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## SOME SMALL TALK.

BY THE EDITOR.

Slate Lick is situated in the western part of Armstrong County, Pa. This locality is not famous for the production of any rare or noted minerals, although its mineral deposits are valuable; especially the limestone, of which an abundance of the best quality is found. Bituminous coal is also plentiful, in some veins of which iridescent or "peacock coal" of great beauty is found. Choice specimens of this article, however, are to be found in but few veins, and then near the surface where the coal is somewhat soft. Iron ore is here procured, but not in large quantities. It is found in solid veins, and also in gravel beds in the form of "pockets," or single lumps.

In the limestone above referred to, fossils of various kinds are to be found.

but they are scarce. Shells of several kinds, crinoid stems, and others of which I do not know the names, may be obtained by diligent search. Fine specimens, however, are extremely difficult to procure, as they are usually imbedded in the lime and cannot be removed without breaking. Flagstone, valuable for building purposes, soapstone, slate, and others are also found. This is in the great petroleum and natural gas region of Pa.

In this brief space it is impossible to make further remarks on this subject.

We are thoroughly in love with the seemingly foolish hobby of collecting stamps. It is 3 years since we first became interested in this pleasing pastime (science, nonsense or whatever it is), yet our ardor does not diminish, but instead increases with the increase of our collection. The stamps of the U. S. have an especial attraction for us, and many a pleasant hour have we passed with our (as yet) small collection of these interesting labels.

Collectors, we will print exchange lists for stamps not in our collection.

## WHILE WE THINK OF IT.

When writing to us, unless on business, please enclose stamp for reply.

Who would like a nice pet in the shape of a tame 3-legged chicken? One for sale at this office.

Perhaps this little sheet may fall into the hands of some who never heard of such a thing as stamp collecting, and who take no interest in it. To such persons we would say: Look through all the old letters about your home; be sure that none are left stowed away in old trunks and missed. Carefully remove every stamp you find on letters or papers dated before 1870. Also go over all the bottles, medicine wrappers, match boxes, photographs, etc., and remove all the stamps that are in good condition. Then send us a list, or send the stamps on approval, and we will give good value in exchange for them. See elsewhere a list of some articles we have to exchange.

We have for sale, or exchange, a few specimens of Peacock coal that would make a nice addition to any mineral collection.

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# THE TINY COLLECTOR.

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gratuitously.

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HERBERT BRICKER,

EDITOR, PRINTER & PUBLISHER,

Slate Lick, Armstrong County, Penn'a.

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The TINY COLLECTOR will be issued occasionally, as the editor has the time and inclination, and will be sent free to those sending stamps for postage.

We hope our prattle may be of some little interest to you; but should it prove disagreeable, gently slide us into the waste-basket.

Help! help us increase our collection of U. S. stamps, reader, by sending any scarce duplicates you may care to part with. In return, as an equivalent, we will give anything in our power.

We hope the larger papers will not entirely ignore this tiny sheet.

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Issue a paper, "just for fun." We will print 100 copies of a 4 page sheet, this size, for only 75 cents.

**WANTED**—All kinds of old U. S. postage, revenue, due and department stamps; also Special Delivery stamps and arrow-heads. In exchange for the above we have, among many others, the following articles: Rare and common foreign stamps; postmarks; chromo adv. cards; minerals and fossils from this locality; shells, and other sea curiosities; valuable recipes; reading matter, and other goods too numerous to here enumerate.

We offer a special bargain in Envelopes. They are of tough Manilla paper, and just such as we use in our own correspondence. Printed with your name, address and return notice, only 28c per 100, delivered free. This is probably less than you would pay for the same, unprinted, if bought at a store. Collectors and all persons using the mails should have these printed Envelopes and thus avoid danger of losing valuable letters.

For every 2 good Philatelic papers we will give a Leisure Hour Library.

## VARIETIES.

Haven't you started a collection?

**INK POWDERS.** By simply dissolving in water, each package will make 2 ozs. ( $\frac{1}{8}$  pint) of most beautiful red, blue, violet, orange, green or black ink. Price 5 cents; 6 packages 20 cents.

