

The Philatelic Favorite.

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No. 1.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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All communications relating to this department should be addressed to John Meyer, 446 Grand St., New York.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Has issued an envelope stamp, value and color, 5 centavos green; head of Rivadavia in oval.

BELGIUM.

The postal card of this country is now printed in green.

BHOPAL.

A British state in the province of Malva India, has issued two new stamps, values and colors, $\frac{1}{4}$ anna red and $\frac{1}{2}$ anna green.

CURACOA AND SURINAME

Has both issued postal cards, values and colors are 15 cents brown for the former, and 15 cents grey for the latter.

CANADA.

Has issued a new postal card, value and color 2 cent green.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Has issued two new stamps, values and colors, 5 cents gray and 10 cents yellow.

EAST INDIA.

We learn that three new stamps are in circulation, values and colors, 9 pies violet, 6 anna bistre and 12 anna mauve.

HOLLAND.

This country has issued five new stamps, values and colors, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown 1c. green, $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 2c. yellow and $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. violet.

HONG KONG.

We learn that the 30 cents stamp is surcharged 28 cents in black.

MURITIUS.

The 10 pence stamp is now surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ penny in black.

PERSIA.

The new stamps have at last appeared the values and colors are 1 shah black and lilac, 2 shah black and grey, 5 shah black and rose and 10 shah black and blue.

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Editorials.

In presenting the initial number of the Philatelic Favorite before our numerous friends and patrons, we wish to say that our little sheet will contain from time to time interesting news on philately and other amateur topics, which we hope will be favored by the younger

fraternity in general, and, to make our sheet interesting, we would be glad to receive your welcome subscription or advertisement, we remain

Yours Very Truly,
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THE

ORIGIN OF POST CARDS.

Like a great many other human arrangements, the form of letters has undergone many changes. The ancients wrote on wax tablets which were fastened together by means of rings. The letter were to some extent a book. Then it took the shape of a roll, which was in use up to the middle ages. Afterwards, letters folded and put in envelopes. The transition from one of these principal forms to the other had been gradual, and influenced much by the material used, as tablets, parchment, paper. The ordinary form of letters does not permit of the simplicity and brevity which are sufficient for a great many communications; simplicity, because the choice and folding of the paper, the use envelopes the affixing of the stamp, &c., are troublesome; and brevity because in a formal letter politeness does not allow of the communication being restricted to bare statement of object of the letter.

Influenced by these considerations, Mr. Stephan, the present Postmaster-General of the German Empire, submitted to the German Postal Administrations who attended a postal conference at Carlsruhe, in 1875, a memorial in which we recommended the introduction of a new kind of letter, in the shape of an open post card, bearing on one side the name and address, and on the other the communication. Notwithstanding the approval which this subject met with, it was not carried out at that time, because the German postal service had not the necessary uniform organization, and it was apprehended that it would occasion too great a decrease in the revenue. The next suggestion for carrying out this proposal was not made till 1869, and emanated from Dr. Emanuel Herrmann, of Vienna, who in the course of his researches was struck by the fact that a great many letters were sent, importance of which contents was in no proportion to the

waste of trouble and polite sentences, and which might have been equally well forwarded without covers. The administration acknowledging the importance of this proposition for the improvement of postal relations, received it favourably and carried it into execution as early as October, 1869. The new cards were quite in accordance with the idea of the later first inventor, Mr. Stepmann.

We glean the foregoing from the Post-Office Gazette, and it will be seen that while Dr. Hermann was not the originator of the card idea, as has been stated, he was the first to have it put into practical use. — Philatelic Monthly.

THE

BERLIN POSTAL MUSEUM.

The Imperial German Post Administration has founded an Art Museum containing a very interesting collection of everything appertaining to the postal service; among other exhibits are models postal buildings and mail carriages, official uniform, a

money order forms, envelope stamps, postal cards, etc.

The collection of stamps, contains with the exception of some obsolete emissions, a specimen of every adhesive, stamped envelope, post cards, etc; issues from the introduction of this method of payment down to our own days.

On the 1st of December, 1875, this collection comprehended 3,431 individual stamp impressions of every nature.

The adhesives and envelope taken separately, are as follows:

	Ads.	Envs.
Europe	1404	285
Asia	20	21
Africa	170	8
America	769	77
Australia	160	2

We have now but one desire, which is, all governments would decide on the following the lead of the German Empire, and establish museums after the plan of that of Berlin in the several capitals.

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NOTES.

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EXCHANGES.

We received the following new exchanges.

Amateur Newspaper Reporter and Printers Journal, Batavia, N. Y. Is just what amateur printers want.

