



# THE PEARL.

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## A PRAYER FOR CANADA:

(From *The Globe*.)

I bear my country on my heart to  
Thee!

Behold its cherished name engraven  
there;

It is, as yet, a land in infancy—

A bud unfolding, precious fruit to  
bear.

Oh! that it may be guided in its deeds,  
That nought untrue or evil might  
abound;

That it may have the wisdom which  
it needs

To place it high on honour's lofty  
ground.

Let there be unity from shore to shore,  
One earnest love pervading every  
mind,

For this our land—enriched with  
plenteous store,

Where all who labour competence  
can find.

Let there be honest pride in manly  
toil,

The sun-burnt face, the hard, yet  
helpful hand,

Despising ease, which can all efforts  
foil,

Binding men captive where they  
should command.

Bestow the thoughtful mind which  
weighs with care

Deep questions justice calls on it to  
solve;

Good gifts of knowledge and acquirements rare,  
Surely are heaven-born, and must  
thence revolve.

Let there be happiness in every home;  
Chase far away all covetous desires;  
Contentment takes all portions as  
they come,

Chanting the strain which thankfulness  
inspires.

Behold my country from Thy golden  
throne!

Its name is *here* engraven on my  
heart;

Remember Him who did for all atone,  
And let Thy blessing nevermore de-  
part. C. E. L.

## THE BOY HUNTERS.

### CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"Wall, no," answered the stranger who was a great strapping fellow, "yer sentinel's ball passed within a fut o' my 'cranium,' as my eddicated brother would say—hello! how d'ye do, boys? Glad ter see ye. Which o' yer was it as gave me such a 'warm reception?' (Another o' my brother's rig-ma-roles.) Oh, you, Joe, eh? Good shot—good shot. But to biz. I came here arter you—follered yer all the way from the hill yonder. Me and my brother out a-shootin', and separated. I jist found him. He said

to follow ye and tell ye—ah! here he comes, I'll bet."

The sound of hoofs was heard, coming towards them, and soon stopped quite near. Jim gave a low whistle which was answered by the horseman who then came forward, when Jim introduced him as Frank Polson, his brother; adding in a whisper that he was "edicated."

As soon as Dinky caught sight of him he exclaimed:

"That's the chap—the identical hairpin!"

"Explain yourself, Dink," said Ned; "what do you mean?"

"I'll undertake to do that," said the new-comer. "I was just about to fire at a deer this morning, when lo! I heard a rifle crack, and the animal fell dead. Then, looking in the direction from whence the report came, I saw you fellows coming for it, at the rate of about two miles an hour. Then I thought I'd go and see the deer, anyway, but upon looking around I saw an Indian in the act of dragging it away, and near him were about twenty more behind a rock. I don't think they had seen me—at any rate I speedily got out of sight; but was still in a position to observe their movements. The tomahawk which I saw one of you pick up a while after must have been dropped by him in his hurry to get out of sight. All the time you were there the Indians or Frenchmen, whatever they were, were watching you, and when you started down the pass, they followed. Meanwhile, I had been trying my ventriloquial powers on you, and Dinky saw me. When Lefroy

ordered you to surrender, I tried it with him. You got rid of him nicely; but I s'pose he isn't far away. However, I must start for home. Are any of you coming?"

"Yes, we might as well. Horses, boys," said Ned.

A few minutes later they were en route for Winnipeg, which place they reached without any further adventure, resolved that the next time they went hunting they would be on the look-out for adventures.

(THE END.)

~~NOTICE.~~—Owing to press of matter, the continuation of "Three Schoolboys" is postponed until next month.

*The Boys' Herald* is to be resuscitated.

#### AMATEUR JOURNALISM IN CANADA.

We are pleased to notice that Amateur Journalism is gradually growing into favor with "our boys;" and we hope there'll soon be at least one paper in each province. Rouse yourselves, boys—don't let the Uncle Samuelites triumph o'er you in anything!

Hereafter, we will endeavor to have a column of Canadian Amateur News, and we invite the Boys of Canada to help us to make it a success. Of course there'll be no "official" reports of the meetings of Amateur Press Associations; no sarcastic squibs at Centennials, etc.; but whatever mild, unassuming "items of in-

terest" to amateurs that we can publish, we'll cheerfully insert. Rush them in, boys, and give us a page or two for next month!

Amateur Journalism in Canada—as far as we have seen—at present consists of three papers—*Schoolmate*, *Mercury*, and *THE PEARL*. Of these the *Schoolmate* is the oldest, its first number having been issued in February, 1875, by Messrs. Bowes and Travis.

*The Stamp Advocate*, in the interests of Philately, also appeared in February; and though it was well-patronised, only three numbers were issued, its publisher being obliged to give his attention to matters of greater importance.

*The Mercury* is new, and bids fair to become O. K. in time. It is published by Mr. H. J. A. Godard.

The first number of the illustrious sheet before you made its debut at Brockville in August last. At present it is quite well.—Look out for SOMETHING next month!

To PRINTERS.—In our ad. for tenders, &c., on page 7 of this number, instead of "five hundred copies," read "one thousand," &c.

Don't fail to read Mr. J. A. Pierce's advertisement, in the supplement issued with this number, and profit thereby.

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JANUARY, 1876.

THIS MONTH.

Since our last issue an event has transpired which cannot fail to interest our readers. The *Stamp Advocate*, late of this city, and THE PEARL have consolidated, and by virtue thereof a portion of our paper will hereafter be devoted to Philately—edited by, and under control of WM. BERRY, late publisher of the *Stamp Advocate*. By this consolidation we largely increase our circulation, rendering THE PEARL the best amateur advertising medium in Canada. We have in anticipation at an early day the enlargement of our paper, which may be hastened by a little serious work on the part of our agents and friends. Send along your subscription and advertising lists, and make our fireside glad.