To any one sending us 25 department, revenue (except 2c Inter. Rev.) or U. S. Postage stamps used before 1870, we will give all the following:

2 Nos. Leisure Hour Library,	Price 6c
1 large shark's egg,	" 6c
1 specimen Peacock coal,	" 6c
1 Word Table	" 5c
1 sheet gummed stamp hinges,	" 5c
Fifty different foreign stamps,	" 5c

Total value, 33 cents. Other articles will be substituted if desired.

HERBERT BRICKER,  
**STATIONERY & JOB PRINTER,**  
SLATE LICK, PA.

Of course no collector now uses mullage in affixing the stamps to his album. Such relics of barbarism have passed away

## MISCELLANY.

Hunt up the old stamps.

Every time we look at the handsomely engraved U. S. stamps of '69, we wonder why it was that such a beautiful issue should be so soon suppressed.

Having a small quantity of the following articles on hand, we offer them, while they last, at these bargain prices:

Large shark's eggs,	1c
Star Fish,	5c
One pound good magazines, &c.,	16c
75 varieties foreign stamps,	8c
300 mixed " " "	10c
100 varieties good postmarks,	10c
100 sheets white print paper, 6x9,	13c
Specimen French blurr stone,	5c to 15c

Postage extra on orders under 15c.

Collectors, please send list of all the scarce U. S. stamps you have to exchange.

For sale cheap.—a font of this Brevier Roman type, in fair condition. Send stamp for particulars and price.

Send us your orders for Job Printing. We make a specialty of delivering work by mail. Samples 2c. Try us.

## MARVELOUS PRICES!

2 Porcupine Quills,	Shark's Tooth,
Fossil,	Star Fish,
3 Bl'k Eyed Susans,	Scalloped Shell,
Cone Pine Burr,	2 Gum Burrs,
2 var. Bird's Nests,	2 var. Bird's Wings,
25 var. For. Stamps,	25 var. Postmarks,
For'n Postal Card,	2 Inter. Rev. Stamps
2 Rare Stamps,	100 Gum st'p hinges.

Your choice of the above, 40c. All for 40c.

**C. Haddaway, Easton, Md.**

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# THE TINY COLLECTOR.

SLATE LICK, PA., SUMMER, 1887.

No. 2

## THE TINY COLLECTOR.

Devoted to airing the pet opinions of its editor.

Published occasionally, as the editor has the time and inclination, and sent free to personal friends and correspondents; to others on receipt of postage.

Address all correspondence: HERB. BRICKER, Slate Lick, Pa.

Here again.

How are your collections coming on?

If you receive 2 copies it means that one is intended for your friend over the way. Please see that he gets it.

Editors receiving this issue are requested to exchange.

I have some old U. S. postage, revenue and department stamps to exchange for others of same lacking in my col. Send list of your scarce duplicates.

No, my friend. I'm no walking grammar school, so if you happen on some grammatical errors, just say nothing about it.

I will give good exchange for revenues. Look 'em up.

You will notice that this paper differs from the majority in that the editor uses I, me, my, etc., when speaking of himself, instead of we, us and our. Why not, when a paper has but one editor.

If you are thinking of getting out a paper, I would be pleased to quote prices on printing it for you.

For sale, at a bargain—several full and complete fonts of job type. Send 2c stamp for specimens.

I have decided to remove from my collection reprints of the U. S. locals, and discontinue collecting them. It is my opinion that they should have no place in a collection of genuine stamps.

## The Exchange,

A 4 page monthly, devoted to the interest of Agents, Exchangers and collectors. It contains original stories, sketches, &c. One year's subscription 25c. Sample copy free. Address—522 Penn. Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Ads. 40 cents per inch.

I hope you may take as much pleasure in receiving this little sheet as I do in sending it out.

What have you in the way of old U. S. stamps to offer for a collection of 35 varieties of French stamps?

When writing to this office please enclose a stamp for reply; if you wish one. This may seem a small matter to some, but when several dozen letters are received, each requiring a reply, the postage amounts to quite a sum.