The Canadian Enterprise and Rough Diamond, Toronto, Canada. Contents good printing fair.

The Amateur Journal, Cincinnati, O. Good.

The Canada Beaver, Toronto Canada. The largest and best printed paper in Canada.

The Philatelic Quarterly, England. printing and contents good.

The Trader, Washington D. C. Good.

The Buckeye Amateur Gazette, Cincinnati, O. Poorly printed and contents fair.

Everybody's Hand Book, Carlisle, Pa. Good.

The Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal, Leipzig, Germany. Is a very good stamp paper.

The Acorn, St. Louis, Mo. Is a neat spicy amateur journal.

The Miscellany, Boston, Mass. Is one of the best papers published.

The Club, Chicago, Ill. Is a neat little sheet.

The Collectors Own, Syracuse, N. Y. Is new one and a good one.

ANSWERS

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Under this heading we will answer all letters not accompanied by a stamp for return.

J. G., Brighton.—We know no person of that name.

C. H., New Jersey.—No.

M. P., New York.—We can supply you with the stamps you want.

P. C., Brooklyn.—We will allow you 75 cents in exchange for your stamps.

C. W., Sidney.—Send as soon as possible.

C. B., Ottawa.—We have no use for them.

W. H., New York.—Tag Directory will be out in about 4 months.

V. S., New York.—We do not do business in that way.

G. P., Concord.—see answer to W. H.

J. M. Fort Edward.—It is against the law to clean any kind of stamps.

M. F., Providence.—We will allow you 75 cents in exchange for your centennial envelope stamps.

T. H., California.—See answer to W. H.

W. J., Warsaw.—No.

J. J. M., New York.—If you want us to examine the stamps you mentioned in your letter send them on with a stamp for return postage.

HOW TO DRAW.

"Can you draw at all, young man?" asked uncle Raphael, of an applicant for private instruction.

"Oh yes, considerably," replied the candidate, "At ten years of age I could draw beer, cider, or a sleigh up a hill; at twelve, a truck loaded with cabbage; at fifteen, prize in a lottery; at seventeen, an inference; and at twenty, a bill of exchange. If I were an actor, I reckon I could draw a big house; but I'm agoing to be a teacher, and shall have to be content with drawering a salery; the bigger the better."

"Well you may draw up your chair and sit down," said uncle Raphael, "you'll do for a beginner."

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THE ORIGIN OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

The postage was born in London on the 10th of January, 1810, and England employed it alone for ten years. France adopted it on the 1st of January, 1849, and Germany, in 1850. According to M. Alphonso Equires, it was a curious incident that gave rise to the idea of postage stamps. A traveler was crossing, about forty years ago, a district in the north of England. He arrived at the door of an inn where a postman had stopped to deliver a letter. A young girl came out to receive it; she turned it over and over in her hand, and asked the price of the postage. This was a large sum, and evidently the girl was poor, for the postman demanded a shilling. She sighed sadly, and said that the letter was from

her brother, but that she had no money, and so returned it to the postman. The traveler was a man who rambled about the world for instruction and observation. Having a good heart, he offered to pay the postage of the letter, and, in spite of the resistance of young girl; he paid the shilling. This resistance made him reflect. Scarcely had the postman turned his back than the young innkeeper's daughter confessed that it was a trick between her and her brother. Some signs marked on the envelope had told her all she wanted to know, but itself contained no writing.

"We are both so poor" she added, "so we invented this mode of corresponding and pre-paying our letters." The traveller, continuing his road, asked himself if a system giving place to such frauds was not a vicious one.

The sun had not set before Mr. Rowland Hill (that was the name of the traveler) had planned to organize the postal service upon a new basis. He said that in England where family ties are strong, and where the members often live far apart, where too, the spirit of commerce knows no limit, the correspondence was only limited by the cost of the post; and that by lowering this barrier a great service would be rendered to society without hurting the resources of the treasury. These views were agreed to by the English government, and on the 10th of January 1840, not more than a penny was paid for a letter which circulated all over the whole extent of the British Isles. This bold scheme soon surpassed the hopes of the legislators. Ten years later, in 1850, the number of letters increased from 1,500,000 to 7,236,962. Mr. Rowland Hill occupied in England the post of Secretary to the Postmaster-General.

THE SMALLEST POST OFFICE.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

In order to increase our subscription list during the present month, we make the following liberal offer: To every person sending 20c's for a year's subscription to this paper, we will present with a pack of a hundred stamps.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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AZORES.

The 5 reis stamp is now surcharged in blue, and the 20 in red.

NORWAY.

