



THE NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP EXPRESS.

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TO OUR READERS.

IN presenting this, the first number of *The National Postage Stamp Express*, to our readers, we beg to inform them that it will always be our study to render it as useful as possible to Dealers as well as Collectors. For this purpose we have devoted a column for answering any question on the subject of Postage Stamps which may be put to us, and our readers are requested to use this column with the greatest freedom. They may be assured that we shall pay the utmost attention to their questions, and answer them all to the best of our ability.

We shall enlarge the size of the paper and insert fac-similes of rare and new stamps, if we receive that support which we hope for, and which will be necessary to meet the increased outlay we shall unavoidably experience by so doing. Hoping our advertisers

will be satisfied with the answers they receive to their advertisements, we beg to conclude our first address with thanks to our patrons for the support they have already accorded to us, and we hope to merit a continuance of the same.



IGNORANCE IN POSTING LETTERS.

Some remarkable cases of ignorance are of almost daily occurrence in connection with the transit of letters through the post. An extraordinary instance of this occurred lately, to a friend of ours. He received a letter to which the sender had actually attached a penny receipt stamp, thinking it would equally answer the same purpose as the usual stamp. Of course our friend had to pay two pence, the authorities obliterating the receipt stamp. We suppose this was a legal act, but it does not appear so to us.

T. G.

RAILWAY POST MARK.

— We do not know if any of our readers have noticed what can be called by no other name than a Railway Post Mark, on letters conveyed by the London, Brighton and South Coast line. It is in the form of a star, with six points, and the letters L & B in the centre.

The Ionian Isles' stamps have rose in price, within three months, from 7d. to 10d. and 1s. per set.

The New Hanover 3 pf. came into use on New Year's Day. The colour is green; same device as the red with a different inscription, which may be translated—"Three tenths of a Silbergroschen."

We can supply them at one penny each.

The New Italian also came into use on New Year's Day.

TRANSMISSION OF COIN AND VALUABLES BY POST.

The following notice was delivered on the 2nd of this month by the letter-carriers, by order of the Postmaster General:—

CAUTION.—The Post Office cannot undertake the safe transmission of valuable enclosures, (coin, etc.), in unregistered letters. So sent they are exposed to serious risk: but when registered they are practically safe. The fee for registration of inland letters has been reduced from 6d. to 4d.

RECENT FORGERY.

To the Editor of "The National Postage Stamp Express."

SIR,

I beg to draw the attention of your readers to a forgery of the Moldavian newspaper label, five paras, black, which is now in

circulation, and being sold as genuine. The marks of distinction are as follows:—*Genuine*, printed on slightly glazed paper, having a resemblance to parchment. *Forgery*, printed on coarse white paper, not at all glazed. The impression is clearer in the forgery than in the genuine stamp, but it is on the whole a wretched imitation, and can very easily be detected. It has a very coarse look, and the engraving is clumsily executed. It is offered at four shillings per dozen to dealers, as genuine. Hoping that this will save some of your readers the mortification of buying an impudent forgery,

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

J. PLATT.

"Akbar," Birkenhead.

REVIEW.

We have now before us No. 1 of the second volume of *The Stamp Collector's Magazine*, (S. Smith & Smith, Bath), greatly enlarged, and illustrated with several engravings of new stamps. It is beautifully printed on good paper, and contains some capital articles on the subject of stamps.

We have also received No. 1 of *The Newcastle and Gateshead Stamp Advertiser and Review*. (J. Burrell & Co., Newcastle), it is printed on pretty good paper, and contains a list of stamps newly issued.

NOTICE.

We shall be glad to receive *original* articles on Postage Stamps for insertion in the *Express*. A rare stamp given for the best production.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. PLATT.—Thanks for your communication.

ALPHA.—Yes, if we meet with sufficient support we shall insert engravings of rare and new stamps.

POSTALE.—The new 1 c. Italian is a newspaper label. It is in our opinion far superior to the old one.

J. FITZGERALD.—The inscription on the New Hanover means 3 tenths of a Silbergroschen.

The *National Postage Stamp Express*, is published on the 15th of every month, price One-penny, by post Two-pence.

Advertisements received till the 3rd of the month are inserted at the following moderate charges, viz. :—

20 words	5d.
30 "	7d.
40 "	9d.

And so on for every ten words after.

All communications to be addressed to the Editor, care of the publishers, R. EVANS & Co., 20, Park Side, Knightsbridge.

Letters to the Editor must be accompanied with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a proof of good faith. Books and Papers sent for review must be post paid. Bills inserted at 6d. per hundred. On receipt of 2s. the "Express" will be sent post free for twelve months, together with a sheet of unused foreign stamps with the first number.

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LOOK HERE! Stamps sent on approval on receipt of a stamped envelope for reply, by H. SUTCLIFFE, Puzelama, Southport.

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[ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL.]

No. 2, VOL I.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 15, 1864.

Price 1d.

TO OUR READERS.

OUR READERS will perceive that we have greatly improved the appearance of our Magazine; inserted some interesting articles; given away with each copy an *unused* stamp; and otherwise made it more attractive. In conclusion we beg to thank our patrons for their kind support, and most earnestly solicit Advertisements for No. 3, which will far outvie even the present number in interest.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY W. KELLAWAY, WEYMOUTH.

Postage stamp collecting having arrived at such a pitch, demands something more than empty praises, to which to refer for interest. Rowland Hill the inventor of postage stamps had great trials and difficulties to encounter. Having come out as a single individual, to express his thoughts on the subject, it is no wonder when we hear of his friends turning against him, and calling him

insane—little dreaming of the benefit he would one day be to the country. But his persevering mind was not to be baffled thus, he was not going to give up the idea because he had foes. No his foes only stimulated him to fresh exertion. He convened meetings and called together public assemblies; lectured the people, and gave out his thoughts in great profusion; which were as follows—"Would it not be better to have a general society for the transmission of letters to other towns and each take a share of the expense, than to employ so many men in that which might be done by a few." He came forth as a true Englishman to show civilized England her folly in keeping so many for that purpose. Many friends arose and also many enemies. Still he continued to stir up the people, in spite of foes nothing daunted. His friends greatly increased, and an organisation began. Glorious year for England, 1840. Stamps of many values were issued, and the postage commenced.

General post-men were employed and paid as follows: Letters were

paid for according to the distances they had to go. Each postman had his district to a circuit of about 40 miles; and as he went from town to town he delivered letters belonging to those towns, and collected others from those who were willing to send by that means. But still much was wanting to complete the reformation. It took days to go over the circuit, and many who were summoned to see their friends by a stated period did not receive the letter till the date had transpired. As time rolled on, post-offices began to be erected in the principal towns, and post-men engaged till a regular system was employed throughout the kingdom for receiving and delivering letters. Then arose the greatest of helps that the system could have received—the steam engine. After a short while it was settled that the letters should be sent by the railway. We may well picture to ourselves the first mail train with its giddy carriages and buzzing engine, with the crowds of spectators. It stops. Why does it stop? is the cry of curious ones. The responsive answer is—it's the mail by train. And surely it was. In that bag were letters for loved ones; for friends in general; and men of business. But still it waits. Presently another bag is brought and put into the train, and it now moves on amidst the shouts of lookers on. And so it has gone on, success attending it, till every city, town, and village of note, may boast of a post-office, and letters, may be sent to any part of the United

Kingdom in two days at the low pittance of a penny. Of course the Government was not slow in noticing the good Rowland had done the country. He was praised and presents were bestowed on him without number; and as a further mark of favour the title of "Sir" was prefixed to his name; making him Sir Rowland Hill. He was one of those who carried out the motto "England expects every man to do his duty."

NEW OR FIRST DESCRIBED ISSUES.

BESIDES the 1c green Italian newspaper label noticed in our last, there are 5c green, 10c red, 15c blue, 30c brown, 40c rose, 60c lilac, 2 lire golden, all (except the 1c), with head of Victor Emmanuel to left, in oval, double lined. A new stamp has been issued for the Bahamas, colour green, value 1s. Cape of Good Hope 1s, colour green, Queen's head in centre, above,—"Cape of Good Hope," below—"postage 1s." Confederate States, 2c red, head of President Andrew Jackson, known in his lifetime as Old Hickory. We have both this and the blue 10c head of Jefferson Davis in our collection, unused. Bavaria and Denmark were to have issued envelopes on New year's day; but we have not yet seen them. We hear a new set of stamps has been issued in that most mysterious city (as to locality) Bergedorf.

THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT: OR WHERE IS IT?

A STAMP TALE BY T.G.

Chapter 1st.

THE DOCTOR.

"Well" said Dr. Thorpe, as he entered a small room on the ground floor of a house in the ancient city of Gloster, "Well, how are we to-day?"

"A little better, Doctor, thank you, said a weak voice which came from a

boy apparently about twelve years old, who was lying on a couch drawn up in front of the fire, for it was the middle of November.

A table stood by the side, within easy reach of the sick boy (for such he was); this was strewn with a number of books, prominent amongst which was one bound in magenta cloth, with "Stamp Album" in large gilt letters on its side.

"A little better, eh?" repeated the Doctor, as he seated himself by the invalid and felt his pulse. "Why we look pale I think," (and in saying this the Doctor told a professional fib; for if the sick boy's cheeks were pale, those of the son of Esculapius were as ruddy as a rosy cheeked apple.)

(To be continued in our next.)

EXPLOSION OF A SYSTEMATIC FRAUD.

A fraud of a singularly novel and systematic character has just been exploded here, the facts connected with which are as follows:—Some time in September last, a slim, genteel young man, evidently a stranger in town, called at the shop of Mr. Duncan M'Arthur, stationer, 16, Cathcart-street, and asked the young woman in attendance, a daughter of Mr. M'Arthur, to be kind enough to retain for him letters addressed "Joseph Watson, 16, Cathcart-street, Greenock," as he was going upon an excursion to the Highlands, and would call on his way back. He did call as promised, and received a number of letters. He then left a large envelope, addressed "Mr. Joseph Watson, Post Office, Glasgow—to be called for," and asked her to be kind enough to forward any additional letters that might arrive for him during the week. Some half-dozen more letters were received, and were duly despatched in terms of his request. Nothing more transpired on the subject, till lately Mr. R. Cowley Squier, dealer in stamps, residing at

the Wellington Hall, Dover, communicated information to Captain Dewar, superintendent of police here, from which it appeared that in Sept. last he had received a circular letter, of which the following is a copy, printed, with the exception of the first line, which was written in a good clerical hand:—

16, Cathcart-street, Greenock,
Sept. 3, 1863.

Sir,—I have the following stamps (used and unused) for sale at present, viz. :—

	Per dozen.
Antigua, 1d.	unused 2s. 6d.
Chili, 5-10c.....	used 2s. 0d.
France Republic, 10,20,25c.,	2s. 0d.
Nevis, 1d.	unused 2s. 6d.
New Brunswick, 1c ...	unused 10d.
Peru, 1 dinero	used 2s. 0d.
Portugal, 60 reis.....	used 2s. 6d.
Prince Edward Isle, 1d.	unused 2s. 6d.

The prices as above marked are only to dealers. All orders must be prepaid in uncut penny stamps. All communications answered within two posts, by your obedient servant,

JOSEPH WATSON.