We announce with pleasure the engagement of that talented amateur, J. A. FYNES, JR., as News Editor. As he promises to make his column "one of the select," amateurs and others will undoubtedly find it full of interest. He offers prizes for contributions of amateur news—we

trust that you will all compete for them. We would like a little more interest to be taken in "OUR PUZZLER," as we have been very fortunate in securing as Editor of that column, one who is perfectly "at home" in the art; and we don't want him to get discouraged for want of help. All are invited to contribute, and to try for prizes. R. S. V. P. The "Boy Hunters" is concluded this month. Hereafter we will publish only one serial at a time. In conclusion, we would ask every boy, girl—young lady, and in short everybody not already subscribers to our paper, to *give it a trial*, and our word for it, they'll not regret it!

## Pearls.

We have received *The West Union Weekly Times*, a neat four-page paper published by L. T. Hobson. It has issued about 140 numbers.

Where, oh! where is the *New England Star*?

*The Boys' Favorite* is a small one from Royalston, Mass.

*The Prattler*, Brooklyn, N. Y., is an unusually well-conducted sheet.

Number 1 of the *Monthly Mercury*, St. John, N. B., is before us.

The October number of the *Novelty* comes to hand in part mourning for its suspension. We regret to lose the *Novelty*, for it was a spicy little sheet; and, with its proprietor, we hope it may "sometime appear again."

The postman has handed us the *Locomotive*, a well-made-up but rather poorly-printed paper with F. Hobson as engineer. West Union, Iowa.

A sponge is, we believe, a porous marine substance, also a dead beat or hanger-on; but the *Sponge* that comes from Hudson, Mass., is neither of these, nor is it a very good attempt at what it is intended to represent—an amateur paper.

NEW EXCHANGES. — *The Amateur Literary Journal, Young Journalists' Magazine, Amateur Magazine, Northern Star, Philomath, Nucleus, Academy Journal, Amateur Press, Amateur Progress, Amateur Times, Novelty, Pyramid, Mail.* And still they come!

The *Schoolmate* comes to hand enlarged to twice its former size, and without the slightest regard for the tender feelings of ye editors of **YE PEARL**, announces that it is the largest amateur paper in Canada. Go in and win while you have the chance, boys.

H. P. Smith and Geo. W. Richards, are frauds.

Merry Christmas to everybody!

### Book Review.

A DESCRIPTION OF PHILADELPHIA, FAIRMOUNT PARK, AND THE CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS. By Harry A. Collins, Burlington, N. J. 22pp. Published gratuitously by the author.

The above is a neatly-printed book, and is quite interesting. Those who wish to know all about the Centennial Exhibition should send for it.

### Amateur Fishings.

J. A. FYNES, JR.,.....Collector,  
49 Green St., Boston, Mass.

This department of **THE PEARL** we

shall devote entirely to items of general interest to our readers. We cordially solicit contributions from all. Editors will find their papers noticed, and publishers their books reviewed in this department, with justice and good-will.

A. H. Seaverns will not, after all, issue his proposed book by Fowle. Cause,—rush of 'graving, and lack of time....*The Trader*, Washington, D. C., makes a fair beginning, typographically considered; but give more space to amateur doings, boys....*The Amateur Telegraph*, Danvers, Mass., suspends with its December issue....*To The Boy Spy*, Kittanning, Pa., we would repeat what has already been said of *The Trader*....Jas. M. Beck, 1910 Wallace St., Phila., Pa., desires a situation as puzzle editor. We can heartily recommend him....*A City Lay* is being received very well by the press....The performance of the Hub Amateur Dramatic Company, under the auspices of the Hub A. P. A., at Boston, Dec. 1, 1875, was a complete success. Full report will appear in "Boston Jottings" of *New England Star*....J. Fred. Sayer, Jr., and Joe Hamlin, of Boston, have formed a Dramatic Company. ... Tolles and Fynes, So. Norwalk, Conn., will, on or about Jan. 15, 1876, issue the *New England Amateur Directory*. It will contain the biographies of Seaverns, Sayer, Kendall, Williams, Fowle, Godfrey, English, Hall, Burton, Tolles and Fynes; names, *noms-de-plume*, and addresses of all the amateurs in New England; list of all the papers, books, novelties, etc.; and several articles of interest, from various writers....Fred. W. Mitchell, ("J. L. Corore"), of Saco, Maine, has just completed a serial entitled "The Boy Alchemist; or, the Carbon Chrystallizers!" Well, Fred., that's about equal to Dumpty Gerner's "Crimson Sarcophagus."...

C. E. Williams, Portland, Maine, while running off the December issue of the *Lotos*, accidentally knocked off the letters "t" and "l" of the new engraved heading. The accident was caused by the unintentional displacement of the "grippers" on "Stub's" Gordon press.... A partnership for the sale of amateur relics, novelties, and curiosities of the past, has just been formed by Sayers and Fynes, Boston, Mass.... If any enterprising youth desires to purchase 1000 good amateur papers, let him shy to our address \$4 00 cash; and then die.... D. E. Chamberlin, Athol, Mass., will soon issue a 40 pp. book, "Trance or Death." We feel extremely grieved to state that that it emanates from our modest pen.... Yelraf intimates in a recent letter that his career in Amateurdom will soon draw to a close.... Let all try for

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## Stamp Department.