The new set issued in January are now in circulation.

The two skilling envelope is to be surcharged 5 ore in blue.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The nine pence stamp is surcharged 8 pence in black.

NEW ZEALAND.

Has issued a post card. Value 1 penny. Color brown on buff.

CUBA.

Has issued a new set of stamps.

FRANCE.

The 20, 75 centimes and 1 franc are now in circulation.

FRENCH COLONIES.

The 10 bistre and 5 grey

have been received from the colonies unperforated.

JAPAN.

Has issued two post cards. Values and colors, 5 rins yellow, 1 sen blue.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The 5 shilling green is surcharged 1 penny in black.

FINLAND.

The current 10 peni post card of this place is now printed blue instead of lilac; and the word AINOASTAAN in place of AINOASTANSA.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

They have changed their stamps by taking off the final e.

NATAL.

The 1 penny fiscal of this place is doing duty for a postal; postage being surcharged thereon.

NEW FOUNDLAND.

The 5 cent stamp of this place is now printed in blue.

SWEDEN.

The new 10 ore post card is now mauve, and the 6 ore has been changed from lilac to brown. A new stamp has been issued. Value 4 ore. Color drab.

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EXCHANGES.

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The Monthly Review, Cincinnati, Ohio. Printing and contents fair.

The Monthly Blossom, St. Louis, Mo. Printing and contents good.

The Youths Favorite, Cuba, N. Y. Printing and contents fair.

The Star, Toronto, Canada. Printing fair and contents good.

The Philatelic Snoozer, New York. Printing and contents good.

The Optimist, Washington, D. C. Is a neatly printed sheet.

Our Free Lance, New York. Is one of the neatest and best papers published.

The Amateur Punch, New York. Is a neat spicy amateur paper.

The Echo, Brooklyn, N. Y. Is one of the best papers published.

The Western Exchange, Akron, O. printing and contents fair.

The Keystone, Baltimore, Md. Is a neat little sheet.

The Western Boy, St. Louis, Mo. Printing and contents fair.

SUSPENSIONS.

The Brilliant, Chicago, Ill.

The Amateur Newspaper and Printers Journal, Batavia, N. Y.

Our Boys, Beloit, Wis.

Amateur Times, Toronto, Canada.

The Atlas, Hudson, N. Y.

NOTES.

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Sox.

2.—DROP LETTER PUZZLE.

—a—a—a.

Sox.

3.—ANAGRAM.

Tell pa I hic.

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X. JEFFANY.

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No. 3.

HOW SHALL WE COLLECT.

WITH our younger collectors, the task of discriminating between the various modes of stamp collecting, is one of some moment, and the sooner a collector decides upon a plan, the better it is for him. A great many collect upon the so-called French plan, which advises the collector to admit into his album every variety of shade, color, paper and perforation which exists. This plan has its advantage, and its disadvantage. A collection arranged on the French system, presents a source of never failing delight and instruction to the true philatelist, and for a dealer, or an editor of a philatelic publication, it is of great advantage as a reference; still it has some defects, being very expensive, and requiring a large amount of time and labor to be properly

arranged; and then, again, a collection can never be made as complete, as some of the varieties are unobtainable, and others so extremely scarce, that only a few are to be met with, and these being held at such a figure that only the wealthy collector can hope to give them a place in his album,

Then there is the English system of collecting, which is only a slight modification of the French plan, and it is on the same principle, the same remarks will hold good for it also. Perhaps the plan which has the greatest number of adherents on this continent, is the American school, which advises the collection of only one variety in a stamp, and denounces the collection of every slight variety, which the French plan advocates. This system, is perhaps the best for young collectors; being more

simple, and requiring a smaller expenditure of money.

Then a collection arranged on this plan has more of interest to the casual observer, who cannot see why a distinction should be made between two stamps, because one has perforated edges and the other has not; or one may be darker in shade than another, when in all other respects they are identical.

Another thing in its favor is, that a collection can more easily be made complete.

A collector can very easily obtain one variety of almost every stamp, when if he attempts the feat of accumulating one of every slight variety, it will only be accomplished after years of time and labor and at a great expense.

In conclusion, we would advise the beginner to commence collecting on the American system, for the reason above stated. After a time, as his collection increases in numbers, and he becomes more familiar with various details of stamp

collecting, he may venture to include varieties of shades, perforation and watermark in his album, provided he is well supplied with necessary cash, and has the quantity of patience and perseverance well developed.

STAMP COLLECTING.

