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## The Aborigines of Alabama.

The Indians of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, were so similar in form, mode of living and general habits, in the time of DeSoto and others who succeeded him in penetrating these wilds, that they will all be treated, in this article, as one people. Their color was like that of the Indians of our day. The males were admirably proportioned, athletic, active and graceful, in their movements and possessed open and manly countenances. The females not inferior in form, were smaller, and many of them beautiful. No ugly or illformed Indians were seen, except at the town of Tula, west of the Mississippi. Corpulency was rare, nevertheless, it was excessive in a few instances. In the neighborhood of Apalache, in Florida, the Chief was so fat that he was compelled to move about his house upon his hands and knees.

The dress of the men consisted of a mantle the size of a common blanket, made of the inner bark of trees, and a species of flax, interwoven. It was thrown over the shoulders, with the right arm exposed. One of these mantles encircled the body of the female, commencing below the breast and extending nearly to the knees, while another was gracefully thrown over the shoulders, also with the right arm exposed. Upon the St. Johns river, the females, although equally advanced in civilization, appeared in a much greater state of nudity—often with no covering, in summer, except a moss drayper suspended around the waist and which hung down in graceful negligence.

Both sexes there, were however, adorned with ornaments, consisting of pretty and shining pearls, while the better classes

wore moccasins and buskins of dressed deer leather. In Georgia and Alabama, the towns, contained storehouses, filled with rich and comfortable clothing, such as mantles of hemp, and of feathers of every color, exquisitely arranged, forming admirable cloaks for winter; with a variety of dressed skin garments, and skins of the martin, deer and panther, nicely packed away in baskets.

The natives were fond of trinkets. They collected shells from the seaside, and pearls from the beds of the interior rivers. The latter they pierced with heated copper spindles, and strung them around their legs necks and arms. The Queen upon the Savannah, took from her, a magnificent cordon of pearls and twined it around the neck of the warlike, but courteous De Soto.

In the interior of the country, pearls were worn in the ears, but upon the coast, fish bladders, inflated after they had been inserted, were greatly preferred. The Chiefs, and their wives, the Prophets, and the principal men painted their breasts and the front part of their bodies with a variety of stripes and characters. Others like seafaring people, punctured their skins with bone needles and indelible ink rubbed in, which gave them the appearance of being tattooed.

Jean Ortiz, so long a prisoner among the Floridians, when discovered by DeSoto, was taken for an Indian, on account of his body being "razed" in this manner.

It will be remembered that the Alabamians, upon the Yazoo, painted in stripes of red, yellow and black, and "seemed as though they were dressed in hose and doublets."

Lofty plumes of the feathers of the eagle, and other noted birds, adorned the heads of the warriors. At the battle of Vitachuco,

in Middle Florida, ten thousand warriors, appeared in this magnificent native head dress.

They also punished and deformed themselves in the display of their more peculiar ornaments. Upon an island in West Florida, they wore reeds thrust through their nipples and under lips. Indian grandees were often seen promenading, of an evening, enveloped in beautiful mantles of deer skin, and of the martin, trailing along behind them, and often held up by attendants. Among the prettiest were flat shells, of varied colors, which they suspended with strings around their waists, and which hung down around their hips.

(To be continued.)

#### TO SET THE MISSISSIPPI ON FIRE.

Pour a little turpentine in a basin of water, and set fire to it—it will blaze until the turps are exhausted.

#### NEWLY INVENTED PICCOLI.

(Not yet registered at the Patent Office.)

Take a good sound cork, with a few holes in it as possible. By placing this against the teeth, holding it tightly between the lips, and playing upon it with the bowl ends of two tea-spoons, a very singular imitation of a piccolo or small flute will be produced. The tune should be fancied by the player, and a quick air will be found most effective. It may be played in connection with some of the party pretending to be ill, when the charms of music are recommended, tried and found to be—a perfect cure.

#### A BRIGHT LIGHT.

If a piece of potassium be placed in a basin of water, it inflames and gives forth a beautiful violet red light.

RED LIGHT—Mix a spoonful of good alcohol with a little strontia, and set fire to the mixture, the whole will burn with a flame, the color of carnation.

#### PRINTERS' ROLLER COMPOSITION.

Best glue 10 lbs; best maple molasses 1 gallon; purified India rubber shavings 1 lb; Carolina tar 2 ozs; Glycerine 12 ozs; strong vinegar 4 ozs. Soak the glue overnight and strain in the morning by means of a cover ed colander. Boil molasses and skin for 20 minutes. Add the rubber shavings and stir until they combine with the molasses.

Add the glue, boil 6 or 7 minutes, and pour, if purified rubber cannot be obtained, add 1 lbs more glue, and 4 ozs more Glycerine.

#### THE ATTRACTED SHILLING.

Ask your mother or sister to give you one of her long hairs; then to the end of it fasten a piece of white wax, attach the other end to a pin; stick this in the bottom of your waistcoat, letting the piece of wax tangle about at the full length of the hair.

This provided if you wish to produce astonishment, ask some one to lead you a quarter, and while the person is taking it out endeavor to put the wax between the finger and thumb. As you look at the quarter of course to see if it be a good one, stick the wax on the end of the hair to it, so that it may not be visible, then throw it carelessly on the table, and as you move, it will follow you at your pleasure. At the close if you wish to conceal the mode you gave a hint, carefully remove the wax before the quarter is returned.