In answer to this circular letter, Mr. Squier had forwarded the said "Joseph Watson" 10s. in postage stamps, with instructions that value was to be returned within the succeeding two posts in stamps referred to in the circular; but no such stamps had been returned, and Mr. Squier had therefore been defrauded out of the 10s. Captain Dewar set himself to find out the writer or author of this somewhat ingenious fraud, and, after considerable trouble, traced the young man who had received the letters through Miss M'Arthur, in Greenock, to a writer's office in Glasgow, in which he was employed as a clerk. He proved to be not "Joseph Watson," which had been an assumed name, but John Ross, a member of a respectable family in Glasgow. Ross was apprehended and brought to Greenock on Friday last, and on Saturday was brought up at the police court before the sitting bailie, where he was

charged with devising a scheme by means of the circular letter referred to for defrauding the lieges, and especially Mr. Squier, of Dover.

The prisoner, who seemed greatly depressed at his position, pleaded guilty, adding "that never was any person more sorry for his offence than I am." He said he had been two years in his present situation in Glasgow, and had been a year previously in another office there. He was willing to repay the 10s. ten times over.

Bailie.—It is a pitiable mess you have got into—a lad of your education and appearance. I would have been glad had I found it consistent with my duty to let you off with an admonition; but I can't do that, and must send you 14 days to gaol.

There can be little doubt that Ross must have sent out a number of copies of his printed circular, and that the letters he received through his innocent agent in Greenock were answers to some of these; but whether he found any other victims beside Mr. Squier we are unable to say. It is pretty evident that the youth of the lad has led him into the adoption of the trick without being fully aware of its heinousness. As it is, however, he has got cheaply off, and has yet ample time and opportunity to retrieve his character.

[From the *North British Daily Mail*, February 1, 1864.]

Advertisements will still be inserted at the following low rates, viz. :—

20 words	5d.
30 "	7d.
40 "	9d.

2d. for every ten words after. We now receive them up to the 6th of the month. The "Express" will be forwarded post free for twelve months to any address, together with a sheet of *unused* stamps with No. 1, on receipt of two shillings.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

- D. JOHNSTON.—They are fac-similes.
 ALPHONSE L.—Paris. We have anticipated your wishes in present number. Thanks.
 J. FITZGERALD.—You were answered last month.
 P. L.—They cannot be genuine at that price.
 ENQUIRY.—Pony Express, *unused*, 1 dollar at 9d., cannot be genuine.
 SUBSCRIBER.—No. Not yet. We are surprised that you have not seen the 1c. new Italian. We can supply them at 1d. each.

The "National Postage Stamp Express" can be obtained of any of the following Agents (who are authorized to receive advertisements), except those marked thus * who are agents for advertisements only.

- CHICHESTER.—Messrs Evans and Barr, next to Ellis's, West Gate.
 FRANCE.—Gustave Leglise, Dunkerque.
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NEW ISSUE. Italian 1c 1d each, 6d doz.; French Colonies 1c 1d each, 6d per doz.; 5c 2d each, 1s 6d per dozen; Helvetia 2 rappen 6d per doz.; 3 rappen 9d per doz. or 1d each; Luxemburg 1c 3d, 2c 5d, 4c 6d, 10c 1s 6d, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c 2s per doz.; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 1c 1d each, 10d per doz.; 2c 2d each, 1s 8d per doz.; British Guiana 1c 2d each, 1s 6d per doz.; Baden 1kr 7d per doz., 1kr land-post, *obsolete*, 1s per doz.; Mecklenburg $\frac{1}{2}$ sch 5d per doz.; Hanover 3pf, green, 8d. All the above are unused; the following are used:—French Republic 20, 25c 1d each, 9d per doz.; 15c 4d each, 3s per doz.; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 5c 1d each, 8d per doz.; Tuscany 2-crazie 2d each, 1s 8d per doz.; Luxemburg 10c black, 2d each, 1s 8d per doz.; Monte Video 60c 4d each, 3s 6d per doz.; all others equally cheap. Address E. F. CLARKE, 32, Wood-street, Kennington-Cross, S. Rare Stamps sent on approval.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' REVIEW, is published on the 15th of every month, 12 pages, price 2d, post free 3d., and will be forwarded on receipt of three shillings yearly subscription. It is illustrated with engravings of new and rare stamps. A rare unused Foreign stamp gratis with each number. As this Magazine has attained a large circulation in the United Kingdom, the continents of Europe and America, the West Indies, &c., it presents a most advantageous medium for Stamp Dealers' advertisements, which will be received for No. 16, until 7th March, and inserted at the following moderate charges, viz.:—20 words, 1s; 40 words, 1s. 6d.; 60 words, 2s. 3d.; 80 words, 2s. 9d.; 120 words, 4s.; 200 words, 6s.; 300 words, 8s. 6d. Agents and canvassers for subscribers and advertisements wanted. Terms will be communicated on receipt of a stamped envelope. EDWARD MOORE & CO., stamp dealers, Liverpool.

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THE NEW ISSUE of Italy 1c 1d. each, or 6d. per dozen; Bahamas 1s., 2s. 3d. each, or 2s. per dozen; Jamaica 3d., 9d. each, or 8s. per dozen; New Brunswick 2c. 3d. each, or 2s. per dozen. E. J. CORDY, Malmesbury, Wilts.

THE U. S. Postage Stamp Currency, 5c 5d., 10c 10d., 25c 1s. 8d., 50c 3s 2d. each, post free. E. J. CORDY, Malmesbury.

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C. S. T. care of Messrs. R. EVANS & Co., 20, Park-side, Knightsbridge, sends Stamps for inspection on receipt of two stamps. Coins bought and sold. Sheets of Stamps, many unused, 6d. and 1s. A stamp in all orders under 2s. 6d. Used Stamps 4d. per dozen, by post 5d.

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STAMPS CHEAPER THAN EVER.
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E. J. CORDY, Malmesbury, Wilts.

SEND FOR STAMPS on inspection, to D. DEAN, Weymouth, whose stock consists of the rarest in existence, and sells them at prices that defy competition! Weymouth Stamp Advertiser, 2d. Splendid Albums, 1s. Packets of 32 varieties of Stamps, only 6d. Send stamp for reply. I'm your man!

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NOTICE.

ANTIGUA 1d., 2d.; Argentine Republic 5c, 1s.; British Guiana 1c. black, 2d.; Canada 5c. 5d.; China 2c, 3d.; Greece 1 and 2 lept., 1d. each; Newfoundland 1d., 2d.; 2d., 4d.; U. S. Envelopes, 2c, 2d.; 3c, 4d.; 6c, 6d.; 10c, 1s.; and many other stamps too numerous to mention. List sent on receipt of stamped envelope. Stamps sent on inspection.
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NOTICE.

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Price 1d.

TO OUR READERS.

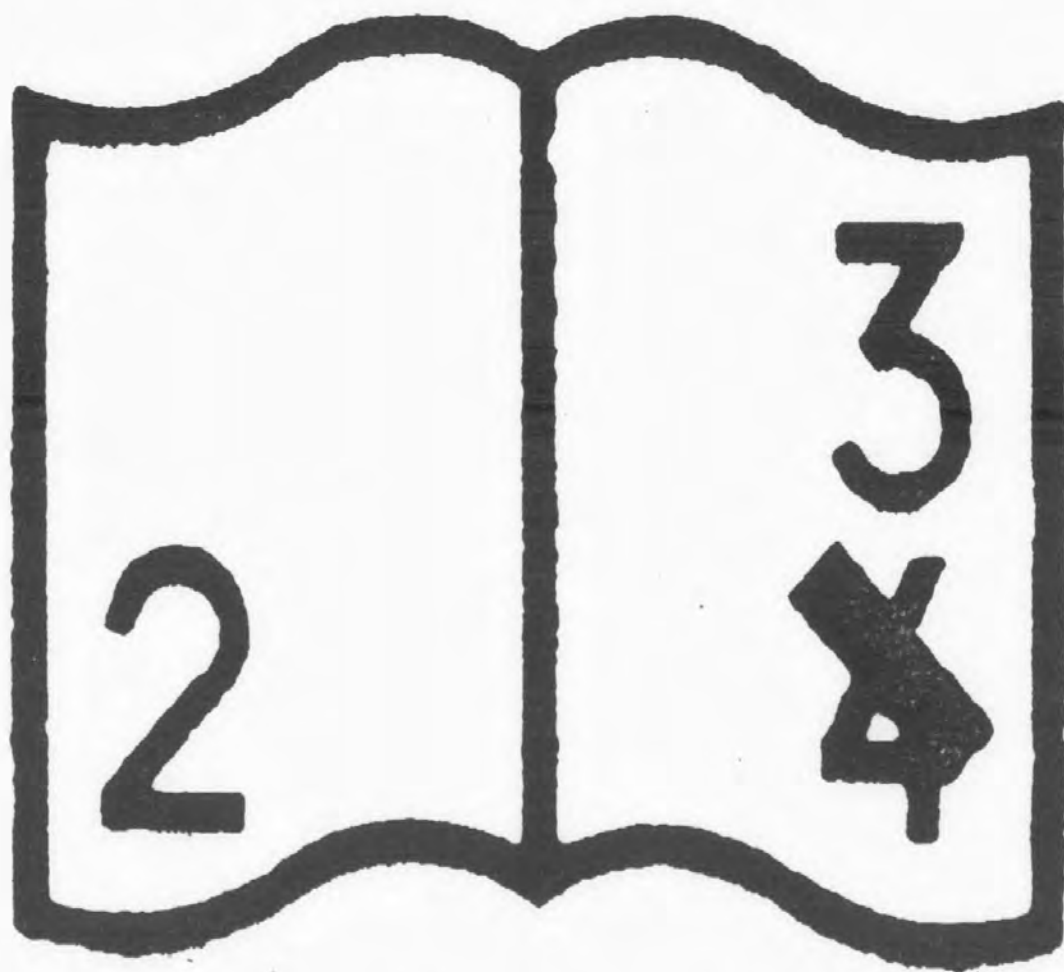
We are glad to hear that our advertisers are satisfied with the answers they have received to their advertisements in our 2nd number. We are happy to inform them that the circulation has greatly increased this month, and we hope will still increase. To this end we solicit our readers co-operation, which they can give us with very little trouble to themselves by introducing our publication to their friends, and obtaining their subscriptions. Any person who thus obtains one or more yearly subscription (2s), can deduct a commission of 15 per cent., or 2d in the shilling, previous to remitting the amount to us. Hoping they will thus kindly help us, we conclude our third address with thanks to our friends for their continued kind support.

NEW OR FIRST DESCRIBED ISSUES.

Spain, 4 cuartos, vermilion head of queen to left, in oval ornamental ribbon round stamp (this forms the oval) "Correos" above; value and date below. Confederate States 2c. emerald green, Bust of Washington to right, C.S.A.; postage above, value on ribbon below. The "Stamp Collectors' Review" describes the new Cape of Good Hope, as with Hope reclining, but as we said last month it has the Queen's head to left, on the authority of a dealer who informs us he has seen one. Venezuela 2r green on white eagle on thunderbolts in double lined circle dotted, 7 stars above name Federacion Venezolana. Federacion above Venezolana on scroll below that. We shall have more we hope to describe in our next.

ITALIAN ESSAYS.