WE often hear persons say, "What sense is there in people spending money and time in collecting and arranging a lot of dirty pieces of paper." We sometimes feel angry at this reference to our favorite pastime, but on mature reflection we come to the conclusion that they do not know any better and are consequently to be pitied rather than blamed. Frequently when showing our collection to some friend or acquaintance, we hear the remark, "that they don't see any beauty or value in postage stamps" and after glancing over its pages, invariably close the book with the question "what are they good for"?

Now there is a vast amount of useful information to be

learned from the study of a well arranged collection of postage stamps. There is scarcely a civilized country in the world that has not adopted the method of pre-paying postage, and issuing stamps of various denominations for that purpose. Then how can the study of these little labels fail to be interesting and instructive, combining as they do a reference to Geography, History and Currency of the various governments which have had an existence? The minor details, such as the various modes of engraving and coloring, the varieties of perforation and watermark may also be found of great interest, if carefully studied, and so, almost before he is aware of the fact, the Philatelist has gained more knowledge concerning the various parts of the globe, from the study of their stamps, than he would have obtained by hard and careful reading of Histories, and all the time it has been a pastime instead of a labor.

Such, my unbelieving friends

are some of the advantage to be gained from the study of Philately; but if you would enquire further as to its benefits, you must join the increasing ranks. Become one of us, and will no longer exclaim, "What are they good for?"

Δ SNOOZER.

In the second number of the "Philatelic Snoozer," the editor says it would be better for us to chop wood for our mother than to think of publishing an amateur paper. We never done anything to Mr. Kottshofski, and were rather surprised, but, knowing him to be a fraud and dead beat he would be less than no time in publishing an article about a person.

He has cheated "Weber & Hamlyn" of England out of 10£ which were sent to him on credit and then announces them as frauds for doing so. We warn our readers to have no dealings with him and then you will not get cheated.

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	1	2	3	6	7	10	12	15	24	30	90
Agriculture.....	5	2	4								
Executive.....	10	15	10	10		15					
Interior.....	1	2	1	2		5	3	2	4	4	4
Justice.....	5	5	2	2		8	5	8			
Navy.....	3	3	2	2	9	5	4	5	6	7	20
Post Office.....	1	1	1	1		8	3	3	4	4	5
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SOX. - - - - - EDITOR.

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Answers to puzzles in March number.

1

SNOW
NINE
ONES
WEST

2

Malaga.

3

Philatelic.

4

Granger, Ranger, Anger.

5

Com(mit)ment.

1.—SQUARE WORD.

A ridge of earth; a specie of tree; not any; bottom timber of a ship.

Frank Lynn.

2.—DROP LETTER PUZZLE

—o—o—o—o—s.

E. Nuf.

3.—DECAPITATION.

Decapitate to tighten and get to run. Decapitate again and

get a unit.

SOX.

4.—SQUARE WORD.

Mud; a metal; stout cord; boy's name.

Caxton.

5.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I composed of 9 letters,
My 8, 4, 3, is a toy,
My 5, 6, 2, is to call about,
My 1, 7, 9, is to hasten,
My whole we detest.

Buzz.

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CHIT CHAT.

Frank Lynn, Thanks for your
puzzles. Write again.

Buzz, We respectfully decline your Charade and gladly accept the rest.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The 5, 10, 15 and 30 centavos stamps are to be surcharged 8, 16, 24 and 25 centavos respectively. The 5 centavos envelope stamp is out of issue as a new set of envelope stamps are soon to be issued.

ANGOLA.

Has issued a 40 reis stamp.

BAVARIA.

The money order card has taken off the final n.

CHILI.

A new set is now in preparation.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

A stamp is to issued to the value of 1£ sterling.

CAPE VERDE ISLAND.

A set of stamps have been issued for this place. The values and colors are 5 reis, black, 10 reis, yellow, 25 reis, rose, 40 reis, blue, 50 reis, green, 100

reis, lilac, 200 reis, orange and 300 reis, brown.

FINLAND.

A 1 Mark stamp has been added to the set.

GREECE.

The 10 lepta is now printed in orange on dark straw, and the 20 lepta in ultramarine on blue.

HOLLAND.

The 2½ card is now printed in lilac on buff.

ITALY.

An error was made in the 10 lire unpaid stamp. The numeral being upside down.

NORWAY.

The values of the new set mentioned in the previous number are 1 ore, bistre, 3 ore, yellow, 5 ore, ultramarine, 10 ore, carmine and 20 ore, brown. A post card was also issued. Value 10 ore. Color blue.

URUGUAY.

The new set of stamps are now in circulation.

SERVIA.

The post card is now printed in blue on rose.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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E. A. K., Fort Edward, We do not need any agents at present but when we do we will be glad to have you act as one.