#### HOW TO BOTTLE AN EGG.

To break an egg, pour in the white and yolk, crush up the shell, and add it—if particularly requested to bottle it all—would offer no difficulty. The egg, however, without breaking, may be put into a small necked bottle under the following conditions: Steep the egg in vinegar for some time, when the shell will be perfectly soft and pliable. It can then be forced into the bottle. If water afterwards be poured into the bottle, the egg will regain its proper shape and consistency, and will puzzle many as to how it got in the bottle.

# EXCHANGES,

*Free to all.*

Four ink receipts for 10 stamps not in my collection. Send sheet on approval. W. Mansfield, Cat Creek, Ky.

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20 varieties of stamps or one bird egg, for every arrowhead sent me. Thos. Hopkins, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Hand inking press, two fonts of type and a pair of ice skates for a self inking press. R. Berli, 1608 Madison St. Covington, Ky.

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Will exchange 200 postmarks or 500 foreign and United States stamps for every five good arrowheads sent me. J. H. Keeler, Erie, Michigan.

Will exchange books, papers, watch, bow gun, postmarks, other articles, for printing materials, cash, guinea pig, terre, books on natural history, hunting. Send for list. Postmarks for same. W. B. Hayden, Amherst Station, N. H.

For exchange or cash, 430 story papers, 90 rare birds' eggs, a printing press, watch, a revolver, old coins, etc. All letters answered. H. C. King, Rock Creek, Iowa.

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Will exchange 1 invention for poultry

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One Ecuador Un Centavos or Dos Centavos stamp or 3 Youths Companion or 2 Harpers Young People or 5 fine stamps or 1 lb. story papers for one good arrowhead. Relics from Alabama, presses, type, etc for sale or exchange. H. P. Simpson, Tuskegee, Ala

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## Coins.

A coin is a piece of metal converted into money, by the impression of certain marks or figures. Coin differs from money, as the species from the genus. The latter may consist of any substance, whether metal, wood, leather, glass, bone, paper bills and shells, in short whatever is current as a medium of commerce. The former, is a particular specie, always made of metal, and struck according to a certain process called coining. The first money in commerce, was doubtless, barter, that is, the exchanging of one commodity, for another of equal value; and from the difficulty necessarily attendant on the cutting or dividing of certain commodities, men were first induced to invent a substitute for them, that should serve as a general medium, such is the origin of coins, which varies in different countries, according to the relative value of the different metals of which specie is composed.

Several punishments are inflicted on those who are guilty of counterfeiting, debasing or even clipping the current coins of the United States.

### Some of the Rarest.

The rarest stamp in the world, is said to be the Connell 5 cent stamp of New Brunswick. Charles Connell was Postmaster General of New Brunswick, in 1861. Shortly after entering upon his duties, he conceived the idea of an improvement in the stamps of the Province. Accordingly, he made a design, and employed the American Bank Note Company of New York, to print them. Each value had a different design. On the 1-cent was a steam engine; a head of Victoria on the 10-cent; a steamboat on the 12½-cent; a head of the Prince of Wales on the 17-cent, and on the 5-cent his own portrait. The latter was issued only one day, hence its rarity.

There were 2899000 silver dollars made in 1883, and but 300 in 1839. The most ancient date is 1794. From then until 1804 they were coined continuously. The trade dollar is the only thing that has marred the issue since 1836, with the exception of 1837 when none were coined. But two genuine 1804 dollars are believed to exist, and their owners have refused \$1000 each for them.

### COLLECTORINGS.

The stamp and coin business is on a declining boom.

Counterfeit silver dollars of 1882, are circulating largely in Boston and Chicago.

A rare curiosity—A tooth from the mouth of the Mississippi.

Why is the smallest American coin like a

messenger? Because it is one-cent.

It is a wise coin that knows its own par.

The German marks and pfennigs are not sought after by collectors, as they are not rare.

The old 5 cent pieces were coined from 1869 to 1882. In the first issues, the figure 5 was surrounded by a circle of thirteen stars, separated by rays pointing inward; but in 1867 these rays were omitted.

German dealers 'take in' the stamps as well as the Collectors—of all countries.

A complete set of American newspaper stamps from 2 cents to \$60 denomination (face value over \$200.) can be had in that country for four marks or one dollar.

The first paper money issued in the United States, was the Massachusetts bills, of December 1670.

To clean silver coins, wash them with castile soap and water, and then rub with chamois skin.

The postage stamps of Russia are the only ones in the world printed in water colors.

The trade dollars are really nothing but chinese tokens, having been intended for use only in the Chinese trade, and never as a legal tender in this country. On this account they are rated at their value in silver—85cents. The Bland or standard dollars, have a fixed value of one dollar each, and are the recognized legal money of the land, even though they do not contain the same amount of silver as the first mentioned pieces.

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## A Shrewd Buyer of Coins.

A quiet, sedate young woman, who wears glasses, always carries a couple of books and looks as if she was an admirer of Browning, is one of the characters who haunt the New York hotels. She is a shrewd young Jewess, in spite of her Bostonian appearance, and makes a good living by buying the foreign coin which is picked up at the hotels, from travelers, who exchange glittering foreign coin for the earthy American dollar.