If more collectors would stop taking indiscriminately every thing in the line of foreign stamps and devote their time to a collection of the United States stamps, I venture to say that the collection would yield them far more pleasure, and besides, the stamps would be worth more in the end; for unless you have quite a large number of foreign stamps, the collection is worth comparatively nothing.

When you are in need of printing don't fail to give me a call.

I have a few U. S. Postal cards, brown with blue or red used but printed on the back. Who wants one at 3 cents? Speak out, loud.

Keep your collections growing. Nothing will so much help to keep up an interest in a collection as to be adding new specimens occasionally.

NOTE-TAKER.—An arrangement of the letters of the alphabet, in such a way that you can find out any letter or words thought of by another. You've saw or heard of the Magic Age Cards? Well, this is similar, only far better. Price 2 cts.

No, the circulation of the TEN COLLECTOR isn't large, but it's awful sweet.

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Envelopes, Note-heads, Labels, Cards, Circulars, Price-lists, &c., &c.,

AT LOWEST POSSIBLE RATES.  
SLATE LICK, - PA.

If it is true, as it doubtless is, that the Indians had certain camps as workshops, where they made arrow-heads, &c., I have in mind a place where there has undoubtedly been one of these "workshops." About one-half mile from my home, in the mouth of a ravine is a green, level spot which would be most admirably fitted for a camp. A public road crosses past, along which I have found several arrow-heads and other articles, and an examination of the ground shows it to be full of small chips of flint. I intend digging there this summer, and may possibly bring some relics to light.

I have quite a stack of amateur papers, published during 1885-6, many of them being the finest papers of the 'dom. I want to dispose of a lot in exchange for scarce U. S. stamps. Who wants to trade?

Speaking of amateur papers reminds me that I have a copy of The Remark, each of its 4 pages measuring  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2$  inches. I would here "remark" that this is the smallest I have yet come across.

Don't collect too many things at once. Better take one branch and devote your energies to it, than collect a little of every thing and not much of anything.

I would be very glad to hear from any one who can furnish any of the following stamps, in exchange for other rare ones:

DOC., 1ST ISSUE.

- 2c Certificate, blue,
- 3c Playing Cards,
- 4c " "
- 6c Proprietary,
- 10c " "

And many others. Advanced collectors, please send me a list of your rare duplicates.

For sale at this office, the following minerals, &c., at prices quoted:

- Peacock coal, fine, 5c
  - Fossil Limestone, 5c
  - French bulb stone, 10c
  - Flintstone, 5c
  - Two oozs. small fossil shells, crinoid stems, &c., 12c
  - 100 var. post marks, sq. cut, 10c
  - 100 mixed do., many rare, 7c
  - Large sheet stamp hinges, 8c
  - 50 var. foreign stamps, 5c
- Postage paid.

To receive the next No. of the TRAVELER'S COLLECTOR, (if ever one is issued, which is probably it will be necessary for you to send to the editor thereof, the extraordinary sum of one cent stamp.

During the summer months, when business is usually dull, I will do Printing for collectors and dealers and take in pay old U. S. stamps of any kind.

When answering advertisements please mention **TINY COLLECTOR**.

My collection of U. S. stamps at this date, June 11, numbers just 297 varieties. Steady, my friend! don't get excited; I should have thought twice before making such a startling announcement. No doubt you supposed me to have six or eight hundred? Well, my collection is small, but it is growing at a steady rate, and by the time this sheet is again issued I hope to have upwards of 500.

Can't you contribute something that would be interesting to publish in the next **TINY COLLECTOR**? I want to make it worth perusing, and a sheet filled entirely with the editor's own writings is almost sure to weary the reader, so it is said.

If I intended taking up some other branch of collecting, besides U. S. stamps, it would be minerals, I think

## THE MYSTIC WORLD.

A monthly paper devoted to the interests of all. Contains Exchange, Numismatic and Philatelic Depts. Also a serial story and short stories. 25 cts a year. Sample copy for stamp.

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Is a bright, newsy paper for collectors, published on the 1st of each month. Exchange column and Collectors Directory free to subscribers. Only 25c a year, if you mention this paper. W. E. BILLINGS, Box 688, Marlboro, Mass.

