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Devoted to Stamps, Coins and Curiosities.

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to build their nest, which is composed of a soft down taken from the stems of the fern. They usually cover the outside of the nest with lichens, thus giving it the appearance of a mossy knot; so much so that I have spent nearly an hour looking for a nest after I had discovered by the actions of the bird which tree it was in. Another curious fact is that of sixteen nests found in this vicinity in the past three years, all were found south of the main part of the tree. The eggs are two in number, white and nearly elliptical in shape, being of about equal size at both ends.

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In 1878 the National Philatetical Society suggested the idea of a Color Chart which would represent the various colors used in printing Postage Stamps, but for want of sufficient support, it was not at that time undertaken. In 1880 the French Society prepared a report, after careful investigation, stating that in their belief "it was unadvisable and impossible to prepare such a work with any degree of accuracy." In 1881 Mr. W. F. SMITH was induced to unite with the National Philatetical Society, and was unanimously elected Secretary, which office he filled for two years, and under whose able management the "National Philatelist" was placed at the head of American Philatetical Journals. Through long connection with the American Bank Note Co., and his thorough knowledge of colors, he at once took an active interest in the Color Chart, and prepared the design from which they have been printed, at the same time keeping a watchful eye over every branch of the work until the National Philatetical Society now have the pleasure of presenting the Color Chart embracing 150 colors or 900 distinct tints in which Postage Stamps are printed, with the endorsements of the Dresden, London, Paris and Vienna Philatetical Societies.

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It is interesting to keep a record of the dates on which the various kinds of birds arrive at the North, and also the time when they begin to nest.

We should like to have any of our readers, who may be able to do so, send us a description of the eggs and nesting habits of the Canada Jay.

It should be the aim of collectors to exclude any but carefully identified eggs from their collections, as a poorly identified specimen is worse than nothing.

It is much better to collect eggs in the original sets instead of single eggs, or even in pairs. A collection made in this manner is much more *interesting* and *valuable*, especially if a record be kept giving full description of nest, bird, place and date of finding, name of collector, and any other point that would be of interest to the general observer.

WAR RELICS.

To the Curiosity Collecting Public in General and Collectors of the Mementoes of our late Civil War in Particular.

In starting our new paper, we wish to make it one of the best of its kind, and to include everything that will be interesting and useful to those for whose benefit it is intended. We think it would be incomplete without a department devoted to relics of the late Southern Confederacy. The collection of these mementoes is an interesting as well as instructive pastime. They help to bring before our minds the desperate straits to which the rebels were driven during the time their ports were so closely blockaded by the Northern army and navy.

Look at the coarse, cheap paper on which many of their bills were printed, some of the paper used being so poor that we now would hardly think it suitable for wrapping paper. Look at the pictures of the prominent men of the Confederacy which are on many of the

bills. When we see these faces, we wish to know their names, and find out their history, and thus we gain much valuable knowledge.

It is not *necessarily costly* to start a collection of bills, as a good variety can be purchased quite reasonably, especially if you get several of your friends to club with you and get them at wholesale prices; or better yet, you can purchase a number of each kind you want, and then sell the duplicates among your friends and neighbors at a slightly advanced price, and in this manner get your bills free and enough beside to pay you for your trouble in selling them.

There are many people who have valuable bills stored away in their attics, and do not know their worth, some not even aware that there is any sale for them. For the benefit of such persons, and other collectors we have decided to commence a series of articles in our next issue treating on all varieties of Confederate bills, giving a description of their designs, the place of issue, and all other facts about them which we think will be of interest to collectors. We shall also give the prices at which they are usually sold by dealers.

There are several reasons why such a series of articles would be useful, among which are the following:

1st. We hope, by giving a general description of all varieties of bills, to bring more of the rare varieties into the market by giving people an idea of the value of bills which they possess and prices they might realize by selling them.