The hotel gets the coin at a discount, she buys it at a slight advance, and disposes of it in Wall street.

She picks up valuable pieces, once in a while, that go to numismatic at a handsome premium.

## Nests of Birds.

The construction and selected situations

of the nests of birds are as remarkable as the variety of materials employed in them—the same forms, places and articles being rarely, perhaps never, found united by the different species, which we should suppose, similar necessities would direct to a uniform provision. Birds that build early in the spring seem to require warmth and shelter for their young; and the blackbird and thrush line their nests with a plaster of loam, perfectly excluding the keen air of our opening year. The house sparrow commonly builds under the eaves of houses, and gathers together a great mass of straw and hay, and a profusion of feathers.

The wood-pigeon and the jay construct their nests so slightly that their eggs may be almost seen through the loosely collected materials; but the gold-finch forms its cradle of fine mosses and lichens, lined with the down of the thistle, and it is a model of beautiful construction.

The golden crested wren builds its nest with the utmost attention to warmth, while the whitethroat and blackcap do not attend to this particular. The green-finch places a rude nest in the hedge, with little regard to concealment, while the chaffinch, just above in the elm, hides its neat nest with the most cautious care.

The bird must have a hole in the ground, or another a crevice in a wall, or a chunk in the tree is indispensable.

The bull-finch requires fine roots for its nest; the gray fly-catcher will have cobwebs for the outworks of its shed.

All the 'parus' tribe, except the individual above mentioned, select some hollow in a tree or craney in a wall.

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The grocer received it and was pleased. Two days after that the stranger returned from the curbstone to say: "Another mistake on your part; you over paid me by forty cents."

The grocer was glad to have an honest man, and puzzled to know how he should have counted so far out of the way. Three days more, and the stranger picked up a dollar bill in the store and said, "This is not my dollar. I found it on the floor and you must take charge of it."

The grocer's heart melted, and he wondered if the world was not progressing backward to old-time honesty. A skip of one day, and then the honest man brought down a wheelbarrow, ordered eighteen dollars worth of groceries, and would have paid cash had he not forgotten his wallet. He would hand it in at noon, he said, and it was all right with the grocer.

That was the last of the honest man; morning lades to noon, noon melts away to duskness, but he cometh not. There are no more mistakes in change—no more dollar bills on the floor, and the grocer's eyes wear a way off expression, as if yearning to see some one for about two minutes.

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## The Aborigines of Alabama and the Surrounding States.

### Concluded.

The Bow, the most formidable weapon of the ancient Indians, was long, elastic and exceedingly strong. The string was made of the sinews of the deer. The arrows, of strong young cane, hardened before the fire, were often tipped with buckhorn, and invariably pointed with either flints, long and sharp like a dagger, fish bones shaped like a chisel, or diamond flints. The Spaniards soon ascertained that they pierced as deep as those which they themselves, shot from the cross-bow, and discharged more rapidly. The quiver which held them was made of tawn or some other spotted skin, and was raised at the end with thick hide of the deer or alligator. It was always suspended by a leather strap, passing around the neck, which permitted it to rest on the left hip, like a sword. It was capable of holding a great many arrows.

Shields were universal appendages in war, and were either of wood, split canes, strongly interwoven, alligator hide, and sometimes that of Buffalo. The latter was often the case west of the Mississippi. Of various sizes but ordinarily large enough to cover the breast; these round shields were painted with rings and stripes, and suspended round the neck by a band.

Sometimes a noted Chief protected his breast and a portion of his abdomen with three of them. These, with a piece of bark covering the left arm, to prevent the severe rebound of the bow-string, were all that

shielded the natives in time of war.

Wooden spears of the usual length, pointed with excellent darts of fish-bone or flint were, also, much used. And, strange to say, swords of palm-wood, were often seen. A Chief, in Georgia, seized one of this description, which was borne by one of his servants, and began to cut and thrust with it to the admiration of Desoto and his officers.

The war clubs were of two kinds— one, small at the handle, gradually enlarging at the top in oval form; and the other with two sharp edges at the end, usually employed in executions. Decoration with plumes, appears to have been more common in general costume and pleasure excursions, than in war. In enterprises of the latter character, the natives sought to appear as ferocious as possible. The skin of the eagle, of the wolf and of the panther, with the heads of these animals attached and well preserved, were worn by warriors, while the talons and claws were inserted as war ornaments.

The women who had lost their husbands in battle at a convenient time, surrounded the Chief, stooped at his feet, covered their faces with their hands, wept, and implored him to be revenged for the death of their companions. They entreated him to grant them an allowance during their widowhood, and permit them to marry again when the time appointed, by law, expired. They afterwards visited the graves of their husbands, and deposited upon them the arms which they used in hunts and wars, and the shells out of which they were accustomed to drink. Having cut off their long hair they

also sprinkled it over their hammocks, and then returned home. They did not marry until it had attained its ordinary length.

The ingenuity of the natives, displayed in the construction of numerous arms, houses, and ornaments, was by no means inconsiderable. At Chapuis, west of the Mississippi, with awate was manufactured equal to that of Estremos or Montemor.

At Tula, in Arkansas, salt was made from the deposits formed upon the shores of a lake, and again at several salt-springs. The salt was made into small cakes and traded among other tribes for some war-mantles.