J. C. S., Westfield, We have no use for the stamps you mentioned.

F. T. W., Eastport, 1 We do not know. 2 116. 3 We can supply them as cheap as any dealer.

J. F. H., Hampton, 1 about 30 cents. 2 The stamp company you mentioned are not reliable.

C. F., Cohoes, We cannot furnish back numbers.

A. A. G., Meriden, If you wish us to answer your questions you had better enclose postage.

B. & P., Westfield, The rates of advertising are on the last page. Cash in advance.

G. H. R., Northfield, Our time is too much taken up at present to be meddling with decalcomanias

J. K. T., St. Louis, We have only a few copies left and would not like to part with them unless a good price is paid.

EXCHANGES.

We have received the following new exchanges.

The Postage Stamp Reporter Montpelier, Vt. Is a good one.

Wiener Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung, Vienna, Austria. Is a first class paper in every respect.

Philatelistisch Berichte, Vienna Austria. Could be improved.

The Western Philatelist, Chicago, Ill. Contents fair.

Tritel's Monthly, Boston, Mass, Printing good and contents fair.

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VOL. 1.

MAY 15, 1877.

No. 4.

A PLEA TO STAMP COLLECTING.

OF the many manias for collecting with which we are blessed or cursed—having it as you will—postage stamp collecting is the most subject of ridicule. And why, may I ask? Because the idea of gathering together a parcel of torn and dirty scraps of colored paper is absorb. We never ridicule a person for collecting paintings, engravings, etc.

Yet postage stamps have the same care bestowed upon them as finest engravings. No common engraver is now—as of yore—called upon to engrave them, but the most skilful labor that the country can command is called to requisition. For instance, the British colonials are engraved mostly by De la Rue & Co., of England, and the United States, Central and South American stamps by the American Bank Note Co., whose work cannot be excelled, if equalled.

The finest portraits of Queen Victoria that are known to exist, are those upon the Canadian Bill stamps. But they are mere bits of paper, and yet how beautiful they are, when unused. The only authentic view of Sidney, New South Wales, in its earlier days, is upon a postage stamp—poorly and coarsely engraved, but still accurate. Now that the care bestowed upon the engraving of postage stamps has made them what they should be—work of art, I maintain

that every argument that is advanced for the preservation of engravings, paintings, etc., will apply equally as well to postage stamps. But paintings as well as postage stamps are worthless when defaced, and their beauty is destroyed, as well as our object in preserving them. Therefore, if possible, put into your album, only unused or very slightly cancelled stamps, and your collection will be fit to grace any parlor-table in the land and become, "A thing of beauty and a joy forever."

A RARE POSTAGE STAMP.

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NOW that stamp-gathering is such a wide-spread recreation, says the Springfield Republican, it will be of interest to many to learn that the second postage-stamp issued to the United States, was engraved by Thomas Chubbuck, of this city, at Brattleboro from 1845 to 1848, while his invalid wife was undergoing treatment at a water-cure there, and had an office directly over the post-office by which he became intimate with Palmer, the postmaster. At that time it cost five cents to send a letter and prepayment was optional. Postmasters' salaries, moreover, were graded, as they are now to some extent, by the amount taken in at the office, and the postmaster at New York thinking that the people would be more apt to

pay their postage if they could do so by means of stamps had some struck off at his own expense. One of these reached the Brattleboro post office, and the plan commended itself to Mr. Palmer's judgement, who determined to increase the revenues of his office, if possible, by the same means. Accordingly he employed Mr. Chubbuck to prepare a copper-plate for him, containing 8 stamps, and had five hundred printed. They were printed in black ink upon buff paper, and were of about the same dimensions as those now in use.

The design was very simple, consisting of an octagonal centre, differing from the border in the direction of the tinted lines. The centre contained the initials of the postmaster, "F. N. P.," in facsimile of his handwriting; above it was "Brattleboro" below, "Five cents" and on the sides, "P. O." Before the issue of five hundred stamps was used up, the Government began to publish postage stamps, and the destruction was

To be continued.

THE THREE CENT STAMP.

Soon the public will have seen the last of present three-cent stamps, and begin to get accustomed to something red, or possibly a new tint. The best and fastest color know; the three-cent green, has proved a placer for stamp-washers, who take off the oily caucellation without acid or alkali, and set the stamps afloat again.

So far, the Department has found no way out of the difficulty, and a long series of experiments just completed has

resulted in nothing more than the assurance that green is the poorest of stamp colors. At the time it was adopted, no other nation used it as its unit of letter postage, and, with its disuse, the common stamps the world over will run to reds and browns.