These stamps represent the effigy of King Victor Emmanuel, excepting the stamp of one centime, which re-



presents a figure. They are of eight different values—1, 5, 10, 15, 30, 40, 60 centesemi, 2 lire. There are two colors of each value. All the fittings are different from one another, and the value is repeated in figures on the sides and in the upper corners of the stamps. Inscription—Italian post, and the value in letters. The head of the king is much larger than in the stamps of the new issue. This stamp is equally larger. The essays are much better done, and they are printed on unglazed paper.—L. C.

CORRIENTES.

BY MONSIEUR LEON CHANDELIER, HAVRE.

CORRIENTES, a town of South America, the capital of a department of the same name at the junction of the Parana and Paraguay. Corrientes stamps, printed in black on blue paper, head of liberty on the left, (a copy of the French Republic stamp). Inscription on the top Corrientes, at the bottom 1 real current money. The effigy is placed in a circle, and on each side of the stamp are placed some Greek fillets. This stamp was published in 1856. The plate contains 8 stamps of different design. In 1861 this stamp was suppressed; it was replaced by a similar one without any value being given at the bottom of it. They are sold at 5 centavos. These stamps will be replaced by others on the 1st January, 1864. The design of it was still unknown on the 28th December, at the departure of the last mail. They will serve as the pre-

cedent ones, namely, for the postage of letters circulating in the interior of the province of Corrientes. A maker of forged stamps has just printed a great number of them. The difference between the false and true ones consists especially in the paper. The forged ones are better made than the real ones.

WATERMARKS IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

One of the chief preventatives to the forging of postage stamps is the Watermark in paper on which they are engraved. This varies in different countries. Our own, for instance, is a crown. Several of the colonies have a star; the Swiss have a cross. Old Spanish curved lines and lines diagonally crossed Vct. A forged stamp of those countries that use a watermark may thus be detected with as much certainty as a forged note. For the forger in both cases is baffled by the same cause—The watermark in the paper. We shall return to this subject at a greater length at some future period.

SIR ROWLAND HILL.—We hear that Sir Rowland Hill, the well-known inventor of the Penny Postage, has resigned his post as Secretary to the Post Office. The cause, we are sorry to say, is continued ill health. Every stamp dealer and collector will hear this news with regret.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CAPE.—The last mail from the Cape of Good Hope contained 11,305 letters, 11,325 newspapers!

REVIEWS.

We have received No. 1 of the "Northumberland and Durham Stamp Advertiser." It is well written and printed, and confers great credit on the firm by whom it is issued; D. James and Co., Newcastle.

"The Stamp Collector's Record." This is the first paper on the subject ever issued in Canada; S. A. Taylor, Montreal. It has some interesting notes, but the way the word Address is spelt several times, thus Adress! must, we think, be a gross piece of carelessness on the printer's part. It is otherwise well printed and composed.

The second edition of "Oppen's Album" has appeared, much improved by that prince of engravers, Henry Whymper.

"The Standard Guide to Stamp Collecting." John Camden Hotton, Piccadilly, London. This cheap little work, by Messrs. Belair and Davie, we can strongly recommend to the notice of our readers.

We have now on our table No. 1, new series, of the "Weymouth Stamp and Crest Advertiser," 8 pp., and cover of 4 pp., for 2d. It is of a more convenient size than the old series, more carefully looked over, better printed, and much improved, but it still requires more careful supervision, several objectionable sentences, as to grammar, still meeting our eye. We are confident the publishers (D. Dean & Co.), Weymouth, will take this criticism in good part.

STAMP COLLECTING FOR EVER.

The question has often been asked whether stamp collecting will continue many more years? Persons who from some motive or other object to collecting the "rubbish" as they call it (probably from want of cash cannot

afford to purchase stamps), say stamp collecting is now at its height and will go down as fast as it came up; they say this and know nothing of the matter, and how on earth can persons ignorant of the affair be calculated to give an answer. Any experienced dealer who is daily receiving his 20 letters at a post from town, country, the continent, or the English colonies; from lady, gentleman, and schoolboy collectors, will be better calculated to give an answer. Here comes the postman, I get 20 letters. The first I open is from some schoolboy who states he is about to collect, and encloses 3s, viz., for a 2s packet of stamps and a 1s album; another desires some cheap stamps for inspection as he thinks of collecting. Another offers his services as agent as he could sell a good many; there are numbers of collectors springing up every day at his school; then another says he recommended me to a schoolfellow and perhaps I will just give him a few for his trouble; others paying for stamps I sent them for inspection, and so on; another and the only one of the lot returns the stamps I sent him for inspection, but excepting those he sold to his friends, as he is going to Germany, but when there will correspond with me and send me what stamps I may require of that country. But it is very seldom any person who has once commenced collecting shows the least desire to discontinue it and collecting being in such a flourishing state, that on an

average to every one that gives it up 7 others spring up in his place. It is calculated that about 10,000 of the new 1c Italian, have already been imported by the various English stamp dealers, let alone the Swiss, French, German, Nova Scotian, United States, &c., dealers. This would give you some idea of the extent of stamp collecting, and the government must notice it considering how many more stamps are purchased than letters sent through the Post Office. Why do the New York local postmen and the Hamburg print their stamps in so many different colours if it were not for collecting purposes. In England alone it is calculated there are 17,000 collectors, I myself could name "986." There are various means made use of by the various dealers to increase the stamp collecting world. I know a dealer who procured twenty 2d books, placed 20 varieties of common stamps in each, and going to a boarding school gave each of the boys one of these books: they had never thought of collecting before, but now set about it in right good earnest and the dealer by that means got a great part of them as customers, as you may be sure they were not content with only 20, they wanted to add more, and now he never regrets his generosity as he has gained it over and over by their custom. As it affords amusement and instruction to collectors, and in many cases a decent livelihood to dealers, what sensible person can speak against it. An in-

teresting article on the origin of stamp collecting appeared in No. 1, new series, price 2d., of the "Weymouth Stamp and Crest Advertiser:" may be had of R. Evans & Co., 20, Park-side, Knightsbridge, and of D. Dean, Weymouth. I shall give a few more remarks under this head in the next number.

THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT: OR WHERE IS IT?

A STAMP TALE BY T.G.

Chapter 1st (continued).

HENRY ALTON.

Before proceeding further with our tale we will make a slight retrograde movement—as military tacticians say—and give our readers a retrospective glance at Henry Alton's (such was our hero, the sick boy's, name) antecedents. His father and mother had both died of that fearful scourge, cholera, when he was little more than three years old; his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James, had at his parents' decease taken him to their own home, where he had since remained. When he was eleven years of age, Mr. James had taken as apprentice, a boy about Henry's own age. Although we will not do Mr. James the injustice to say he did not teach his business (a corn chandler's) to the apprentice, Charles Sloman, yet his chief view of him was as a companion for Henry. Very different were the characters and dispositions of these two boys. Charles was sly, idle, and untruthful, while Henry was open active, and candour was written in his countenance. About six months previous to the commencement of our narrative Henry had been seized with a serious illness which threatened his existence, but a strong constitution enabled him to battle successfully with the disease and at the time our tale opens he was convalescent and able to lay on the

sofa as we have seen and amuse himself with his books.

"Ah," said Dr. Thorpe, as his eyes glanced on the table, "Are we a stamp collector.

"Yes, Sir," answered our hero, "in a small way."

"A small way," echoed the Doctor, "a pretty large way, I should say. Why, what's this? A new Caledonian ten cents!! as I'm alive!" And the Doctor stared, as any of our readers would, at seeing a genuine specimen of this rarest of all stamps.

(To be continued in our next.)

QUESTIONS FOR COLLECTORS.

(A copy of the "Express" given for the best answers.)

1. Describe the distinctive difference between wood block impressions and those from dies?
2. In what year was the Cape wood block issued and when withdrawn?

POSTAL NUMBERS OF THE TOWNS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

1st Section No. 1.

PREFACE BY THE EDITOR.

[We have commenced the following articles in the idea that such information would be useful to the dealer, the collector, and even to the non-collector. We now commence and favour Chichester, Falmouth, and Manchester, with the first place.—Ed.]

TOWN.	POSTAL NUMBER.
Chichester.....	190
Falmouth.....	290
Manchester,.....	498

(To be continued in our next)

RAILWAY POST MARK.—In our first number we described a post mark on letters conveyed by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. We have since seen the same sort of mark, but with L and E in the centre, instead of L and B., on a letter from Exeter. Can any of our readers give us any information respecting it?

To the Editor of the National Postage Stamp Express.

SIR,—I have heard from one of my correspondents that a person who gives his address E.F.F., Poste Restante, Italy, says that all my stamps are not genuine, and other remarks I cannot repeat. I have written to him at this address but have received no answer. For what reason, may I ask, does he and many others give their address at the Post-office? The reason is obvious. At the same time I must inform your readers that I have sent stamps on approval to Mr. D. McCorkindale, Glasgow, Mr. C. King, P.O. Glasgow, and Mr. G. Ansell, 13, Moorgate-St., London, (Post-office), and have not since heard from them, I think this will serve to put a few of your readers on their guard, and I shall be obliged if other people will name persons they have been victimised by. I remain, Sir, yours truly,

L. CHANDELIER.

[We shall be glad if the gentlemen named above will explain the reason why the stamps sent on approval have not been returned or paid for—Ed.]

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PRO OMNES (Fulham)—We are glad you have received so many answers to your advertisements in our paper.

CANDOUR.—The address we find is a post-office: be careful.

LUKE S.—You are mistaken. It was not us.

PRO OMNES (Aberdeen).—Your stamp is the Austrian Head of Mercury, yellow and genuine.

MISS CLATTON.—Stamps sent as ordered.

J.B.—We are not aware of it. 2.—No. 3, Germany.

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" —B. York & Co., 60, City-rd., E. C.

" —W. Gray, 2, Crown-court, Philpot-lane, E. C.

" —S. G., Bacon's library, Haverstock-hill, N.

" —J. Bolton, 39, St. Georges-place, Knightsbridge, S. W.

" —A. Keil, 29, High-rd., Knightsbridge.

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NOTICE!

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This Magazine will be formed of the three first numbers of the "National Postage Stamp Express" in a cover. Advertisements for this cover are respectfully solicited; the terms will be 40 words, 1s, 2d for every 10 after. The price will be 4d, by post 5d, 18 pp.! No. 1 we expect will be ready on or about May 1st. Advertisements will be received till April 23rd. The charge on orders for four insertions of 50 words will be but 4s. Published by R. EVANS & Co., 20, Park Side, Knightsbridge.

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THE NEW ISSUE of Italy 1c 1d each, or 6d. per dozen; Bahamas 1s. 2s. 3d. each, or 24s. per dozen; Jamaica 3d. 9d. each, or 8s. per dozen; New Brunswick 2c, 3d. each, or 2s. per dozen. E. J. CORDY, Malmesbury, Wilts.

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BRAZILS! Brazils! Unused, 10 reis, 9d; 30 reis, 2s 3d; 60 reis, 3s 6d per dozen. For other cheap stamps you should see other advertisement. R. S. LIGHTBOWN, Cross Lane, Salford, Manchester.

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HOLSTEIN! The new issue, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch, 4d each, 3s doz., Hamburg 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch, 3d each, 2s 6d doz., Papal States, 1d, each, 10d. doz.; French Colonies, 1 c. 1d each, 6d doz.; 5 c. 2d each, 1s 6d doz.; Italy 1 c. 5d doz.; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia 1 c. 1d each 10d doz.; All others equally cheap. H. THOMAS and Co., 32, Wood-street, Kennington Cross, London.

