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Amateur Department.

Edited by Chas. O. Henbest. Exchanges will please send a copy to his address, Marshall, Ill.

Forest City Spark comes to hand as heretofore and is always a readable paper.

We would be glad to receive a copy of the Violet. Ditto, Youth.

Boy's Weekly devotes but little space to the 'dom of late. What is the cause?

The Literarian is becoming one of our best journals.

Jerome C. Bull's Quartz is a fine journal, indeed. We think that is the best paper published on the coast.

We miss the regular visits of the Bumble Bee. Has it gone up the flume?

A. E. Barker has returned once more to the 'dom. He has accepted a position on Junior Press.

Spear is neatly printed and is full of good articles.

Kansrn is a new one hailing from Wellington, Kansas.

Wisconsin Boys is a neat little paper,

Gazette, of Chariton, Iowa, a philatelic paper, devotes a page to the 'dom.

Clipper, for April, speaks of the New Moon as though there was but one journal bearing that name.

The Sylvan Muse is greatly improved.

The Exchange, of Adrian, Mich. has suspended.

Bric-a-Brac is the representative paper of Canada. Long may it ilve.

Our Goat is a small sheet hailing from Macomb, Ill.

Where are the Mendota papers? The bundle has not arrived for the last five or six months. The Clipper, Thunderbolt and Telegram were heretofore exceedingly regular.

We suppose ere this reaches our readers that the N. A. P. A. will have held its meeting at San Francisco and elected a new set of officers. Who will head the list? Convention numbers are now in order.

Norm, for July, come out for J. H. I. Munroe for president of the Napa. It is one of our brightest and newsiest exchanges.

Peace now reigns over the old Empire State, the Esapa and Nyapa having been superseded by the Knickerborker apa.

The Sentinel is as newsy as ever. W. W. Carpenter has severed his connection therewith and in August will issue a new journal, Highland Breezes. Something fine is anticipated.

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Collectors who get stamps and stick them in an old book, let up on it, for it ruins your stamp. If you have not an album get one or make one, and if you cannot do that put them into a box until you can. They won't rust.

We have received the *Collector's Aid*, an eight page paper for stamp and coin collectors, published by Geo. H. Richard, Brooklyn, N. Y. Also his price list.

Mr. B. E. Sterling of Trenton, N. J., has sent us his catalogue of U. S. Stamps.

Curiosity agents should get the agency for specimens of S. W. Terrill & Co., No. 346 Chanpa st., Denver, Col.

R. R. Bogert, Room 38 Tribune Building, New York, has sent us his Price list. It is a dandy.

The largest collection of stamps in America is owned by J. K. Taffany of St. Louis, Mo.

There is $40,000,000 of unclaimed money in the vaults of the U. S. Treasury.

Gold.

A new gold country is said to have been discovered by a shipwrecked French sailor in Patagonia, between the straits of Magellan and the river Gellegos. The man had collected from the sands a little fortune when taken off the coast by a schooner.

Died, March 10th, *Collector's Companion*, Chicago, Ill.

We have not seen the color of the *Collector's Science Monthly*.

Aligator eggs are often classed with birds eggs. Is not an Aligator a rare bird?

F. H. Latin, Albion, N. Y., is the publisher of a spicy paper called *The Ooligist*.

The *Philatelic* Magazine has suspended.

We want to get the names of all collectors in the world. Correspondents will confer a favor by sending the names of all responsible collectors in their locality.

We will be glad to publish notes from our readers, but we will not undertake to decipher badly written manuscript.

We intend to improve the *Directory* in several ways during the next six months.

Some time ago a so-called collector sent for a sheet of stamps and did not return them until notified that he must do so. He did not take a stamp only the one given free. This is a new way to collect stamps.

In our next number we will have a coin department. Who will volunteer to take charge of it?

A better advertising medium than the *Directory* for 1886 has never been offered to dealers in novelties, coins, stamps and curiosities.

Some papers have been writing about philately two hundred years from now and some are writing about the same two thousand years from now; but who can tell. It is a long while to look ahead.

In the May number of E. S. P. we copied the following. "Mr. Raymond, of the *Collector's Companion* has sold out his interest in that paper to his partner, Mr. Cowles, and has retired from the editorial chair.

What has become of the C. C. since March?

Two draw backs in philately—counterfeits and frauds.

General Pierce has given Manchester a few calls since he first skipped.

Manchester has had eight stamp dealers and companies since 1882 and three papers started, although there are not 1500 in'ts'rests.

Everybody who thinks Sir Rowland Hill first invented the postage stamp should read the item on the fourth page.

An apology due our readers for the size of the *Directory*. It was to have been four pages 9x12, but we have decided to make it an eight page 6x9.

Every collector should send and get W. W. Greeny's catalogue.

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Charles Mekeel is similar to Barnum. He has the P. J. of A. for the menagerie and the *Carson Philatelest* for the side show.

Some time ago we received a letter asking if the Alpha Postal Card Co. and C. J. Van Valkenburg were not one and the same parties. No we are not. Try the post master next time.

The first number of the Illinois *Philatelest* is at hand.

Notice of exchange.—We will give a copy of the *Youth's Companion* for every amateur paper sent us. Address this office.

The United States has 179 adhesive stamps.

Pearls.

Pearls are not the disease of an oyster, says an authority on the subject, but are little grains of sand, which becoming encysted in the oyster are finely covered with a smooth deposit which is the pearl.

Ichthyosaurus.

A farmer living six miles west of McRumey, Tex., found the remains of a carniverous animal which the geologists pronounced to be the remains of an ichthyosaurus. It was twelve feet in length and the teeth, tongue and vertebras were petrified.

About Stamp Collecting.

Juding from the numerous articles which have been written, concerning the advantages to be gained from stamp collecting, the subject would seen to be exhausted and that nothing remains to be said. If such were the case, there are good reasons for keeping the arguments, so often advanced, before the philatelic fraternity, to encourage the older members and enlighten the latest accession to our ranks. The votaries of philately are almost universally intelligent, well bred boys, for no others could have inclination for such a pursuit or diversion. They have, too, those qualities so necessary for success in any enterprise, energy and persistence.

Given collectors of these qualifications, it is easy to see to what extent the pursuit of their hobby will increase their knowledge of the location, extent, kind of government, history and general characteristics of the countries of the world, information which will be of the greatest value to them in after life. There is no risk in saying that collectors of the kind referred to far excel, in accurate knowledge of the world, all boys who have had only the advantages of even the best schools. The latter have as a rule only vague notions of many of the most remote and least known parts of the globe and of their form of government, political relations, etc., while the former must from the very nature of their favorite amusement, become familiar with all these things.

Is there no reason for inferring that the boys now engaged in collecting stamps, will in a few years be amongst our most energetic, intelligent and consequently most successful business men?—*Our American Youth.*

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Who Invented the Postage Stamp?

This subject has been receiving considerable attention from Philatelic papers lately. Some give the honor to Sir Rowland Hill and some to James Chalmers. The following extract, which appeared in the *Quarterly Review* in 1839, should settle all difficulties:

"M. Piron tells us that the idea of a postpaid envelope originated early in the reign of Louis XIV. with M. de Valayer, who in 1653 established, with royal approbation, a private penny post, placing boxes at the corners of the streets for the reception of letters wrapped up in envelopes, which were to be bought at offices established for that purpose."