2d. We wish to give small collectors some idea of the varieties of bills that were issued, and in this manner aid them in procuring bills for their collections.

3d. To induce those who are undecided whether to start a collection or not, to make up their minds to commence one immediately, and to such we will say that the sooner they commence their collection the less it will cost them, as the prices of bills are continually rising.

It is our desire to make this paper so useful to the collector in any branch

that he cannot afford to do without it, and it will be our continual endeavor to give our readers as much useful knowledge as possible, even though it is in a small space. As I have had considerable experience in handling Confederate bills I have concluded to take charge of this department, and with your support and assistance, to give any and all information on this subject that is in our power. I shall be pleased to receive any information or answer any question which you may send me.

As this is our first issue, we ask you to be lenient with our failures, and we will try and improve in the future. Hoping this department may be a help to some of the readers of our paper, and wishing you all much success, I remain,

Your obedient servant,
T. S. SPARROW.

Fac Similes of Rare Confederate Bills.

Of some varieties of bills there were very few issued by the Confederate government, and, as these varieties are scarce, there is a great demand for them by collectors, who are willing to pay extremely high prices in order to obtain them. Some varieties are so very hard to obtain that dealers do not price them in their catalogues. Of some of these rare bills, "reprints" or *fac similes* have been issued, which give a good representation of the variety, and those reprinted from the original plates are exactly like the *genuine* bills, although they can be obtained at a very trifling cost compared with the prices charged for the original ones. Among the best *fac similes* of these rare bills that I ever saw are some held by the Laurel Stamp Co., which I believe they intend to, or do, offer as premiums to the subscribers of their new paper, THE CURIOSITY COLLECTOR. The bills alone are sold by other dealers for more than they charge for a year's subscription to the paper including premium, so I think subscribers will get the worth of their money, as the paper bids fair to become one of the best of its kind.

These *fac similes* which they offer are extremely good ones and cannot be distinguished from the *genuine* except by experienced persons. They have been pronounced by experts as the best *fac similes* they ever saw. Now it is the aim

and ambition of every collector to get as many varieties as possible, and if he is unable to obtain some rare varieties, the next best thing for him to do is to get *good fac similes* of them to complete the collection. As the Laurel Stamp Company now offer five *fac similes free* to all subscribers of their paper, it is a good chance, and one that should not be overlooked by collectors, to obtain fine *fac similes* of bills which are so rare that they could not be obtained in any other way.

Among their *fac similes* of rare bills they have those of the \$20 bills of July 25, 1861—female riding on deer in center—the *genuine* of which are catalogued at \$50.00 each; \$20 bills of Sept. 2, 1861—kneeling female, globe, &c., in center—catalogued at \$8.00 each; \$10 of Sept. 2, 1861—group of Indians in center—catalogued at \$3.00 each; \$50, same date—head of Davis in center—catalogued at \$75 each; \$50, same date—head of Washington in center—catalogued at \$50 each;—and many other rare varieties which I have no room to mention, but the above gives some idea of the general character of the bills they offer.

I am informed that the offer is for a limited time only, or when the lot of bills they have on hand are exhausted they will have to withdraw the offer, as it is believed no more bills like them can be obtained.

Send on your subscriptions early and secure the bills to complete your collection, is the advice of

A CONTRIBUTOR.

ATTENTION, PUBLISHERS!

We have a good second hand wood engraving of the New Five Cent Nickle piece, which was lately issued by the U. S. Mint. It gives both obverse and reverse. We will sell it cheap. Any publisher wanting such an article, will find it a good bargain.

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Discount on continued advertisements. Count nine words to a line, eight lines to an inch.

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All advertisements must be handed in by the 5th of the month to insure insertion in next number.

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FEBRUARY, 1883.

To All Curiosity Collectors.

This month we present to you the first number of THE CURIOSITY COLLECTOR, and trust that you will examine it carefully. If, after so doing, you think it is worth the small price we ask for it, send on your subscriptions, with those of a few of your friends, and get a premium that will pay you well for your trouble.