Entranchments and ditches were found all over the country. The most remarkable of the latter was at Pading, west of the Mississippi. Here a large ditch, wide enough for two canoes to pass abreast without the paddles touching, surrounded a walled town. It was cut nine miles long, communicated with the Mississippi, supplied the natives with fish and afforded them the privileges of navigation.

The construction of canoes and barges, connected with the things which have already been mentioned, affords abundant proof that our aborigines were superior, in some respects, to the tribes who afterwards occupied Alabama, but who were also ingenious in the manufacture of articles.

The Queen of Savannah, borne out of her house in a sedan chair, supported upon the shoulders of four of her principal men, entered a handsome barge which had a tilted top at the stern—under which she took a seat upon soft cushions. Many principal Indians likewise entered similar barges, and accompanied her to the western side, in the style of a splendid water procession. When DeSoto first discovered the Mississippi, a Chief approached from the other side with two hundred handsome canoes of great size, filled with painted and plumed war-

riors, who stood erect with bows in their hands, to protect those who paddled. The boats of the Chief and principal men had tops—like that of the Georgia Queen—ornamented with waving flags and plumes, which floated on the breeze from poles to which they were attached. They were described by the journalists to have been equal in beauty to any of gallies.

If a Chief desired to marry, he was accustomed to send his principal men to select from the girls of the nobility, one of the youngest and most beautiful. Painted with various colors, and adorned with shells and pearls, the chosen one was then placed in a sedan chair, the top of which formed a sort of green boughs. When prepared for this side, an archer visited and great noise and ceremony, an array of ornaments of all kinds, and music and dancing, characterized the affair, while she and her barge were crowded with beautiful feathers.

### The End

### Two Race Old Coins.

There are two race old coins in the possession of a citizen of Macon, Georgia. Evidently they were minted as political medals during the administration of the Hon. J. M. Calhoun. The first bears date 1834, the date placed beneath a hog rampart, with his side guarded with the legs of "My Military, My Third Hunt," and surrounded by the motto "Perish Greed, Perish Commerce." On the reverse is "Down with the Bank," "YM Substitute for the United States Bank Experiment." Then a head of Jackson, and beneath "My Currency, My Glory."

The second coin bears date 1837, and has a strong box, marked "U. S. Sub-Treasury," resting on the back of a turtle, labelled "fiscal agent." Then comes "Executive Experiment," and on the reverse, "Follow in the Footsteps of My Illustrious Predecessor," surrounded by a jacksaw, who is careering over the plain at the top of his speed.

# EXCHANGES.

*Free to all. Write plainly and send in by the 10th of each month. Exchange must not exceed 50 words. In answering exchanges, please be sure to mention what paper you saw the exchange in.*

Four ink receipts for 10 stamps not in my collection. Send sheet on approval. W. Mansfield, Cat Creek, Ky.

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Will exchange 200 postmarks or 500 foreign and United States stamps for every five good arrowheads sent me. J. H. Keeler, Erie, Michigan.

Will exchange books, papers, watch, bow gun postmarks, other articles, for printing materials, cast, guinea pig, ferret, books on Natural History, hunting. Send for list. Postmarks for same. W. B. Hayden, Amherst Station, N. H.

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Font of plain bourgeois type for offers in United States cents. I want a complete set of cents. Who has them to exchange for camera, chemicals, curiosities, etc.

The publisher of this paper.

Cloth and paper bound books to exchange for type S., Box 26, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Wanted autographs and curiosities for a collection. Please send list. G. W. Disbrow, 8 Walker St. Utica, N. Y.


Wanted, books on the Geology of the Southern States. I have many things to exchange. Collector, box 64, Tuskegee, Ala.

Advertising space given for printing material, by the publisher of this paper.

Calcite, Granular Quartz, Native Sulphur in Iron Pyrites, to exchange for other minerals, cabinet, send list and receive mine in return. D. J. Bullock, box 784, Marshalltown, Iowa.

I will give a toothpick, watch charm and an automatic pencil for a stylographic pen, a scarf pin, or coins. Postmarks for coins. Geo. C. Hill, 458 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

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We will be glad at all times to receive any information that will be of interest to our readers, and we will pay a good price for articles on all branches of collecting.

We give as a premium, for every five subscribers, a years subscription to this paper. For every three subscribers, we give six months subscription to this paper.

If you receive more than one copy please hand extra one to some collector friend.

We offer a years subscription to this paper for the best short article on the collecting of any kind of curiosities, not to occupy more than one page. Six months subscription for the next best. We reserve the right to reject any, but will liberally pay for those we keep.

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## COLLECTORINGS.

Two cent pieces were first coined in 1864 and were discontinued in 1873.

Our government has offered a large monetary inducement to the person who will invent a non-erasable ink to be used in the cancellation of postage stamps.

Two and a half dollar gold pieces, or quarter eagles, were not coined in 1790, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1809 to 1820, inclusive, 1822, 1823, and 1828. The present design on this coin was adopted in 1840.

There are four coining mints in this country, situated at New Orleans, San Francisco, Carson City and Philadelphia.

The largest proportion of assaying and refining is done at New York City; Helena, Montana; Boise City, Idaho and Denver, Colorado.

The first newspaper published in this country, was called "Public Occurrences," and was issued at Boston, in 1689. It lived only one day, being so outspoken, that it was smothered by the magistrates on the day of its birth.