This shows that the inventor was M. de Valayer, and neither Sir Rowland nor James Chalmers.

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The mocking-birds of Florida are fast approaching extermination at the hands of winter tourists. The State has no game-laws, and had not needed them up to the time when fashion set its stamp upon that section as the proper resort for escape from the rigors of the cold months at the North. But the woods are now scoured every winter by visitors with shotguns, and mocking-birds and cardinals are becoming so scarce that at Jacksonville, it is stated, last spring there was not one bird to be found where there were ten a year ago.—*Saturday Night.*

To Restore Worn Coin.

While Dr A. H. Best of North Carolina, was silver plating a small article with cyanide of silver solution he used a Spanish silver coin as an anode. The coin had been hammered to twice its original size and was worn perfectly smooth A powerful glass could not bring out a letter or a figure on it, yet in a little while after it was put in the bath every letter and figure became perfectly clear. The date, 1800, could be plainly seen.—*Toronto Philatelic Journal*

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From the S. C. Gazette.

At Cedar Rapids, Ia., a bolt of lightning tore from a Bible on a church pulpit the Book of Numbers, leaving the other pages uninjured.

Meteorologists have found that there can be no thunder and lightning without rain. When thunder is heard beneath a clear sky the reports must either come from distant clouds or be the result of some other cause than a discharge of electricity. Harvest or heat lightning is produced by a distant storm. Thunder seldom accompanies heat lightning, the sound reaching only about twelve miles, while lightning is often seen, by reflection upon nearer clouds, at a much greater distance.—*Saturday Night.*

A pickerel was caught in a cornfield in the Rock River (Ill.) bottom, while engaged in husking corn. The water of the river has covered the bottom for eight months, and much of last year's corn remains ungathered. The fish swim into the fields and nibble the grains of corn out of the husks.

New York has a boarding-house for birds, whose owners have left the city for the summer months, for fifteen cents a week and upwards, according to the daintiness of fare demanded by the boarders. Birds receive all necessary attentions "by the week or month."

The largest pearl in the world was sold in London recently, at £630. It was two inches long and four inches in circumference, and weighed three ounces.

Do not write for a newspaper unless you have something to write about.

RELICS.

The relics which are most sought after and most highly prized are of three classes. People love to preserve material mementoes of their dead relatives and friends. The devotees of religion in all countries have for ages preciously preserved mementoes of saints and holy men. And, thirdly, the desire to have some article belonging to great personages to kings, warriors, statesmen, poets.

Aside, therefore, from the natural love of keeping mementoes of dear ones who are departed, piety and hero worship are the chief sentiments which give rise to the relic mania.

Europe, and even Asia, are full of mementoes of holy personages. Perhaps one of the extreme forms of this sentiment is the reverence with which the Chinese preserve in their most sacred temples, what is called the "Shale," which is neither more nor less than a diminutive object, which they declare to be a petrified drop of the perspiration of Buddha, the founder of their religion.

It is a familiar fact of history that when the English knights returned from the crusades, they carried back to England, not captured banners, shields and spears, but little pieces of wood, cloth, metal and bone which had each some association with the person or the times of Christ.

It is said that there are enough pieces of wood now shown in Europe as pieces of the "true cross," to build a chapel. In former times, every European country had laws which severely punished the manufacture and sale of false relics.

As to the relics of the world's heroes, they are sought for everywhere with the keenest avidity. Tombstones and monuments of the famous are mercilessly hacked and mutilated, that a splinter of stone from them may be taken away and hoarded. The supposed tomb of Juliet, at Verona, has thus been almost demolished. When Carlyle and Longfellow died, their homes were fairly besieged by relic hunters, and their gardens as well as their houses, were ransacked in search of keepsakes of these departed men of genius. Hughenden, the residence of Lord Beaconsfield, had to be closely guarded after his death, lest material damage should be done by the Earl's eager admirers who sought to collect relics of real value as mementos.

Garibaldi used to say that such were the demands upon him for souvenirs, he could scarcely call anything he had his own. The very chips of the oak trees which Gladstone is in the habit of felling inhis forest at Hawarden, are greedily sought for and kept by relic-hunters.

The fashion of collecting autographs may be attributed to the same sentiment. This passion at least has its uses, inasmuch as collecting the autographs of celebrated men often leads to the young collector to read history, and become familiar with literature. In the same way the love of relics has done good in stimulating the curiosity of scholars, and keeping alive the memory of great historic events in the world's progress.—*Youth's Companion.*

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Lack of opportunity is often given as an excuse for common, ordinary laziness — sometimes indolence of body and often torpor of mind. Men who would rather have their wives or families support them than reverse the order, complain that they can find nothing to do. They hunt work by sitting along the river banks in summer and lounging in the saloons in winter.

About the best instance of lack of opportunity lately heard of is that of a tramp, who applied for food at a house one August day, saying that he would like to work at his trade, but "hadn't got no chance." When quizzed as to the nature of his trade, he replied, "Shovelin' snow."

There are numerous people who would like to follow up some study, often merely as a pastime, but who offer the same old excuse, no opportunity. "I would like very much to study botany, geology, mineralogy, or natural history, but there is no chance to carry it on in town."

To be continued.

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A Florida Lime Kiln Club has held forth on the question: "Which has de worsest defect on de public, de man getting de best of de woman in a quarrel, or de woman getting de best of de man?"

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The C. C. P. says that "the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine were not only used in that country, but were used by the Prussian army in their advance upon French territory, and were used as far west as Le Mans and as far north as Amiens. They were superseded by the stamps of the German Empire in 1871. The different values can be found with the net work pointing right and left, and also with the points reversed, on account of the stamps being printed by two impressions.

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We clip the following from the Manchester *Enterprise*: A party from the *Enterprise* went out fishing at Iron Creek pond, last Friday afternoon, and called at the residence of R. T. Van Valkenburg, when his son, C. J. Van Valkenburg, kindly showed them his large collection of minerals, shells, etc. He has a variety of geological specimens, coins and stamps which he has gathered from different parts of the world, which makes them very valuable. He also has some ancient relics, among which is a flint lock musket which his grandfather used in the revolutionary war. He has a fine assortment, the total value of which he estimates to be worth about $900. They are nicely arranged, and it is a pleasure to inspect them.

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The *Philatelic Advocate* is a stamp paper hailing from Philadelphia, published by B. M. Wilson, and is only ten cents per year. We think this price will run out all the first class publications of its kind.

We exchange with about fifty different papers, and have not room to give their names

The live Mocheete bug, a Brazilian beetle, has been introduced in Boston as an article of personal adornment.

The well known stamp dealer, S. De Wolf, of Halifax, is editor of a new paper, called the Halifax *Philatelest*.

We have received a copy of the *Cumberland Collector*, printed in Nashville, Tenn. It is well worth its subscription price. See adv.

The new stamped letter sheet has made its appearance. The design is very handsome and neat, and the color is green.

The *Capitol City Philatelest* and the *Empire State Philatelest* each contain a sketch taken from the New York *World*, called "A Valuabre Postage Stamp."

The Swedish and Danish newspapers have been discussing schemes for the construction of a tunnel between Denmark and Sweden, under the Sound.

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A Fish Story.