We shall not confine ourselves to any one branch of collecting, but shall aim to make our paper of interest to the general collector as well as to those who make a speciality of coins, stamps, &c. We shall have special departments devoted to Oology, Philately and Numismatics, and will be thankful for any information on any of these subjects that will be of interest to our readers.

In conclusion, we would say that with your co-operation we will endeavor to make this paper one of the best of its class.

Collectors receiving a sample copy of this paper are invited to send in their subscriptions at once.

Our Premium List.

In order to increase the circulation of THE CURIOSITY COLLECTOR, we shall, for the present, offer the following premiums:

For a club of two subscribers we will give two of our dime packets: two genuine Confederate bills, or 15 varieties of Spanish stamps.

For a club of three subscribers we will give three dime packets: 8 facsimiles of rare Confederate bills, or one hundred varieties of foreign stamps.

For a club of four subscribers we will give one of Stoake's Automatic Shading Pens, with a receipt for making the Automatic ink, or one hundred and twenty-five varieties of foreign stamps—or a California gold quarter dollar.

For a club of eight subscribers we will give a book entitled Hoyle's Games, or three thousand mixed foreign stamps.

For a club of sixteen subscribers we will give six thousand well-assorted foreign stamps, or three thousand extra well-assorted foreign stamps.

We will send the premiums post free by return mail as soon as we receive the order. Should any person desire a cash premium instead of those offered above, we will allow a cash commission of 25 per cent. on clubs of four or over. Amounts of over two dollars should be sent by registered letter or postoffice order. Amounts of \$5.00 or over may be sent at our expense. All orders answered by return mail.

Address, LAUREL STAMP CO.,
Box 5, Oberlin, Ohio.

The publishers of the following papers will please accept our thanks for the same: Stamp Collector's Review, Old Curiosity Shop, Empire City Philatelist, Collector's Bureau, Stamp World, Philatelic Courier, Granite State Philatelist, Union Exchange List, the Monthly Echo, Elm City Advertiser, and the Collector's Guide. The publishers of all Philatelic and Curiosity papers are invited to send them in exchange for ours.

Mr. A. Harpster of Genoa, Ohio, is general subscription and advertising agent for this paper. Any orders given him will receive prompt attention.

The New Five-Cent Nickel.

Below we give an illustration of the new five-cent nickel piece. The coinage of this piece began about the 5th of February, at the Philadelphia mint.

The U. S. Treasury Department was not satisfied with the five-cent nickel which has been issued up to this time, and, during the session of Congress last year it obtained the authority to change the style. During the winter the Department received offers of different designs, but the one decided on was prepared by Col. A. L. Snowby of the Philadelphia mint. Below we give a cut showing the piece on both obverse and reverse sides:



As you will see by the cut, the new piece is to be about the same size as the old one. It is to be composed of the same alloy (25 parts nickel and 75 copper), and the weight will be the same also. The coinage of the old style was discontinued on the day that the new ones were first issued.

We think this is quite an improvement on the previous issue of nickel pieces.

NOTES.

We have a few blow-pipes for blowing eggs which we will send for 15 cents each.

Unless a few settlements are made, we shall do a little free advertising in our next number.

Mr. W. G. Karpe has purchased the Queen City Collector, and will hereafter call it the Philatelists' Journal.

Every dealer should try our advertising columns, as our paper has a large circulation among active collectors.

The Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C., publish a pamphlet giving full directions for making collections of birds' eggs. This should be obtained by every collector.

Every collector should obtain one of J. T. Handford's International Stamp Collectors' Directory for 1883. They can be obtained at this office or of the publisher. Price 25 cents.

Dealers wishing to purchase Coins, Confederate Bills or Bonds, Broken Bank Bills, &c., are invited to correspond with us, as we make a specialty of that department.