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MR. R. COWLEY SQUIER, late of the Wellington Hall, Dover, has removed to Manchester, and requests all letters may be addressed as below. He has a large and varied stock, and sends on approval on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Mr. R. COWLEY SQUIER, 154, Stretford-road, Manchester.

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TO OUR READERS.

We beg to direct our readers attention to a new feature in our columns, viz:—A STAMP DEALER'S DIRECTORY, and the very moderate terms for inserting names and addresses therein. This we think will be found useful to dealers and we therefore solicit their patronage. We have consented to answer questions by post, but two stamps must accompany all queries, and these must be confined to three only at one time. In conclusion we hope the varied contents of our paper will still meet the same approval as hitherto, and we beg once more to heartily thank all our kind friends for the interest they take in this periodical; and assure them that it shall be our constant endeavour to merit their continued patronage.

NEW OR FIRST DESCRIBED ISSUES.

We find that the new Cape 1s is with Hope reclining, and *not* with Queen's head, as stated in former nos.; our informant (a well-known large stamp dealer in Weymouth) tells us the specimen he saw was so much obliterated that it led him astray as to design. Holstein 1¼ sch blue, the paper has a most intricate and curious design printed thereon in very pale grey; in centre of stamp a letter P is formed in this grey background. In centre 1¼ schilling crt. (current) in wreath, in border H. R. Z. G. L. (the abbreviation of Herrzogliche) Post F. R. M. (Freimarken) at bottom 4 s. R. M. Hamburg.—Administrators of Danish post office* in Hamburg have issued this stamp 1¼ sch purple, lithographed, differs but slightly from those now in use; franks letters to Denmark, Schleswig Holstein and Lauenburg. We described the 4 cuartos Spain of this year's issue last month, the whole set

*The Stadtpost of Hamburg.

are now to hand, viz.—2, 4, 12, 19 cuartos 1. 2. reales. New Zealand 2d blue on pale blue; 6d red on pink. These are about all we think to chronicle the advent of this month. Dealers will oblige by giving us a description of any new issues which we do not happen to fall in with.

ENGLISH ESSAYS.

These stamps are very much in demand and mostly unattainable, therefore a description will not be unacceptable. The first issued adhesives were in 1840: head of Queen Victoria with diadem to left, no letters in lower angles, and right upper angle effaced, shape rectangular; colour red-brown, red, brown, dark-brown, purple, rose, black, and slate. The supposed Prince Consort essays, which have been newly discovered (!) of the same date, we cannot place the same implicit faith in as a contemporary (The Stamp Collector's Magazine) does. If they are genuine essays we cannot make out why they were not discovered before. They are in two colours, red and black, of the same pattern as the present penny stamp, but with head of Prince Albert instead of Queen Victoria. The next adhesive essays issued were in 1860: diademed head of Queen to left in triangle, shape rectangular, colour lake, value 1½d; 1862; profile of Queen to left, surrounded by a scroll on coloured ground, rectangular 3d rose. The first envelope essays were issued in 1837, engine turned design upon the

envelope, except a white circular space in centre, round the circle four small ovals in which an inscription—"one penny not to exceed one ounce" was placed round a crown and V.R., penny light yellow, same device and colour; 1d "this is a cover;" 1837: design all over the cover, except white oblong in centre; at each upper corner of oblong a quarter circle in which is inscribed "V.R., London district post" and in each lower corner a quarter circle with inscription "to carry not exceeding 6 ounces," value in words; 2d green, engine turned design, and inscription "Post Office, not to exceed half-ounce;" 1d green and red, 1d blue and red, similar design, inscription "Post-office permit to carry matter not exceeding in weight half-ounce;" 1d red and black, 1838: head of Queen with diadem to left in white relief, encircled by inscription "postage 1d half-ounce" oval, 1d blue, 1d black, profile of Queen to right in white relief value not indicated, oval, light green; 1860, head of Queen Victoria to left in white relief 1½d, rose, triangular.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GENERAL POST-OFFICE.

This appointment, vacant by the resignation of Sir Rowland Hill, has been bestowed by the Postmaster General (Lord Stanley of Alderley) on Mr. John Tilley, senior assistant-secretary, who has been for the last 35 years in the service of the department. A pension has been bestowed on Sir Rowland for his long and valuable services. Long may he live in health to enjoy it.

A NOVELTY TO COLLECTORS.

We fancy there are only a few, indeed a *very* few stamp collectors who are aware of the existence of a 1sgr Bremen stamp, blue; yet such a stamp does exist although not mentioned in any catalogue. That it is a genuine one we firmly believe because there is one simple reason to prove that; had it been the work of a speculator we should have known more of it and it would have had a greater circulation. Again it cannot be an essay because it has been through the post, the mark on it showing the letters 'Bre,' we suppose part of the word Bremen. The stamp much resembles the 5sgr green; inscription is the same, without letters in the two bottom corners; the device surrounding the oval is a little varied to that of the 5sgr, the letters *sgr* are very badly and coarsely executed; form oblong, colour blue. It may perhaps have been issued merely as a provisional label, as it is certainly a postage stamp.

PENNY POSTAGE.

Penny postage, according to the correspondent of a daily paper, is not such a modern invention as is thought. He says that 200 years ago there were over 200 post-offices about London, and that letters were conveyed for one penny, also parcels not weighing more than one pound; but it must be remembered that a penny at that time was most probably worth more than now, indeed this is certain for we know that £20 was thought as much as we think £100 at the present day. This statement does not wrest the palm of invention from Sir Rowland Hill, however, as conveying letters for one penny had not been thought of since that time till he broached the idea to the English people in 1840. Therefore he *can* lay claim to having invented penny postage; and, consequently, has the thanks of a grateful country (we may say world) in the pension he now enjoys.

THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT: OR WHERE IS IT?

A STAMP TALE BY T.G.

Chapter 1st (continued).

THE STAMP.

"And how did you obtain this?" asked the doctor after he had gazed some time at the stamp.

"One of the boys at school had a raffle for it, Sir, at one shilling per member; I was in it and won it."

"And very lucky too," said the doctor as he rose to depart.

Chapter 2nd.

WHERE IS IT.

Summer came round, and with brighter and warmer days our hero entirely recovered his health, much to Mr. James's joy who did not know how to express his thankfulness. One day after his recovery Dr. Thorpe called, and wished to know if Henry would sell his New Caledonian stamp for sixteen shillings, he replied in the affirmative, and the doctor paid the money saying he would not take it then, but would fetch it the next day, and then left. The next day as he (the doctor) was passing through the Cathedral close on his way to Mr. James's house, he was met by Charles Sloman, who told him he had a New Caledonian 10c stamp for sale and would let him have it for ten shillings.

"Where did you obtain it?" asked the doctor.

"Found it in the street, Sir," he replied. "You and Henry are really two very lucky boys said the doctor," so saying he paid the money, and received the stamp: then proceeded on his way to our hero's. On arriving there he asked for his stamp. The album was produced and opened at the place by Henry

THE STAMP WAS GONE!!!

(To be concluded in our next.)

There is a twopenny English adhesive which bears the appearance of those having letters only in the lower corners, but these corners are blank: circulated in 1861.

CHANGES IN A NATION SEEN IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

The changes in a nation can be seen with the utmost certainty in those (by some) despised little pieces of paper known as postage stamps. For instance, take up a French stamp of the 1st issue, the head on it is that of Liberty. You therefore say this stamp was issued in the time of the Republic. The next series has the President—Louis Napoleon's—head; above are the words 'Repub, Franc,' as in 1st series, but the head tells you that it was during the presidency that it was issued; and now take one of the last issue it has the same head as the last, but Emperor now, not president, and above is 'Empire Franc,' in which you know that France is now an Empire, you can thus tell by an insignificant postage stamp (as the detractors of collecting say) that France since the reign of Louis Phillipe has passed through three great epochs. What will the next be?

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our readers may not have remarked that the 25c French Republics were printed in two different hues, a light and a dark blue, and that the stamp of each colour is obliterated differently.

It may perhaps be interesting to our young readers to learn that *no* Russian stamps are available for abroad, but are used only for interior postage.

Collectors should be careful in their dealings now more than ever, as forgeries of even the common stamps are being largely sold. Those of the Sandwich Islands are beautifully executed. The photograph of O'Connell's head can be detected by its size, it is larger than the genuine one.

An article will appear in our next on the difference between the English and French nations, as exemplified in their postage stamps; with engravings; also the conclusion of the Doctor and his Patient.

REVIEW.

We have received No. 1 of "Once-a-Month, or the Stamp Collector's Advertiser" which was originally a gratis paper, but is now raised to the rank of a Magazine. We have no hesitation in saying it is worth double the amount charged for it (2d). The Publishers (Messrs. C. and H. Gloyd Manchester), are entitled to much praise for the style in which they have brought it out, we wish them every success.

"Borsenblatt Für Briefmarkenhandel" (W. Reichel, and Co., Kaufbeuren, Bavaria), a German Stamp paper, which we cannot recommend to our readers for novelty, as every one is acquainted with the information it contains.

The Editor of a certain third-rate Magazine on Stamps must we think (in reviewing the last No. of the Express) have been suffering from a bilious attack. A slight mistake in our last concerning the Cape of Good Hope 1s. which is corrected in present No. is stated to be "Absurd and Ridiculous." Mistakes never occur in *his* paper; we suppose? *full* is not made to rhyme with *dull*? *Prescription* is not written instead of *Superscription*? It is not stated that an *unobliterated* stamp is presented with each No., and a used stamp is given? Certainly not (!) Then the absurd threat held out to our publishers, is to say the least, childish in the extreme. In conclusion we would recommend him (The Editor of this third-rate paper) to digest the following:—A person who cannot keep his temper when reviewing a work is not fit to be an Editor.

POSTAL NUMBERS OF THE TOWNS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

1st Section No. 2.

TOWN.	POSTAL NUMBER.
Preston	628
Stockton	736
Newport, Mon.	561
Newcastle	545

(To be continued.)

THE NATIONAL STAMP EXPRESS.
A RHYMING RAMBLE.

BY W. KELLAWAY, WEYMOUTH.

One of the best of stamp papers is, I
guess,
The "National Postage Stamp Express;"
And the editors, as collectors well know,
Do style themselves R. Evans & Co.*
The paper's correctly and neatly
compiled;
There are no expressions frantic and wild;
(As we often have noticed in papers of
late,
Whose compilers can't boast of very old
date).
To collectors it is an invaluable aid,
As it helps them in buying as soon as
they're made.
Just advertise once—is the editor's letter—
And see if your stamp trade does not
grow better:
You'll have applications, and will not
regret
That ever your "ad" for its columns
was set.
By selling good stamps you'll get a good
name,
Advertise in these columns for plenty of
fame;
And you'll soon have custom by doing
the same.
My stamp collecting friends just listen
to me,
Together we'll look through the inventory,
Of "things new and old," to you and
to me,
Many "newly issues" you'll there surely
find
Which will suit you in pocket as also in
mind.
Stamps of near every colour and of
various hue,
As new to some dealer's as many of you,
Described minutely with abundance of
taste,
Not too many words (they've no room to
waste).
There articles many and good you may
see;
They're considered by some to be quite
paltry,
(But those whose *great* (?) intellect is
very small
Cannot be expected to see through it all).
With interesting matter they always
abound,
Enough for collectors all the world round.