**INK POWDERS.** Red, Violet, Green, Blue, Orange and Black. Five cents per package, each of which will make 2 ozs. of good ink. Large discount to dealers. Address, HERBERT BRICKER, Slate Lick, Pa.

### KEYSTONE

## Kuriosity Kalendar

Published monthly in the interests of general curiosity collectors, at 25c per annum. Serial Story commenced in the June No. Send stamp for sample copy to

E. E. HOLLINGWORTH,  
Freeport, Pa.

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Old U. S. Postage, department and revenue (especially unaltered and medicine) stamps in large or small quantities, for cash or good exchange. Address with stamp, HERBERT BRICKER, Slate Lick, Pa.

Collectors wishing old U. S. stamps at low rates should send to W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O.

# THE TINY COLLECTOR.

Vol. I.

AUTUMN, 1887.

No. 3.

## FOR TINY COL.] EARLY POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY E. D. MEIVILLE.

Not every one knows that the postage stamp is a woman's invention. A French woman, the Duchess de Longueville, in 1653, invented it. But for some reason this idea died out for nearly 200 years, and was then revived. It was first advocated in England by Rowland Hill in 1837, and adopted in 1840. The first design was a small boy on a galloping horse, blowing a trumpet and clad only in his integrity. He had a scarf along with him, but apparently only used it as a wrap in cold weather, for in the picture it floats out behind him adding to the appearance of great haste.

This design was in memory of the days when Assyrian and Persian monarchs had their posts placed at stations a days journey from each other, with horses saddled ready to carry with fleet feet the decrees of the despot.

In the Roman Empire imperial edicts were passed to the provinces by the same means.

The United States took up

the postage stamp in 1847, not such a great while ago after all. The first stamp bore the head of Benjamin Franklin, who was efficient in developing our postal service, and who was deputy Postmaster General of the colonies in 1753. It represents him before he could be called old. It is said that he was good looking, with a fair complexion and gray eyes.

The Cape of Good Hope, in 1853, adopted a three cornered stamp both novel and pretty. The stamp of Afghanistan is meaningless to an American, while that of Japan, with its faint tea leaves, is graceful and beautiful. In 1869 the United States issued a twenty-four cent stamp, which is a miniature representation of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Now that so many millions of the special delivery stamps have been used, the majority of which have been saved up by collectors, it will be a long time before they become very scarce. The system seems to be holding out longer than a great many expected it would when first started.

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Once more the little COLLECTOR is launched, and I do not doubt that the returns will be of sufficient value to pay the expenses of many more voyages.

Copies of this issue are sent to several Amateur friends of ye olden time (2 or 3 years since), with hopes that they will send late copies of their respective papers, if still publishing them.

What are we going to do about this way some dealers have of inditing "chestnuts" on one in the shape of unsolicited sheets of foreign stamps? I have been so pestered by this that I have adopted the plan of notifying the dealer of their receipt, and stating that they will be returned when necessary postage is forwarded. Dealers who do business in this slipshod manner, should not complain if they lose sheets. Some are working at it, too, who are old enough to know better.

Revenues wanted: good ex.

Every collector can find a multitude of uses for small manilla envelopes. They come so handy when sending silver or stamps by mail, putting up packets, &c. I can furnish 100 of them, size  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$  inches, for only 18c, or printed for 6c more; 50 blank, 14c; 25, 7c. Send for some.

We older heads (?) know to let advertisements severely alone which read, "Insert — times and send bill;" although many of the young publishers are caught by them.

If you should receive 2 copies of this No., kindly hand the extra one to some friend, who may take pleasure in looking the little fellow over.

I will give the best exchange for obsolete U. S. stamps, including revenue, postage and official. Anyone having such to dispose of are requested to send them, and I will make an offer.

It will help the TINY Cause, if you mention it when answering ads. found therein.

## DID YOU KNOW

That a dime sent to the right place will bring you a 3 month subscription to a nice paper devoted to The Natural Sciences, a porcupine quill, needle-grass, Ken. coffee bean, and a specimen of selenite? Well, it will, if sent to

THE GEOLOGIST'S GAZETTE,  
237 Seneca St., Wichita, Kans.

I consider that money invested in a collection of rare stamps is money laid away for a rainy day.

