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COMPANION.

*A MONTHLY MAGAZINE.*

Devoted to Stamp Collecting.

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# THE EVENT OF 1881!

## ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLECTORS.

*On January 1st, 1881, will be issued the International Stamp Directory. It will contain fifty pages, size six by eight, and the names and addresses of over one thousand collectors, and a few dealers. Also, useful postal information.*

*In order to secure the insertion of their names, collectors should send twenty-five cents for a copy of the book as one thousand copies only, will be printed, and no names inserted after December 15. Five copies, \$1.00.*

*My reputation is a guarantee of its publication.*

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### ASTONISHING GOOD OFFERS!

Barbadoes	2 varieties	3 cts.
Egypt	4 "	6 "
Greece	3 "	3 "
Heligoland	3 "	4 "
Honduras	2 "	8 "
Hong Kong	2 "	2 "
Madeira	2 "	5 "
Peru	2 "	4 "
Roman States	2 "	4 "
Sis. Settlements	2 "	3 "

### COLLINS & MILLS.

Publishers of "The Stamp World,"  
subscription 15 cents a year.

E. Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

STAMPS sent on approval to responsible parties. W. C. Stone, Box 1154, Springfield, Mass.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

*We have in preparation, and shall issue during the coming year, several valuable philatelic works, including among others, papers on the stamps of Native India, Persia, Turkey etc. A catalogue of the*

ISSUES OF 1880

*will be published early in the year. Advertising rates sent on application to the Secretary, Mr. W. C. Stone.*



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We ask our readers to contribute such articles, concerning stamps, as they may deem of interest to collectors, or to Young America generally. Thereby increasing the dimensions of the COMPANION, as they desire.

We shall devote a certain portion of our columns to answering correspondents relating to stamps. Also to those of our readers, who wish correspondence with other collectors, and we shall be happy at any time to answer correspondents, or, to insert wish correspondence of our patrons.

Our ambition is to reach a circulation of five thousand copies this year. We shall do all in our power to make the COMPANION attractive, and thereby gain the wished for circulation; we ask our patrons to help us, and in order to secure their help, we have decided to make the liberal inducements which will be found under the head of "Our Prizes" in the advertisements of this number.

We will now submit this, our first number, to our friends and the stamp collecting public generally; hoping it will meet with the approbation we shall try to merit for it.

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#### UNITED STATES' REVENUES.

Now that our government has abolished the use of revenue stamps, —except of the lower denominations— there can certainly be no objections made to collecting them, as they are now of no value, except as relics, which will probably in a few years become quite rare.

Some of the old issues are already becoming quite scarce and would it not be a good idea for collectors to make their collections as complete as possible, now that they can be obtained at very little cost. Not wait until they become rare, and proportionately expensive.

We think we have said enough concerning the importance of their collection. We will simply say as regards their appearance, that they are unrivaled by the revenues of any other nation.

It is unnecessary to describe them separately, as all collectors are presumed to be acquainted with their appearance.

Suffice it to say, that our new issue far surpasses any thing of the kind that has ever been attempted.

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### THE EMISSIONS OF 1872.

Last year there was issued, perhaps more new specimens of artistically executed stamps, than has ever before been seen by the philatelic world.

Some of the stamps issued in 1872, have been executed in a style far surpassing previous efforts, (as the new issue of Ceylon,) while some, we are sorry to say have greatly deteriorated (as some of the new Egyptian.)

It is gratifying, to see so much interest taken in the production of new – and in some cases we might say beautiful – stamps, by countries that have hitherto, taken very little interest in the appearance of their stamps; little thinking

that they are as good a criterion, from which to judge of the civilization of their respective countries, as their schools or their churches.

Below we give a list of all the new emissions of 1872, which will be of great value to collectors for reference, and to those having old catalogues it will also be of great value, making their lists complete, up to the present time.

AUSTRIA. — (newspaper) head to right, 2 kr. yellow.

AZORES. — same as 1871 issue, 80 rics orange, 100 rics lilac, 120 rics blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS. — same as 1865 issue, 3d. magenta.

