMERICAN YOUTH

We feel proud of the paper we place in the hands of our readers this month at the subscription price of 25c per year. We were enabled to do this by the great encouragement accorded us. We feel sure that all of our readers would like, nay, be profoundly grateful if we could only maintain this month's standard permanently. This we are perfectly willing to do, and we think that if each of our readers knew that by securing one new subscriber for us each month, his favorite paper would always be as large as it is this month, he would secure that subscriber with alacrity.

To our readers we will promise this much—if each of you will forward us the name of one new subscriber at 25c, each month we will reward you with a 48 page paper every month. If each of you will send two subscribers we will give you an 84 page paper each month, and all this for 25c a year. We want every reader to know that it is his option whether or not he receives a big paper like this or an ordinary 16 pages each month. It lies with our readers themselves as to the monthly size of the paper. Besides we are going to reward you for new subscriptions received. To the subscribers themselves we will give the following:

1st and 2nd subscribers whose subscriptions are received after this

issue a 25c stamps each:

3rd to 11th a 20c stamp each.

12th " 15th " 15c " "

16th " 23rd " 10c " "

24th " 51st " 5c " "

52nd " 81st " 3c " "

82nd " 100 " 2c " "

Now to the club raiser we will give:

For a club of 10, \$.80

For a club of 15 \$1.25 or a Type Writer.

For a club of 20 \$1.60 or an International Stamp Album.

For a club of 25 \$2.00 or Harvard Camera and outfit.

For a club of 30, \$2.50 or Wellington Stamp Co's packet 16.

For a club of 35, \$2.75 2 dealers outfits of Highland Stamp Agency.

For a club of 50, \$4.00 or Bruce's \$5.00 packet.

For a club of 100, \$8.00 or Mekeels \$10.00 Packet.

Remember that you get rewarded from both ends. Your paper is improved by your assistance and you are rewarded by us for your efforts. Now we make a last appeal to our readers; are you willing to be contented with a 12 or 16 page paper every month or will you make our interests yours and have a fine, handsome, rich paper of 60 and 80 pages every month.

Mr. Jas. J. Hailey has assumed total charge of the advertising and managerial departments, T. J. Darling the duties of the subscription department. Send all your articles for publication and all your subscriptions to T. J. Darling, Temple Tex. and all your advertising favors Jas. J. Hailey, Maxwell House, Nashville Tenn. We are yours respectfully, THE PUBLISHERS.

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A LITTLE TRANSPOSITION.

Be honest, boys, be brave, be true;
Be earnest too, in all you do.
In youth lay in a mental store—
In age you'll need it more and more.
Remember life is but a day—
Improve it, then, while yet you may.
Strive to acquire the happy power
Of using well each Golden Hour.

—Golden Hours.

The above is a strong appeal for more victims. Let us analyze it: "Be honest boys, be brave, be true": That means that Golden Hours is just the kind of a paper to make you honest brave and true, by relating to you how "Scar-face Charley" kills and scalps sixteen Indians with a case-knife and a teaspoon. "Be earnest too in all you do." That is, you should take Golden Hours regularly and not exhaust the patience of your news dealer. It gives you to strictly understand that "we are publishing this paper for the money there is in it."

"In youth lay in a mental store." Golden Hours is the store house. "In age you will need it more and more." That's just what you will. After you have committed some atrocious crime, instigated by reading that excuse for a paper, you will need all your ingenuity to scheme how to get out of prison. "Remember life is but a day," which is to the effect that you had better subscribe at once for they are seriously considering how they can raise prices and make 350 per cent on their investment. "Improve it then while yet you may," same as above.

"Strive to acquire the happy power" through Golden Hours of

course. "Of using well each Golden hour." That was an error. It should have been, By subscribing for the "Golden Hours" How do you like our analysis?

Speaking of W. C. Dunn says Percy Rainey, but why speak of him at all. Let us talk of people God made, and now the horrible suspicion is abroad that Dunn is lost Charley Ross.

SPECIAL OFFER 90 DAYS.