A fine fish story comes from the Sucker State. It is that a Geneseo man, floating down the Illinois, went to sleep, leaving a stout fish line dangling in the water. When he awoke his boat was fifteen miles further up stream than when he went to sleep. A monster catfish had swallowed the bait and towed the boat up the river.

Trilobites.

The principal representatives of the articulate department in Silurian times were the trilobites. They outnumbered 1570 species. The under side of this animal has never been distinctly seen, and therefore the character of the locomotive organs is not certainly known; but it is believed that, like some of the lower crustacians of the present day, their limbs were mostly thin, flat, soft, leaf-like swimmers..

Not uncommonly, trilobites are found folded up on their ventral surface, so as to bring the head and tail together and form a kind of ball In such a state trilobites may be gotten out of the rocky matrix complete; but none the less, the feet are completely hidden. In general form and appearance, they certainly approach the limuloids, or what are commonly known as the horse-shoe crab. In size they vary from one-third of an inch to twenty inches in length. I have one in my museum that is six inches long and two wide. It is in three parts: First, is the head. It is one and a half inches in length and two wide. The eyes are one and a half inches apart; the body is three inches long, and the tail two and a half. This specimen was found at Hamilton Rock, N. Y., many feet below the surface. They are found in a fossil state, both in Europe and America. C. J. V.

The Stamps of Corientes.

Corientes was the first province to issue stamps in the Argentine Confederation; in the early part of 1856, the first emission took place. They were engraved on wood by order of the Governor, Justo J. Urquiza; but from the want of skill on the part of the workmen, there are no two out of the eight blocks prepared that are exactly alike. They are, as most of my readers know, nothing but a very poor copy of the stamps of the French Republic. They are printed on blue paper of a very peculiar texture; it is of native manufacture, the value was one real, which was intended to carry a letter t any place within the Confederation. In 1860, for some unknown reason, the postage was raised to three reals, and to save having new dies cut, they simply ran a penmark over the old value. In 1861, the postage was lowered to 5 centvaos, on which the authorities cut out the portion of the die that contained the value, and printed them with a blank space, instead of the denomination; but they were still impressed on the same paper. In 1863, the postage was further reduced to 3 centavos, and the stamps were still printed from the same dies, but this time on yellowish-green paper. They have since been refined. In 1864, they were discontinued, and the stamps of the Argentine Republic used in their place. —T. C.

From the Empire State Philatelest

Her Majesty Queen Victoria has ordered the lift recently put into Buckingham Palace to be removed. It cost £20,000 to put it in, but she thinks it hideous, and elevates her royal nose at such modern gimcracks. It's cheering to know that she's able to walk up stairs.

The Hartford *Times* is authority for the statement that Chicago has on hand about $1,700,000, the unused remainder of the money contributed to the relief fund of that city after its great fire. If that is true it ought to be turned over to Charleston, unless Chicago is still suffering from the effects of the fire, and we rather guess it isn't, though it hasn't done much for the relief of Charleston yet.

Study of Natural History Continued.

PART SECOND.

They further urge that the specimens so necessary for illustration are not to be had without going to the country, and that takes too much time. The trouble with most of these is that they are mentally too lazy to study the technical terms which lie at the very foundation of any of these branches, and which are required in description and elucidation.

The first living thing appeared upon the desk as preparations were being made to start. It was nothing but a cockroach; but even a cockroach is good for a "starter." To begin with, it was strange that this little insect should be abroad in daylight, as it is exclusively a nocturnal insect, and easily frightened back to its hole upon the approach of light. It is a very curious thing how animals of certain kinds increase the limits of their original homes. Those which do so are always such as are cunning in evading their natural enemies. Cockroaches escape by virtue of their ability to run swiftly. They are spinsters, all of them, and can easily distance on foot nearly every insect of their size and weight.

To be continued.

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Readers of the DIRECTORY will find in each and every succeeding number some new and interesting features.

THIRTEEN MEN OF STONE.

Discovered Standing Where They Were Petrified, in an Indian Cave.

A dispatch from Rochester, Ind., says that while Mr. T. Bowman, residing about three miles north of Akron, was engaged in setting posts, he was greatly surprised to see a post with which he was "packing" the bottom of the hole, break through and disappear from sight. He took his spade and dug down with the intention of discovering where the seemingly bewitched post had disappeared. The hole was soon enlarged and a cave was disclosed to his view.

He produced a ladder and a lantern and descended into the cave. The hair of the inquisitive Mr. Bowman stood on end as gathered around on the ground were the forms of twelve men, while a part of a thirteenth leaned up against the side of the cavern, one hand outstretched as if earnestly addressing his twelve comrades. By the rayes of the light from the lantern Mr. Bowman saw that there was no life. Then, being a man of nerve, he examined the bodies and found them to be petrified. He soon made his exit and spread the news, and up to the present writing hundreds of persons have visited the spot. All pronounce it the most wonderful sight they have ever seen.—[Telegram.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. Aug 30, 1886.

C. J. Van Valkenburg, Manchester, Mich.:

Dear Friend:—As I promised you a few lines on my return home, I will now with pleasure keep my word. I was well pleased with your new journal, and enclosed you will find three new names and subscription price for the same; I also send two dollars for the 2-foot aligator. The box of fossils I received all O. K. It seems to me, upon returning to the hills of Broome county after such a pleasant trip in the west, as though I could leave everything and take up my home in, as they call it here, the far west, although this is called the parlor city. It certainly is a beautiful city of 22,000 inhabitants, and is the second largest manufacturing city in the United States of the filthy cigar. Oh, yes, this very Parlor City is headquarters. Thousands of men, women, boys and girls are employed rolling up the weed that so many men claim solid comfort in. Here we see all the news boys seated upon the curb-stone smoking, and young of eight and ten, and from that up to the age of three score and ten, all seem to enjoy their favorite weed. I, for one, have concluded to invest my spare change in collecting relics of different kinds, and not indulge in smoking.

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The *Old Curiosity Shop* is at hand. It is devoted to curiosities, but its reading matter seems to be for stamp collectors.

The *Mocking Bird* is the name of a new paper just received. It is good in every respect except the paper it is printed on.

Through the kindness of the *Stamp World* we have just received a little book called "The Stamp Collector's Companion." It is a gem in its way, and should be in the hands of every stamp collector.

The *Violet* received. It is a little out of season for flowers, but this is a very fine one and welcome. Come again.

The *Stamp and Coin Gazette* is among the best of our exchanges.

The Stamp, published in Denver, Colorado, is well worthy of many subscribers. It is a fine paper, well printed, the reading is first class, and it comes regularly.

The *Golden State Scientist* comes all the way from Riverside, California. It is a neat little paper and edited by E. M. Height. We hope to see it often.

To Our Readers.

Since our last issue, we have made arrangements with a gentleman to furnish us with descriptions of different cities through which he travels. We hope these pithy letters will be interesting to all as they are quite an expense to us.

A Glass Cliff in Yellowstone Park.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Among the scientific papers which will appear in the appendix of one of the forthcoming reports of the Geological Survey is one by Professor Joseph P. Iddings upon the obsidian cliff of Yellowstone Park. This cliff is an elevation half a mile long by from one hundred and fifty to two hundred feet high, the material of which, Professor Iddings says, "is as good a glass as any artificially manufactured." The cliff presents a partial section of surface flow of obsidian, which poured down an ancient slope from the plateau lying east. It is impossible to determine what the original thickness of this flow may have been. The dense glass which now forms its lower portion is from 75 to 100 feet thick, while the porous and pumiceous upper portion has suffered from ages of erosion and glacial action.

