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Special Delivery System.

The P. O. Dept. made an act of Congress, passed March 3 1885 issued a circular of which the following is an extract;— "Sec. 3. That a special stamp of the face value of ten cents may be provided and issued, whenever deemed advisable or expedient, in such form and bearing such device as may meet the approval of the Postmaster General, which when attached to a letter in addition to the regular postage thereon, the delivery of which is to be at a free-delivery office or at any town or village containing a population of 4000 inhabitants according to the federal census will be regarded as passing such letters to immediate delivery within the carrier limit of any free delivery office which may be designated by the Postmaster General as a special delivery office within one mile of the postoffice, or any other office within the provisions this section, which may in like manner be designated as a special delivery office." By the act of Aug. 4. 1886. Congress has authorized the extension of this system to all post office and to all mailable matter. The act is as follows:—That every article of mailable matter upon which the special stamp which provided for by section three of the act of Congress approved March, third, 1885 entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post

Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirteenth, 1886, and for other purposes. Shall be duly affixed, shall be entitled to immediate deliver, according to said act, within the carrier delivery limit of any free delivery office and within one mile of any other post office, which the Postmaster General shall at any time designate as a special delivery post office. Sec. 15 of the Postmaster General's circular relates to the Special Delivery Stamp and reads as follows.

"No change will be made in the general style of the special-delivery stamps now in use. The following in its description—A live engraving on steel, oblong in form; dimensions 13 16ths by 17 16ths inches; color, dark blue. Design: on the left an arched panel bearing the figure of a mail messenger boy on a run, and surrounded by the word "United States," and on the right an oblong tablet, ornamented with a wreath of oak and laurel surrounding the words "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office." Across the top of the tablet is the ledgen "Special Postal Delivery," and at the bottom the words "Ten cents," Separated by a small shield bearing the numeral "10." The words "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office" will be changed to read, Secures immediate delivery at any post office." But, as stamps with the former words

are now in the hands of Postmasters and the public, their use will continued until the present supply is exhausted.

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Poet Whittier's Protest.

The autograph friend has exhausted even the exemplary patience of Mr. Whittier, who has written to The Critic that he finds it impossible to reply to solicitations which reach him by every mail for autographs, notices of books and answers to questions on matters of no real interest to the writers or himself. He has neither time nor strength for the examination and criticism of manuscripts, and cannot be responsible for the care of them. The letters of friends, known and unknown, are always welcome, and he trusts that his age and state of health will excuse an occasional delay in responding to them.—*New York Es.*

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Desisions.

Eyes, yet they hear not—Potatoes. Ears, yet they hear not—Corn. Mouths, yet they speak not—Rivers. Hands, yet they feel not—Clock. Brains, yet they think not—Dudes. [In our opinion the clause of the above will apply equally well to the Editor (?) and Publisher of a small Defunct Philatelic Paper formerly hailing from a town in Worcester County Mass. But, how can they be blamed Surely, dar a'nt no medicine fo de man bawn a fool." Ed.]

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The Sea Serpent.

The Sea Serpent is a reality. Oh

thou serpent, dragon, demon, hitherto to common seamen, from Alaska to Van Diemen, thou hast shown thy visage and thy length of scaly tale; but none will doubt thy being when a Councilman of Cloucester, and a Pedagogue of Boston, stand up boldly on the roster, and declare that they have seen thee how thy cringe and quail.

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What we haven't seen.

What we hav'nt seen yet— A better paper than the "Empire State Philatelist," A chestnut in "Plain Talk." Why War & Interior Department Stamps unused are sold under face value. A better time for you to subscribe for a Philatelic paper than now.

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From The Soudan Mint.