Port de Mar, 1880 new	12c
Correspondencia 3 varieties	5c
Saltillo 4 varieties	10c
Set of 1884, 11 varieties cat. value 39c	25c
12c green 1884 entire env. W F & Co	50c
25c blue Habilitado	\$1 00
Newspaper band, 2c postal card, 5c blue envelope new and 10 Mexican stamps	25c

Wholesale consignments wanted. Good exchange given for same. Orders for 50c or under must have a 5c stamp enclosed. Register your letter.

C. W. MEXIA,

3a Calle De Humboldt No 4, City of Mexico, Mexico.

FREE! \$3 and \$2 worth of stamps to the nearest guesses to as to the No. of kernels in a pint of common field corn, to be counted Dec. 1st. One guess for every 5c worth bought or sold from my sheets. 6 different packets of 15 var. each only 5c apiece, or 6 for a 25c. Please state whether No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 or more are wanted
Chas. E. Williams, Box 102, Palmyra, Wis.

IF NOT WHY NOT



Send for a Pocket Stock Box to carry in your stamps and keep them from sticking together, why have them all stuck together, when you can prevent it by sending 15 cts. for one of the neatest stamp boxes yet made. Sent on receipt of price. W. H. BOERS, 389 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.

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THAT BRIGHT YOUNG SCRIBE.

A friend of ours sends us the following, taken from the Youth's Press for June:

The idea of a party of youngsters like the editors of Club Chat, Tom Cat, Southern Herald and others of their like, thinking they can organize and successfully run a club of the magnitude of the National Golden Hours Club which has 24,000 members and also publish a large professional paper is ridiculous. We predict a dismal failure for they haven't the capital nor brains to plan and carry out such a scheme.

This unusually bright squib is from the pen of one Perfectly Muttonheaded Bailey, Editor of the above named journal (?) We can see his scheme as plain as day, it is to gain a little cheap reputation and perhaps gain the good will of Chief Potentate Munro and Czar Dunn. He generally sends us a copy of his paper for our exchange list but as he attacked us he was too cowardly to send us a copy containing the above article, knowing full well that he would be worsted in the war of words that was sure to ensue. We are willing to wager that he also failed (from fear alone) to send a copy to the papers referred to in the article. For this he will be severely excoriated.

He is fit to be a child of Czar Dunn's, and a chip off of the old block, poor! poor! baby, his head is abnormally enlarged and when he attempts his firststep (the bright article above) his legswill snap beneath

him like pipe stems, being unable to hold up such a weighty object as his head. He says we could not run a large club, is another bright thought from that bright head. There are hundred's of boys now members of the G. H. C, who have more business and editorial capacity than Wm. C. Dunn. Look at the trash contained in G. H. it is simply the much hated dime novel in a weekly form ruining every one who reads it. There is no doubt but what every bright boy or girl who reads once will not do so again. More foolish ones read and re-read it with interest then gallop outside the corporation lines to scalp Indians, hunt bears, wild cats. panthers, &c. I know several instances where boys have run away after reading this TRASH from these great "Dime Novels." Yet a boy cannot judge for himself what is moral or immoral, healthy or unhealthy reading is what we are led to believe by Mr. [?] Bailey's great only and original editorial. But to put this aside we will say that within three months the new club will be in operation and in a more flourishing condition than was ever that great fake advertising scheme of Czar Dunn and Chief Potentate Munro's and when a member is asked what benefit he derives from the club he will not have to say I kon't know, as he does when asked the same of the G. H. C. and we wish further to say that its members will not say "I don't know" when asked as to what benefits they derive from the club. This is all they could say of the Golden Hours Club.

THE STORY OF A PIECE OF WAX;

How it came to Ruin a Man's Clothes and Break Up an Old Friendship.

"I tell you, friends," said the old man as he knocked the ashes from his pipe and leaned thoughtfully back in his chair, "there is more mischief wrought in this world by innocent children than most of you have any idea of. Why it was through a mere childish prank that I came to lose one of the oldest and best friends I ever had."