We wish to buy large or small collections of Stamps, Coins, Birds' Eggs, Confederate Money, Indian Relics, &c., and should be pleased to receive catalogues of auction sales, wholesale price-lists, &c., &c.

We have just received the January number of the Granite State Philatelist. This paper contains sixteen pages and a cover, and is one of the best stamp papers we have ever seen.

The January number of the Stamp World is at hand, and contains twelve pages instead of eight. This paper has greatly improved in appearance within the past few months, and now ranks among the first of its class.

Mr. N. F. Seebeck has kindly favored us with a copy of his Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps. This is one of the best and neatest catalogues we have ever seen, and would be of inestimable value to every collector.

We will present a fac simile of a rare Confederate bill, the genuine of which is worth from \$8.00 to \$10.00, to all collectors whose subscriptions we receive before April 15, 1883. These bills are pronounced by experienced collectors to be excellent fac similes, and are valuable to collectors who are unable to obtain the genuine.

WANTED.

All kinds of rare U. S. and Department Stamps, South and Central American, and all other kinds of rare stamps and Postal Cards, for which we will pay good prices in exchange, or cash. We also want one agent in every town and city, to sell our sheets of stamps at 30 per cent. commission. The stamps on these sheets are marked as low as it is possible to sell genuine stamps, and will be found to sell readily. Our correspondents will greatly oblige us by sending full name and address with every communication. Send at once and secure the sole agency in your town for the sale of our stamps.

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Box 5, OBERLIN, O.

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- No. 5 contains 50 varieties of European stamps.
- No. 6 contains 12 varieties of British Colonial stamps.
- No. 7 contains 8 varieties of South American stamps.
- No. 8 contains 5 varieties—Peru, Japan, etc.
- No. 9 contains 8 varieties—Italy (signatsass), Sweden (official).
- No. 11 contains 2 very rare South American stamps.
- No. 12 contains 7 stamps from Japan, Spain, Peru, Mexico, etc.

We will send the above packets to any address for 10 cents each, or the 12 to one address for \$1.00, postage paid.

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Box 5, OBERLIN, O.

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1000 well mixed.....	\$.30
500 " ".....	.20
300 " ".....	.15
1000 finely assorted.....	1.00
500 " ".....	.60
300 " ".....	.40
100 British Colonial.....	.40
25 Spain, no two alike.....	.20

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Box 5, Oberlin, O.

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- No. 14 contains 50 varieties from Nicaragua, New Foundland, Heligoland, Venezuela, etc. Price \$1.00.
- No. 15 contains 10 varieties of stamps. Price 25 cents.
- No. 16 contains 200 stamps (duplicates) suitable for trading. Price \$1.00.
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A three cent stamp must accompany all orders under 50cts. State name and address plainly. If you cannot send fractional currency, send unused 1, 2 or 3 cent postage stamps. Orders for less than fifteen cent are respectfully declined. Postal card inquiries are not noticed. Persons desiring information must send stamp for return postage, when it will be cheerfully given. Unused stamps of the lowest denominations will be received from foreign customers. Address,

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WANTED—All varieties of Confederate Bills—both State and Treasury—Bonds, Stamps, Defense Bonds, &c., in large or small quantities. Also wish to purchase all kinds of Broken Bank Bills, Bills issued by Corporations, and all other curiosities of the same kind, for which I will pay cash, or exchange for other varieties. Parties having any of the above articles for sale, will do well to correspond with me before disposing of them. Address,

T. S. SPARROW,

Box 357, Oberlin, O.

EXCHANGES.

Exchange Notices of not more than forty words will be inserted for subscribers only. FREE. All notices should reach us by the fifth of the month.

STAMPS for curiosities of any kind, Confederate Bills for Bird's Eggs. Also a good Watch for a Self-inking Printing Press.

N. G. TOWNSEND,
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RARE Foreign Stamps, Confederate Money, Foreign Postal Cards, Indian Relics etc., etc., for Birds' Eggs and Curiosities.

