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ONE MILLION STAMPS.

Every few weeks some one announces himself as the victim of the 1,000,000 postage stamp hoax. It is firmly believed by many, that if 1,000,000 stamps are collected and forwarded to some one, a home will be secured or a large amount of money will be paid.

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The swindle was originated by a stamp collector at Stettin, Germany. He desired to get vast collections to sort out, and sell again, and to set the whole civilized world at work for him gratis. He announced that an orphan would be cared for in the Syrian orphan home for every 1,000,000 stamps sent him. This worked well, and the next dodge was that for 1,000,000 stamps a home for an old lady or gentleman would be provided in one of three homes, one in London, another in New York and a third in Cincinnati. By this way the Stettin man collected 1,000,000,000 stamps in the United States alone.

---N. H. E.

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of tobacco, which stood for money in those days. Prior to 1760 the mail was carried from Portsmouth, N. H., to a point near Boston, called Wells, by a very intelligent dog. He wore a little barrel, which was fastened to his neck, wherein the mails for the neighborhood were deposited. To be continued.

NOTES.

Many collectors ask, "What do the letters in the corners of the Great Britain stamps signify? These letters were designed to lessen the chances of counterfitting, but this system was too expensive however, and had to be discontinued. Also by carefully noting the different letters, you can tell the exact position of the stamp in the whole sheet of stamps. Thus each stamp in the same sheet would have different lettering.

The stamps of Portugal will not be surcharged for its colony, the Azores, any more, They will use the regular issues without any surcharge.

Austria has issued a new set of stamps, they are as follows: 1 kr. grey, 2 kr. pale brown, 3 kr. green, 5 kr. red, 10 kr. blue, 12 kr. red, 24 kr. grayish blue, 30 kr. brown, 50 kr. violet, also 1 and 24 gulden.

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U. S. 1890 30 " black	.06
U. S " 90 " orange	.19
Italy 20 on 30	.09
Japan 1 yen	.18

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