"How was that, Mr. Allen?" asked a pale-faced youth among the group of eager listeners.

"Well, it's not a long story, and when you have heard it you will probably laugh and regard the whole affair as a good joke. I did at the time, but very often since I have had cause to deeply regret it—Let me see. It was 'way back in '60 or '61 if I remember rightly, long before my dear wife contracted the ailment which took her from me, and while my boy Jean—most of you know Jean, I expect—was still in dresses. We lived in New York then—in a pretty little cottage, by ourselves—and it wasn't long before my old batchelor friend, Al. Smith, who had rooms in the neighborhood, came to take tea with us regularly, twice a week—Wednesday and Saturday. On these occasions we would nearly always pass the time playing cards and smoking, while my wife would sit smilingly by, knitting or reading. It was the only time she had to do such things, poor woman, when the troublesome little Jean had been tucked away in bed.

For six months my friend's visits continued, as regularly as clock-work; then, suddenly, without a sign or word of explanation, they ceased. Wednesday night after Wednesday night, and Saturday night after Saturday night passed, and we did not hear his mild voice, nor see his genial smile at our tea table; and my wife declared he must be sick. So at last I went off to his lodging-house to learn the exact truth.

"'Is Mr. Smith ill?' I inquired of the landlady.

"'Oh no,' she answered, promptly; 'Mr. Smith's well enough, I think; but he's not in just now.'

"'Then, if he has not been ill, where in the world can he have kept himself lately, I wonder, I have been unable to set eyes upon him,' I said, more to myself than to her.

"'Why, don't you know?' she demanded; 'haven't you heard!'

"'Heard?' I repeated vaguely. 'I haven't heard a word from, or about Mr. Smith for a number of weeks.'

"'Then you have no one to blame but the widow,' she responded, with emphasis. 'The siren has so enslaved him by her wiles that he hasn't a thought to spare for anyone else. Just tags after her, wherever she goes, and dances attendance upon her, and is just over head and ears in love with her, if I know anything. Oh, men are such fools! and they're getting worse every day!—But I'll tell him you called, Mr. Allen, when I see him.'

"I thanked her and retraced my steps homeward, my head in a whirl

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of surprise. Good gracious! Al. Smith in love! such a quiet, bashful chap as he dancing attendance upon a woman! Oh, impossible! I would believe almost anything but that, and my wife was equally surprised and incredulous when I told her.

"However, the very next Sunday, as my wife was setting the table, in walked Mr. Smith himself. He hadn't very long to stay, he said, but thought he would just drop in and see how we all were. I might have reminded him that we all might have been in our graves for all he seemed to care, if I had not been so surprised, but as it was, about all I could do was stare. For a remarkable change had taken place in the man before me. In place of the silent, timid fellow in plain, old-fashioned clothes, we had been accustomed to, here was a lively, reckless, talkative individual, who emphasized his remarks with dramatic gestures, and wore the most atrociously gorgeous clothes. No wonder we were so astounded that we allowed him to monopolize the conversation!

"However, my wife invited him to take tea with us, and he reluctantly consented; adding, however, that he must leave directly afterward, as he had an appointment at a friend's house at seven—at the widow's no doubt. My wife and I assured him that we didn't mind his doing that, in the least: and then we all sat down at the tea table.

"How well I remember that meal! Every feature and incident attending it is as clear to me now as then. I remember how my friend gulped down the different articles of food

placed before him; how he rattled on about his business prospects, his health, and the state of Wall St. and the money market; and how my wife and I sat stupidly silent, our surprise, as it seemed, increasing with every passing minute.

"At last he finished eating, and begging us to pardon his rudeness in leaving so soon, made an effort, to rise from the table. Made an effort, I say advisedly; for it was only an effort, and a vain one—he was unable to budge from his chair!

"'Wha-a-t-t's the matter?' he gasped, turning very pale and struggling to get on his feet.

"My wife and I stared at him, aghast. I don't know what she thought, but the idea instantly occurred to me that our visitor had been stricken with paralysis, or something, but little Jean from the other end of the table, setting up a cry at that moment, instantly dispelled every illusion of that sort from my mind.