All communications relating to this Department, and all "ads" to be addressed,

WILLIAM BERRY,  
134 Richmond St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

NOTICE.—Subscribers to *The Stamp Advocate* will receive THE PEARL for the balance of their subscriptions.

### NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A new set is in preparation.

WURTEMBERG.—A return letter stamp has been emitted of the following type: arms in centre, "Amtlich Eroffnet" above, "Durch die K. W. Post Direction" below—color, black. The old 3 kr. envelopes have been further utilised by sticking an adhesive of the new design over the impressed stamp.—*Ph. Monthly.*

UNITED STATES.—We learn that a few of the 3c. envelope stamps of the current issue were by error struck in brown.—*Ph. Monthly.*

A new set of Revenues has been issued. They bear the profile of Liberty, to the left, instead of that of Washington. In other respects they are like the former set, but are superbly engraved.—*W. Ph.*

CANADA.—The Registration Stamps long promised, have at last been issued. They are oblong, with value in words on each side—"Canada," and "Registered" above; and "Letter

Stamp" below. Values and colors are 2c. vermilion, 3c. green, 8c. blue.

GOLD COAST.—Three stamps have been issued for this colony, viz.: 1d. blue, 4d. mauve, and 6d. Orange.

SWITZERLAND.—The 2 centime comes to hand printed in a light orange.

BAVARIA.—A new series of stamps was to have been issued on the first instant. Our space will not allow a description of them.—3pf green, 5pf violet, 10pf red, 20pf blue, 15pf dark brown, 50pf grey, 2 mark light orange. Envelope stamps have also been issued.

JAMAICA.—Two new values have been issued for this Island, viz.; 2 shillings reddish-brown, and 5 shillings mauve.

HUNGARY.—A new stamp has been issued. Color and value not known.

A large portion of the matter for this Department was unavoidably detained; but it will appear next month.

For the best correct list of newly-issued stamps sent to us before the 24th instant, we will give 50 cents' worth of Foreign Stamps.

We are making arrangements with Mr. J. J. Casey, the famed Philatelic writer, to contribute to our paper; and if we succeed this Department will be much more readable than it is this month, as, owing to the short notice given us, it was impossible to collect more matter than we present you with.

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For THE PEARL.  
LOVE'S LAMENT.

BY J. A. FYNES, JR.

“DIED.—Jan. 1st, of consumption, HENRY REMYS, aged 25. Funeral from the residence of his beloved widow, LAURA REMYS.”

Up from the world of death,  
To the sinless, bright beyond,  
To the everlasting Father,  
The kindest and fond—  
To where all joys are blended,  
Thou my darling hast ascended.

’Tis there the wounded join,  
’Tis there that hearts are healed;  
’Tis there that death is turned to  
life,  
And sorrow’s doom is sealed!  
It is the everlasting Life,  
Unchanging, pure, and free of  
strife!

’Tis there, my own true Henry,  
In your home of peerless splen-  
dor,  
I’ll have the kiss life could not  
give,  
My husband, true and tender.  
Until that time, sweet, loving  
heart,  
Thou wilt with Angels sing  
The praises of the living God  
Our Father and our King.

“MARRIED.—March 1st, Mr. C. B. BICKFORD, the millionaire merchant, to Mrs. LAURA REMYS, widow of the late HENRY REMYS, Esq.” Such is life!

“THE ADVENTURES OF THREE  
SCHOOLBOYS.”

We have resolved to discontinue publication of the above-named story—which is a long one—as, owing to the small size of our paper, it is difficult to present enough at once to make it interesting. Should we enlarge, perhaps it will be resumed.

ENGLISH ADVERTISEMENTS.

In his History of Advertisements, Mr. Sampson calculates that an average number of the *Times* contains about 2,500 advertisements, and the receipts from last quarter (1874), are about £1,000 a day. A number of the *Daily Telegraph* contains 1,444 advertisements, and these may be fairly calculated to produce £500 or thereabouts. This is, he says, rather a change for the organ of Peterborough Court, which, little more than eighteen years ago, was started with a supply of advertisements to the value of seven shillings and sixpence. The circulation of the *London Telegraph* is probably the largest of any paper in the world. It recently published a sworn affidavit that its circulation had averaged 176,000 and some odd hundreds per day for some months previous. Counting three hundred days in the year, this would give the enormous sum of 52,800,000.



## POSTAL CARDS.

W. HARRY BRUCE.

Probably no innovation of any kind soever, that has ever been introduced to the general public, has in as short a period of time, so thoroughly ingratiated itself into their good graces, as has the Postal card. When it made its advent in Austria in 1870, it was merely as a venture; but e'er the third month of its existence had breathed its last, its success and the universal favor it met with, as a cheap and convenient substitute for local correspondence of a light nature, became so apparent that the idea was at once acted upon by adjacent countries, and by the close of '71, instead of pursuing the "even tenor of its way" alone, it had many equally interesting and popular associates; and now in 1875, over thirty stamp issuing countries have added the card to their other postal accommodations. Its introduction into Britain, which took place in the first Autumn month of 1870, does not appear to have been marked by any particular enthusiasm; on the contrary, its success was rather dubious. The following lines from *Punch* will give a pretty good conception of the spirit with which it was received:

How happy was my former life,  
So steady, calm and sober,  
Before September '70  
Gave place unto October.

Talking machines and PEPPERS'  
ghosts,  
Chiropodists and bards,

Australian meat and sermons' sweet,  
Were all "upon the cards."

I'm not revengeful; but I'd like  
To see the fellow tarr'd  
And feathered, who suggested first,  
The horrid Postal Card.