With the change of color, May 1st, there will be a change in design. The medallion head of Washington will be relieved by an open space of white, and the scroll work will have a different pattern. Altogether, the new stamp will bear some resemblance to a stamp of sixteen years ago, which most people have forgotten. The white back-ground is adopted in the hope that any attempt to wash the stamp will leave this part irretrievably soiled.

Some other in the stamps are likely to follow the making of a new contract, May 1st, and a new head is likely to be introduced in the shape of a medallion of liberty—one step toward bringing more similarity between the designs of coins and stamps. There is some intention of putting this design on the five cent stamp, used mostly for foreign postage.

Conference and correspondence with other authorities show that loss from the reuse of stamps is much more frequent here than abroad. It is scarcely known in England, and there stamps offer the additional temptation of being easy to counterfeit. The practice has recently begun in India, and the frugal folks are giving the Anglo-Indians Office serious loss by their skill in dealing with cancelled stamps.

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ALAVAR.

This place has issued a stamp. Value 9 annas. Color blue.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The 5 centavos stamp is surcharged 1 centavo in black.

URUGUAY.

The following are the values of the new stamps mentioned in our previous number. 1 centavo brown, 5 centavos green, 10 centavos brown, 20 centavos brown, 50 centavos black, 1 peso blue.

JAPAN.

The 5 rias orange and the 1 sen blue post cards are now printed on heavy card board.

GRENADA.

Two new stamps have been issued for this place. 1 penny yellow and 1½ penny yellow.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.

A new stamp has been issued for this place. Value 50 centavos. Color black.

CANADA.

A 1 cent navy blue stamp is in now preparation for this place.

GREAT BRITAIN.

This government has issued a 2½ pence envelope stamp. Color violet brown on white and tinted paper. The 4 penny red orange adhesive stamp is now printed in dark green.

PORTO RICO.

This island has issued a set of stamps

The values and colors are as follows: 5 ct. green, 10 ct. rose, 15 ct. green, 25 ct. ultramarine, 50 bistre.

DECCAN.

This government has issued a new stamp. Value and color 1 anna, black on white paper.

TURKEY.

A 20 paras post card is now in circulation for this place, and is printed in lilac on white card board.

NORWAY.

An envelope has been issued for this government. Value and color 5 oros blue.

BELGIUM.

The post card of this place is now printed without a border. 1 and 5 centimes wrapper stamps are shortly to come in circulation.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The 8 penny large yellow stamp is again in circulation after laying idle a long time, during the employment of the 9 and 10 penny stamps.

"How shall I sell my horse?" said a jockey to an acquaintance; "his tail came off in less than six hours after I bought him." "Sell him by wholesale, for no honorable man would re-tail him," was the reply.

A lively archer accosted a druggist the other day, "Mister please gimme a stick of liquorice, your clerk goes with my sister."

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NUTS TO BE CRACKED.

SOX. EDITOR

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328, New York.

Answers to puzzles in April number.

1.

BANK
ALOE
NONE
KEEL

2.

Monotonous.

3.

Bruce, Broc, Ace.

4.

MERE
IRON
ROPE
ENEU

5.

Hypocrite.

1.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A constant; a pointed instrument;
a tendon; not old; sometimes a vowel
Buzz.

2.—DECAPITATION.

Decapitate mild and get ground. De-
capitate again and get a conjunction.
Sox.

3.—SQUARE WORD.

To subdue; a continent; vapor; de-
vours.
Arden.

4.—SYNCOPEION.

Left to choice and get a precious stone.
Jim Nast.

5.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 14 letters.

My 13, 4, 2, is a metal,

My 3, 8, 11, is a noise,

My 7, 12, 6, 14, is to run,

My 12, 1, 9, is a intention,

My 5, 10, 2, is a transgression of divine
law,

My whole is impartial.

Frank Lynn.

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Answers must be in by the 1st of June.

CHIT CHAT.

Rebus.—Thanks for batch of puzzles
some will appear in our next number.

Buzz.—Be patient your puzzles will
appear. We cannot publish all at once.

Jim Nast.—Thanks for batch of puz-
zles received. Send on some more.

Arden.—Many thanks for Word Squ-
are. Why not send a batch at once.

Blue Glass.—From your batch sent
us, we decline your Diamond Puzzle.

P. Johnson We decline your puzzles
as they are not original. Don't get sick.

PRIZE WINNERS IN FEBRUARY NUMBER.

1st William Brown, New York.

2nd Louis Bishop, Williamsburgh.

3rd Frank Krieger, Sommerville.

EXCHANGES.