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FROM OUR TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT.

As I am at present stopping at Gouverneur, N. Y., I will give you a bird's eye view of this quite noted place. It is in St. Lawrence county, and, as you will observe, in the northern part of the state. It is situated upon the banks of the Oswegatchie river and is a village of 3,000 inhabitants and is one of the most thriving little hamlets of the county. This place is noted for its mineral products. Here is found, which is of a magnesia formation, talc, which is used principally for fillings and finish in paper manufacture. It is also used for the adulteration of sugar, soap and paint, and hundreds of different kinds of drugs. Ladies need not be surprised when using this fine white powder to beautify the face, to learn that it was once a stone and mined in this rocky county. This industry is yet in its infancy. Three mines have been worked less than nine years, and from five mills now crushing this rock and manufacturing it into a powdered state for the use of the public, seventy-ffve tons are produced and shipped from this village daily.

To-day I took a drive to several of these mines. The county is rough and rocky and a western man would say, not fit to live in. Our drive took up the river to the little village of Fullerville where once a large iron furnace employed over 100 hands. Now the old ruin only stands to speak to the passer-by of what has been. Here we called at a wayside inn and, to our surprise, partook of a dinner equal to that of a first class hotel in the city of New York, and it is needless to say we done justice to all, not omitting the fine venison steak. Deer is often found in this locality. Going from this place of refreshments a little farther on, we visited the talc mines where men are employed in blasting it from the solid rock, the work being done from 40 to 150 feet under the ground. The cost of mining, hauling, grinding, sacking and preparing this mineral for the market being estimated at from five to six dollars per ton, and sells by car load lots from $11 to $15 per ton. This talc is something similar to Asbestos and is indestructable by fire. Some is of a fibrous nature and is called Asbestine talc, while the other can only be made into a powder and is ground as fine as wheat flour. There is also found the red hematite and black Bessemer iron, and several mines are now producing large quantities of this king ore. There are also two large mines of the St. Lawrence marble. This is a fine granite, and the mauufactories here furnish employment for over 200 men. The rock of this section is granite, and limestone is also found

in large qnantities. This being on the borders of the Adirondack Mountains, it is not surprising to see these large boulders and huge rocks piled up on thousands of acres, with only now and then a level plat of ground where some human forms are trying to subsist; and I do not know, judging from their healthy looks and smiling faces, but that they enjoy themselves just as well as if they were situated in a different country. But the old saying is, that where a man is born there he loves to live. I could not help but think, "What were the first settlers thinking of to stop and make their homes in such a place, when the whole beautiful west was open to them, inviting them to free homes, without the immense rock and hills?" Another singular feature of this locality is that it is barren of fruit. In my drive of twenty miles I did not see a single fruit tree, and upon inquiring of the inhabitants I learned that fruit trees would not bear any fruit. The timber of this section is maple, hemlock, spruce, cedar and pine, and it is lumbered in large quantities, the logs being floated down the river from what they call the North Woods, and made into lumber and shingles at this place. This latter enterprise reminds us of northern Michigan.

I also visited the marble works which are situated about two miles from town on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad; the two quarries employ over 200 hands. The marble is called the St. Lawrence granite. At the place where I visited the rock was being quarried out of a pit 80 feet wide by 100 long and at a depth at 80 feet. This is solid bed from the top of the ground, and is cut out in cakes from four to eight feet wide and from eight to twelve feet long. As I looked at it, it reminded me of cutting ice, it was laid out in cakes so nice and white, but after it is exposed to the air it turns a dark color. I was down in this pit and the side walls look like mason work of granite. Steam drills are used to cut the rock, and they have a hoisting power to lift out those huge shafts, then they are put in a frame and sawed by band iron on which they use sand and water, and it is the workings of this sand and water that cuts the granite. They cut about one inch per hour, so to saw up one of those blocks would take, if five feet thick, sixty hours' constant work—just to square it up—then it must be cross-sawed into whatever shape they want it.

Hoping that my letter may prove of interest to all who may read it, I remain,

Yours,

KNOX.

Now that oleomargarine has been shelved we propose to start a crusade against oleomilkerine.—[San Francisco Alta.

Study of Natural History Continued.

PART THIRD.

They are said to have come here from Asia, their natural home. From thence, also, they spread over Europe. We have a species of cockroaches in our own country, but they are well behaved, know their place and stay in it. Ours live in the woods, under dead wood and leaves, and never come to our houses to be pests like the eastern ones. The name of the common cockroach indicates its origin It is called *blatta orientalis*, or eastern bug.

The blatta is an assisted emigrant. They came to us in ships' cargoes, and are in some houses a terrible pest. They feed indiscriminately upon animal and vegetable matter, and will even destroy clothing, leather, wool and cotton. Although they have an omnivorous appetite, there are some things which disagree with them, and, seeming to be no respecter of food, their downfall lies in their appetite, as in many of their human neighbors. A mixture of red lead, corn-meal and molasses, made into a batter and placed near their haunts, will soon rid a house of them, as they eat greedily of the feast, which causes speedy death. Borax is especially obnoxious to the blatta, and it is said they will leave a place where it is sprinkled.

While speculating upon the great distance the cockroach was from home, a little insect ran swiftly across the desk Its name means "silver fish." It is the little silvery insect so often seen about the edges of carpets and in musty places. It has for a long time been considered harmless, but lately is accused of eating the bindings of books and labels, or any other matter which contains paste, of which, like the cockroach, it is very fond

In walking from the office to the stable, two more insects were seen dead upon the sidewalk, a dragon fly and a beautiful beetle, known as the caterpillar hunter. Both are of great use to man, and it was with regret that their death was noted.

Everybody is familiar with the dragon fly, snake feeder, devil's darning-needle, or whatever name it may be called. It has a large head, ornamented by immense eyes.

To be continued.

Mr. Bert E. Smith, proprietor of the Alpha Post Card Co., Michigan, was married on October 13th to Miss Flora Gillett. Mr. Smith has prepared an elegant residence for his wife and will go to keeping house immediately. He has a very fine collection of "postals," and has written articles and made several translations for the philatelic press. By the aid of his wife he will probably carry on business in a more extensive manner hereafter.—*The Stamp.*

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CHINA.

Its Unequaled Resources and How They Are Neglected.

China has all the natural resources for a great and powerful nation—second to none—climate, soil, mineral resources of every kind in rich abundance, copious streams and teeming millions of easily governed people—now cursed from end to end by bigoted conservatism. Napoleon prophesied sore things for Europe should China once be taught her real strength. But it is hardly possible in fact or logic that Europe's thrift is to be based on Asiatic ignorance. If it is, then it were high time that the theory were exploded. China ought to be a nobler, better country than she is. With iron mines and coal—none better in the world—she buys old scrap of every sort from European junk shops and freights it here to hammer out its nails, bolts and wagon tires and tools, and such other small way iron needs as must be filled. With mines of gold and silver full of richest ores, it coins no money, save its dirty copper "cash"—one hundred for ten cents—a dollar five pounds weight. With wealth enough and resources of almost every sort, but brains, it totes its coals and goods long stretches upon the backs of brute and human animals—degrading men and women to the state of beasts of burden! With abundant means and credit it has no national banking system and leaves such affairs in the hands of foreigners at seaports, or individuals at other points, yet in the St. Petersburg Museum you may see a bank note of the Imperial Bank of China, issued, as its data shows, 3,344 years ago, showing so far as can be shown, that China was the first country of the world to have a national bank of issue. Not only this antique, but many others you may find here and there in China and in other parts, show that this country has long been sinking from a lofty point of superiority to one of degradation. In days of old her internal improvements in excellent roads, superior stone and marble and suspension bridges; vast networks of canals which, connected with her many rivers, gave ready ways for easy transportation; natural defenses, yet the wonder of the world; paper, printing, gunpowder, German silver, sugar, tea, and many other things she gave us—even though its proselyting priests, no doubt, discovered America and peopled much of its western shoes! Old it surely is; great in light and enterprise it surely, too, has been—cast down it truly is to-day—a great and lumbering hulk for all to come and pick at.

