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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.



T is with no little anxiety about its success that we venture to lay before you the first number of the **BOY'S TELEGRAM**. We must, at the same time, let you know our intentions with regard to the future numbers, and endeavour to cultivate a feeling of confidence between our Readers and ourselves.

In the first place, we offer a **Tale of School Life**; and, secondly, we use our best endeavours to fill up the remaining space with matter calculated to amuse the majority of the Boys of the nineteenth century. We hope our subscribers will not hesitate to give us their opinions, and a hint as to their likings, and we will always obey them. If our first Subscribers will kindly

recommend the "Telegram" to their friends, perhaps we shall so extend our circulation as to be enabled to enlarge the Magazine to twenty pages without any addition in the price.

THE NEW BOY.

CHAPTER I.

THE Bells rang merrily as Alfred Martin trudged along one sultry evening to take up his abode at Clayham School. Not that the bells rang so merrily *because* he trudged along, but it happened to be practising night at the church, and the ringers were doing their best.

Various were the surmises amongst the old scholars as to what sort of a fellow the new boy would turn out, and when Martin rang the loud bell at the formidable entrance of the Academy they all rushed to the window of the schoolroom to take a peep at their new comrade. They saw a boy of about seventeen years of age, tall and well made, with a merry face ornamented by a pair of laughing eyes; and when the master entered with our hero, and bade them welcome their schoolfellow, they proceeded to see what he was made of.

"Can you play at cricket? Are you a dab at Latin? Do you know French?" were the questions rapidly poured out by the boys in their soundings of Alfred. He said he could do a little of each; and they commenced initiating him into the mysteries of Clayham School life. On the morrow they were going to have a

jolly match at cricket with the Clarendon boys, who had beaten them in the first match, and it was the return match they were to dispute to-morrow on the Clarendon school-ground. They had only two good bowlers, Cooper and Allen; and Mr. Starey, the master of Clayham school, had said that because so much noise had been made in school hours to-day, only the eleven and a scorer, with a master for umpire, should go to-morrow. They had several good batsmen, and the eleven was to be—Allen, Cooper, Stewart, Wood, Carey, Brown, Wilson, Cunningham, Beach, Stracey, and Glair, whilst the scorer had not yet been chosen by Mr. Starey.

The boys, by their description of the former game, so filled Alfred's mind with anxiety for the result of the morrow's match, that he expressed much sorrow that he had not come to the school earlier, in order to participate in the jollities of the return match with the Clarendon boys; and he went to bed, and dreamt of leg-hits, off-cuts, and on-drives, and wickets falling under the prowess of his bowling. Wednesday came at length, notwithstanding the opinion expressed by the players in bed on the preceding night that it never would come; and the summons of the first bell was responded to with an alacrity rather unusual in the dormitories of Clayham school. No umpire had yet appeared, and each of the masters seemed rather anxious to be the chosen one; but when Mr. Starey at length appeared, and nominated Alfred Martin the scorer and the second master the umpire, loud were the cries of disappointment amongst the unsuccessful candidates. Of course Alfred was nearly overwhelmed with joy, and

at once began looking up some blotting paper and the usual requisites of a score.

At nine o'clock punctually an omnibus was at the door, and, with a crack of the whip, the horses started and were soon making their way towards the cricket ground of the Clarendon school. Passing along the road, in great glee at their holiday, the boys (who were all on the top of the 'bus) caught at the sweeping branches of the oak trees overhanging the road, and plucked the leaves and acorns to adorn their hats. Unfortunately, Cooper had tried several times without success, and being unmercifully chaffed by his friends, he made a "grab" at a splendid bunch of acorns hanging rather high, and over-reaching himself, fell from the top of the omnibus to the ground. Immediately the horses were stopped, and the master (the only one inside the omnibus) got out, and rushed to pick up the unlucky boy; but he found Cooper on his feet and unhurt, except his right hand, which was very much cut and bruised, owing to its having fallen on a large flint stone. The boys collected round, and, seeing Cooper's hand streaming with blood, suggested that they should return at once to Clayham, and get a doctor to attend to it.