"'Oh, papa,' he exclaimed, waving his spoon in excitement, 'man—chair—Jeanie's wax!'

"Then the awful truth dawned upon me. My friend had sat down upon some shoemaker's wax that my boy had innocently left upon the chair that had been assigned to him, and had stuck fast!

"Well I blush to confess it, but the truth is that I simply leaned back in my chair and shook with laughter at my poor friend's predicament. Yes, it was rude—very rude—I know; and he so sensitive at being laughed at; but the fact is I couldn't help it; if my life had paid the penalty I should have had my laugh out, nevertheless.

"'Oh-h-h!' I gasped at length, 'I see it all now. It's shoemaker's wax that Jeanie left on your chair, Al. Ha, ha, ha!'"

"A look came into my friend's face I shall never forget. He had succeeded in separating himself from the chair, and was surveying the ruin wrought upon his clothes by the wax, when he turned his bloodless face and flashing eyes upon me.

"'Yes,' he answered, coldly and deliberately, 'it's shoemaker's wax, and it has ruined my clothes, and will make break my promise to a lady; but to a person who enjoys a good joke these little things mean nothing. I, unfortunately, have not been blessed with such a keen appreciation of humor, so I bid you a very good night and be gone.'"

"And he picked up his hat and stalked majestically out of the room.

"Naturally I was very much grieved at what had taken place, and hastened after him to beg his pardon and to assure him of my regret and sorrow; but it did no manner of good; he simply wouldn't listen to me. After several subsequent attempts to gain his forgiveness, I abandoned the task.

"'He'll come back when his anger cools down,' my wife declared; but as a matter of fact, he never did.

"Sometime after that he removed from New York to Chicago, and whether he died there or is still alive I cannot tell you.

"This, then, my friends, is the end of my story, and now you know how a child's innocent prank lost me the friendship of Albert Smith."

"But didn't he marry the widow,

after all?" asked the pale-faced youth.

"No," was the reply. "Whether it came about through his breaking his appointment with her that night I don't know, but their friendship was soon shattered and, although all stories end with a marriage this one will be an exception, for I know for certain that my friend did not marry the charming widow."

WHO SAID OTHERWISE.

Percy Rainey has started the ball rolling by getting out of line. Who will be the next.—American Youth.

Be it understood that Mr. Rainey did not drop out on account of his defeat, but because his eyesight is affected. We hope Genial Percy will soon return to his place in the fore.—Southern Herald.

Bro. Donovan seems to take it very hard. No one disputes his statement one iota.

WHAT DOES HE THINK NOW?

Geo. Dufrane voted for Rainey, Dufrane and Billheimer, so 'tis said.—American Youth.

Hasn't he the right to vote as he pleases? Dufrane, in voting as he did, clearly showed that he was man enough to stand by his own convictions. He could not endorse any of the other candidates in the race, so he voted for himself, the only ticket he could endorse.—Southern Herald.

We invite Mr. Howard's attention to the article on "Du-Frane" elsewhere in this paper and would be pleased to read his answer in the next Herald.

HOW HE LOOKS.

Mr. Wm. C. Dunn, or Czar Dunn as he is generally called, is a rather good looking man about 30 years old. He weighs over 250 pounds and has a double chin, a light complexion and a small mustache.—Southern Herald.

He may be "The mildest mannered man that ever wrecked a club that couldn't float," but that does not alter our opinion that Pierce Hayden's description is the best:

Witty as Horacius Flaccus,
As great a Jacobin as Gracchus,
Short, though not as fat as Bacchus
Riding on a little jackass.

Percy Rainey has been to New York for a brief visit, but is now back home at Petersburg, Va.

One of the best amateur papers that has come under our notice is The American Youth, from, Nashville, Tenn.—The Hustler.

"I thank you kindly, sir, she said."

The American Youth, of Nashville, Tenn, contains some good philatelic matter and many stamp advertisements. The editor indulges in some awful machine poetry in puffing his advertisers.—Eastern Philalelist.