The new oleomargarine stamp is now ready for shipments to the collectors. The stamps are very artistic in appearance, and show superior workmanship both in design and execution. The wholesale and retail stamps contain a vignette of the treasury building; the tax-paid stamp a vignette of a farmer and machine standing near a United States shield, surrounded with the evidence of their industry, and the export stamp a vignette of a large steamship under full headway, with a view of the Brooklyn bridge and the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in the distance.

The DIRECTORY will be more interesting still in the future.

Visit to the Salt Mines of Bochnia.

The salt mines of Bochnia lie east of Cracow, at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, and are accessible in two ways—by inclined planes cut in the rock, and by perpendicular openings, where you are lowered in suspended chairs to a depth of nine hundred feet. The luster of the salt has induced imaginative and skillful miners to transform these dark caverns into halls adorned with statues and ornaments of all kinds. Donning a peculiar waterproof garment, of monastic form and hood, to shield you from the dripping, you plunge into the bowels of the earth and reach the stables and then are led down by staircases. The first hall reached is called the Vestibule of St. Anthony's Chapel, and is adorned with four colossal statues of the Evangelists. West is St. Anthony's Chapel, with its altar and altar pieces well carved; a crucifixion, with the Dove and Eternal Father and kneeling angels, with a bishop in a niche on each side. At the entrance of the recess where the altar stands, are two massive columns with high wrought capitals and an angel erect on either side.

At about half the depth is the forge, with its walls lined with planks.

In Clement Hall is a monument to commemorate a visit of the Emperor Francis I and his Empress, in 1817.

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Publishers receiving this number are invited to put us down on their exchange list, and give us a notice.

Notice H. D. Hill's ad; he has sent us a sample of his fossils, and they are as fine as any we have yet seen.

We received the *Philatelic Gazette*, formily the Stamp & Coin Gazette. The only change we can see is the name and the coin department.

We have in our office a two-foot alegator. Not like the crock. of *Plain Talk*, but a neat specimen which we offer fnr $2 50, cash Will exchange.

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We wish to return our thanks to A. B. Crim, Middleville, N. Y., for several of those beautiful double terminated crystals. They are indeed beautiful, and he is prepared to supply the trade. Sample 25c.

We have received from J. H. Hubbard a book called the *Stamp Dealer of the World*. Price 10c. Also the *Curiosity World*. It is well worth the money. Send for sample to John H. Hubdard, Lake Village, N. H.

Amateur writers are invited to send in their efforts. A few more articles on Natural History and Philately are desired for publication. Collectors, you can surely find something that will be of interest to our readers.

A Wonderful War Ship.

The naval ship now being built en the Clyde, will, it is alleged, be a radically new departure in war ships. The vessel has been appropriately named the "Destroyer." She is to be built of Vickers steel, and guaranteed to steam 22 knots an hour. She is to be fitted with massive guns, the invention of a Main man, throwing ten 6 inch iron round shot a minute, and also a Maxim shell containing 400 pounds of blasting gelatine, which can be hurled over 1,500 yards. These shells are said to be more effective than dynamite and safer to handle. The syndicate which is having this vessel built expects to place her on the market when completed where the highest bidder can take her. She will be able, so her designer says, to sink the most powerful iron clad afloat.

The walls of several of the British war ships are constructed of paper.

Where Ivory Comes From.—Its Use.

Mammoth tusks of ivory occasionally come to this country from Siberia, but as these have been lying exposed for centuries, and probably for many thousands of years, and often buried in the ice, the "nature" has gone out of them, and they are not fit for the cutler's use. The teeth of the walrus and hippopotamus are used in considerable quantity, and being of suitable size, are used whole for expenseive carved handles.

Ivory of the best quality comes from the west coast of Africa under the names of Cameroon, Angola and Gaboon ivory. This is brought down from the interior, and retains a large proportion of of the fat or gelatine. from the fact, probably, that it is more recently from the animal. In this state it is called "green ivory." It is more translucent and not so white as the Egyptain and other kinds, called "white" ivory, that have been lying a longer time and in a more sandy region, and exposed to the heat of the sun until the animal matter has disappeared.

The excellence of the "green" ivory consists in its greater toughness and in its growing whiter by age, instead of yellow, as in the case with the whiter varieties. Yet buyers of cutlery, through ignorance of these qualities, usually prefer the whiter kinds, which on that account, are more in demand for the Sheffield trade, and have more than doubled in price since 1879.

The sales of ivory occur every three months at London and Liverpool, and sales are also held to a limited extent and at irregular intervals at Rotterdam. At Liverpool only ivory of the best quality and from the west coast of Africa is offered. Buyers from Germany and France and agents of American consumers attend these sales, and it estimated that about one-quarter of the whole amount goes to Sheffield, another quarter to London, and the half to Germany, France and the United States.—Chambers' Journal.

An Arrow From the Frozen North.

An arrow point, made of ivory, was lately taken from the breast of a goose shot near Colusa, Cal. As there are no savages nearer than the Arctic regions with whom ivory is plenty; the conclusion is that the arrow was made from the tooth of a walrus or some other ivory-jawed monster and shot into the breast of the bird by an Esquimaux, or perhaps by an inhabitant of those Polar regions which our world has been unable to penetrate. The skin of the goose had grown over the arrow.

NOTICE.

An apology is due to the readers of the DIRECTORY this month. We have put in a new office and have had delay in getting some of the material. We trust this to be the last time.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

Written for the Collector's Bi-Monthly Directory.

FROM OUR TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT.

MALONE, N. Y., January 18, '87.

Editor Bi-Monthly Directory:—

I have concluded to give you a little more description of the northern part of N. Y. state.

After leaving Gouvernor I visited the little village of Decalb. This is situated at the junction of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Ry., and is in the wealthiest part of St. Lawrence county. There is being worked here one of richest mines of the state. The product is orides of iron, of which I have sent you samples. This mineral is used for for the manufacture of acids. The noted Muriatic Acid is extracted from this ore. It is taken from the mines here and shipped to Canada in its virgin state. There it goes through a chemical process and is prepared for the market in the shape of acids. There are also large beds of Serpentine marble, but none of these have as yet been quarred.

From Decalb I went to the noted summer resort of Paul Smith, situated 19 miles from the Northern Adriondack R. R. This place obtained its noteriety during the war, as it was a safe resort for those that were so honest that they would not take up arms against their southern brothers and concluded to hnnt the partridge, and the poor inocent deer, as these kinds of game could not take up arms, it was much safer hunting them than the Johny Reb.