An interesting monument of the Soudan revolt has been deposited at the British museum by Col. Kitchener, the govener of Suakim says the St. James Gazette. It consists of a handsome silver coin, almost as large as a crown piece, and closely resembles in appearance the familiar Medjidieh of Turkey and Egypt. The Arabic inscriptions, however. Instead of the involved monogram or Tughra in which the name and titles of His Majesty Abdul-Hamid ben Abdul-Medjid Khan are shadowed forth rather than expressed to the eye of the uninitiated, this new Medjideth has a bold, clear Tughra in four lines, setting out that it is coined "by order of the Mahdi,"

bi-amri-l-Mahdi). A border of the stars and scollops surrounds this notable monogram, exactly as on its Turkish prototype. The reverse bears the inscription, "It was struck in 1302 of the Hijra," a year which began on the 21st of October, 1884. The coin, however must have been struck after Gen. Gordon's murder, in January, 1885. It is at first somewhat surprising to find a finely executed milled coin issuing from a mint of the Soudan; but the explanation appears to be simple enough. It is said that a party of Greeks went to Khartoum some time before the revolt carrying with them a complete coining apparatus, with a view to a profitable manufacture of forgeries. When the Mahdi conquered Khartoum, these gentry placed themselves in proper relations with the new authority, and became masters of royal and prophetic mint and this handsome Nedjidieh is the product of the covert mint at Khartoum.

Amount of mail matter transported throughout the Globe.

Attempts have been made at different times to ascertain the quantity of mail matter transported by post through the entire Globe. According to calculations made about the year 1886 by a German statistian there were exchanged in 1865 among the inhabitants of the Globe about 2,300,000,000 of letters. In 1873 there fore immediately preceding the establishment of the General Postal Union, other calculations were

made on the basis of official data. According to these calculations the post carried annually 3,300,000,000,000 of letters, or on an average of 9,200,000 per. Eight years later, in the year 1881 the total number of letters and postal cards was estimated at 6,257,000,000 per annum. or 17,000,000 per day. All these calculations are of course approximated, for even in some european countries there are no absolutely reliable data as to the quantity of mail matter conveyed. The figures given in the above table cannot, therefore be claimed absolute accuracy, but they are the result of careful estimates and calculations, based on the existing statistics.

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The Roman Police Report.

Recently a valuable work was stolen from the Minerva Library. It was the celebrated edition of Tactantins, printed in 1465 at the monastery of Subiaco by two german printers Smeyhegm and Pannarty, and was the first book printed in Italy. The value of the small volume may be infered from the fact that some time back \$3,000 was paid at an auction for a copy. As very great care is exercised at the minerva Library. It is suspected by the police that one of the library officials must be the thief.

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Hook Money.

(Dudw Nasw) was a kind of money, made of pure silver mire, in the shape of a fish hook, the value of
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Tay and Stamp World,	.30
Museum Bulletin,	.25

Notes.

Messrs C. F. Libby & Co. of Boston, will please accept the thanks of the publishers of this paper for a catalogue of the Elliot Collection of Autographs, sold on March, 10 and 11.

The 3c. green stamp of the 1870 issue, is still being issued by the P. O. Department. There being 1,132,240 issued for the fiscal year ending June, 30, 1886.

We fully agree with Mr. Patrick Chalmers in his claim that his father Francis Chalmers was the real inventor of the postage stamp.

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which was 16cts. it was current in the Island of Ceylon about the yr. 1500, being made by the citizens of a town called Pallnarooa, under King Parakrania Bahu. [Ex.

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Stamp World Vol. 1 No. 1-2-3-7,
" " Vol. 2 No. 23.
" " Vol. 3 No. 27.

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U. S. stamps of 1851, 1857, 1869, and De-
sertments wanted for cash or exchange.

F. W. HORROCKS,

Box 625, Portsmouth, N. H.

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The Philatelic Science.

VOL. I.

GEORGETOWN, MASS., APRIL-MAY, 1887.

NOS. 2-3.

Mail Matter to Mexico.

It can be stated with a great deal of positiveness that a postal convention has been substantially concluded with the republic of Mexico, under which postage to and from Mexico and the United States will be reduced from 5 cents, the present rate, to the rate which now prevails for Canada. This will greatly facilitate commercial intercourse between the two countries, and will lighten the bonds of international comity which the extension of railroad communication has established, and which the Cutting incident and other like matters have been entirely powerless to disturb. The postoffice department has already received a copy of the convention, and is prepared to carry it into effect.

Casualties in the Mail Service.

There were 211 casualties in the mail service last year, more than double the number of the preceding year, but for the first in many years no clerk was killed. The seriously injured numbered fifty-six, and the slightly injured were sixty.

Gunther, the Chicago candy man, is an indefatigable collector of autographs. Not long ago he paid \$5,000 for a Shakesperean autograph, and now has bought a mummy.