The first permanent newspaper was the "Boston News-Letter," issued in April 1764.

The largest and most valuable collection of postage stamps in the world, is said to be owned by the son of the Duchess de Galliera. It is claimed that it cost him \$250,000, and the special library thus obtained, consists of nearly 300 volumes.

One of the Rothschild's family has a collection valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

A card issued in 2697 B. C., what is known as a flying money or convenient money, the oldest specimens of bank notes in the world. They were in all essentials similar to the modern notes, bearing the name

of the bank, the date of issue, the number of the note, the signature of the official issuing it, indications of its value in figures, in words, and also had a pictorial representation of coins, or heaps of coins, equal in amount to its face value, and a notice of the penalties for counterfeiting. They were printed in blue ink, on paper made from the fibre of the mulberry tree.

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### Odd Collections.

The notice of a new French publication on collections of various kinds, relates some of the most interesting of the items pertaining to some eccentric fancies of collectors. The author mentions one lady who collects nothing but knitting and crochet needles; and another, Mme. Jubinal de Saint-Aubin, who has brought together many hundreds of mosaic buses, some of which are magnificently engraved. She has buses that belonged to Marie Antonette, the Chevalier de Eton, Mme. de Stael, the Empress Josephine, and Queen Christina of Sweden, and are even set with jewels.

Baton Perigon has a vast collection of buttons among which are numerous specimens bearing portraits of men and women who played leading parts in the French revolution.

An enthusiast pays high prices for old gloves, and thus managed to procure personal relics of all the great beauties of the last two centuries and a half.

Another collects wigs. He bought for two hundred guineas one which had been worn by Sterne, and thought himself fortunate in obtaining a very dirty one of Immanuel Kant's for two hundred francs.

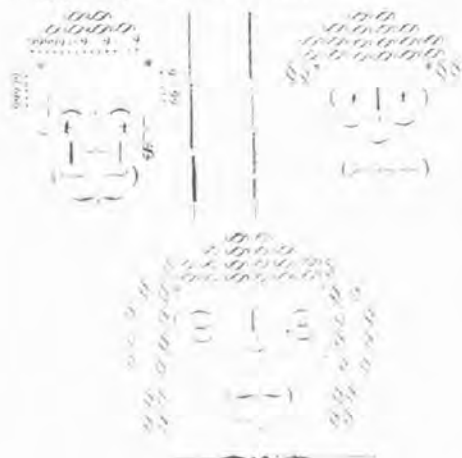
The late Lord Beaconsfield had a fine collection of pipes; and collections of hats, walking-sticks, snuff-boxes, watches and clothes are very numerous on both sides of the channel.



## Expression in Types.

Types have an expression of their own and can be made to speak plainly enough without putting them into formal words if they are only put up in the right shape.

The following will make this very plain to every reader, nothing but the ordinary symbols in common being employed to tell the story of the three worthies. It will be seen that it is wholly unnecessary to say that the old girl in the middle is in a condition of perplexity, doubt, and general anxiety, which is perfectly natural, considering how hard it must be to make herself acceptable at one and the same time to the very glum man on her right and the exceedingly jolly man on her left.



## A Unique Post-Office.

Probably the smallest and most unique postoffice in the world is a barrel which swings from the outermost rock of the mountains overhanging the Straits of Magellan, opposite Terre del Fuego. Every passing ship opens it to put letters in or take them out. Every ship undertakes to forward all letters from it that is possible to transmit. The barrel hangs by its iron chain, beaten and battered by the winds and storms, but no locked or barred postoffice could be so secure.

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Printers will find bargains under this head from month to month.

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Metal Name Stamp and outfit, .50cents.

Seal press, prints six lines or less of the type set, and outfit, \$2.00

Are woods are found in abundance in and around Tuskegee. Petrified wood is found in great chunks on the banks of the many creeks that are around Tuskegee.

By mistake, part of this number is dated March, when it should have been dated April.

Pieces of Indian pottery are also found in and around Tuskegee.

The SECRETARY COLLECTOR, only twenty five cents a year, with free Exchange for Printing Departments. Just stop for a moment, stop thinking of other things, and think of this!

The *Philatelic Journal of America*, is one of the best Philatelic magazines that we know of; and its illustrations are the best that we have seen. May it live long and prosper.

We would like to accept the title of official Organ of any society.

## Additional Exchanges.

Books on Chemistry, Natural History, etc., for a printing press. E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, Ohio.

200 postmarks or 3 puzzle and riddle books or 3 arrowheads or 1 lb. reading matter or a collection of curios comprising tags, stamps, coins, pottery, minerals etc., for a blank stamp album. What offers for \$500. Confederate bill 1864? Collector, box 26, Tuskegee Ala.

Rare stamps, Minerals, Indian relics, sea curiosities, books, etc., for novels. Send list. C. C. Joy, box V, Ia Hoyt, Iowa.

A California gold half-dollar, (charm) for a blank stamp album or the best offer in United States cents or stamps. What offers for an unused, red one-dollar, Life Insurance, Internal Revenue stamp, and a Confederate \$500. bill of 1864?