This thing of collecting old stamps may seem silly to those who have never heard of the like; but "we all have our hobbies," and many who would scorn the idea of collecting stamps, may have some hobby that would look equally ridiculous to the mind of another.

The National Collector's Association is a newly organized concern which promises to become an affair of more than ordinary interest to collectors. At this writing, although an officer of the Association, I regret that I am unable to give particulars, but the expectation is to have it in good running order within 2 or 3 months. Particulars may be obtained from President of the Ass'n, E. D. MELVILLE, 610 Morton Ave., Chester, Pa.

My prices for printing a 4 page paper, this size, are as follows: 100 copies, \$1.55; 300, \$3.00; 500, \$2.70. Postage 5c per 100 *extra*. These prices include good paper; common paper, 10 per ct. less. Brevier type is used, set solid, which will print nearly 75 per cent. more matter to the page than 12 Primer type, leaded. Only a limited number of orders can be taken.

Send for a sample copy of the *Youth's Ledger*, and you will be likely to subscribe.

During the past summer I have indulged in several days collecting. To dispose of some of the plunder thus obtained, I will send a good 5c specimen of each of the following minerals, for only six 2c stamps: Fossil lime, Flagstone, Iron ore, Peacock coal and Soapstone. Each pkg. will also contain a few fossil shells, or other old items. Postpaid. Don't put off sending too long.

For sale: 12 lb. font of good Brevier Roman type, for only \$3. Also several job fonts at about half price.

My collection of U. S. stamps this day, Aug. 20th, numbers 381 varieties;—a gain of 84 since last issue.

Thanks! This is to the many who have written encouraging words about this insignificant sheet; also to those who have kindly sent stamps in exchange for my col.; also to the editors who have sent copies of their papers—to all, I say, thanks.

I print and send Envelopes, Note-heads, cards, circulars, &c., &c., by mail as low, I think, as any. Get my prices, when needing anything in this line.

Fine Print'g for rare stamps.  
407 copies of this issue.

With the attention revenue stamps are beginning to receive, a paper devoted to this most interesting branch of Philately is in order. There are certainly enough collectors of revenues to support a representative. Start one, somebody. Do.

The chap who predicts that the common 3c stamps of 1851 to 1870 will be sold as high as 50 cents in 1900, I think is a "leetle off." Such an advance in the short space of 12 years, while not impossible, is very improbable.

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**THE YOUTH'S LEDGER, P. O. Box 3487, NEW YORK CITY.**

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# THE TINY COLLECTOR.

VOL. 2.

SLATE LICK, PA., SPRING, 1888.

NO. 1.

## ALL EDITORIAL.

I have in my possession an interesting relic of the Rebellion in the form of a \$100 Bond, dated Feb. 10th, 1862. Only eight Bonds had been issued by the Confederate government before this one, it being No. 8.

A few words regarding Confederate money. Some dealers make a special point in guaranteeing all notes sold by them to be new and crisp. Now, if I was purchasing Confederate notes as mementoes of that great struggle between the North and the South, and it is this object most collectors have in view, I would pass by new, bruised notes, and take those that had been in circulation, even if some worn. Such notes have, in my estimation, many times the value of those that never done duty during the war, possibly at its close had not yet saw the light.

A correspondent makes mention of a party in Fandon, Ill., calling himself Rev. H. C. Lucas, who cruelly swindled said correspondent out of a

considerable amount of stamps and then asked him to not think hard of him. Collectors had best look out for the Rev.!

It is indeed a sad thing that some have no more sense of justice and right than to act dishonestly, even to telling deliberate falsehoods, for the sake of a stamp, or other trifle. How any pleasure can be derived from a collection dishonestly obtained I cannot imagine. Surely through time it will be found to "sting like an adder." But if being true, as almost every collector knows, to his sorrow, that there are such dishonest ones, it is our duty to use extreme caution in dealing with strangers, of whom we know nothing.

**SMALL ENVELOPES.**—Just what nearly every collector wants. Size  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ , 25 for 7c; 50 for 12c; 100 for 19c. Size  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ , 25 for 8c; 50 for 14c; 100 for 23c, all post paid. I use a lot of them in keeping my duplicates in good shape. Dealers or others who would want them printed will be given prices by letter.