New Postage Stamps.

Postmaster General Vilas has issued a circular letter to postmasters calling attention to the advantages of the special delivery system, and urging them to commend its use to the public as worthy of confidence. Its value, he says, will grow with the growth of business, every increase of patronage bringing with it the means of increased efficiency. The postoffice department, will, within the next few months, issue four new stamped envelopes and one new adhesive stamp. These stamps will be of the denomination of 1, 2, 4 and 5 cents, the latter being adhesive. The heads of Benjamin Franklin, Washington, Andrew Jackson, Grant and Garfield will appear on these stamps.

"If ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise."

The ignorance of some of our esteemed contemporaries, in regard to Hamburg Locals, is only excelled by that of the former publisher of a (Mass.) Philatelic paper which sometime since joined the "innumerable throng." This Green-e little boy was evidently trying to imitate a Jew et trying to palm off a lot of Hamburg Locals on a western publisher in payment for advertising space. But he had not used sufficient Emory to make himself sharp enough to do it.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Rats.

New Use for Postage Stamps.

The heads of the departments who have to deal with office seekers are considerably annoyed at a new use which has been made of the special delivery stamp. Persons in want of employment and failing to get an audience, or who cannot obtain any answer to their communications, now make sure of the delivery of their inquiries or requests by investing ten cents in a special delivery stamp. The letter so marked goes direct to the secretary or to whoever it is addressed, and if an answer is not obtained there is a satisfaction in knowing that the missive has reached its intended destination, and that the official memory has been jogged and his promises made during the winter recalled to him.

With the use of the special delivery stamp there can be no claim on the part of the official that he did not receive a letter and that it had been filed without his knowledge in the regular order of business. There seems to be no escape from the workings of this new scheme unless private secretaries are directed to receipt for all mails so stamped.

Change of Water-mark on U.S. Stamps.

The appearance of the paper being furnished under the new contract for stamped envelopes has been greatly improved by a change of water-mark, a small, tastefully arranged monogram, consisting simply of the initials "U. S.," having been substituted for the large figure "U. S. P. O. D.," in the paper previously

in use. Arrangements are well under way for a change in the designs of the embossed stamps, and it is expected that the change can be accomplished by the first of January next. The new designs promise to be greatly superior in style and execution to those in use, and they will go far to enhance the attractiveness of the envelopes.

Our Contemporaries.

The *Mohawk Standard* has, on its merits, lived beyond the usual time allowed to a 4 page paper. Each number is filled with original articles and short items of great interest to collectors.

The appearance of the *Amateur Collector*, of Salem, Mass., reflects great credit on its editor.

The *Witch City Collector* is one of our most desirable exchanges and under the management of Mr. Davis is sure to be a great success.

It is rumored that the *Empire State Philatelist* has changed hands.

If *Plain Talk* continues to improve in the future as it has for the past six months, *Puck* and *Judge* will be obliged to assume a secondary position in humoristic literature.

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EDITORIAL.

Beginning the first of July we shall make a new departure from the usual course of papers of this class. We have come to stay, and shall do our utmost to make the SCIENCE one of the best advertising mediums to be found. No advertisements will be received for less than 6 months time, and then only from dealers whose reliability is unquestioned.

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1857—3c red,	04
1856—5c red-brown,	15 00
1856—5c brown,	3 50
1857—5c brown, die cut top and bottom,	50
1857—10c green,	15
1857—12c black,	30
1860—24c lilac,	1 30
1872—10c brown,	25


DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

Agriculture, 3c	10
Executive, 10c	1 00
Post Office, 10c	40
State, 90c	1 50
State, \$2.00,	4 00
Treasury, 7c	25
War, 11 var., complete,	90
Interior, complete,	1 00

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1885—5c green,	04
1885—10c carmine,	08
MADAGASCAR.	
1886—1d black and rose,	15
ALWUR.	
1877—1 anna, brown,	10
ORANGE FREE STATE.	
½d on 5 shillings,	05
AREGUDA.	
1882—10c blue and black,	1 00
SPAIN. (Catalist.)	
1875—1r. brown,	07
TOBAGO.	
Provisional, 1887.	
½d sur. on 2½d blue,	07
½d sur. on 6d brown,	10

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