What offers for the following papers? Youths Leader, vol 1, No. 1 & 6. The Oologist, vol 3, Nos. 1 & 6. The American, vol 3, Nos. 1, 2 & 3. Philatelic Monthly, vol 10, No. 12. Agassiz Journal, vol 2, No. 8. Exchanger and Collector, vol 1, No. 3. Exchangers Monthly, vol 1, No. 6. Young Oologist, vol 1 No. 5. H. P. Simpson, Tuskegee, Ala.

In addition to the premiums offered (on another page,) with a years subscription to this paper, we will give you your choice of those, or either of the below.

1. Piece of Indian pottery.
2. Piece of Petrified wood.

The SOUTHERN COLLECTOR comes out with a new heading this month which we think is a decided improvement on the other one.

We learn through one of our correspondents that we have a namesake in the shape of an amateur paper, called *The Southern Collector*, published at Hickory, Mississippi. As yet our *sanctum sanctorum* has not received a visit from its far away namesake, but we hope that it will visit us soon. We can wish it what all other papers do, and that is—success.

In writing to our advertisers, please be sure to state that you saw their advertisement in the SOUTHERN COLLECTOR.

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### BERRY GOOD.

The famous comedian Burton, once owed a bill to a grocer named Berry. He was so much annoyed at the persisted efforts of the man to collect, that on his last visit the comedian waxed angry and said to the grocer: "You have presented your bill, Berry, before it is due, Berry; your father the elder, Berry, would not have been such a goose, Berry, but I don't care a straw, Berry, and if you come here again, Berry, I'll kick your rasp, Berry, until it is black, Berry."

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People in Germany collect old and faded photographs, which are purchased by refiners for the sake of the silver they contain.

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**READ!**

**LOOK! LOOK!! LOOK!!!**

We want your attention to this article for only a few moments.

If possible, we want 1000 more subscribers in the next month and we want you to help us to get them. If you want to do so, please read carefully the below.

For the largest list of subscribers sent in before May 20th (list must exceed 20), we will give a Magic Lantern, casting a three foot picture, and complete outfit.

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## GOOD ADVICE.

The boy who collects a hundred or so of postage stamps, and then offers to trade them for postmarks and the postmarks for amateur papers, and these again for tin tobacco tags, etc., may be a very good kind of a boy, but the chances are he will never succeed in making a good collection of any thing. He has no fixed purpose. He don't stick to anything long enough to find out if it has any merit, or to develop a lively interest in it. If he is going to collect stamps, for instance, let him go at it in earnest, and if, after a fair trial he finds there is nothing in it, then he ought to abandon it. — *The Stamp World.*

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## Stamps of the Bahama Islands.

The Bahama's are a chain of islands stretching in a northwest direction from the neighborhood of the north coast of Hayti, to the east coast of Florida.

### THE STAMPS.

Stamps were first issued in 1859; value: 1 penny, lake, red.

Description—Crowned portrait of Queen Victoria, in oval, in center; "Interinsular Postage," on curved ribbon above; "Bahamas," above this, and "One Penny," below in straight lines; small oval at each side of the bottom of center oval enclosing a pineapple at left and conchshell at right side; reticu-

lated back ground.

This stamp is unperforated and unwatermarked.

During this same year the color of it the was changed to carmine, and was perforated, and watermarked "C. C. and crown.

In 1862 this stamp was printed in deep carmine, and in 1876 in bright red.

In 1861 two new values-- 4 p., pale-rose, and 6 p., gray-- were added.

In 1862 the colors were changed to rose and lilac respectively and watermarked "C. C. and crown, which was not done in 1861.

In 1866 the color of the 4 p., was changed to deep rose, and the 6 p., to purple.

In 1863 a 1 shilling, green, stamp was added. Description— Like those of 1859.

A 4 penny envelope stamp was issued in 1881.

Description—Crowned profile of the Queen in oval, in center surrounded by wide lined band inscribed "Bahamas Postage," above; "Four Pence," below; this is surrounded by a narrow band of dots, in white, on dark ground.

*Late issues not noted.*

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Gunther, the Chicago candy man, is an indefatigable collector of autographs. Not long ago he paid \$5000 for a Shakspearean autograph, and now has bought a mummy.

## A Question.

We will be pleased if any of our readers will write us of the history of the stamp below. It is very much like the rude illustration below, except the lines around it are, on the stamp closer together, the outer line heavier, and the stamp is printed with black ink on green, glazed paper with one side of the paper, white, and the other side (on which the stamp is printed) a glazed green. The dots in the below represent the lines in the stamp. It is also a deal larger than the stamp.



## The Largest City in the World.

The largest city in the world is generally believed to be London although some suppose that Hankow, in China, has more inhabitants. But there is a town in North Carolina which far surpasses either in extent being two thousand miles long—much longer than North Carolina. Its name is Henderson.

When the city was incorporated, it was intended to extend the limits 1000 yards in each direction from the depot, but the printer made the bill read 1000 miles, and it passed the legislature with out the error being noticed.

A lady on a slow train handed the conductor a half fare ticket for her boy. He

looked at the youngster and said: "Rather large boy for half fare." "Yes," responded the mother: "so he is now. It was all right, though, when I bought that ticket. But you see he has grown so much since we started."

A Yankee from Maine, on paying his bill at a London restaurant, was told that the sum put down did not include the waiter. "Wend," he roared, "I didn't eat any waiter, did I?"