A few months, however, set all questions at rest; its popularity was unbounded, and during the past year (1874) many millions were consumed in the British Isles. As we have been oft-times interrogated concerning the postal cards now in use in Great Britain, we will avail ourselves of the present opportunity, to state that the half-penny, pink, post cards,—embossed head of Queen on white card, were especially issued for the use of the nobility, and are not to be had at any of the Post-offices (they can only be had from Somerset House). The half-penny, mauve, impression of Queen crowned, to left, on bluff card, were prepared for the plebian, or common people, although generally used by all classes in any commercial correspondence; the nobility card being more used for court correspondence than aught else. The uses of the post card are so self-evident as to render eulogical comment from us almost superfluous. Here in America they are rapidly superseding the paper and envelope system, whenever they can be utilised to the same purpose. They cannot, of course, ever entirely do so, for there are many cases in which it would be simply ridiculous to employ them; but the occasions are myriads in which to all intents and purposes they most fully subserve the end in view. (To be Continued.)

## Stamp Department.

All communications concerning this Department to be addressed, WILLIAM BERRY, 134 Richmond-st., Toronto, Canada.

### NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

#### TRINIDAD.

The current series are now surcharged **TOO LATE**.

#### ROUMANIA.

Two new Envelope Stamps are said to have been emitted—colors and values as yet unknown.

#### TURKEY.

A new Post Card has been issued. The color of the impressed stamp is green—value, 20 paras.

#### FRANCE.

A new series is in course of preparation. It will not come into use until May next.

#### BAHAMAS—TASMANIA.

We see by the circular of A. Smith & Co., that the 4d. Bahamas is now printed wine-red; and the 2d. Tasmania has come to hand with the surcharge **LATE LETTER**, in addition to the ordinary obliteration.

#### UNITED STATES.

The following description of the new Centennial Stamped Envelope will perhaps be welcome to our readers. It was clipped from a Philadelphia paper:—

The post-master-general has adopted a design for the embossed stamp on the centennial stamped envelopes. The stamp is represented by a shield bearing at the top and in a scroll, the

words "U. S. postage," beneath which is a representation of a mounted post-boy on a ground-work of telegraph poles and wires. Beneath this is an engine and a postal car, and at the bottom of the shield, within a scroll, are the words "three cents." The dates 1776 and 1876 are at the top and bottom of the shield respectively. The stamped envelopes will be manufactured and sold in the government building on the centennial grounds, and will be furnished under the present contract for stamped envelopes without additional cost. Envelopes will not be furnished by the government to any post-office excepting the Philadelphia office, and only one denomination (three cents) will be manufactured, with only one size and quality of envelopes, namely, that which is known as the No. 3 full letter envelope. These are not intended to supplant the present three-cent envelopes, but are additional thereto, and their issue will be discontinued at the close of the centennial.

#### CANADA.

Many complaints having been made to the P. O. Dept. about the large size of the new 5c. International stamp, a smaller one has been issued. It is of the same type as the old 6c., the only change being the insertion of 5 for 6 in the lower corners.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

Is to have a Post Card. The color of the stamp, which is similar to the 1d. red, will be violet.

Amateurism is rapidly becoming a great institution. *The Monthly Visitor*, of Long Island, contains a "matrimonial" column!

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FEBRUARY, 1876.

## Editorial Notes.

"Are we Degenerating?" is a question asked by an amateur, in a recent issue of *The Schoolmate*, and he answers—"No." *Our Boys* for October, says likewise. Notwithstanding this, however, Amateurdom evidently is on the decline, else how are we to account for the many suspensions which have occurred therein, during the past six months? And, according to our news, *The Amateur Aspirant*, another prominent paper, is now offered for sale! "There's a screw loose somewhere."

We acknowledge receipt of four tenders, for printing THE PEARL, all of which, though certainly not unreasonable, are a little higher than we can conveniently afford to pay at present. When our paper shall have become a "household word," or something of that sort, we may make arrangements, etc., but for the time being, we must continue to "sling" type, and "run off" the papers as of yore. This is a very different statement to that made

in our issue for January, when we said we would be obliged to discontinue doing the printing ourselves; but at that time we imagined that our studies would require the greater portion of our time at home, after January. However, we think we can manage it; and we would here intimate that our advertising rates are five cents per line.

## Pearls.

If we mistake not, *The Boys' Gem* owes us an ex. ad.

*The High School Gazette* is a new four-pager from Chicago, Ill.

*Our Lilliputian Monthly* contains heavy editorials, and has a funny "head."

A portion of Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons, & Co.'s advertisement having been inadvertently omitted last month, attention is once more called to it.

*The High School Monthly* wants the Bible abolished from the public schools of the United States, and says something to the effect that the citizens thereof will not be "free" until it is done!

*The American Amateur*—which was to have been published by a Stock Company, of which we spoke in a recent issue—has arrived, and looks very well indeed. The Company has "busted."

*Our Boys*, of Beloit, Wisconsin, is one of the best-edited, as well as handsomest, amateur papers it has been our fortune to receive.

*The Jersey Blue*, *Keystone*, and *New Ipswich Times* are new ones.

The *Boys of Washington* reflects much credit on both editor and printer.

The *Weekly Times* has "consolidated" with the *Locomotive*.

The *Crucible*, *Weekly Item*, and *Trader* come from Washington, D. C.

Cherry Valley, N. Y., has the *Amateur Free Press* as a representative.

The *Composing Stick* is devoted to amateur printers, and is quite readable. Published at Ripley, Ohio, by G. W. Biehn.

The *Tatler*, of Albany, N. Y., is a neat little affair.