But Cooper would not hear of it, and bravely said, that a little water to wash his hand would soon show them that he was not so much hurt as they thought for. Some water was quickly brought, but it was found that the stone had inflicted a severe cut in the palm of the hand, and it was evident that if they proceeded, Cooper would be unable to partake in the game.

"But," suggested that worthy, "why can't Martin

play instead of me, and I dare say I shall manage to score."

Some of the boys at first did not see it, but there was no help, and they once more resumed their seats, and in a short time arrived at the Clarendon school-ground. Their adversaries were busy practising, but on the bell being rung, the ground was cleared and the match began. The Clayham captain won the toss, and Allen and Wilson appeared at the wickets to the bowling of the Clarendon Dot and Baron. The bowling was good, and in a short time the score stood:—

Allen b. Dot . . . 6	Glair b. Baron . . . 1
Brown c. Baron b. Dot 8	Cunningham b. Dot. . 0
Beech b. Baron . . . 0	Martin (not out) . . 2

How our hero saved the match, you will see in the next chapter.

(To be continued.)

AN EPISODE OF FRENCH HISTORY.

IT was the year 1793.

The dews of evening were fast falling upon the crowded thoroughfares of the city of Paris.

Along the Rue des Cordeliers ran a young and lovely girl. She was simply, even plainly dressed. Casting furtive glances around her, she sped on her way, and at last halted before the gate of a porter's lodge. Unclasping the padlock, she swung the gate open, and passed through with swift and noiseless footsteps.

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In a house in the Rue des Cordeliers, a man with a soiled handkerchief bound lightly round his forehead, lies in a bath, over which is spread a coarse covering of linen. A board, likewise placed transversely, supports some parchments, which the man, whose countenance is of a hideous cast, seems correcting with a pen. Hark! there is a knock at the door!

"Come in!"

The young girl of whom we have just spoken enters. She gazes upon the man as if horror struck, and states her errand.

The man lays down his pen, and listens attentively.

"I am here to give information respecting the Girondists," says the girl. "I have just left Caen, and know something of their proceedings there."

"Good," cries the man, in whom we recognize Marat the famous French revolutionist, "give me their names—the names of the dastardly conspirators."

The girl complies. Marat rapidly inscribes the names on a piece of parchment: he finishes.

"They shall die before the week is out."

The girl starts back in horror. She puts her hand beneath the handkerchief which covers her bosom, and draws from thence a knife. Another moment, and she plunges it into Marat's heart. He gives one loud expiring cry, and sinks back dead into the bath.

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A crowd gathers in the apartment whither the young girl has fled. It learns with stupor that Marat, the Friend of the People, has been murdered. Deeper still their wonder when they gaze upon Charlotte Corday, the fair murderess. She stands there before them in

dishevelled garments: her hair hangs in shreds down her back, the broad green ribbon which bound it still clinging there. How beautiful, how serenely lovely, does she appear!

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It is the fourth day from the murder of Marat.

A heavy storm breaks over the city, as a car leaves the Conciergerie for the Place de la Revolution. An immense crowd lines the street, and from its midst rise loud hootings and execrations, as the occupant of the car is beheld. But soon the cries are changed to those of admiration, surprise, and pity, when the exquisite loveliness of her countenance and the beauty of her figure become more fully revealed.

She stands now near the guillotine. As she beholds it, a slight pallor overspreads her visage; but it quickly disappears. The executioner removes the handkerchief that covers her neck and shoulders, and a slight blush suffuses her face.

The culprit kneels to the block; the executioner touches a spring, and the axe falls. The lifeless head rolls down upon the scaffold, and a man advances, raises it, and strikes it on either cheek. A loud murmur rises from the crowd in strong disapprobation, as many think they behold upon the features of Charlotte Corday an angry and a crimson flush.