CEYLON. — 2c. brown, 4c. slate, 8c. yellow, 16c. mauve, 24c. green, 36c. blue, 48c. rose, 96c. grey.

CEYLON. — (envelope) 4c. blue.

CHILE. — (envelope) head of Columbus to left, 2 (dos) c. brown, 5 (cinco) c. purple, 10 (dies) c. blue, 15 (grunce) c. pink, 20 (veinte) c. green.

DENMARK. — (newspaper) value in centre, 2sk. blue.

EGYPT. — same as last issue, 5pa. brown, 10pa. mauve, 20pa. blue, 1pi. red, 2pi. orange, 2 1-2pi. purple, 5pi. green.

EQUADOR. — ARIES in centre, 1 real buff.

GERMAN EMPIRE. — Same as 1871 issue, 2 1-2gr. brown, 9kr. brown.

GREAT BRITAIN. — Head of Queen in hexagon, 6p. brown.

GAUTAMALA. — Same as 1871 issue, 4r. violet, 1p. yellow.

HOLLAND. — Head of King to left, 5c. blue, 10c. red,

# SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS.

With the July Number We shall commence the publication of an ALBUM, in connection with the COMPANION to be nearly printed in part; two sheets in each number of the COMPANION, making when finished, a very complete Album, comprising all stamps issued up to date.

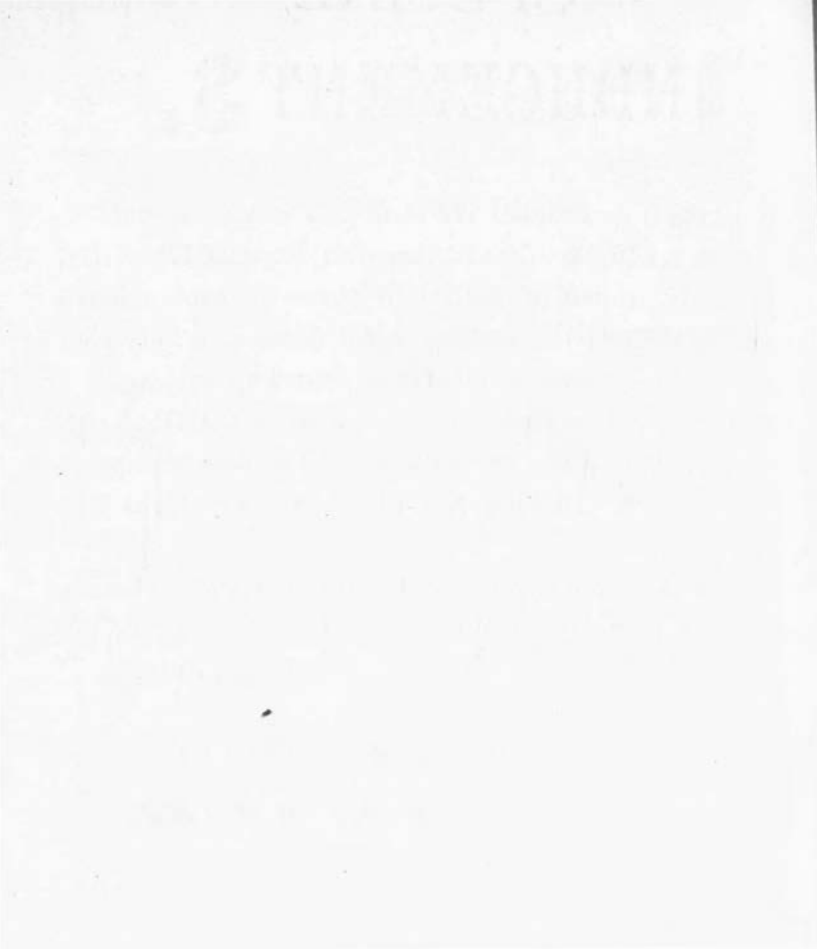
And as it will be bound together with the COMPANION thereby including the descriptions of the new stamps, as they are issued. Making the whole as complete, as it is novel.