"Statira Jane," said a fond mother the other morning to her daughter, "Did Daniel Johnson kiss you on the steps last night?" "No mama, he did not." If the fond parent had said mouth instead of steps, it would have troubled Jane to reply.

## Signatures of a Few Prominent Men.

The many people who admired the free, bold, yet graceful handwriting of President Garfield, as displayed in hundreds of facsimiles, will be glad to hear that his original autographs are quite as fine as any copies of them ever made.

Gen. Arthur wrote a large, careless heavy hand, with no particular inclination. It looks precisely as if the writer could not spare even the time necessary to execute it. There is strength in the writing, however, and both these signatures compare favorably with the inflated, shapeless, balloon capitals of Gen. Grant, or the small cramped hand of President Hayes.

## TO OUR READERS.

In this issue will be found the ad of Mr. Marcellus Foster whose goods we would recommend to all our subscribers as first class. He can furnish you with any style of stamp in the world. Read his ad. Address all orders to Marcellus Foster, Huntsville, Texas.

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Golden Days to exchange for Department stamps. 12 hidden name, gold beveled edge cards, for every State stamp sent me. H. C. Russell, Marlboro, Mass.

Coins, stamps, Indian relics, old and curious relics, sea relics, books, etc., to exchange for United States coins and stamps, Indian relics and type. Send complete list to L. E. Hudson, Ellisburgh, N. Y.

Books on Natural History, Chemistry, etc., for a printing press. E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, O.

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The autograph of "W. T. Sherman, General," appears upon a visiting card in strong, upright letters, with two bold flourishes, just large enough to give emphasis to the whole effect. Sheridan's signature is as bold and dashing as one of his own fierce cavalry charges.



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Our friends and patrons will please excuse the short number of leaves in this number, for the editor is going south for a

while and will be hurried up to get out this and the next number, on time, but we promise to make up for it.

We think that we give about as much reading matter for the money as very nearly all of the amateur papers, do. The type with which our paper is printed, is smaller than the type used on other amateur papers, and we think that we have about as many pages, and sometimes as good reading matter.

Numbers one and two of —The Southern Collector,— published at Hickory, Mississippi, have reached us. It is a neatly gotten up, well printed and well edited amateur paper, and its editor deserves credit.

Our friends and patrons will please excuse the absence of "curiosity-news" in this number, as it will be issued earlier than usual, in order to prepare for the June number, for the editor is going south in June.

—The Curiosity World,— of Lake Village, New Hampshire, is a splendid illustrated, curiosity paper, and every collector will find it to be a valuable aid in getting up collections.

—The Stamp,— of Denver, Colorado, is a little over one year old, and is one of the best philatelic papers in America.

Long names for philatelic and amateur papers are all the rage, now.

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—The Philatelic Journal of America, — and —The Empire State Philatelist,— are elegant in their make up.

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We shall soon be obliged to raise our advertising rates, as it will not do to charge so little when our circulation is so large.

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### The Fossilized Forest.

We had occasion some days since to go from this place to Winston, by way of what is known as the Box Mountain road. This road, or at least the road we traveled to get into the Box Mountain road, running parallel with Town Fork in this county, passes directly over what is known as the "Fossil Forest." It is very interesting to the lovers of the curious to look at those stones, which are said to have been, at some remote period of the worlds history, living forest trees. Here we see a large piece standing on end as if it had been a stump of some giant of the forest; there is a snarly piece showing all the curls and snarls of the knot; and at one place, lying in an old road, we see a long shaft or beam from which the water has carried the dirt partially away leaving exposed what ap-

pears to have been the trunk of a large tree, 30 or 40 feet long. Many of the detached pieces show the knots and grain of the wood as plainly as if they were sections of a live oak.

There are many things in this as well as other sections of the country in the mineral line, which would be of interest to the scientist, if they were more accessible.—Danbury (N. C.) Reporter.

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VOL. 1.

## How Roby Got a Pony.

BY A COLLECTOR.

"I tell you Roby, I can't afford to buy you a pony," said Roby's father to him one day, after a half-hour's steady teasing on the part of Roby, in his vain effort to persuade his father to buy him a pony, or as Roby called it, a little horse. "I tell you my boy if you want a pony you will have to buy it, so if you can earn money enough, you may buy one, and do with him as you please." This was all Roby could get out of his father, so he turned sorrowfully away, wandering slowly to where his brother was engaged in cleaning away the rubbish from an old cellar. He sat down on a stone and commenced digging disconsolately among the rubbish with a small stick, apparently trying to unearth a pony from among the ruins. "What's the matter, Roby," said his brother playfully, watching him with an amused smile as he still continued to dig aimlessly, but Roby failed to answer, for just then his stick turned over some fresh piece of rubbish and something round, round to Roby's feet. Roby picked it up and rubbing off the dirt as much as possible, found it to be an old copper, rusty and dirty, to be sure, but still in fine condition, almost as good as when first stamped at the mint. Roby had never seen one like this before, and he looked at it wonderingly, reading slowly: "ONE CENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," on one side and on the other, "LIBERTY, 1799." "Look here, Joe," said Roby enthusiastically,

"What a big cent I have found. It is as big as four of the little ones and twice as pretty." His brother laughed good naturedly, and taking the cent, examined it with interest, for he was something of a collector, and knew something of the value of coins and stamps. "Why Roby," he said after looking at it a moment, "You have certainly found a banana. This is a cent of seventeen ninety-nine, and if THE SOUTHERN COLLECTOR tells the truth, is the most valued, by coin collectors, of any cent in existence." "What," said Roby, "Is it worth more than a cent? Would you give me five cents for it Joe?" "No Roby," said Joe, "For the reason that it is worth more than that, many dollars. You can sell this Roby, and buy you a pony." "Buy me a pony," said Roby, in astonishment. "Why that would cost over so much money." "I know that," laughed his brother, "So will this coin, to the one who buys it. I will write to a coin dealer to day, and see how much he will give for it."