We have received the following new exchanges:—

The Amateur Journal, Boston, Mass. Is issued every Wednesday.

The Western Star, Otterville, Iowa. Has enlarged and improved.

The Young Idea, Memphis, Tenn. Is a new one.

The Philomath, Rawlinsville, Penn. Poor what there is of it.

The Amateur Review, Norfolk, Va. Is a neatly printed sheet.

The Review, Philadelphia, Penn. Printing and contents good.

The Amateur Roman, Roanoke, N. Y. Is a small one. Printing and contents fair.

The Agents Gazette, Port Hope, Ont. Is a good one, and is just what agents want.

The Boys' Journal, Toronto, Canada. Contents and printing fair.

The News Letter, Cleveland, Ohio. Is a neatly printed paper with spicy reading matter.

The Standard, Brooklyn, N. Y. Is one of the largest papers published and is filled with plenty of reading matter.

The Monthly Review, Cincinnati, O. Printing and contents fair.

The Dawn, Philadelphia, Penn. Is a neat one. Printing and contents good.

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AND

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to Correspondents.

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W. F. B., Buffalo, N. Y. We do not sell stamps wholesale.

G. C., Connellsville, Pa. We do not sell revenue stamps.

W. H. H., Watertown, N. Y. We do not send stamps on approval.

J. H. S., Toronto, Canada. You will see advertising rates on last page.

E. J. M., Auburn, Maine. This number will not cost you anything.

C. P. B., Montpelier, Vermont. We do not send copy of book with advertisement unless 25 cents extra is paid.

L. M., Hamburg, Germany. We will see about it.

H. D., Portland, Maine. We do not send stamps on approval or samples.

Beelzebub's Register.

[Under this heading Beelzebub will insert all persons as frauds who decline to settle up with us.]

On a tombstone in South Carolina, is the following tribute to departed worth: "Here lies the body of Robert Gordon, mouth almighty and teeth accordingly. Strangers, lightly tread over this wonder; if he opens his mouth you'r gone by thunder."

REMOVED.

W. Y. Edwards, has removed to 10 Barclay St., N. Y., where he would like to hear from all amateurs in the country. We have enlarged our place and have a great many facilities for supplying amateurs with printing materials. Publishers insert this and above for 25 cts., and send marked copy.

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OUR HOBBIES.

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BY THE REV. R. BRISCO EAKER.

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WONDER what it is which disposes the mind of man towards the collection of so many various things,—things which, in themselves have no real value in a monetary sense. I do not think it can be mere acquisitiveness which makes collectors, because the more valueless the things are, the more they seem to be sought after. And yet, in all countries, in all ages, collectors are and have been found.

Now collectors can be divided into several classes:—scientific, antiquarian, artistic, historical, sentimental,—and last but certainly not least,—fashionable! To the scientific collectors are due our great museums of geology, natural history, medicine, &c.; to the antiquarians those collections of arms, coins, old books, manuscripts and other relics of a half-forgotten past, which we find scattered about, more especially upon the continent; to the artists the world's grand galleries of pictures; to the historical collectors the many relics which are made interesting to us by their association with personages and events of olden time. The treasures of the sentimental collector are chiefly valuable to himself—or herself—alone;

for we cannot say that old love-letters, locks of hair, &c., &c., are particularly precious to the world in general! And with regard to the fashionable collectors, the things which they patronize, though so eagerly sought after at the time, soon go out of fashion again, and become valueless to their possessors.

But with regard to our favorite pursuit, our hobby,—in which catalogues are we to place it?—are we to call it scientific, or antiquarian, or artistic, or historical, or sentimental, or fashionable? Well, I think we shall not be going too far in saying that it may be placed in all these categories. For instance,—the scientific man can find something to interest himself in the various machines and processes connected with the manufacture of postage stamps; the antiquarian can even now, or at any rate in a few years will, find that stamps possess a value for him; the artist must have been interested in them from the very first; the historian sees that they are a very accurate memento of contemporary history; the sentimental ones can look on them with interest for the sake of the persons who once handled them; and the fashionable collectors value them because—well, because they are the fashion.

Now I think that the secret of the steady success of stamp-collecting lies

in the fact that it may be made to interest all these people, and that is why we find in it vogue in every class, and every rank of society. And so, though one may get tired of it, another begins to take it up; in fact, we may safely say that there will always be found some to take an interest in our hobby. At first it was confined chiefly to children, but now we find that the wisest and greatest are not ashamed to make a collection. For my own part, I may say that I have been a collector ever since 1862, and I have lost none of my interest in stamps since then. The thing which first set me steadily to work was seeing a "collection" in the exhibition of that year, but I had a few stamps even before then, though I had not known that anyone else was doing the same thing. So far, then, as myself was concerned, the idea was original, up to 1862. The reader will laugh when I tell him that all I possessed, up to that date, were a few of then current Badens and of the "Thurn and Taxis" stamps! These, closely clipped as they are, I still keep, in memory of the commencement of my collection. So far, only, I may be called a sentimental collector.