This noted hotel of Paul Smiths is capable of accomodating from five to six hundred guests and is elegantly furnished. It is a five story frame structure, and being situated in the forest it is said to be one of the healthiest resorts for invalids. There are twelve or fifteen cottages which are occupied during the summer by the aristocrats of New York and other large cities.

President Cleveland and his bride found pleasant rooms to spend their summer vacation, and occasionally Grover would go out with sportsmen to hunt the deer, but I did not learn as he killed any, but I suppose he returned to his little dear and told her how close he came to one of the wild animals. These lofty mountains and pleasant valleys are rich in minerals, the principal being iron, but some of the settlers expect, some day to see the glistening gold dug from the bowels of the earth here. At the R. R. station is located, at present, one of Michigan's noted lumber companies. They have a tract of land and it is heavily timbered with pine, spruce and hemlock and the forest is being laid low with the woodman's ax. I learned that this company has contracted with the R. R. company to furnish twelve cars per day loaded with its products.

The state of New York has taken the matter in hand and have bought vast amounts of this forest and refuse to sell any of its timber, they, claiming it is

a natural park, it should be reserved for the health of the people. So much snow falls during the winter months that, if the forests were cut away would be so exposed to the warm spring rains and sun as to cause them to melt so quick and cause such floods that it would be almost sure destruction to these living along the streams running from these mountains, and greatly damage both life and property, but by retaining the timber it shades the ground and holds the snow so that it melts just fast enough to supply the lower lands with cooling streams during the summer months. We find a beautiful church erected at this summer resort. Built by the sporting men and called the sporting men's church. It is built of logs, and is nicely finished in oil in elegant style. There is one window that cost $500. A lady lost her little girl and in remembrance requested to furnish a window, in which is a perfect likeness of the child, holding a little lamb, ground in the glass. The workmanship is very fine and is an appropriate emblem for the place designed and greatly adds to the beauty of the church. I reminds us that although people may be rich in this world's goods and seeking the pleasures of life in the most fashionable style, yet they may be called to the death bed of loved ones.

I will try and give your readers some idea of the expense of living at one of these summer resorts. Mr. Smith told me that he had over 500 guests every summer and their average expenses was $4.00 per day. This includes nothing but board and room. There is besides the laundry work and wine for those that wish, also the service of a guide which is from $2.50 to $3.50 per day, and if one wishes to take a drive they can be accomodated with a turnout for $7.00 per day, team and driver included.

From this resort I went to Malone, which is a thriving little city of 8,000 inhabitants, and the county seat of Franklin county. There is a lumber interest here, and an iron foundry, but the chief product of this section is cheese and hops. Some of the largest hop growers of this state are found in this county.

The dairy farms are rented, as a rule, to tenants in what seems to be a queer way. The owner of the soil furnishes a certain number of cows according to the size of farm, also tools and team to work it with. The tenant attends to the dairy, takes the milk to the factory, raises the feed to keep the stock through the winter, and pays the owner a certain amount of money per head for each cow. The average price being from $15 to $20 per cow according to the number of miles the farm is situated from the factory, and the condition of the soil, etc. I would not advise your readers to ever try to get rich by taking one of these farms and make his money out of milking one of these native cows, but I will say take Horace Greely's advice, "Go west, young man, go west."

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Chinese Paper.

Eighteen hundred years ago the Chinese made paper from fibrous matter reduced to a pulp. Now each province makes it own variety. The celebrated Chinese rice paper, that so resembles woolen and silk fabric, and on which aro painted quaint birds and flowers, is manufactured from compressed pith, which is cut spirally by a keen knife into thin slices 6 inches wide and twice as long. Funeral papers, or paper imitations of earthly things which they wish to bestow on departed friends, are burned over their graves. They use paper window frames, paper sliding doors, and paper visiting cards a yard long. It is related that when a distinguished representative of the British government visited Pekin several servants brought him a large roll, which, when spread out on the floor, proved to be the visiting card of the Emperor.

At a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Sciences a paper was read on the constitution of the earth's crust—concluded—by M. Faye. The author concludes that the convulsions of the globe are due, not to contraction caused by a general and uniform chilling process, as hitherto supposed, bnt to the circumstance, peculiar to the earth, that this chilling process goes on at an accelerated rate and more deeply under the marine basins than under the continents.

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Common Crow.

This bird, although very abundant, and breeding here in large quantities, the eggs are quite difficult to obtain, owing to the heigth and difficult trees they select for breeding. To do any collecting one must be accompanied by climbers and a good determination. On April 5th, 1885, while in company with three friends, I took my first set of eggs. We entered a thick woods, in which no sign of opening buds was to be seen, but plenty of oak trees with the dead leaves still clinging to them. It was in one of these the nest was placed, being only about 22 feet from the gronnd. The nest was near the edge of the woods. We cautiously approached, I leading, and were soon informed of the idea that it was inhabited, by the fact that the tail of the female was sticking out, Arrived at the foot of the tree, I searched an appropriate missile, which was soon found in the shape of a club. This was huled and like an arrow the bird left the nest, made one "caw," was joined by anoter crow, probably her mate, and seen no more that day. One of our number took off his coat, vest and shoes, and was soon up, and reported to the eagar group below "three eggs." Two of these were placed in a small box, the other one in his mouth, and the nest dropped to the ground, and collapsed in the operation. Another of the party climbed and secured the egg from the collector's month, when all three were safely brought to the ground and securely packed. I then took an account of the nest and wrote my data. The nest contained some qneer things, among which was a spider's nest, some horse hair and a bunch of cow's hair. We proceeded on our journey, and, although traversing some ten miles of country and seeing many nests, we got no more eggs that day.—*Oologist.*

A Great Chimney.

The highest chimney yet built in the world has recently been completed at the Mechemich Lead Works in Germany. The whole height of the structure is approximately 440 feet, 11 feet of which is under gound. The subterranean portion is of block stone, 27 feet square in plan, all the rest is of brick. The plinth, or lower part of the chimney above ground, is 34 feet square, so that the height of the shaft is nearly thirteen times the lower diameter. For about 34 feet the chimney continues square, then becomes octagonal in plan for a little distance, and finally changes to a circular form, retaining this shape to the top. The exterior diameter of the shaft at the top 11 1-2 feet. The flue is 11 1-2 feet in diameter at the bottom and 10 feet at the top. Until the completion of this chimney, that of the St. Rollox Chemical Works near Glasgow, which is 434 feet high, was the tallest in the world.

Cape cod is said to be gradually wearing away and disappearing in the sea from whence it came.

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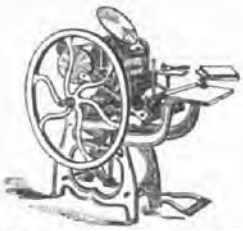
THIS  IS THE

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Editor Bi-Monthly Directory.