You think then Bro. Pinkham that our poetical effusions stand a poor chance of ever rivaling Long-fellow's?

Although Pierce Hayden promised us the "Sphinx" some time ago, the long silence which ensues leads us to believe that freight rates are still firm in the land of the Pharaohs.

EXCHANGE NOTICES

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Persons sending exchange notices for these columns must observe the following:

1. All persons that are subscribers of this paper or members of the Golden Hours National Exchange Club, No. 44, can insert exchange notices FREE.

2. Always make exchange notices as short as possible, write plain, on one side of paper only and separate from other communications.

3. Will not insert notices of firearms, poisons, dangerous chemicals, birds' eggs, etc.

4. Will not insert "For Sale," advertisements FREE, they must be paid for. They will be inserted among the exchange notices for 5 cents a line for first insertion and 2½ cents for each insertion thereafter.

5000 Books, Maps, shells, Botanical specimens,, Engravings and Portraits to exchange for stamps or copper coins. Write us stating what you wish. Southern California Stamp Co. Box 226 Santa Ana Cal.

I wish to sell or exchange stamps with any collector. having not over 500 varieties. Roy Brinton, Bierne, Ark.

F. B. Thomas, 701 Main St., Nashville, Tenn. will exchange a camera to produce a picture 5x8 inches and outfit for self inking printing press and outfit with chase not less than 5x7 inches inside.

I have a lot of reading matter, a double case World type writer, an Ideal Rambler bicycle, safety, that I will exchange for first class printing material. Anyone having some in this line that is first class they wish to exchange is invited to write to J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md.

I have a La Gaiffe Electro Medical Battery, nearly new, double celled, large pocket size; all parts are handsomely plated; the following outfit goes with it. 1 double cell, 1 pair zincs, 1 pair of handles, 1 pair detachable handles, 1 pair of silk covered conducting cords, 1 bottle bi-sulphite of mercury, 1 Ear Douch and ball and 2 extra zincs valued at \$11.00 for a kodak or other good make camera. Address M. A. Dooley, 176 Ellery St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

I have Nos. 1 to 39 of Vol 6 Golden Argosy to exchange for best offer of cigarette cards. G. L. Chute, Box 187, Franklin, Mass.

Foreign Stamps from sheets for any of the following articles, a banjo, self inking press or photographic outfit. Address W. J. McDonald 249 E. Fremont St. Fostoria, Ohio.

12 Wide Awake Libraries to exchange for 12 varieties foreign stamps or best offer. W. M. Anderson Nicholasville, Ky.

A years subscription to exchange for 25 cts. Unused 1 or 2c stamps accepted for same. This office.

Geo. Kirtley Box 274 Fredericksburg, Va. will exchange 425 arrow heads, 500 pieces Indian pottery and 11 tomahawks for offers. Bullets, buttons, buckles, bayonets and pieces of shell for volumes of magazines or other good reading matter. Honest dealing guaranteed.

I have volumes of Golden Argosy, Street and Smiths New York Weekly, Family Story Paper and Golden Weekly to exchange for Yankee Blades and best offers. J. W. Fairchild, 384 Bleeker St. N. Y. City.

Puzzle Corner

Conducted by JOS. NEUBAUER.
407 E. 87th St., New York City.

Communications in regard to this department should be addressed as above. Original puzzles in demand.

1.

WORD SQUARE.

1. Eminent. 2. To dispose in proper order. 3. To furnish with a gift. 4. Past. 5. A pipe or funnel.

COUNT MOZELL.

2.

WORD HALF SQUARE.

1. A Ticket used in voting. 2. Once more. 3. Put Away. 4. A cover. 5. Not off. 6. A consonant.

COUNT MOZELL.

3.

PUZZLE.

In live not in die.
In gin " rye.
In new " old.
In coal " gold.
In orange " peach.
In learn " teach.
In ocean " beach.

My whole was a noble man,
He responded to his nation's call,
And by his efforts caused a great
institution's fall.

COUNT MOZELL.

4.