E. E. HAYNES,
Box 368, Oberlin, O.

WANTED.—Confederate Bills, Confederate Bonds, Broken Bank Bills and U. S. Department and Revenue Stamps, for which I will exchange Gold Halves or Quarters, Copper Cents, or Half Cents, or other varieties of Bills or Stamps, as you wish.

T. S. SPARROW,
Box 632, Oberlin, O.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—I have a quantity of Boys' Story Papers and "Libraries"—all in excellent condition—which I would like to exchange for other papers or "Libraries." Should like to get any of the "Jack Harkaway" stories. Correspondence solicited.

S. T. C. care Collector,
Box 857, Oberlin, O.

I WILL send a fine specimen of the Chinese Horn Nut to any address on receipt of two unused 3 cent stamps. These nuts are genuine curiosities and should be obtained by every curiosity collector. E. E. Haynes Oberlin, O.

A PAIR of B. & B. all-Clamp Skates, No. 11; two books viz., "Facts in Physiology" and "The Art of Boxing;" a good white metal Watch Chain; an Automatic Pencil; a Walnut Book Carrier; 95 different Advertising Cards; 100 numbers of Youth's Companion; a Revolving Card Press and 300 Blank Cards and a good Pocket Knife, all in good condition, for a good self-inking printing press and outfit, size of chase not to be less than 3x5 inches. Other offers invited.

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10 Sardinia, unused.....	0.10
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6 Jamaica, used.....	0.10
4 Orange States, used.....	0.12
9 Egypt, used.....	0.20
8 Swiss unpaid.....	0.18
15 Guatemala.....	1.50
12 Modena.....	0.75
5 Philippine.....	0.35
Postage extra on any of these sets.	

EVERYBODY LOOK HERE!

I wish to buy all kinds of rare U. S. Coins, for which I will pay from 5c to \$500 premium, CASH. For a good 1804 dollar, I will give \$500.00; for an 1858 dollar, will pay \$20.00; for 1879, 1880, 1881, or 1882 trade dollar, will pay \$1.40 each. I will give \$1.50 for a 1793 cent, \$5.00 for 1799, \$1.50 for 1804 cents. For a half-cent of 1796, I will give \$3.00. I will pay 75c. each for two-cent and silver three-cent pieces of 1873. Will also pay \$2.25 each for 1877 twenty-cent pieces.

But few people know the value of coins. The need of a good Coin Catalogue, has long been felt. To supply this want, I have just issued a complete 16-page Catalogue of my buying prices of gold, silver and copper coins, relics, paper money, etc. Price 10c. each, 3 for 25c., 7 for 50c., 1 doz. for 80c.

To collectors, merchants, and in fact, every one who handles money, it is indispensable, as they could obtain premiums on coins that would be passed out in change. I also wish to buy birds' eggs, and U. S. stamps in any quantities. Agents wanted to sell stamps, at from 25 to 50 per cent. commission.

For any paper in mourning for Garfield, I will give 50 foreign stamps; do., Lincoln, 500. Address all orders to

John M. Hubbard,
LAKE VILLAGE, N. H.

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LAUREL STAMP Co., Oberlin, O.

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A collection of over 500 Foreign and Domestic Stamps with Album, worth \$10.00 altogether. Offers wanted.

A Printing Press with complete outfit, 2 Fonts Type, Ink, Roller, Cards etc. In perfect order, cost when new \$6.00. We must sell these goods to make room for more, and the best offer, either in cash or merchandise takes them. Cash offers receive first attention.

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CONFEDERATE RELICS.

In this department we shall try to give a description of all Bills, Bonds, etc., issued by the Confederate States of America, together with other information relating to this department. The editor will be pleased to answer any questions or give any information in his power, relating to this department. Parties wishing information, will please address with stamp, otherwise their communications will not be noticed.

CONFEDERATE BILLS.