I recieved your Journal, also your request for another article, so will this time have to give you a sketch of a long journey, with a short stop in each place. After leaving Malone, N. Y., I went to Syrause. This is a city of 80,000 inhabitants, situated upon the banks of the well kown Erie Canal. I say banks, for the city is divided in nearly equel parts by this great water channel. Parallel with this is the N. Y. Central and Hudson River R. R, also the N. Y, west shore and Buffalo R. R, so the city is well cut up by these three thoroughfairs of our Nation. At this Place is found the famous salt wells, and hunreds of acres of land are covered with rows of sheds for evaporating this briny fluid. Perhaps some of your readers are not aware of the slow process by which rock salt is made, so I will describe it for their benefit. In the first place the brine is pumped up from the depth of 1500 to 2000 feet, through pipes made of logs. These pipes run all over the yards where the sheds are constructed. The evaparating pans are made of boards 14 by 20 feet and some are 40 feet long. The brine is let in these pans to nearly two inches depth. These pans are in rows from 20 to 80 rods long, the brine is constantly flowing through them, and evaparation takes place by being exposed to the sun, the rock salt is formed in crystals in the bottom of the pans. In case of storm and bad waather there are small roofs or sheds as they are called. These are built with castors under them tnat run on scantling. These are rolled off from over the pans, to let the sun to them, and run back again in case of storm. This is the purest salt made. Common Salt is boiled in large kettles placed in arches. from 40 to 80 of these are on each side fan arch, and are eaisly filled with brine, and as eaisly dumped when once ready to be taken off. One of these large kettiles will hold nearly two bushel of salt When it is finished, it is put in large bins where it remains until the packers place it in barrels.

After leaving Syracuse, I stopped several days, in Rochester, which I consider one of the finest cities in N. Y, state. The same canal and railroads, also run through this city, and it is one of the livest buisness places I know of in the state. Here we find the Genesee falls, where Sam Patch jumped the distance of over 100 ft & met his death. From Rochester, I visited Niagra Falls of which there is so much written. One cannot but admire the natural grandeur

and also the skill of man, in the construction of the Suspension Bridge, where a school boys kite was employed, to carry the first string that spanned the river. From Niagra, I visited Detroit, and then I took the train for Washington, D. C, and as I took a sleeper, I saw nothing· of the country until after arriving in Harrisburg, Pa. Here we see people lighting and warming their houses with natural gas. Furnace and Mills are also supplied with it. Pittsburg, that was known as the Cloudy City, is now one of the cleanest places in the state of Penn. The use of coal is a thing of the past, and natural gas now heats and lights its buildings, and streets, and causes the mamoth wheels of its factories to speed on their work. On arriving at Washington, I could not help but remember how a few short years ago, I then only a lad in my teens marched up Penn, Ave, with my brother soldiers, and we camped in the enclosure of the Capitol grounds. Washington twenty-five years ago, was a dirty old style town, now it is one of the finest cities in our land. But few of the old landmarks remain. To do justice to this city would require many pages of the *Directory*, and as I am limited for space, I will only speak of a few things of interest. The Smithsonian Institute has a history of its own, and it contains relics and specimens from all over the world. Gen Washington old arm chair is here, also most of his camp equipments, his sword and uniform, also that of other grate Generals, and relics of kings and princes are enclosed in these cases, to remind one of what has has been. Here are also found Geological specimens too numerous to mention, from the smallest pebble to the rock weighing many tons. Also diamonds and precious stones are placed upon exibition, and often one will hear the remark of some observer, Oh! if I only possessed those diamonds. Then to go from there to the Treasury building, and see the vast amount of money stored up in buudles from thousand to tens of thousands. The bill representing the most value that our government stamps, and calls it money, is the ten thousnnd dollar bill. These are used mostly on Wall street in New. York, City. City. I did not take away only a few of these bills, as they were too much trouble to get hold of. The old mutilated currency that is redeemed, is ground up and made into pulp, and is then pressed into different images: I sent you a sample, and that, you may see, bears the government stamp upon it, and is estimated to cortain, one hundred thousand dollars, of old money. A bust of Wahington, Lincoln, or Mrs Cleaveland contain $ 10.000. These are for s e in the rotunda o: the Capital building.

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in riding through this great city, and remembering where it is located, tha', in justice to the people of U. S. that the nations capitol should be near the center of the nation, and with such a change, would carry with it the money element, and more equ ly divide the rate of interest between the east and west. Now all bills of exchange mnst be made in the east I have no doubt that during the next 20 years this change will be made, and these lofty towers, of our government building, instead of hearing shouts of our senators, will hear the whoo, whoo of the owl, or will be used for a soldiers home' for such of the survirors as ne a protection· As I have extend this artcle too long alreadyI will simply close, by saying, to be contiuued in the next.

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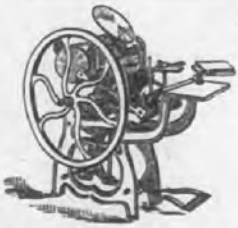

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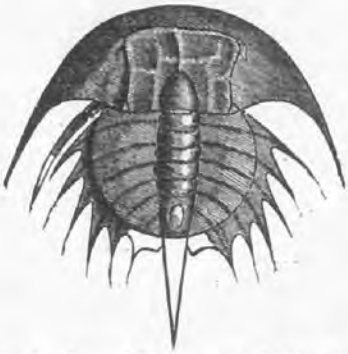

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Why doesn't the devil skate? How—in *hell*—can he.

Why would one be lonely in heaven? Because there will not be a *damned* soul there.

Why is a hen on a gate like a cent? Because the head is on one side and the tail on the other.

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Answer to Correspondents.

Miss ELLIS,—Half-dimes bearing the date of 1829 are not of any special worth to collectors, as they are held at no more than their face value.

B. HARTEY,— The flying-eagle cents of 1859 are considered a rarity by coin-collectors and therefore command a premium price from $1 to $2 each, according to condition.

A hail storm says an Exchange, drove a hen from her nest in the grass and smashed the eggs. The hen went back as soon as the storm was over and began trying to hatch the hail stones that filled the nest. She did not find out her mistake until her feet were very cold and her feathers very wet.

A man in Illinois has made a curious collection. He has a little dirt from the grounds of evry state house in the Union.

The latest California discovery is a deposit of electric clay in San Bernardino County.

The copper coins of Greece and her colonies, in beauty of design, have never been excelled even at the present day.

ERRORS IN VERSE.

The subject of typographical errors is not a new one, but so long as rediculous mistakes shall occur, their collection will be a matter of interest.

It would be difficult to make a more complete change of meaning than was made by the substitution of a single wrong letter in the following lines:

"And she greeted him with kisses,

"And she greeted him with *h*isses,

"Few like him could play the drum."

"Few like him could *s*lay the *rum*."

'And the battle-scarred warrior made answer to them,

"And the *battle-scared* warrior made answer in them,

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RELICS.

A reverence for relics can be traced among the most civilized as well as among the most barbaric races. Sitting in a chair made of the timbers of a ship in which Sir Frances Drake sailed round the world, the poet, Cowley, wrote:

> And I myself, who most love quiet, too
> Almost as much as any chair can do,
> Would yet a journey take,
> An old wheel of that chariot to see,
> Which Phaeton so rashly brake.

These lines express an emotion which nearly all persons sooner or later experience. Great events have associations which make bullets, buttons, stones, sticks, scraps of iron, or pieces of cloth peculiarly precious. Notorious men occasion curjosity which renders a book with an autograph, a sword, a gun a walking stick, a chair, a letter, a legal instrument. or a rope's end, more valuable than any other things of this kind in the world. Affection, however, oftener than curiosity, and with more intelligence, cherishes relics.