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Sterling's Revenue Catalog., 5th edition, has at last arrived, and to revenue collectors it is truly a gem of the first water.

Some will receive more than one copy of this issue. These are persons who I think will not be offended if asked to do a favor, and I request them to hand or send the extra copies to friends interested.

I have heard of several papers that condescended to notice this sheet and of which no copy came my way. Please, gentlemen, if you think it worth while to mention us in your journal, start a copy in this direction.

Three hundred copies of a paper this size will be printed

at this office, and sent post paid, for \$1.95; cash with manuscript. This price certainly is reasonable when it is considered that nearly all my type is new, and that I put the time and care on it to make a neat job. A paper twice this size, that is, each page 6x9 inches, also can be printed. Prices will be quoted on receipt of stamp.

As this paper is furnished "free gratis, for nothing," I hope the readers will excuse the lack of taste shown in mixing advertisements in with the brilliant editorials. I am not, I think, particularly fond of lucre, but it would please me much to receive enough profit from my advertisements in this number to defray the cost of circulating it, which will be upwards of a dollar.

Just recently I have added a very pretty new color to my list of Ink Powders; it is a handsome carmine. Package of the powder that will make  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of ink costs only a nickel. Several other beautiful colors at same price. See adv. on last page.

I will give in exchange good value for old U. S. stamps of all kinds. Will take part pay for printing in rare stamps for my collection.

Some may wonder what my object is in publishing this little sheet, and sending it out free. Well, there are several reasons for doing so. One is that there is considerable fun in it; another, that in this way I can advertise my business, to some extent; but the principal one is mental improvement. It may not come amiss, at some future time, to be able to write up something in decent shape for publication, and even jotting down these rambling thoughts, I consider, gives practice which cannot well be received in any other way.

I will exchange a 3c 1857 stamp, outer line all round, for any one of the following: 12c 1851; 12c, 24c or 30c 1857; 30c Justice; 24c or 30c Agriculture; 7c Navy. This variety of the 3c stamp is worth, by Sterling, \$1, and none of those wanted are catalogued at so much. This offer is made simply for the reason that I have several duplicates of the "outer line" variety, selected from a lot of stamps I purchased, and the other stamps mentioned are all lacking in my collection.

On comparing the prices in Sterling's new catalogue with those in his '83 edition, it will be found that prices of the 2nd and 3d issues of document

stamps have advanced least, the 3d issue being no higher whatever. I think this strange. A new issue having been made in 1872, would lead one to suppose that the 1871 issue had not been much used; but they must have been used, and in immense quantities, for years after the changes in 1872 were made, or they would increase more in price.

Those who have sent for a sample copy of this sheet and not received same until now, will please take notice that no single copies are sent unless a stamp is enclosed for postage. To any one who sends the names of 5 or 10 collectors in his vicinity, and will agree to distribute the copies among them, I will forward, each issue, as many TINY COLLECTORS as names furnished.

My collection numbers, this 21st day of April, 1888, four hundred seventy; all U. S., and all different. This is an increase, since last issue, of eighty nine.

To those who have written for adv. rates, I will say that, as a general thing, only 300 copies of the T. C. are printed, and it will hardly prove remunerative as an advertising medium.

I have often wondered why any one should begin the collection of tobacco tags. There are many other branches of collecting that are certainly more instructive, more beautiful to an uninterested person, and withal, more profitable, than a collection of bits of colored tin.

My dislike for the tags is due, perhaps, in some measure, to the fact that I consider tobacco using in all its forms, and chewing in particular, a most filthy and useless habit. Not only filthy and useless, but degrading and hurtful to the user to an extent not imagined by that individual.

There is no natural appetite for tobacco. The taste must be cultivated and the habit persisted in for some time before the system can bear the vile poison.

This instance is only one of the many in which intelligent man, endowed with Heaven-enlightened minds and souls that are to live forever, lowers himself far, far below the dumb brutes that were created to serve him.

I have done considerable business with E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., and take pleasure in recommending him as a reliable stamp dealer.

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