As an extra inducement to subscribers who subscribe before the first day of May, we will send a copy of the COMPANION for one year from the first of July.

Thus giving three numbers gratis.

*YOURS RESPECTFULLY*

*PAGE & HART.*





## OUR TYPOGRAPHICAL APPEARANCE.

We hope our readers will be pleased with our typographical appearance. It is our aim, to make the COMPANION, the *finest* specimen of typographical art, known to the Amateur publishing world.

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## AN INVITATION TO ALL.

We will extend an invitation to all readers of this number to subscribe. And we will try to furnish you with fully as much if not more than any other magazine of the kind.

Read the Circular with this number.

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## TO AMATEUR EDITORS.

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## COLLECTORS.

Send for price list of cheap Packets, Sets and single stamps.

## REVIEWS.

We are in receipt of William P. Brown's new Catalogue for 1873. It is the most complete of any yet issued, embracing all the new stamps issued, up to February 1. 1873.

With regret we learn that Mr Brown is so soon to retire from the philatelic world; having, as we learn, engaged as a printer in Japan.

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## SPANISH REPUBLIC.

A new emission of stamps from Spain, may soon be expected, now that it has become a Republic.

It is to be hoped that collectors may be gratified, by better executed stamps than they have hitherto received from there.

We intend giving our readers a full description of them, as soon as received.

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OUR PREMIUMS.

We below offer the most liberal premium list to subscribers and agents, that has ever been offered by any publication of the kind, in America.

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PREMIUM LIST.

For two subscribers, and \$1. in advance, we will send stamps from any of our price lists, to the value of 20 cents.

For four subscribers, and \$2. in advance, we will send stamps, to the value of fifty cents.

For five subscribers, and \$2.50 in advance, we will send stamps, to the value of seventy five cents.

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## FAVORITE PACKETS.

<b>A</b>	contains 60 foreign stamps	§ .25
<b>B</b>	" 30 stamps including Rome, Greece, Finland, Egypt, Spain, etc.	.50
<b>C</b>	" 25 British colonials, including Hong Kong, Malta, New Zealand, Western Australia, British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Victoria, etc.	.50
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<b>E</b>	" 10 rare stamps, including Japan, Cuba, Portugal, Van Diemen's Land, Spain Official, etc.	.25

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THE NEW POSTAL CARD,

At last we are to have the long expected Postal Card, it is expected to make its *debut* on the first of May, and it is to be hoped that it will do itself credit. A short description is all that will be necessary as our readers are so soon to have the original.

The dimensions of the card are to be three inches by five and three-eighths inches, color a light buff. A border of scroll work extends around the edge, and in the upper right hand corner is the stamp, consisting of a head of Liberty encircled by an ornamental scroll, the color of the stamp is a rich brown. The denomination one cent.

Commencing in the upper left hand corner, and extending to the stamp, is the simple inscription, United States Postal

Card. Write the address only on this side, message on the other. Below it is ruled for the address, the other side is for the message.

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THE EMISSIONS OF 1872.

JAMAICA. — Head of Victoria, 1-2d. red brown.

JAPAN. — Same as 1871 issue only perforated, 1-2t. brown  
1t. blue, 2t. red, 5t. green.

LUXEMBURG. — ARMS in oval, 1f. brown.

LUZON. — Head of ARMADEUS "Filipinas" below, 6c. d. p. blue, 16c. d. p. blue, 62c. d. p. lilac, 1p. blue, 2p. rose, 5p. grey.

MADERIA. — Same as 1871 issue, 50r. green, 80r. orange, 100r. lilac, 120r. blue.

MAURITIUS. — Head of Victoria, 10d. red.

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MEXICO. — Head of Miguel Hidalgo in oval, 6c. green, 12c. blue, 25c. red, 50c. yellow, 100c. lilac.

NEW GRANADA. — value in centre, 1c. green.

NEW SOUTH WALES. — Head of Victoria in octagon, 6p. violet.

NORWAY. — CROWN above value, 3sk. rose, 4sk. violet.