The *Jolly Joker* comes all the way from Omaha, Neb.

Send us your orders for Amateur Books. No matter what book you may want, we will, if possible, furnish it at publishers' prices.

### Canadian Amateur News.

The publishers of the *Schoolmate* have lately made an addition to their printing office, and a slight improvement in the press work of their paper is noticeable, but it contains many typographical errors.

The *Monthly Mercury* for January, appears with a neat engraved heading, the work of a St. John amateur engraver.

Notwithstanding Hat's experience, we think he makes a mistake in terming our Puzzle Department a "miserable" one. We consider it equal to the majority in amateur papers.

We're a little behind time this month; but we hope to catch up soon. Send in advertisements, &c., for our next number, before February 23.

### Our Book Review.

THE ADVENTURES OF JACK RUNDALL, by "Rest Contented." 51 pp. Price, 15c. Albany, N. Y.: Amateur Publishing Company.

This is decidedly the best amateur book we have yet seen. It forms number one of the "Amateur Library Series;" and we advise our readers to send for it.

BORDER TALES, by Edgar P. Slade, Packwaukie, Wis. 14pp. Price, 10c.

A neat little book containing two tales of adventure among Indians.

"I do not say," remarked Mr Brown, "that Jones is a thief; but I do say that if his farm joined mine, I would not try to keep sheep!"

A Hampshire editor, who has been keeping a record of big beets, announces at last that "the beet that beat the beet that beat the other beet, is now beaten by a beat that beats all the beets, whether the original beet, the beet that beat the beet, or the beet that beat the beat that beat the beet."

When is a match frivolous?—When it makes light of things.

A number of Good Agents wanted at once—to solicit Subscriptions and Advertisements for this paper, 25 per cent commission given!



## TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to hard times, we have reduced our "ad" rates to 5c. per line. We intend to increase our circulation very largely next month by sending out about 200 additional copies of our paper to *live* American boys. We especially direct the attention of dealers who wish to have their "ads" read by Canadian boys, to the large number of each issue mailed to subscribers and others in the Dominion. We send our paper to the following foreign countries: New Zealand, Australia, British Guiana, Germany, Austria, Italy—also, Great Britain,—and next month we hope to increase our list of Foreign Correspondents. Send in ads before 23rd of each month.

## THE WORD HUNT.

Answers were received from  
R. J. Turnbull, Brockville, 118 words.  
G. Henderson, Toronto, 56 "  
A. E. Haines, Yorkville, 48 "

Our Puzzler is again omitted this month; but in its place we offer another "Hunt," in which we trust ALL our subscribers will participate. Any one *not* a subscriber, who receives this paper, can become one by remitting us 30c.—For the greatest number of words made from the word "PEARL," we offer—1. Subscriptions to the "American Amateur" and "Monthly Mercury." 2. Two Amateur Books. 3. 10 cents. CONDITIONS: Only English words to be used; and no letter to be used twice in the same word. Lists must be in before Feb. 23.

"The changes of a Stamp Collector's Mind" is declined with thanks.

## Amateur Etchings.

J. A. FYNES, JR.,..... Collector,  
49 Green-street, Boston, Mass.

The "*Amateur Aspirant*" is offered for sale at a low figure. A big chance. ...Seaverns has drawn a pretty little column-head for Hillyer's "*Reminiscences*" in the revived "*Boys' Herald*." The undersigned conducts the "*Word to Wise*" department in same sheet....D. E. Roberts, "*Syphax*," has retired from Amateurdome. Dave was a good puzzler, and we'll miss him very much....J. Fred Sayer Jr. lately gave a public reading at Cambridge, Mass., for the benefit of a church in that city—the affair was a success, of course, the hall being crammed with the Boston *élite*, and the proceeds amounting to some \$5,000, more or less. Don't matter: "good deal less!" ...Grubb has just issued a new 28pp book, "*Criticisms and Opinions*," which he circulates free as a specimen of his printing. "*Criticisms and Opinions*" is a very neat book, containing the various notices of the amateur press upon "*The Poetry of Woodsworth*," "*My old Suit of Clothes*," and "*Jack and I*." The notices upon the latter, owing to the rather recent issue of the book, contain barely half the reviews. Send to us a stamp for a copy.

[Part of Etchings crowded out. Ed.]

THE PEARL STAMP CO.  
Have in stock a large assortment of Foreign Stamps which they will sell very cheap at cash prices. Stamps sent on approval to responsible parties. Packet list free.—Address, 258 Adelaide-st. West, Toronto, Can.

We wish to call the attention of some of our exchanges to the fact that they come to hand very irregularly, and that we desire every number of our "X's," great or small. Perhaps this hint will be sufficient.

The *Boys' Times* is another new aspirant for amateur literary honors.

Read all our advertisements, and patronise the advertisers.

The New England *Star* for January contains the opening chapters of a serial by "Humpty Dumpty," which promises to be one of that talented author's best, and which adds much to the *Star's* other attractions. George evidently intends to have his paper "top o' the heap."

We intend to considerably increase our circulation next month—advertisers, please take notice.

To any person who will send us two subscriptions, with the money, we will give a subscription to our paper, and a pack of "Acquaintance Cards." This offer is open only till March 1st.

## Pearl Advertiser.

A LARGE Assortment of Stamps for sale.—Old issue of Canada and United States.—Apply, by letter only, to  
A. G. BROWN,  
26 John-street, Toronto.