Some time ago, with half a dozen Frenchmen, a friend of the writers s was in the old pioneer graveyard at Marietta, Ohio, where grows a handsome tree, said to have sprung from a slip cut from the willow that drooped over the grave of Napoleon at St. Helena. When the tree was described to them, all the Frenchmen gathered round it, and with earnest remarks upon the devotion of their people to the memory of Napoleon, each one cut a slip, which he wore conspicuously for several days, and then laid away as a relic. St ll. with peculiar interest, the people from all parts of the conntry inspect—and also with attentive curiosity—at Mt. Vernon whatever belonged to Washington; they gather cones from the cedar trees near his grave, and pick flowers from the paths near his mansion, and pebbles from the beach on which he set his foot whenever he went to or came from the Potomac.

G. B. G.

Two thirds of a man.

A CLASS in mental arithmetic was questioned concerning the number of men required to perform a certain piece of work in a speicfied time. The answer given was "twelve men and two-thirds." A bright lad, perceiving the oddity of two-thirds of a man instantly replied "twelve men and a boy fourteen years old."—

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The United States has coined half dollars from 1793 to up to the present times with the exceptins of the years 1797,-8,-9, 1800 and 1815.

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1859.—Queen Vidtoria's head in oval, "Bahamas" above, value below, "Interinsular Postage" in circle between head and 'Bahamas," small ouel on either 'ide of head, containing tobacco,

1 *d. red unperforated.*
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1859.—Her Majesty's head in ovel, "Bahamas" above, value below, "Postage" in ribbon scroll between head aud value. Perforated.

4 *d. rose.* 6 *d. violet.*
6 *d. gray*

1863.—Head to left in oval, "Bahamas" adove in curved lines. salue below, small ovals either vide of head, containing tobacco, Perforated.

1 *sh. green.*

1882.—Surcharged in black on 6d. violet of 1861.

4 *d. violet.*

1884.—Head to left in circle, "Bahamas" in curved lines above, value below, small ovals either side of heac, coutaining tobacco, Perforated

1 *d. carmine,* 4 *d, yellow.*
5 *sh. olive-green.* 1 *pound, red-brown.*

ENVELOPES.

1881.—Oval stamp, with head to left. "Bahamas Postage Four Pence" around head. Envelopes, white laid paper, 138x81 em.

4 *d' mauve.*

EXTINCT ANIMALS.

No.2.

The Pterobactyl.

Written for the Collector's Bi-Monthly Direcotry.

OF all the strange creatures that have ever appeared in the world, prehaps the strangest was the Pterodactyl, or 'wing-fingered' reptile. It was not of the gigantic reptile of the early ages, being usually not more then a foot in length, though some appear to have been larger. The remains of one have been fonnd whose wings had a spread of 27 feet, thus exceeding in size the largest condor of the Andes. But it could fly in the air or walk on the ground, climb trees and rocks by means of its srong claws, and most likely it could swim in the water. Its wings consisted of a membrain extending from 10 to 20 feet We will now give a discription of the

ICHTYOSAURUS.

Tnere was once a time when the temperature of the whole earth was far hottre than it is now, and tropical plants flourished even in the polar regions, now covered with ice and snow. Long before there were human beings in the world, before even the mammoth or mastodon appeared, the principal forms of animal life were fishes. Then came huge creatures between fishes and reptiles, somewhat resembling lizards in structure, and called Saurians, from the Greek word for a lizard. The most gigantic of these strange inhabitants of the sea was the Ichthyosaurus, or fish-lizard. It had the body of a fish, with a long tail, having a fin below, and enormous jaws, like those of a crocodile, armed with rows of strong teeth; but it was most remarksble for its immense eyes, which were larger than those of any other animal that had ever lived. This tyrant of the deep was about thirty feet in length, and his voracity was so great that even the Plesiosaurus, a monster with a neck like a serpent, was devoured by him, as we kuow from the fragments discovered in the fossil remains of the stomach of the Ichthyosonrus. For the red sandstone has preserved everything. Though now so hard, it was once the soft saud of a sea-beach, and on it we can trace the foot-prints of the animals that walked over it, and even the rain-drops that fell on it the days when this old world was young.

THE IVORY PLANT

The ivory plant is native of the norhern regions of South America, extending northern just across the Isthmus of Panama, large groves of it having been recently discovere in the province of that name. It is found in extensive groves, it which in banishes all other vegetation from the soil, or scattered among the large trees of the virgin forest.

It has the appearance of a stemless palm, and consist of a graceful crown of leaves twenty feet long, of a delicate pale green color and divided like the plume of a feather into from thirty to fifty pairs of longnarrow leaflet. It is not however, really stemless, but the weight of the foliage and the fruit too much for the comparatively slender trunk, and, consequently, pulls it down to the ground, where it is seen like a large exposed root, stretching for a length of nearly twenty feet in old plants

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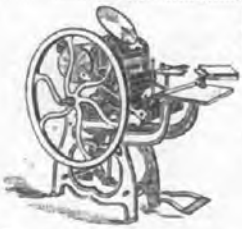

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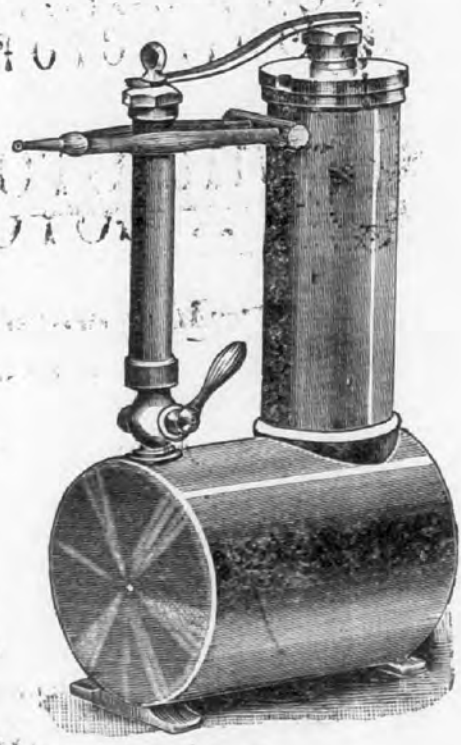

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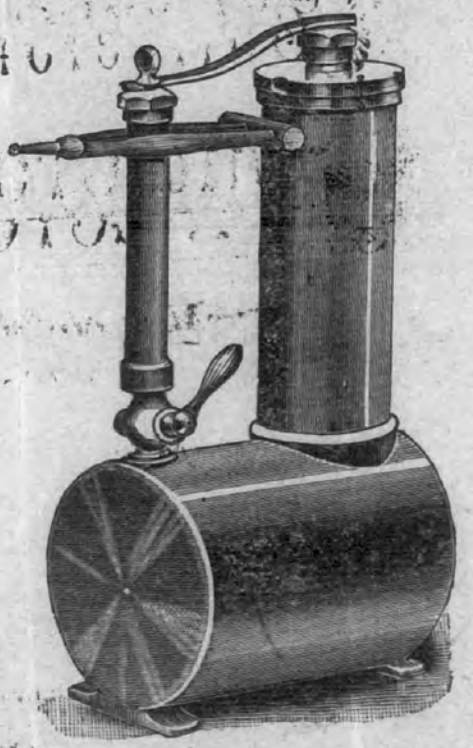

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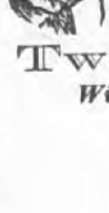

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