Now let us see what are the prospects of philately. It is, as I have said, no longer confined to boys, but has become a pursuit and amusement to grown-up people, yes, even to "grave and reverend seniors." Therefore though boys may tire of it, there will be no likelihood of its soon falling into decay, because it is now cultivated by those who

have more perseverance than the proverbial schoolboy.

To be continued.

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Ordered both of the stamps on hand and the dies. Hence has happened the extreme rarity of the stamps, which has led some to doubt their existence. Mr. Chubbuck had a single sheet of the stamps in his book of ramplew of his work for a number of years, but finally sold them, about two years ago, to a New Haven gentleman, who gave him a dollar apiece for them leaving the engraver chuckling over his bargain. Meeting the gentleman some time after, Mr. Chubbuck learned that he had sold the stamps for \$10. apiece; "but the man I sold them to" said he, "got \$20. apiece for them." This gentleman wrote an account of the stamps, which was published without Mr. Chubbuck's knowledge, in an English postal magazine, with a wood-cut of the stamp in consequence of this publication, Mr. Chubbuck has received numerous letters inquiring about the stamps and offering generous prices for copies of them, one man being willing to give \$100. for the original plate, if obtainable. The plate, however, had been destroyed, and the stamps are never met with except in the album of some philatelist who has been fortunate enough to secure a copy of the rare curiosity.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

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CEYLON.

Has disposed of the 4 cent envelope stamp of uncertain shape and is replaced by a new one resembling the 2½ English envelope. Color blue.

GUATEMALA.

The new set are now out. The values and colors are ½ real dark brown, 1 real green, 2 reals blue, 4 reals red and 1 peso red.

GRENADA.

The 1 penny yellow revenue stamp of this place is doing postal duty.

MOZAMBIQUE.

This colony has adopted the type values and colors of the Cape Verde Islands.

GERMANY.

The return post card of this place has been abolished.

ROMANIA.

The 1½ bani of this place is now printed in greyish-green.

HONG KONG.

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OUR HOBBIES.

BY THE REV. R. BRISCO EARLE.

BUT then there arises another question, and that is, what is to be done when our collections are complete? But can a collection ever become complete? I think not; at all events, there will continually be new issues, and new countries joining the the list of those already issuing; so that even if we could complete our collections up to to-day there would be something new for to-morrow.

And therefore we need have little fear that our favorite pursuit will ever come to an untimely end for want of the necessary materials; and though our collections may grow more and more bulky, we shall never be obliged to lay them by as finished works. I know that non-collectors will think it is rather a funny argument in favor of our hobby, that it can never be entirely brought to an end; but I honestly believe that if we could soon obtain all the stamps which exist, or will exist, we should very soon cease to care very much for our completed collections. I know that in my own case, I should not take half the interest that I do in my stamps, if I had a specimen or two of every stamp which has ever been issued from the

beginning; and I dare say some of my readers will think with me on this point.

There is another thing which is a drawback, in the eye of some, and that is the prevalence of forgeries. But I think it is only very young collectors who need be afraid of these formerly much-dreaded "bogeys" of philately! We are getting a great deal too wary now to be easily taken in by the shabby lithographs which seems to be the stock-in-trade of the forgers; and I fancy it is only among the most juvenile of our confreres that there is any sale at all for this sort of rubbish. And if we are occasionally deceived, we may comfort ourselves by the thought that those who ride other hobbies are quite as likely to be deceived in their pursuit as we are in ours. And so those who may be inclined to sneer at our hobby on account of the thousand-and-one forgeries to be met with, can be re-indeed by us that there have been such things known as forged old manuscripts as "brummagem" old coins, as counterfeit "old masters," as newly-manufactured old china, as made-up fossils and other geological and mineralogical specimens, as sham relics, &c.; so that we are not one item worse than our

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I think, then, that our hobby will bear comparison with any of these which have, from time to time engaged the attention of the public, or any portion of it; and if any should laugh at us, we can return the compliment. And though the fashion may change, though school boys may tire of collecting, there is still a future for philately; and the collector of one hundred years hence will have reason to thank us of the present day, who have spent so much time, and money, and patience on this our hobby.

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