## Pearl Advertiser.

THE CANADIAN STAMP CO.,  
MONTREAL, P. Q.,

Buy all kinds of Stamps for Cash or Exchange. AGENTS WANTED to sell Foreign Stamps in all cities, towns, and schools in Canada. Dealers should send for terms for our new catalogue for 1876 with their names printed on them by the dozen or hundred. Address as above.

STAMPS.—50 Stamps from Brazil, Ceylon, India, Finland, &c., 28c. Set Treasury, 10c.; 100 Common, 15c.; 25 varieties, 10c. Agents wanted. Circulars free.—W. M. POWELL, 406 Dickinson St., Philadelphia, Pa.

"BIG PUSH."—Offer to Stamp collectors.—To any collector sending me ONE DOLLAR in cash, and a 3c. stamp, I will send, post-paid, ONE DOLLAR AND TWENTY CENTS' WORTH of Foreign Stamps of any kind he may choose—if I have them in stock. List from which collectors may choose sent for a one-cent stamp.—A. E. HAINES, Box 264, Yorkville, Ontario.

STAMP DEALERS' Circulars wanted by H. W. McPHERSON, 247 Jarvis-st., Toronto, Ont.

LAKE & WASHBURN,  
Wholesale Stamp Dealers,  
Box 48, San Francisco, California U. S.

"THE PEARL" is only 30 cents a year, and if you send that amount to me you will receive the paper and 1 doz. Acquaintance Cards. W. F. RUPPERSBERG, General Agent for THE PEARL, 18 St. Paul St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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## Pearl Advertiser.



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Amateur editors please insert the above one or more times, and receive an equivalent in this Journal.

**F**OR SALE—The "Stamp Collector's Magazine" for 1874—unbound—price, \$1 gold. The "Philatelist" for 1874—unbound—price, \$1 gold—postage extra. All in splendid condition.—WM. BERRY, 134 Richmond St., Toronto, Canada.

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No. 24 (7) 12c., No. 25 (14) 25c., No. 26 (25) 62c., No. 27 (6) 12c., No. 28 (10) 25c., No. 29 (20) 62c., No. 29a (30) \$1.25.

Full particulars of all the above are given in the ILLUSTRATED FOREIGN STAMP AND CREST PROSPECTUS, crown 4to, 8 pages, containing a variety of information valuable to Collectors. Sent to any address, post free, on application.

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## POSTAL CARDS.

W. HARRY BRUCE.

[Continued from our Last.

It is stated that "only through many reverses, and by stages, is perfection reached:" we must bear in mind that although nigh five years have sped since the first introduction of those invaluable little slips of card, as yet perfection, or the end, is far from reached; but the dim vapory shadow, which in 1870 it presented, in the far-distant future is fast disappearing, and the outlines of perfection are daily assuming a more tangible and definite form. Early in 1874 a Bill was passed in Vienna, granting the exchange of postal cards between Germany and Switzerland; if we mistake not, a similar right is also enjoyed by the people of Norway with their Swedish neighbors.

During the year 1874 the exchange of Canadian post cards with the United States was countenanced; the addition of a one-cent stamp to that impressed upon the card of either country being only necessary to carry it safely over the lines; and now in 1875 the last provision has been removed, and the Canadian postal card traverses the full length and breadth of North America, in like manner as it would pass from one portion of our

Dominion to another. The card of the United States of course enjoys the same privilege with Canada. This is all as it should be, but when we say that the end is not yet, we look forward with hope to the time when these cards shall travel from nation to nation, throughout the whole universe, at the same rate as would be requisite to carry them from city to city within their own domains. The next move we hope to find our Government make, will be to regulate the exchange of our postal cards with those of our mother country. It is certainly only reasonable that we should look to England for an extension of a favor which a foreign power grants us; and we trust our P. M. G. will use his influence to bring about this very desirable end with all commendable haste.

The *Academy Journal* is a neat and interesting paper published by the students of St. John's Academy, Alexandria, Va.

A portion of the article entitled "*Postal Cards*" originally appeared in the defunct *Stamp Advocate*.

*Once in a While* and the *Youths' Gazette* are two good exchanges.



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**CIRCULATION THIS MONTH, 750.**

MARCH, 1876.

## Editorial Notes.

In this issue we are forced, through the pressure of Algebraic Solutions, Latin Translations, Mathematical Problems, and Grammatical Conjugations, to reduce the size of **THE PEARL**.—In short, our collegiate course absorbs so much of our time, that we find it impracticable, and impolitic to continue the mental and physical strain, to which we have been of late subjected. We can issue an 8-column paper, with an occasional supplement, without interfering with our studies or encroaching upon our health, and have concluded to continue **THE PEARL** in this form until further notice.—Should any of our subscribers demur at this curtailment, and desire to drop connection, they will kindly intimate such resolution at their earliest convenience, on receipt of which, we will have great pleasure in refunding them their unearned money; but with a circulation this month, of 750, we hope to make the 8-column paper quite as interesting as its pre-

decessor, because of the rapid and increased growth of our circulation.

## WORD HUNT.

CONSEQUENT upon the contraction of **THE PEARL**, our puzzle department will hereafter be discontinued; the "Word Hunts," or something similar, remaining in its stead. Five lists of words made from "Pearl" were received, all too late. Try again, boys. The word this month is *Packets*, for the largest lists made from which, the following prizes are offered:—

- 1.—Subscriptions to the "American Amateur," and "Monthly Mercury."
- 2.—Two Amateur Books.
- 3.—Eight Amateur Papers.
- 4.—10 cents cash.

Conditions:—Open only to subscribers; only English words to be used; and no letter to be used twice in the same word. Lists must reach us not later than March 23rd.