*Our talented contributor has placed our
publishers name here. Messrs. R.
Evans and Co., are not the editors.

There's enough to amuse, and enough to
engage,
And satisfy the growing and increasing
rage.

For stamps of all countries and nations
and climes,
From the land of the ice to that of the
limes.

Then advertisements many you'll there
surely see,
Like—"stamps are kept in great variety,"
By those who deal to increase their
treasure,
And who wish to sell them without
weight or measure.

Many advertise stamps at only *one penny*,
And will sell them you gladly as long as
they've any.

Their modes of enticing you cannot refuse
But oft before sending how long is your
muse?

The editors I now recommend to your
view,
As being strictly honest and thoroughly
true,

Their stamps are quite cheap, only give
them a trial;
And do not adopt so much self-denial.

Oh! rally round the standard, you'll
have your redress
In seeing the success of the "National
Express."

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the National
Stamp Express.

DEAR SIR,—I have often offered
stamp agencies to gentlemen residing
at school, and have repeatedly been
told that the principal did not allow
stamp collecting; and why school-
masters should not allow it I cannot
tell, and should be obliged if you or
any reader of this paper could give
me this information through *The
Express*, as I can see nothing in
stamp collecting but science and
amusement coupled with instruction.

Wishing you success,

I am, Dear Sir, yours truly,

SENOR CAPAGNI.

[Our opinion of stamp collecting is
the same as our correspondent's,
and we are surprised that any sen-
sible schoolmaster should not allow
so instructive a pursuit. We are
at a loss to understand why any
one should forbid it.—Ed.]

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A SUBSCRIBER (Belfast)—Is thanked for the enclosure of 24th March.

J. FITZGERALD. — The situation of Corrientes was stated last month in an article by M. Leon Chandelier.

FRANCO (Jamaica). — The Express shall be sent.

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G. J. — The Ionian Isle stamps are valued respectively $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, and 2d, yellow, blue, and rose.

SEÑOR CAPAGNI — Thanks for your good wishes. Letter inserted.

ERNST ROSCHLAU. — Article not enclosed as stated.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

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have also received *sole permission* from
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course incur additional expense; we there-
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and subscribers to enable us to meet it by
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COME AGENTS for this paper,
can send seven stamps and they will
receive per return one dozen copies! viz.
three of No. 1, three of No. 2, three of
No. 3, and three of the present number.
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BRISTOL

THE NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP EXPRESS.

[ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL.]

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LONDON, MAY 15, 1864.

Price 1d.

TO OUR READERS.

The attention of our readers is directed to the article entitled "The difference between the English and French Nations as exemplified in their postage stamps," embellished with engravings as promised. It will be found, we think, very interesting as illustrating the difference between the two great nations. We again beg to thank our friends for their support; and trust to be favoured with a continuance of it. We must also beg our readers to notice the extremely moderate terms for inserting advertisements, and names and addresses in the directory, an entirely new feature which we hope and think will prove useful to both dealers and collectors. We have added to our public and private agents, and otherwise increased the circulation which even now is very good, and hardly second to any of its class. In once more concluding, all our friends may be assured that we shall do all that lies in our power to study their interests, and make *The Express* in

time *second to none* and the *best* Stamp Magazine of the day.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH NATIONS, AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ILLUSTRATED.

Every country, every nation, nay, every person, has some great distinctive mark to point out as it were to the observer the great difference in the tastes, the pursuits, and the habits of each. The German is characterized by his stolidity, his love of fatherland, and—by-the-way—of his pipe and his beer. The Italian by his taste, his patriotism, and his love of liberty (as illustrated in the character of that greatest man and hero of his day, the gallant, good, beloved, regenerator of his country—General Garibaldi). The Spaniard by his love of pleasure, and, alas, cruelty. This latter trait is plainly seen by the frequency of those most brutalising and debasing spectacles—bull fights. The American of Yankeedom, by his brag and bombast. Each and all of these are national distinctions, and by them you may recognise natives of the foregoing countries in any land they may be met with. But none of them differ so much in nearly everything as the two great nations England and France. We say *nearly* everything,

for there are some things in which they do not materially differ; for instance, their bravery. The most striking mark of distinction between them is seen in those simple yet interesting and useful little pieces of paper, known as Postage Stamps. As



will be seen from the annexed engraving of our Penny Stamp. It is (if not ugly) as plain as plain can be, not the least

bit of unnecessary ornament about it. This shows directly the character of the English for substantiality; so long as an object answers the purpose for which it was designed, the beauty of it is not thought of. It is the same in building, solidity without ornamentation, in every branch of workmanship and in design. We do not deny that in our public works at present in progress, the decoration of the exterior is thought more of than it was thirty years ago, but still we do not see that light airiness about them which is such a striking peculiarity of French buildings. But in the latter substantiality is sacrificed to elegance. Some people will perhaps say the French buildings last as long as the English, and this may be true; but it should be remembered that the buildings of Paris have not the same smoke-laden and decay-causing atmosphere to contend against as ours in London. Our opinion is that the former in a London air would not last half so long as the latter. A comparison of the annexed engraving of the French 40c Stamp with that of the English 1d will best show the difference between the two nations; while the latter has



hardly any ornament the former is much decorated. The English is for use only; the French, use and ornament combined. We have thus shown (we hope to the satisfaction of our

readers), that the difference in character of the two greatest nations of the earth can be told with as much certainty from an insignificant Postage Stamp, (as those people of the *cut bono* school say) as from volumes written on the subject.

NEW OR FIRST-DESCRIBED ISSUES.

We have this month to describe a great number of new stamps. We are indebted for the description of the greater number to Monsieur Chandelier, of Havre. Duchy of Schleswig, issued 15th March, value 4 schillinge, shape oval, printed in colour on white paper, inscription at top *Herzogth Schleswig* (Duchy of Schleswig), at the bottom "schillinge" figure denoting value in white relief in centre, colour carmine; the design is similar to the stamps of Thurn and Taxis North. On the 15th April the foregoing stamp was (by order of the provisional government) replaced by another, value $1\frac{1}{4}$ sch., green, same design as the stamp of March 15th. Hamburg.—We mentioned in our last that a $1\frac{1}{4}$ sch. stamp was issued in this town, colour purple. There is also a green $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch., same design; the following is a description: rectangular, printed in colour on white paper, inscription on arch at top *Hamburg*, at bottom *postmarke*, on the left *Ein u. ein Viertel* (one and a quarter), on the right *schillinge*, arms of Hamburg (three towers) in centre, surmounted by figure indicating value, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in the lilac or purple, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the green, inscription on left side of latter *Zwei u. ein halb* (two and a half). They are of the same design as those issued in 1859. Lubeck $1\frac{1}{4}$ sch, brown, shape oval, printed in colour on white paper, at top *Luebeck*, at bottom *schilling*, arms, (double headed eagle) in centre, figures indicating value each side; issued April 1st, same design as issue of 1st July, 1863, but not in relief. Livonia.—A stamp stated to be a new issue of Livonia, has made its appear-

ance, printed in light blue on white paper, shape round, inscription *Wendensche Kreis briefe post*, there are a few ornaments in the centre. We should be glad if any of our readers could give us any information respecting the stamps of Livonia. Mecklenburg.—The colour of the 5 sch. envelope, which was blue, is now brown. It is probable that the colour of the 5 sch. adhesive will be altered in a short time. New Granada.—This state issued a new stamp on January 1st, 1864, same design as the others in use there, but the branches are white, on a coloured ground, the value is 5 centavos, colour brownish yellow. Java.—This stamp which has been known in Europe about eight or ten months, has only been in use in Java since February 1st of this year, rectangular, printed in carmine on white paper, head of William III. to left, at top 10 cent, on scroll at foot *Post Zegel*, on right side a star and word *Neder*, on right side the word *Indie* and a star, in upper corners a tropical flower and a dolphin. Costa Rica.—Two new stamps have been issued in this state: un peso, yellow, and 4 reales green, same design as issue of last year. Venezuela, $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, brownish pink, printed in colour on white paper, same design as the 2 reales green, described in our March number. Monte Video.—Four new stamps were issued here on March 15th, of the present year, rectangular, printed in colour on white paper, in an oval in centre the arms of Monte Video surmounted by the sun in his splendour, and surrounded by wreath and flags, inscription (letters in white on coloured ground) round the arms *Republica Oriental*, at the bottom on crescent the value (letters in colour); 10 centesimos, yellowish brown, 12c. blue, 60c. rose, 80c. green. United States Essays.—adhesive: rectangular, printed in colour on yellow paper (similar to the paper of the 20 para Turkish stamp, known in France as "papier vegetal") bust of Washington to left, wavy border (centre formed

of wavy lines), A.B. in upper corners, and N. Co. in lower (abbreviation of American Bank Note Company) the inscription is on wavy ground, American Bank Note at top, and Company, New York, at bottom. We are acquainted with two, blue and a red, envelopes, circular, printed in colour on buff paper, the centre is a coloured ground; there are 4 values, 12, 20, 24, and 40 cents, three colours of each value, blue, red and green. There are 12 stamps to the set: 20, 24c, inscription (in coloured letters on white ground), the value at top, *U.S. Postage* at bottom, figures denoting value at each side; 12, 40 cents, inscription (in white letters on coloured ground), at the right side the value, left side *U.S. Postage*, at top and bottom the value in figures. South Australia.—The 2d of this colony is now printed in carmine. St. Helena.—One shilling green same as the 1d and 4d. Cape of Good Hope.—The 1d is now printed in brownish carmine. Trinidad.—The 1d of this colony is also now printed in brownish carmine; 6d, light green; 1s, violet. New Zealand.—The 6d brown is now red brown. Cuba.—Same design as issue of 1860 of Spain; head of Queen Isabella II. to left in circle; inscription at top in half-circle, *Correos*; at bottom, $\frac{1}{4}$ real plata; colour, black.—Argentine Republic.—On the 7th March, date of departure of the last advices from Corrientes, there were no new stamps in this state, but we find in Stamp Collector's Magazine, for May, the description of a new set of essays; we have not space for a description this month. A new 2c was about to be issued in Canada at the departure of our last advices. Confederate States.—20 cents, green on white; bust of Washington to left in oval; inscription in ornamental border, *Confederate States of America*; on scroll below, *Postage Twenty Cents*; value in figure at the top. The penny stamp with letters at each corner has at last appeared. The arrangement

of the letters is similar to that of the 2d, in the ornamental border at each side are the minute figures in white 9 and an 0.

THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT OR WHERE IS IT?

A STAMP TALE BY T.G.

Chapter III.

THE THIEF?

Our hero and the doctor were both dumb with surprise for a few seconds after discovering the loss of the stamp. The doctor then turned over the leaves of the album in every direction, but to no purpose. "It is quite clear" said he "that it is gone, but the question is where is it?"

"I cannot make out," answered Henry, "I have not touched the album since you Sir were here yesterday;" and he said this in so truthful a tone that Dr. Thorpe who had at first gazed somewhat suspiciously at our hero, was compelled to believe that a boy with so honest a look and tone, could not be guilty of so mean and dishonest a trick as to remove a stamp which had been paid for, and which was virtually the property of another.