NO. III.

BY T. S. SPARROW.

THIS month I will continue my list of Confederate Bills by giving a description of those issued at Richmond, Va., July 25th, 1861.

The highest denomination issued, bearing this date, is the \$100 note. In fact, the \$100, was the highest denomination issued at Richmond during the year 1861, '62 and '63.

The date, July 25, 1861, is printed on the face of all of these bills, and they are all but one, with plain white backs.

The design of the \$100 bill, is a representation of the head of Washington in the lower left corner, and two female figures in the center. This bill was engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond, Va., and was issued in two letters, B and C. This bill is rare, and is priced at from, 75c. to \$2.00.

The \$50 bill, which is the next

lowest denomination of this date, has the following design: In the center is a head of Washington, and in the lower left corner, a female is represented as being seated, holding a spear in one hand, and in the other a globe, on which a bird is sitting. In each of the other corners, is a large "50," in white, surrounded by black. This, also, was engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig, and was issued in the letter B, Bb, and C. *Rare.* Catalogued at about the same price as the last.

There were two varieties of \$20 bills issued bearing this date. The first we will look at is the one which is the most common. In the center is the cut of a ship under full sail, apparently on a rather rough sea. In the left center is a large "20" under a sort of net work of crossed lines, and in the upper right corner, is another "20" in white with a dark surrounding, while in the lower right corner, is "XX" in white. Hoyer & Ludwig were the engravers. Issued in the following letters, viz., B, C, Cc, Ccc, and D. The price that this bill is catalogued at, is usually about \$1.00. The other bill of this denomination is probably the most rare of any of the bills issued by the confederates, and therefore, I think it needs a more minute description than the more common varieties. The central design is a female riding on

the back of a bounding deer, while in the lower left corner is an Indian seated, smoking a long pipe and leaning on a small barrel, (probably of whiskey, as this was engraved before the temperance question came up.) In each of the upper corners is the numeral "XX" in white, surrounded with a network of crossed lines in red. In the lower right corner is a large "20" in white, surrounded with a red net work. There is also the word "TWENTY" in large letters printed across the face in red. The engravers name is not given. I am not aware of its being issued in more than one letter (which is A.) Dr. Lee, in his work on the currency of the Confederate States, mentions that his photograph of this note was taken from a fac simile, which shows how rare a genuine note is. I do not think any collector who really wants such a bill to complete his collection, would hesitate to pay \$50 for a genuine one, while if it was put up at auction, it would probably bring much more, if the bidders were perfectly satisfied that it was *genuine*. We will now proceed to the \$10 bill of July 25.

In the center, we will see a female leaning on a shield, on which is a confederate flag, bearing eleven stars, while in the distant background, an eagle is to be seen. In the lower left corner, is a female figure standing with outstretched arms. Hoyer & Ludwig, the engravers names, is on the face. Issued in three letters, A, B, and C. Rare, and priced \$3 to \$5 each. There is another variety of this bill with the stars different on the flag in the center. There are ap-

parently but ten instead of eleven.

The Confederate government also issued two kinds of \$5 bills, bearing this date. The variety which is the more common of the two, has a design in the center, similar to the last, with this exception. Instead of the Confederate flag on the shield, there is a figure "5." In the lower left corner, there is a sailor represented. Engravers, Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Va. Issued in letters B and Bb. Rare. Price, about \$5.

The other variety is much different in design. It has the word "FIVE" across the end, the numeral "V" in the upper left corner, and the figure "5" in the upper right corner. On the back is printed in blue ink, "CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA." Engraved by J. Manrouvier, New Orleans, La. Issued in five letters, viz., F, G, H and I. This first is very rare, and will bring about \$10 each. This completes the list of notes issued July 25th, 1861. I expected to be able to include a description of a few of the notes issued September 2, 1861, but space forbids, so I shall be obliged to wait until next month, when I will describe part of the issue of September 2d, although my space will not allow me to complete the list of that date, as there were many varieties issued at this time.