J. A. Fynes' "Amateur Etchings" column stands over until our next, when there will be more room.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the "Companion" Publishing Company, to be found on our outside page. "*Our Home Companion*" is a forty-column magazine, beautifully printed, neatly bound, and filled to repletion with interesting stories, choice literary selections, and all the departments so interesting to the young and old.. Subscription only 25 cents, post-paid to the end of the year. It is not an amateur production, but a *bona fide* first-class magazine, worthy of patronage by either peer or peasant, sire or son.

Our "Stamp Department" will appear in our next issue, with which we intend to publish a supplement.

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And return postage, is my price at present for the complete set of 13 Prince Edward's Island stamps, unused. Warranted genuine.—**DAVID W. JAGGER,** Foreign Stamp Importer, Newburgh, N. Y., U. S. A.

**25 FOREIGN STAMPS,** circulars, and price lists for 6c. in stamps—or send post-card for circulars only. Agents wanted at 25 per cent. commission. All kinds of stamps taken in exchange, at good prices. Rare stamps bought for cash. Address, **Canadian Stamp Co., Montreal, Canada.**

**AMATEUR LOAN CO.—**To be formed April 1st. Shares 50c. (Gold) each. Prospectus in next issue of *Pearl*. Address Sec. Treas., Amateur Loan Co., 134 Richmond St., Toronto.

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Above have also been surcharged for the use of these Islands.

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The Black Adhesive is now perforated.

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## PHILATELIC NEWS.

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## Editorial Notes.

AFTER a reign of about three years, the Portland (Maine) *Gazette* has suspended publication. The *Gazette* was one of our largest and best exchanges, and will be much missed.

The *Imp*, of Washington, D. C., contains some good points; but is shamefully profane. John Edson evidently requires paternal assistance (or interference) in his editorial duties.

We beg to inform some of our readers who have sent us applications for the Pearl Stamp Co.'s circulars, that we are in no way connected with that company.

The editor of that great sheet the *Nucleus*, is requested to observe that our address is no longer Brockville, but Toronto.

Our *Boys* has enlarged to sixteen pages, and contains good reading, although its serial story, "Izone," don't exactly meet with our views. It's a pity we haven't room for stories of that character!

Correspondents asking our terms to

agents, are informed that we allow 25 per cent. commission on subscriptions and advertisements.

Messrs. T. S. Chandler, of Bangor, Maine, and E. B. Quick, of Williamsburg, N. Y., will please accept our thanks for favors.

## WORD HUNT.

LAST month's prizes were won as follows:—

- 1.—Eugene Tessier, 70 Lewis St., Quebec.
- 2.—A. H. Foote, Erie, Pa.

Four other lists were received; but as the senders were not subscribers to THE PEARL, they could not compete. For the largest list of *capes, bays, and rivers* made from the words

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## AMATEUR ETCHINGS.

BY J. A. FYNES, JR.

TYPO has retired from amateurdom, and devotes all his attention to his studies... Edgar P. Slade soon issues "Daring Dick," a book after the style of *Border Tales*... A new paper, devoted entirely to criticisms, etc., will soon make its *debut* from Portland, Me., edited by "Dan D. Lyon"... The Empire State Amateur Publishing Company has been organized at Randolph, N. Y., and will shortly publish a paper to be termed the *National Amateur*... Philadelphia also will soon turn out a new 'un, the *Keystone Gazette*... M. J. Sheedy has in contemplation the issuing of a puzzlers' paper to be called the *Sphinx*.

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## FOR THE PEARL. THE AMATEUR JOURNALISTS' CLUB.

BY O. A. E. M.

"AH!" exclaimed Tommy Pierce, as, one January evening, he hurriedly entered a cosy room in which eight or nine youths were assembled round an open fireplace, some reading the latest amateur papers, others conversing upon various amateur topics—"Ah! but I pity the chap that has to sling type this night! It's cold enough to freeze the stick to his fingers!" and he proceeded to remove his overcoat and wrappings, which he hung up in a far corner; then he advanced to the fire to warm his hands.

"Yes, there's no doubt but that the atmosphere is a trifle cooler than usual this evening," replied a listless looking youth of about fifteen who was comfortably ensconced in an arm-chair—the only one in the room—with feet on the fender, and an amateur paper (probably THE PEARL!) in his hand—"and I have been seriously thinking of preserving one of our Canadian winter days to exhibit at the Centennial in Philadelphia next year—not a bad idea, eh?" and his face expanded into a smile.

"Another of our editor's brilliant ideas," said Tommy, gently removing a smaller boy than himself from a

chair near the fire, a proceeding to which the victim offered no resistance,—“but I am afraid it won't work. However, my time is precious this evening—an appointment with an amateur editor at nine, then—”

“Pray, who is to be honored at that hour?” interposed Fred Baron, the youth aforementioned. “I hope you are not going to start another row?”

“Oh, dear, no!” responded Tommy; “it's not so bad as that, as you'll admit before to-morrow evening. In fact, it's a secret; so don't ask any questions, but call the meeting to order, and I'll ever sign myself ‘Yours to command, T. Pierce.’”

“Really your impertinence is unbearable. The very idea of the secretary ordering the president to—”

At that instant there came a loud rap at the door, followed by the entrance of a very corpulent youth of about fourteen summers, who, after divesting himself of his overcoat, etc., sat down at a table or desk in the centre of the room; and, pulling out his watch, exclaimed in hurried accents: “Five minutes past eight, boys! Hurry up—engagement—time precious!”