NORWAY. — (envelope) same, 3sk. rose.

PORTUGUESE INDIA. — (Service postal) (India Post) in circle around numeral of value, 10r. black, 20r. red, 40r. blue, 100r. green, 200r. yellow, 300r. violet, 600r. violet, 900r. violet.

PRINC EDWARD ISLAND. — Head to left, value in corners, 1c. orange, 2c. blue, 3c. rose, 4c. green, 6c. black, 12c. violet.

ROUMANIA. — Head to left "Roumania" top, 11-2b. green 3b. green, 5b. brown, 10b. blue, 15b. red brown, 25b. orange 50b. rose.

SIERRA LEONE. — Head to left, 1d. red, 3d. yellow, 4d. blue 6d. lilac, 1s. green.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. — Head of Victoria to left in circle, 9d. red brown.

SPAIN. — Full face of King Amadeus, "Comunicacions" above, 6c. d. p. blue, 10c. d. p. lilac, 12c. d. p. violet, 25c. d. p. brown, 40 c. d. p. light brown, 50c. d. p. green, side face of King, 1p. violet, 4p. brown, 10p. green, 5c. d. p. red, 10c. d. p. blue, 20c. d. p. violet.

ST. VINCENT. — Head to left, 1s. red.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. — Head to left 30c. brown

SWEDEN. — Value in centre, "Sverige" below, 30. brown, 50. green, 60. purple, 120. blue, 200. red, 240. yellow, 300. red, 500. pink.

SWEDEN. — (envelope) Arms in oval "Sverige" above, 120. blue.

TASMANIA. — Same as 1872, 9d. blue.

TOLIMA. — Same as 1872, 50c. green.

TRINIDAD. — Britannia seated, 4p. slate, 1s. orange.

WEST AUSTRALIA. — Name above, swan in centre, bushes at sides, oblong, 3d. brown.

## TABLE OF REFERENCE

To Countries under other names than those generally mentioned in the leading Catalogues and Albums.

Bergen, see Norway.

Bolivia, see New Granada.

British Columbia, see New Granada.

China, see Hong Kong.

Cuba, see Spanish West Indies.

Drammens, see Norway.

Drontheim, see Norway.

Helvetia, see Switzerland.

Hayti, see St Domingo.

Java, see Dutch Indies.

Levant or Livonia, see Russia.

Lombardy, see Austrian Italy.

Monte Video, see Uruguay.

Netherland, see Holland.

Ottoman Empire, see Turkey.

Papal States, see Roman States.

Phillippine Islands, see Luzon.

Poland, see Russia.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.

States of the Church, see Roman States.

Thurn and Taxis, see Germany or North German Confed'n.

United States of Columbia, see New Granada.

Van Dieman's Land, see Tasmania.

Vancouver's Island, see British Columbia.



## ICELAND.

We are happy to chronicle introduction of Iceland's first stamps, that country never having issued any before, it very closely resembles the Denmark stamps.

## REVIEWS.

We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of the *Curiosity Hunter*, a magazine well filled with useful information for collectors of curiosities.

We have also received specimens of the *Collectors Review* small but good.

The *Amateur Reporter* neatly printed and full of good things, quite ably edited.

The *Thunderbolt* very neatly printed on tinted paper; contents good, particularly so to the New York Amateur Press Association of which it is the official organ.

The *Young American* an ably edited sheet which we are glad to include in the list of our exchanges.

The *Boy's Ledger* edited by Percy W Thompson is a very creditable sheet.

The *Boy's Herald* published by English & Hall first rate, hope they will not forget us this month.

The *Gem* is another of our exchanges which speaks well for its Editors and Publishers.

We must not fail to notice the *Experiment*; hope it may prove a paying one.

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| <b>H</b> | " 40 stamps including Cuba, Switzerland, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Alsace, Brunswick, Saxony, etc.  | .25    |
| <b>J</b> | " 20 unused stamps including New Foundland, Japan, Alsace Belgium, Ceylon, Greece, Servia, Italy, (signatasse) etc.   | .25    |

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