"I do not so much mind the loss of the stamp," said the doctor, "as you can return the money." Henry started, "and I have just purchased one of the same sort of your friend Charles Sloman; but it is the unpleasantness it causes that I dislike."

"I-I am v-very sorry, Sir," stammered Henry, "but I have spent all the money."

The doctor looked at him with renewed suspicions at this; a painful silence then followed for several minutes; at length Henry said—"I should know my stamp among a hundred, for I put the initials H.A. at the back with a star in blue ink."

The doctor did not seem to hear him, but abstractedly took out of his pocket-book the stamp he had bought of Charles Sloman, and said "this is the stamp I bought of Charles, would you like to see it."

Our hero took it mechanically, and sadly examined it; as he did so it fell on the floor, face downwards, exposing to view a large H.A. and a star in blue ink! "It is my stamp," cried Henry as he sprang to pick it up. The doctor gazed in silent amazement, then seizing it he issued into the shop which Charles was at that moment entering. "Did you put any private mark on the stamp you sold me?" said the former to the latter.

"No Sir," he answered.

"Not on the back?"

"No, Sir."

"Then you bad, dishonest boy," said the doctor shaking him violently, "you have not only robbed your friend of this stamp, but by selling it have robbed me likewise; are you not ashamed of yourself?"

During this scene Henry and Mr. James had entered the shop. The latter was for sending for a policeman immediately; Charles no sooner heard this than he threw himself on the floor, and grovelled there in abject terror; beseeching them not to send him to prison; and as Henry joined his supplications to those of the wretched boy, it was decided on sending him to some reformatory which was done. Let us hope he will return better in every way. Dr. Thorpe as a slight recompence for his unfounded suspicions of our hero adopted him, and is teaching him his profession, and in this occupation has plenty of time allowed him for attending to stamp collecting. And we hope now we have finished our tale that our readers have been interested in the Doctor and his patient.

(Conclusion of the Doctor and his Patient).

[In our next number will be commenced a new tale of deep interest by T.G.]

We hear another provisional stamp has been issued at St. Helena, value 1s.

REVIEW.

We have received No. 1 of the new gratis paper, "The British and Foreign Stamp and Coin Advertiser" (A. J. Johns, Cavendish-street, Manchester). It is well printed in a neat and readable form, contains a good article, review, &c., and is well worthy the patronage of dealers. We wish it every success, which it deserves.

We see the "The Newcastle and Gateshead Stamp Advertiser" has been disposed of to Messrs. Stamp & Co., of Newport, of "The Liverpool and Newport Stamp Advertiser, and with this paper (an excellent publication) it is for the future to be incorporated.

We have before omitted to mention that the "Stamp Collector's Review" has been enlarged to 16 p.p., a great improvement. Messrs. Moore & Co. continue the publishers, but Mr. Pemberton, a gentleman well known in stamp circles, has assumed the editorial chair and pen.

The fifth edition of Mount Brown's useful handbook of stamps, we see is published this month. We can strongly recommend it to the notice of collectors.

The day of publication for "Once a Month" is now the 1st instead of the 15th.

MARVELLOUS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY OCCURRENCE!!!

We must beg our readers to congratulate us on having achieved (according to a certain comic periodical), something which no other paper ever succeeded in doing, not even the "Court Journal"! viz:—raised the ghost or shade of Lindley Murray!! If that is not an extraordinary and astounding feat what is? We are glad to say that we have not had the honour of a visit from the disembodied spirit, or we should have been compelled to exclaim with Hamlet, "angels and ministers of grace defend us!" and each individual hair on our head would have stood on end, but we have been happily saved from this.

The editor of the comic periodical before-mentioned, cannot however boast of being so fortunate, he *has* been haunted by this goblin. As a slight recompence for this we beg to thank him for the advertisement of a whole column, which he has in consequence inserted gratis! (generous man). We are sorry to see that this ghost can descend to utter falsehoods. We do not envy him his abode! He says our paper is of a painfully small circulation. Now we think it is due to our readers to *emphatically* deny this. The circulation is as good and even better than many of its kind. In conclusion we would advise "the shade" not to trouble us mortals till he can back his assertions with at least a grain of truth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The outside corners in which the letters are placed in our present 4d stamp, are divided by a thin white line into two unequal parts and on the line above the word "Fourpence," are what look to us like the figures 10 and 11 in very minute characters. The watermark of this stamp is not a crown like the 1d, but a double lined oval.

We have not seen the following variety of the old 5c green Italian described in any catalogue:—head of Victor Emanuel in white relief in white oval to right, the remainder of the stamp is all green; the ornaments and lettering being in green relief.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a new tale of much interest is preparing for our next number from the pen of our contributor T. G., which we hope will prove acceptable to our readers.

That useful body of men the letter carriers of the metropolis, were on the 2nd of this month, supplied with their new half-yearly uniform, coat and waistcoat of blue cloth, and trowsers of grey tweed; the whole of the material is of very superior quality.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the National Stamp Express.

SIR,—I have been much puzzled to discover the meaning of the letters B. G. on the Modena 9c stamp. Can any of your readers oblige me with an explanation through the medium of your paper, as I should much like to know the meaning.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
MODENA.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.D.A.—Many thanks for your enclosure, you will see we have made use of a portion of it and shall use the rest as wanted. We shall be glad to hear from you again.

MODENA.—Letter inserted. Thanks.

J. FITZGERALD.—Your wish is anticipated in the present number. 2. See answer to G. J. in last number.

PRO OMNES (Fulham).—Merely a mistake in the number we should think. Your advertisement is inserted with thanks.

LOUIS H.—Oppen's is a good album, so is Lallier's, but it is said Moen's, of Brussels is the best. Oppen's is certainly the cheapest.

DUPPEL.—The *Standard Guide* is what you want. Mr. Hotten, Piccadilly.

A.J.G.—You have been in vulgar terms "taken in," the green Hanover can be obtained anywhere at 1d each, not 6d, as you say you gave for it!

FRANCIS JONES.—The "Doctor and his Patient" is concluded this month.

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W. KELLAWAY, Bond-street, Weymouth, begs to return thanks to his customers for the hearty response he has had to advertisements in back numbers, and informs them that he continues to sell stamps at very low prices. For the information of stamp collectors in general, he here quotes a few of his low prices: Argentine 5c, 5d; St. Helena, 1d, 6d; 4d, 9d; and many more at equally low prices. Stamps sent for approval.

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POSTAGE STAMP EXPRESS.

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LONDON, JUNE 15, 1864.

Price 1d.

TO OUR READERS.

Our readers will perceive that we have inserted as notified in our last, the opening chapter of the new novelette by T.G., entitled "Our Firm." In consequence of the great increase in our advertising connection we shall be compelled to make a slight advance on the charge for advertisements in our next number (No. 7) viz:—

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20 „	9d.
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We trust to be still favoured with the support so liberally accorded us hitherto, and if we receive sufficient advertisements the July number of the "Express" will be enlarged by the addition of four pages. The 2nd chapter of "Our Firm" will appear in that number, as also a variety of select and original articles, illustrated with engravings. The price will remain as at present 1d, and we shall if possible give away an unused stamp with each number. Advertisements to be sent in not later than the 8th of July.

NEW OR FIRST DESCRIBED ISSUES.

We promised (or nearly so) in our last a description of the Argentine Republic Essays. We herewith append a description, value, and colours, 5 centimes, red; 10c, green; 15c blue; coloured impression on white ground; steel dies; shape, rectangular; bust of Don Bernardin Rivadavia (the president) to left in oval; name *Republica Argentina* above in oval band; value *Cinco centavos* below; figure denoting value and ornament in each corner; this is the 5c stamp. The 10c has no oval band, but in curved lines above and below the oval containing portrait is seen the name *Republica Argentina*; the value above and below the name *Diez Centavos*, an ornamental device around the oval and the figure 10 in each corner. The 15c has an oval band like the 5c, with name above and value below, *Quince Centavos*, but between it and the portrait is a narrow ornamental band; the figures of value only occur twice, viz., on right and left in ovals, designs of a curvilinear pattern in the corners. Greece has produced nine essays, each of the same design:—A view of the Parthenon surmounted by a medallion portrait of King George, and value 20 left in two upper corners; figure 20 in lower; shape, oblong; colours,

green, pink, mauve, orange, blue, black, yellow, chocolate, and scarlet. Portugal has issued two new stamps, green and lilac, same design, we believe, for we have not yet seen them, as the former issue. We stated in our last that it was probable the 5sch adhesive of Mecklenburg would shortly be changed in colour, our supposition was correct, it now appears light brown instead of blue. A new issue for Belgium is expected. The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* professes to give a partial description, but we prefer waiting until they have appeared, in case of any mistake. A blue 6 kreutzer Wurtemberg we hear has appeared, as likewise a yellow 18k. Denmark.—A new stamp was issued here last month, rectangular, printed in colour on white paper, 4s red, KGL, ROST, FRM, and value below, in oval band sword and sceptre in saltire under crown in centre, figure 4 in each corner. The essays King and Mercury were offered to the government in 1849. The first stamp was issued in 1850, 4rbs, brown; in 1851 a local stamp, 2rbs, blue; from 1853 to 1863, 2, 4, 8, and 16s, and last month the above 4s, red. An envelope stamp will be issued in a few days same as the 4 rose of Schleswig, but with arms of Denmark (sword and sceptre in saltire under crown) instead of figure. Hamburg.—There is a proof of the new 1½ and 2½s in black on yellow paper. A new local stamp has been issued here but franking letters abroad printed in colour on white paper, 1 schilling, lilac; 2sch, orange; large figure denoting value in centre, small ditto in oval, in each corner, rectangular, inscription on the figure Charles Van Dieman Brief Packet & Güter Expedition Hamburg. Holstein.—In lieu of the old 1¼ sch suppressed on 24th May, the following stamp is now in use: square, blue impression on a pink trellis work, in centre 1¼ schilling CRT URZEL, at left side "Post," at top FRMRK, at right side 1½ SLX, at bottom bugle horn in each corner. By the kindness of a correspondent

we have had both this and the 4sch Denmark sent us, the descriptions therefore are taken from undoubtedly genuine specimens. Holland, rectangular, printed in colour on white paper, head of William III. in oval to right, 10 in left upper corner, c in right, inscription at bottom in arch Post Zegel, value 10 cents. Grenada.—50c green, same as 5c described in our last. Natal.—The 6d is now lilac. Cuba and Lucon.—Same design as the new issue of Spain but without date; for Cuba ¼ real plata, r black on yellow paper; ½, green on rose; 1, blue on flesh; 2, vermilion on flesh; Lucon same colour and paper as Cuba, value 3½ cents Po fe, 6½, 12¼, 25. There is also a 1 real plata, green on white design, differs from the 1 r p of Cuba green (last year's issue), but the inscription is the same, also the head of Queen Isabella.

OUR FIRM.

A STAMP NOVELETTE BY T.G.
AUTHOR OF
THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT.

Chapter I.

Great London! famed for industry
From Norman times to ours,
What strength thy mighty sinews yield!
What riches! and what powers!