True to his word, Joe that night, wrote to a coin dealer, sending him an impression of the coin and stating where it was found, and in a very short time he received an answer, containing a very liberal offer for the coin. Just how much Roby received for it I am not at liberty to state, but suffice to say he was able to buy him a pony, besides having a little money left. Roby, himself has now become interested in coin collecting, and has started a collection that promises to be a very valuable one in the future.



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Send in your Queries and Communications for this department.

We admire *Urain Talk's* cheek in applying for the Official Organ of the A. P. A., and we also admire them because they did not get it.

The votes for the abolition of *The American Philatelist*, were as follows:

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The U. S. of A. was selected as the Official organ. It is a poor association that can't afford to publish an Organ devoted exclusively to it. A very poor one indeed.

*The Stamp Collectors Figaro* is doubtfully the best stamp paper published. "Wanderer," contributes an article on Revenue Stamps, which should be in pamphlet form.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following. Please come again.

Curiosity World. Bay State Philatelist.

Youths Ledger, Stamp Record, The Eclipse, Shelbyville (Ill.) Star, The Pilot, Philatelic Review, Trade and Traffic, Amateur Index, Hoosier Naturalist, Agassiz Companion and The Stamp Collectors Figaro.

What is the matter with Uncle Sam's almanac? He promised us the new stamps and envelopes on the 1st of January. Hasn't come yet? June 1st eh?

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A number of articles and ads have been crowded out of this number on account of want of space and going to press so much in advance of the usual time.

### FRAUDS

A stamp dealer has requested us to publish the following names as frauds of the first water. They applied for sheets and on being written to no reply would be made. Look out for 'em! They are all from Moncton, N. B., Canada.

Frank Taylor Bertie Glendenning.

### Errata.

In 6th ex. third page, read 1882, instead of 1875.

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## NOTES.

The old Issues of the United States are increasing in value every day. Collectors should procure them while they can as in a few years they will not be able to get them at all.

Cashmere stamps are printed from Ivory blocks, hence their indistinctness, as Ivory does not take ink readily.

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issued by any government is the \$5000. It is finely engraved, printed in orange, green and black, size 2½ x 4½ inches. It is used only by large rail road companies.

Very little attention is paid to Revenue stamps by the majority of collectors.

The stamp trade is on a boom now, so dealers say.

S. Allen Taylor is advertising four (4) Ocean stamps for 10 cents. Look out for them.

There is a good deal of substituting going on among approval sheet frauds. They write to a dealer for a sheet and change the rare stamps and put common ones in their stead. On the dealers writing them, they invariably say that they loaned the sheet to some other collector.

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James R. Randall, the southern poet who wrote the stirring war lyric, "Maryland, My Maryland," turns out to have been inspired by Cupid no less than Mars. He loved one of the beauties for which Baltimore is famous while a student at the Georgetown college, just before the war, and she awakened the enthusiasm that made him write his immortal poem a few months later.—Chicago Herald.

#### A Costly Painting.

It is said the most costly water color in the world is a work 10 1-2 by 14 1-2 by Meissonier, illustrating a horse soldier on outpost duty. It is valued at \$8,700.

#### Vegetables of the Ocean.

Every one knows that the sea has larger animals than can be found on land; but with the enormous sequoias of California in mind, many may be surprised to learn of vegetable growths in the ocean vastly exceeding in length, though not in bulk, these giants of the forest. Recently the ship *Clever*, commanded by Capt. John Stone, arrived at Montevideo with a portion of a seaweed which had been picked up in the Atlantic near the equator. The sailors perceived an object floating on the surface some distance from the ship, and, manning a boat, they rowed to it, and ascertained that it was an alga of enormous size. On measuring it, it was found to have a length upward of 1,500 feet.—*Swiss Cross*.

#### Where They Use Stilts.

It is in the large plains, called "Lian-dees," in southwest France, that the people use stilts as a matter of course. These plains are generally flooded, though not to a sufficient depth to enable people to get about in boats. The stilts are held in the hand like those we are accustomed to see, but are firmly strapped to the side of the leg. The person wearing them carries a long pole to balance himself and aid him in walking. The pole has usually a cross piece at one end, so that by putting it at a slant on the ground behind him the person on stilts can sit down on it and rest. It is a common occurrence in that country to see men and women sitting and knitting in this exalted position, while the sheep they are tending wander about the plain. They wear their stilts all day long, putting them on when they go out in the morning and taking them off only when they return home at night.—*Philadelphia Call*.

Trees have been discovered in Africa which are computed to be 5,000 years old.

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The date of this gold casket proves that its Greek look is due to direct Greek inspiration, and many specimens of carving in stone are now recognized as betraying a similar origin.

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