DIAMOND.

1. A consonant. 2. To break the earth with a spade. 3. A musical instrument. 4. A horned animal. 5. A vowel.

COUNT MOZELL.

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5.

CHARADE.

My first are true and brave,
 One died this world to save,
 My second a preposition small,
 My third has caused many a na-
 tion's fall,
 My whole is used by nations all.

COUNT MOZELL.

6.

SINGLE WORD ENIGMA.

In iron but not in coal.
 In base " goal.
 In silver " brass.
 In weeds " grass.
 In vespers " mass.

In spur but not in whip.

In boat " ship.

In journey " trip.

In dress but not in shroud.

In quiet " loud.

In earth " cloud.

My whole if correctly you find,
 Forms a motto for all mankind.

7.

ENIGMA.

My 4, 5, 6, is relative to a father.
 My 2, 3, 6, is to lunch.
 My 4, 1, 6, 2, is to authorize.
 My 4, 6, 3, 2, 1, is tricky.
 My 6, 5, 3, 4, 1, is to make disturb-
 ance.
 My whole is the name of a great in-
 ventor.

8.

CHARADE.

My first is very polite,
 To which all young folks I invite.
 My second though old with its toil,
 Will never sink out of this world,
 My whole is a thing worthy of notice,
 As it is not composed of idle boasters.

9.

TRANSPOSITION.

Oklo robeef ouy pale yass a léwl
 wonkn tope.

10.

DIAMOND.

1. A vowel. 2. Single. 3. Ad-
 mit. 4. A fish. 5. A consonant.

11.

WORD SQUARE.

1. A string. 2. Troubles. 3. A
 verdict. 4. A boy's name.

12.

DIAMOND.

1. A consonant. 2. A beverage.
 3. Relieves. 4. A liquor. 5. A letter.

13.

SQUARE.

1. To observe. 2. Fragrance. 3.
 Spoiled. 4. A name.

14.

DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. To be. 3. Bold. 4.
 Night, 5. A vowel.

15.

TRANSPOSITION.

"Sapreapcane ear feditcuel," is a
 elwl nowkn aysing.

16.

SQUARE.

1. Tidings. 2. A boy's name. 3.
 Has been. 4. To share.

17.

DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. An apparatus for
 fish. 3. A fruit. 4. Part of foot. 5.
 A letter.

18.

INVERTED PYRAMID.

Across—1. A quagmire. 2. Also.
 3. A letter.
 Down—1. A letter. 2. To. 3. To
 propel with oars. 4. Manner. 5. Letter

Question Box

Conducted by A. MILLER,

1917 6th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

All questions pertaining to stamps will be carefully answered through this box. Address all communications in regard to this department to A. Miller, 1917 6th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

DEAR READERS:—

At the Editor's request, I have agreed to start and conduct a Question Box in this paper. In this department all questions pertaining to stamp collecting will be carefully answered, and I will try to make it prove both interesting and instructive. A series of questions of a Philatelic nature will be published each month. All are invited to try their luck, as it is free to every subscriber. As was stated before, if sufficient encouragement is received prizes will be offered, and perhaps a nominal fee may be asked.

The questions for the first contest are

QUESTIONS.

1. When were the first postage stamps of Congo, Af., issued?
2. How many varieties are there of the present stamps of U. S.

PRIZES.

To the first person correctly answering the above list, a RARE stamp from San Salvador, valued at 50 cents will be given FREE.

The second will receive a stamp from Cuba worth 25 cents.

The third a U. S. stamp worth 15 cents.

The following should be read carefully.

All answers must be in within two weeks after receipt of paper containing questions.

A 2 cent stamp should accompany each answer.

The correct answer and names of of prize winners will be printed in the next issue.

Always address A. Miller, 1917 6th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

To the readers of the National Exchange: I wish to state that learning that the N. E. would be discontinued, no record of the competitors and prize winners was kept and the paper containing answers to correspondents was unfortunately destroyed. Please write again.

POSTAGE STAMPS

A few reasons why you should send for my approval sheets.

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
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