The great firm of Piggott, Lane & Piggott, general merchants, was well known in the city, was well known on "change" (where it was good for any fabulous sum you like to mention), was well known at the docks (where mighty ships belonging to it were constantly entering "inwards" or "outwards"*) , was well known in the country; where indeed was not the great firm of Piggott Lane & Piggott known? In the establishment (which was situated—well suppose we say Thames-street), the firm was always known as "Our Firm" by the partners, by the head clerk, by the junior clerks, by the porters, by the carmen, even by the errand boys was it so called. The manager of "Our Firm's" Australian branch is dead. "Our Firm" is about to take another

apprentice, &c. "Our Firm" had a daughter—that is the junior partner Thomas Piggott had. Henry Piggott, his brother and James Lane, the two other partners, were bachelors. Evangeline Piggott, always known by the short Eva, was a most beautiful girl, and all the clerks of "Our Firm" were in love with her, each one fancying that he was looked upon with more favour than the others, the consequence was that each was jealous of the other, and small pugilistic encounters were continually taking place between them. It is related that one young man was so frenzied with despair, that he rushed on to London Bridge, gazed for an instant on the calm but dirty tide below, and then—went back again! much relieved. We shall not attempt to describe Eva's beauty, let each of our gentlemen readers suppose that their particular idol and fancy is Eva, and *that* will be her description. There was one young "follah" as Dundreary says, who had lost his heart to the young lady, but had gained her's in its place, this announcement is however premature as the papers say, for we ought to have first related the occurrences that led to this fact. We must leave this for another chapter.

(To be continued in our next.)

*Vide Shipping Intelligence in the Daily papers.

REVIEW.

The "Northumberland and Durham Stamp Advertiser" is not now published by Messrs. James & Co., but by Mr. R. Chambers, of Newcastle. No. 4 has been received, a great improvement on No. 1. It contains some really excellent articles on stamps and places connected therewith, the price is but 1d, and its 8 pages are well worth it. The "Liverpool and Newport" in commencing its 2nd volume appears enlarged to 12 p.p., at same price, viz—1d, together with a prize cheque for the distribution in May, 1865. Its enterprising proprietors (Messrs. Stamp & Co., Newport), deserve

success, and will no doubt obtain it during their 2nd year as they did in their 1st. We see a new stamp paper is advertised to appear on June 25th, entitled the "Stamp Collector's Journal," Messrs. Furness & Williams, Liverpool. We shall review it next month. The 2nd No. of the "British and Foreign Stamp and Coin Advertiser," is to hand. There is a very ingenious article showing the dark side of stamp transactions. We entirely agree with the remarks about boy editor's, dealers, &c., for they are too true, and most graphically described, particularly of a certain youthful editor whose wonderfully correct (?) grammar is so well known, but "A Schoolmaster" should remember that there is a shady side to every picture—mal-practice's in every trade. It is not to be expected that such an extensive pursuit as stamp dealing now is, should be free from black sheep. There is no doubt that much evil is attached to it, and in many cases *caused* through it with ill-regulated minds, but the evil is more than counter-balanced by the good. Reviews, an address, advertisements, &c., fill up the rest of this well put together, spiritedly conducted, and excellent little publication.

The "Stamp Collector's Magazine" and "Stamp Collector's Review," still sustain their characters as two of the first Magazines of the day, being full of interesting reading. "The History of My Stamp Album" in the former concludes this month, with the denouement which most have expected since the hero met Edward Allan in Germany. The latter has changed publishers, Messrs. E. Moore & Co. having dissolved partnership, and Mr. A. Perris taking their place as its publisher.

"Once a Month" under the spirited management of the Messrs. Gloyu, is entitled to as high a place as either of the former Magazines. It is really a wonder considering its size, 16 p.p., double crown quarto, and the low price charged for it, viz—2d.

AUSTRIAN COMPLIMENTARY LABELS,

WITH AN ILLUSTRATION.

The vexed question of what these labels are intended for, we think we can solve only by supposing them unpaid or else official letter labels. We are more inclined to the latter belief by the name complementary, which is no doubt meant for complimentary. This we think is the only feasible solution of the puzzle, for what else could they have been intended for? We are surprised that the energetic editor of the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" has not thrown some light on the apparent mystery surrounding them. The first issue was in 1850-5, colours yellow, black, red, brown, and blue, St. Andrew's cross in colour, on white ground (hand paper) oblong. 1858 same design, but in white relief on coloured ground and machine paper, oblong, yellow, orange, black, green, red, brown, and blue. We give an illustration of the black stamp of this

latter series. The next issue was of same design and co-



lours, but having four dots in white relief. The issue after this was still of same design, but with white bordering, same colours except orange which was omitted. The last issue had the cross in colour, on white ground (machine paper), perforated oblong, colour blue. We believe there have not been any issued since this latter, but the very fact of their being perforated proves their having been used for postage, which some might doubt by their appearance.

* * * The attention of our readers is directed to an advertisement of Mr. J. W. Chater, concerning the establishment of a Dealers' Register. The plan is a very good one, it will supply a want long felt in the trade, and is deserving the support of dealers and collectors. For full particulars we must refer them to the advertisement in question in the advertisement portion of *The Express*.

To the Editor of the National Stamp Express.

SIR,—I regret that you have omitted to describe in your last number the Norwegian stamps. A slight mistake (error of printer I think*) occurred in the description of the new Montevideo. The value is not 60 centesimos, and 80c; but .06 centesimos rose (six hundredth of piastre forte, *new money*, the value is about 5.25ths or 5.50ths, varying with the course of exchange), and .08 centesimos, green (eight hundredth of piastre forte). In your May No. a letter appeared signed "Modena," asking the meaning of the letters B.G. on the Modena 9 cent stamp. These letters are the abbreviation of "Bollo Giornali," and the stamp 9c violet, issued 1st January, 1856, is a newspaper label. During the last few months a great number of stamps have been chemically changed in colour, and bought and sold by many dishonest dealers in England and Geneva. The colour of the Cape, blue and green; and Victoria enthroned blue; have been thus changed to black, and sold as essays or proofs, at a very high price. The Austrian newspaper label—Mercury, blue, is also changed to yellow; and the stamps with the colour thus changed are sold as Mercury, yellow, at 2s or 3s each. This low price will at once show that it has been falsified, because all collectors know that the yellow Mercury was used only to prepay packets of 10 newspapers, and therefore very rare. It was sold in January and February at 12s and 15s, and now at 2s and 3s. I hope these few remarks will prove of service to your readers,

And remain, Sir, yours truly,

LEON CHANDELIER,

22, Rue Bernardin, De St.
Pierre, La Havre.

P.S. I beg to inform your readers, that I have this day published (June

* It was our own mistake, not the printer's. It is also corrected in Errata.

15th), a new price list. Collectors or dealers wishing for *very* cheap stamps will do well to send 4d for it (postage).

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SAMUEL LONG.—We annex an engraving of the stamp you mention.

It is the last issue of Austrian newspaper labels, colour lavender, value 1 k. It is not rare as you suppose, but very common. The only rare ones of Austria are the Mercury heads and Kais Kon Stampel with arms, square.

PRO OMNES (Fulham).—It is in the fullest sense of the word a fraud. 2. We have not seen the paragraph alluded to.

C.R.C. (Barbadoes).—Thanks. Inserted in last number. 2. Not to be trusted.

L.T., Caffre, S.N., Album, &c.—See answers in former numbers. Album's other question we decline to answer.

FORTINBRAS.—No stamps were used in England till 1840. *Essays* were issued as early as 1832.

Other questions must stand over till next month.

[This article was omitted from want of space in our last.]

POSTAL NUMBERS OF THE TOWNS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

1st Section No. 3.

TOWN.	POSTAL NUMBER.
Arundel	72
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Maryport	519
Huddersfield	387

(To be continued.)

ROBBING A POST BOY.

The following is from the "Times" of Tuesday, October 3rd, 1798;—The post boy carrying the mail from Bromley to Sevenoaks last night, was stopped about two miles from Farnborough, between the hours of 10 and 11, by a single highwayman, who presented a horse pistol, and demanded the mail, which the boy gave him. He offered the robber half a guinea, but he declined taking it— the report then goes on to state that a reward of £200 will be given for the apprehension of the highwayman.

A FACT.—*Scene:—Interior of a Country Post Office.* Little Girl to Postmaster:—"Please, Sir, will you change this stamp brother Tom got, as it aint got no *sticking plaster* on."

The *Express* can be obtained of any of the following Agents (who are also authorised to receive advertisements), except those marked thus * who are agents for advertisements only:

CHICHESTER.—P. Evans, West-street, C. Barr, West Gate.

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" —W. Gray, 2, Crown-court, Philpot-lane, E.C.

" —Senor Capagni, Bacon's library, 63, Chalk Farm-road, N.W.

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THE PUBLISHERS, 20, Park-side, Knightsbridge, S.W.

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" —Leon Chandelier, 22, Rue Bernadin De St. Pierre, la Havre.

GERMANY.—Ernst Roschlau, Coburg.

LIVERPOOL.—Thomas Le Jones, 47, Upper Bean-street.

WEYMOUTH.—D. Dean, Hope-street, South.

„ —*W. Kellaway, the Foreign Stamp Depôt, 7, Bond-street.

MONTREAL.—A. J. Nutter, Box 519, P.O.

GIBRALTAR.—A. Porral, Commercial-square.

And several private Agents at Schools, &c., in England.

We shall be glad to add additional names to the above list. A most liberal commission allowed.

The charge for insertion of name and address in the above list is 4 months 1s.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE STAMP DEALER'S DIRECTORY.

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SEND seven stamps to STAMP & Co., Newport, Mon., for a share in their Great Lottery.

WANTED to purchase, old Sydney Stamps, 1d and 2d; old New South Wales, laureated, 1d, 2d, 6d, and 8d; old Natal, on coloured paper; and all other obsolete rare Colonials; also a few unused Sardinian 1855—5c green and 40c red. Address by letter to STAMPEDE, 12, Trellick-terrace, Pimlico, London, S.W.

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MONSTER LOTTERY! SPLENDID CHANCE!!

THE FOLLOWING MAGNIFICENT PRIZES will be distributed in Stamp & Co.'s Grand Lottery, to be drawn on 31st July, 1864.

450 Stamps in beautiful Album.
200 „ handsome „
100 „ very neat „
50 „ good „

The two highest and two lowest to be declared winners.

Shares only SIXPENCE each, may be had by sending Seven Stamps to STAMP & Co., Newport, Mon.

ALLEXANDER PERRIS, (managing partner in the late firm of Edward Moore & Co.) "Stamp Collector's Review" office, 237, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, will send his new illustrated price list of stamps for sale, on receipt of two stamps. Ionian Islands, 9d set of three, 7s 6d dozen sets. Stamp for reply to accompany all communications.

THE STAMP DEALERS' UNIVERSAL REGISTER. On the 1st Aug., or as soon after as possible, a MONTHLY TRADE CIRCULAR will be commenced, bearing the above title. The object the publisher has in view is to furnish information, which he expects will be the means of increasing Stamp business, and cementing a connection between purchasers and vendors of Stamps at home and abroad; this desideratum he hopes to accomplish by giving a List of Stamp Dealers, in all parts of the world.

To keep the List select, and to prevent as far as possible any unjust dealings, no address will be registered unless it is accompanied by the name of a respectable firm, to whom reference can be made, if deemed necessary.

To enable the proprietor to issue a publication of worth, the support of the trade is respectfully solicited.

Those persons who wish to have their names enrolled on the Register, must send address and reference, together with their subscription, to ensure attention.