Collectors receiving a sample copy of this paper, are invited to send in their subscriptions at once.

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Fifth.—Every dealer sending us a cash advertisement, can have his card in the dealers directory, free, as long as his advertisement continues.

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NOTES.

Envelopes were first used in 1849.

We shall start a dealers' directory next month.

The first almanac was printed by Geo. Van Furbach in 1460.

Mr. W. F. Bishop of Chicago, Ill., announces that about the 20th of May he will publish No. 1 of the *Lakeside Philatelist*.

We have just received one of the "new nickels" with *E Pluribus Unum* above the wreath and the word "cents" below.

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OLOGY.

The Editor of this Department will be glad to receive any information that will be of interest to the readers of this paper, and will also answer any questions which you may wish to ask.

Instructions for Collecting and Preserving Birds' Eggs.

THE nests of birds are to be sought for in all localities, and in various months of the year, according to the latitude, May and June being generally the most productive. Many of the rapacious birds, however, begin to lay much earlier in the middle states, even in February and March. This is especially the case with the bald eagle, great horned owls, etc. Others, again will be found breeding in July and August.

When a nest containing eggs, or one newly constructed is discovered, it should not be disturbed, if possible, before the parents have been observed hovering around or near, and thus identified. If the species cannot be otherwise positively determined, and generally in any case a parent bird should be secured, and either the whole skin be prepared, or a portion, as the head and wing, preserved for identification. The bird may also be thrown into alcohol, and thus easily kept.

The services of boys and other persons on farms, plantations, etc., may be called to great advantage into requisition in collecting eggs.

Whenever they have found a nest, however, it should not be disturbed before information is communicated to, and the spot visited by some one competent to determine the species, unless the parents can be taken with the nest.

No pains should be considered too great to secure the certain identification of each set of eggs. Horse hair snares arranged about a nest will often secure the parent bird. If identification be impossible, however, the eggs should still be preserved, as the species can usually be approximated to, if not absolutely determined, by an expert oologist. Sometimes by removing all the eggs in a nest, except one or two, without handling those left, quite a large number can be obtained from one pair of birds; generally, however, the nest will be found abandoned on a second visit.

The nest may not always be removable. In such cases, full mention of their position, character, etc., should be carefully made. Nests constructed in bushes, or in trees, usually need but slight precautions to preserve them intact. Those on the ground often require to be secured against dropping to pieces by a little judicious wrapping or tying together, or even by a few coarse stitches with a thread and needle. A little cotton packed in the nest above the eggs, will generally keep the latter whole until reaching home, unless subjected to a violent shock. It will be safer, however, to inclose each one in an envelope of cotton. It is absolutely necessary, in all cases, to empty every egg of its contents, in order to preserve the shell for cabinet purposes; and this should be done at the earliest moment possible. It is accomplished in various ways; the simplest, when the egg does not contain an embryo, being to prick a small aperture at each end, on opposite sides, with a sharp needle, (a three-cornered one,

answers best,) or an egg drill, one aperture rather the larger, through which the contents are blown by the application of the mouth at the other. Delicate eggs, however, when fresh, can be best emptied by suction, a small quantity at a time of the contents being drawn into the mouth, and then discharged. European collectors generally make two apertures near the extremities, that towards the blunt end the larger, or else a single hole in the side through which the contents are emptied by a blow-pipe or syringe. This is a much better way when a blow-pipe can be procured.—*Smithsonian Circular*,

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The following persons are owing us for stamps, and either refuse to pay or do not answer when written to. We have a few more names which we shall publish next month, unless settlements are made before that time: R. Titus, Belleville, Ont.; J. M. Sinklater, Seaforth, Ont.; Jas. C. Macon, Belleville, Ont.; Albert Rareshide, New Orleans, La.; H. B. Williams, Chicago, Ill.

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