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ON STAMPS AND STAMP COLLECTING,

By THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER I.

NOVELTIES.



AS all Stamp Collectors are pleased to hear of any new introductions into the timbrophilic world, we are pleased to have the chance of pointing out a few fresh things.

VICTORIA.—A new Stamp has been issued here, value tenpence, of a green colour. One penny green is altered.

HOLSTEIN—Adds another Stamp to its collection, of the following description:— $1\frac{1}{4}$ schilling; inscription, **HERZOGTH-HOLSTEIN** printed in deep violet, with a coloured inscription.

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UNITED STATES.—The colours of the following Stamps are changed:—12 cents. envelope to a dark brown; 24 cents. to a dull blue; 40 cents. to a rose colour. A new Stamp of the following description has appeared in this country:—15 cents. rect., black impression on white paper. The late President Lincoln's portrait (a very good one) forms the centre, in an oval frame above are the words **U. S. POSTAGE**, and **FIFTEEN CENTS.** below. The Figure 15 is placed in each corner.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 4d. rose is now changed to yellow.

URUGUAY.—A new set of Stamps have appeared. Full description will be given in our next.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We believe it is not generally known that the 9d. stamp, with large letters at angles, is no longer circulated.

DUTCH GUANA.—We hear that Stamps will soon make their appearance here.

HAMBURGH.—2½ schilling, dark yellow, is changed to light green.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A new 13 cent. has appeared.

NORWAY.—3 skilling, mauve, same design as present issue.

BELGIUM.—This country has issued an entire Set of Stamps of a very different impression from the old ones. They are pretty stamps of a light neutral colour on white paper. Impression of the one centime is a lion with ornamental border.

FINLAND.—Two local stamps have made their appearance here for the towns of Helsingfors and Tammerfors. Full description in our next.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A new stamp, the production of the American Bank Note Company, value 5 cents., has just appeared. It bears in the centre a portrait of King Kamehama V. in military costume, printed in blue on white paper.

PERSIA.—We understand that a set of Stamps for this place have just appeared.

SAXONY.—A set of local Stamps has just appeared.

DENMARK.—A too-late local Stamp has just appeared.

* * * We shall always be glad if our Correspondents will favour us with notices of new Stamps which do not appear in our List.

Our Sphinx.

No. 1.

THE Initials read downwards, and the Finals read upwards,
give the name of a European Country and its Capital.

1. A range of mountains in Scotland.
2. A town in France.
3. A river in Prussia.
4. A Scottish city.
5. A town in India.
6. An Italian island.

No. 2.—Square Words.

- | 1. | 2. | 3. |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A snare. | 1. A waggon. | 1. A fruit (plural). |
| 2. Violent anger. | 2. Likewise. | 2. One. |
| 3. A disease. | 3. An island. | 3. An age. |
| 4. A noble. | 4. A minister. | 4. A movement. |
| | 4. | |
| | 1. Captivity. | |
| | 2. Above. | |
| | 3. A Roman Emperor. | |
| | 4. To fall. | |

No. 3.

CRYPTOGRAPH.

Ree 'Hlâe Reawhhww' lehareer ha X ruze, rww rehha.

No. 4.

NUMBERED CHARADE.

I am a word of 14 letters.

My 3, 14, 13, 4, 2, 3 was one of our country's bravest defenders.

My 8, 9, 3 is a metal.

My 7, 6, 12, 11, 13, 14, 2, 3 was an ambitious Frenchman.

My 12, 9, 10, 5, is a measure.

My 3, 6, 10, 8, 14, 4, is a town in France.

My 13, 14, 6, 12, is a jump.

And my whole is a large European city.

No. 5.

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A. F.—The commission for Agents is 25 per cent. Send us your card and order.

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5th	3031	15th	1453	25th	3126
6th	303	16th	1734	26th	3159
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