The registry fee and cost of paper to the end December, 1864, will be 1s 8d, or per post, 2s 1d; price of paper, (without name on the Register), to end of December, 1864, 10d, or per post, 1s 3d, in advance.

Advertisements will be inserted on the following terms: 20 words, 6d, and 2d for every additional 8 words.

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Address, Mr. J. W. CHATER, "Northern Journal" Office, No. 89, Clayton Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

☞ Suggestions are Invited.

R. EVANS & Co.'s cheap albums. No. 0, or the Mulum in Parvo, holds upwards of 60 stamps, machine ruled. Paper covers price 1d! post free 2d. Admirably adapted for dealers to send stamps in on inspection. No. 1, or the juvenile collector's, holds upwards of 100 stamps, price 3d post free. No. 2, or the Westbourne Album, holds upwards of 200, post free 5d. Extra sheets to enlarge either of the above, one penny for four sheets, post free 2d.

THE "LIVERPOOL AND NEWPORT STAMP ADVERTISER," with which is incorporated the "Newcastle and Gateshead Stamp Advertiser and Review," published 15th of each month, price 1d, post free 2d. No. 14, 15th June, contains jottings for the month, The Recollections of a Dealer, Correspondence, Reviews, Advertisements, &c., &c. No. 13, 15th May, contains a PRIZE CHEQUE for the distribution of prizes, in which six collections will be given away. STAMP & Co., Newport, Mon.

THE JULY NUMBER of the "British and Foreign Stamp and Coin Advertiser," will contain a beautifully executed portrait of Sir Rowland Hill, late of the General Post Office. Advertisements received up to the 25th of June. Full particulars on receipt of one stamp. Address, A. J. JOHNS, 22, Cavendish-street, Manchester. Agents wanted.

L EON CHANDELIER has for sale a great number of stamps used and unused, at a very low price—Montevideo 60c, Argentine repub., 5c, 2s dozen; Buenos Ayres, 1 peso, 4s dozen; Montevideo, 80, light 8d; dark, 9d; 100, rose, 8d; carmine, 1s; brown, 1s 4d; all new issues. All Italian States unused at a very low price (Sicily unused 10s per set). Unused Venezuela, all issues; Pacific, all France and Greece essays, Lucon, old and just issued, Java, St. Helena (from 5d each); Austria and Austrian Italy, old; United States, old; adhesives and envelopes, envelopes new, &c. All stamps warranted genuine. Not less than a dozen at these prices. Send 4d for new price list issued the 15th June. Address, 22, Rue Bernadin De St. Pierre, La Havre, France.

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A COLLECTION of over 140 stamps, 30 of which are unused, in a handsome Album, gilt title, including Brazil, Bergedorf, Tasmania, Venezuela, Italy old and new, Naples, Russia, New Brunswick (new 2c), British Guiana, Tuscany (lion and cross), Austria (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th issues), Nova Scotia, France (Republic, Presidency, Empire, and Colonies), new Holstein, Ionian Islands, Malta, Modena, Hong Kong, &c., &c., &c. Price only 10s 6d, post free. Apply to R. EVANS & Co., Express Office, 20, Park Side, Knightsbridge.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE JULY NUMBER of "The Express" (as stated in our address) will have a slight addition in the charge for advertisements; if we receive sufficient it will be enlarged to 12p.p., and an unused stamp presented with each number. We shall be glad to receive proposals, suggestions, &c., for the still further improvement of "The Express" from our numerous circle of friends. Advertisers may be certain that it is a good medium for their favours when we state that one agent alone sold about four dozen copies of No. 4.

N.B. The price will still be the same, viz., One Penny, and it will be illustrated. Apply to the Editor.

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THE "STAMP COLLECTORS' REVIEW," published 15th each month, 16 pages, illustrated with engravings of new and rare stamps, price 2d, post free 3d. Advertisements received for No. 20, until 6th July, and charged for insertion as follows:—20 words, 1s, 40 words, 1s 6d, 60 words, 2s 3d, 80 words, 2s 9d. ALEXANDER PERRIS, 237, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

ONE PENNY EACH,—Austria, Belgium, Bergedorf, Bavaria, Canada, French, German, Greek, Holland, India, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Mecklenbourg, Portugal, Prussia, &c. Two-pence each:—Barbadoes, Bahamas, Cape of Good Hope, Brunswick, Denmark, Hanover, Saxony, Wurtemberg, &c.—Threepence each:—Hong-Kong, Natal, Mauritius, Nevis, Queensland 1d (orange), &c., &c. New South Wales, 3d; laureated head and Victoria, 3d; half-length portrait of Queen, 6d each, and many others equally cheap. Orders under 1s 6d to contain stamp for reply. Packets of 10, 3d; 20, 6d; 10, 6d, and 10, 1s.

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NOTICE!!

IF YOU WISH TO BUY *genuine old Italian stamps* see the announcements of PAUL NORBERTO, in No. 5 for June of the "Northumberland and Durham Stamp Advertiser," with which all references are to be had.

WILLIAM PARKIN, Jun., Crown Steel Works, Sheffield, has for sale two first-rate **COLLECTIONS OF STAMPS**, containing 280 and 140 respectively; cheap. Send stamp as above for particulars.

GRATIS! GRATIS!!

THE "STAMP, COIN, AND AUTOGRAPHIC ADVERTISER, AND COLLECTOR'S CHRONICLE," edited by Pro Omnes. Messrs. R. Evans & Co. have kindly consented to allow letters to be left in their care. Therefore, Advertisements and applications for the paper, and all communications are to be addressed Pro Omnes, care of Messrs. R. Evans & Co., 20, Park Side, Knightsbridge. Advertisements $\frac{1}{2}$ d per word. 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, or 12 copies, gratis and post free, for one stamp! Advertisements to be received by June 20th. Published July 1st.

Sir,—If you can favour me with an Advertisement, it, or any other communication shall have the best and prompt attention, of,

Sir, Yours respectfully,

PRO OMNES.

N.B.—It will be the aim of the publishers to render the circulation of this periodical the best of any published on the 1st.

Printed by SPICER & Co., Machine Printers, Bishop Stortford; and Published by R. EVANS & Co., Foreign Stamp Dealers, 20, Park-side, Knightsbridge, S.W.

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BARNUM beaten by STAMP & Co., Newport, Mon., in their Stamp Lottery.—See Advertisement.

OLD SPAIN, date, six kinds, 3d each, 2s 6d per doz.; French Empire 25c 2d each, 1s 9d per doz.; Republico 20, 25c 1d each, 9d per doz.; Monte Video 60c and Argentine 5c 4d each, 3s 6d per doz.; the above are used. The following are unused:—French Colonies 1c 1d each, 6d per doz.; 5c 2d each, 1s 6d per doz.; Greek 1 lepta 1d each, 5d per doz. 2 lepta 1d each, 8d per doz.; 5 l 2d each, 1s 6d per doz.; Bavaria 1kr 1d each, 8d per doz.; British Guiana 1 cent 2d each, 1s 3d per doz.; Portugal 5 reis 1d each, 7d per doz.; 10 reis 2d each, 1s per doz.; Italy 1c 4d per doz.; Hanover 3pf, green 1d each, 8d per doz. Address E. F. CLARKE, 32, Wood-street, Newington-Cross, London, S.

TICKETS for a chance in STAMP & Co's Monster Lottery, can be obtained at the office of this Magazine, price only 6d, free by post 1d extra. 1st prize 450 stamps, 2nd 200, 3rd 100, 4th 50. The best chance ever offered. See Advertisement.

THE NATIONAL



POSTAGE STAMP EXPRESS.

[ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL.]

No. 7, VOL I.

LONDON, JULY 15, 1864.

Price 1d.

TO OUR READERS.

In consequence of the firm of R. Evans & Co., being about to dissolve partnership, this paper will not be published again. The stamp business will still be carried on by the new firm of Evans Brothers, on and after August 1st (see advertisement). The cash due to yearly subscribers and advertisers of 3, 6, and 12 months will be returned within two or three weeks. Agents are *particularly* requested to forward cash for numbers sold, and return those unsold by July 30th *at latest*. In conclusion the editor and publishers beg to thank their friends for their past liberal support, and hope that a continuance of it as to stamps will be accorded to the new stamp firm of Evans Brothers.

THE BAVARIAN UNPAID LETTER LABEL.

This stamp of which we give an engraving, is the rarest of Bavarian stamps, which are all (except the one in question), easily obtainable. It answers the same purpose as the French "chiffre taxe," shape rectangular, black impression on white paper, inscription: above Bayer Postaxe, (Bavarian postage fee), below Vom



Empfänger zahlbar (to be paid by the receiver), at each side 3 kreuzer, figure of value in centre. A proof of this stamp, with others on India paper is about to be prepared.

L'ENVOI.

With the half-yearly volume of the "Express" ends our task, the last stone is laid, the building is finished. It does not it is true boast of so many stories (both metaphorical and practical), as we could wish, but if it has in course of erection served to while away a dull half hour, or added one new fact to the art of stamp collecting, it has satisfied the reader's servant,

THE EDITOR.

NEW STAMPS.

New South Wales Adhesive: red impression on white glazed paper, something similar to the 3d. green Jamaica, but different ornaments, and head of Queen diademed not laureated, shape rectangular with head in double lined oval, inscription—between the lines—New South Wales, Postage One Penny; Envelope: oval, white relief printed in colour, head of Queen to left, inscription encircling the oval, "postage one penny," at top, "New South Wales," at bottom, four stars are placed one at top and bottom and each side. Victoria, 2d.: blue lilac

in colour on white paper, similar to last issue, name at top, value at bottom.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE STAMP DEALER'S DIRECTORY.

FOREIGN STAMPS, used and unused, can be obtained at moderate prices from any of the following Dealers. STAMPEDE, 12, Trelick-terrace, Pimlico, London, S.W.
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 C.S.T., care of R. Evans and Co., 20, Park Side, Knightsbridge.
 W. KELLAWAY, the Foreign Stamp Depôt, 7, Bond-st., Weymouth.
 SPECIMEN, 8, Bear-street, Leicester-square, London, W.C.
 R. A. BARBER, jun., London-Road, Leicester.
 PRO OMNES, care of Mr. T. Smith, 259, Fulham Road, London, S.W.
 LEON CHANDELIER, 22, Rue Bernadin De St. Pierre, Havre, France.
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NOTICE.

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ON and after August 1st, the firm hitherto trading under the title of R. EVANS & Co., will dissolve partnership. The business will be still carried on by R. EVANS, and T. F. EVANS, jun., under the style and title of EVANS BROTHERS, who trust by a strict attention to business and liberal tariff, to merit the patronage so liberally bestowed on the old firm since its establishment, in May, 1863.

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THE STAMP DEALER'S UNIVERSAL REGISTER. On the 1st Aug., or as soon after as possible, a MONTHLY TRADE CIRCULAR will be commenced, bearing the above title. The object the publisher has in view is to furnish information, which he expects will be the means of increasing Stamp business, and cementing a connection between purchasers and vendors of Stamps at home and abroad; this desideratum he hopes to accomplish by giving a List of Stamp Dealers, in all parts of the world.

To keep the List select, and to prevent as far as possible any unjust dealings, no address will be registered unless it is accompanied by the name of a respectable firm, to whom reference can be made, if deemed necessary.

To enable the proprietor to issue a publication of worth, the support of the trade is respectfully solicited.

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