“What in the deuce ails you fellows, to-night?” asked Fred, rousing himself from his cosy seat—which was instantly pounced upon by the



boy from whom Tommy had "taken the chair" a minute previously—and moving to the table, at the head of which he seated himself—"Here Pierce comes in and orders me to call the meeting to order; then you do about the same thing. What's the matter, I ask?"

"Business—important business—time invaluable," answered the last comer—Joe Dacre by name; and he drew a bundle of papers tied with red tape, from his pocket. "Here are my accounts for the month, which I submit for approval."

All the boys now gathered round the table, and after Fred had cried "Order!" a few times, the business of the evening commenced.

While it is being transacted, we will introduce the reader to the "Amateur Journalists' Club," commencing with its president, Fred Baron.

Two years previous to the opening of our narrative, a friend of his, who was a stamp dealer, and, as a matter of course, a constant recipient of amateur papers, had shown one of these to Fred, who at once took a deep interest in "Amateurism," and ere a week had elapsed, had perused his friend's entire collection of about three hundred and fifty. It is almost superfluous to say, that, at the end of that time, he had resolved to become an amateur editor. He at once commenced to organise a stock company, a proceeding accompanied (as is generally the case with amateur journalists' undertakings), with many difficulties; but after a month of incessant labor, in the course of which he had explained the great cause of Amateur

Journalism to upwards of one hundred different persons, he succeeded in disposing of all his stock, and the first meeting of the company was held in his father's residence, on the 25th of October, 1873. Tommy then gave publicity to his plans. He had sold eighty shares, (at \$5 per share), all of which were paid up; so he proposed purchasing printing materials forthwith, in order that the new paper, "*The Union Jack*," might be issued sometime in January.

The election of officers, and other business then followed, after which the meeting adjourned until Christmas eve. Fred was president, and to him was entrusted the task of buying a printing outfit. Accordingly he purchased a "Gordon" press and a lot of type &c., which was arranged in a large room in his house; another room—the one in which we find the club assembled at the opening of our story—being neatly arranged as a "sanctum-sanctorum." A printer was hired to set type and make-up the paper until such time as the boys understood the business themselves; and when, on Christmas eve, the members of the club arrived, they were most pleasantly surprised at the sight that greeted them.

We have not space to describe all that occurred during the next two years; suffice it to say that things remained pretty much the same with the club, excepting the fact that the "*Union Jack*" grew to be a popular paper with the boys, and had hundreds of subscribers. We will now return to our story.

[To be Continued.]

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## Editorial Notes.

WE are a little late this month, having permitted pleasure to precede business. However we hope to catch up.

Don't forget to mention *The Pearl* when writing to any of our advertisers.

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Mr. Berry, the editor of our stamp department, has been unable, from press of business, to get out his matter on time, so it will have to remain over until next month, when our readers may expect something better than usual.

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FROM Mr. R. Gerner, Agent, 4, 11th-st., Hoboken, N. J., we have received *The Amateur World*, an English amateur monthly, which both in size and contents is fully equal to many of the so-called professional publications of America. It consists of sixteen large pages of varied matter, comprising amateur literature, amateur dramatics, etc., and is well worth the price—\$1 per year. The photograph of Miss Adams, editress of the *Youthful Enterprise*, formerly of Carbondale, Pa., (which paper, by the by, we have not yet been favored with), adorns the first page of the February number.

The *Boys' Herald*, formerly the champion American amateur journal, has arrived at last, and thinks there's a screw loose in THE PEARL's skull—adding, that if there is any "just argument" in us, we will now confess that amateurism, instead of going down hill, as we said, is in the height of its glory. The talented amateur author Yelraf, also intimates, in the same paper, that THE PEARL is a "sickly sheet," because, there being now in existence 176 amateur papers,

against 128 in 1872, we don't agree with him that amateurism is a greater body than it used to be. If numbers and typographical appearance are to be considered, decidedly amateur journalism is progressing, but when the *contents* come into the question, why *vice versa*. We don't believe in numbers, in this case—ten such papers as the *Empire Herald*, *Our Boys*, *New England Star*, etc., are, in our estimation, worth a hundred of the three-by-five's. But Yelraf couldn't be expected to say this—we know the reason why.

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W. M. POWELL, Philadelphia. —We regret that we cannot accommodate you.

## WORD HUNT.

APPARENTLY last month's puzzle did not arouse much interest in the hearts of our readers, as not one answer to it was received. Not wishing this circumstance to occur again, we present another Word Hunt, subject to our usual conditions. The word is

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"GOSH," by J. A. Fynes Jr. 14 pages. Price, 5c. St. John, N. B.: H. K. Merritt, (P. O. Box 257), publisher.

Under a not very prepossessing title, the author narrates in good style, the life of a drunkard. This is the first amateur book issued from the Canadian press. The typography is good, and on the whole, we commend "Gosh" to our readers.

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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PEARL.

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FOR THE PEARL.

## THE AMATEUR JOURNALISTS' CLUB.

*(Continued from our Last.)*

It is hardly necessary for us to describe Tom Pierce; the reader has seen sufficient of him already. Then the only remaining person of importance that need be introduced, is Joe Poole, the treasurer. He was a heavy fellow, weighing two hundred and ten pounds, good natured and lazy. Fred Baron, Tom Pierce, and himself were the main-springs of the establishment—they did all the work, while the other members of the company occasionally dropped in to look on and talk about half-yearly dividends. It was very seldom that Joe was to be seen in a hurry; and the unusual circumstance of his being in that state on the evening our story commences, aroused Fred's curiosity. He did his utmost to discover "what was up"—all in vain. At half past eight, the meeting adjourned.

Tommy Pierce hurriedly wended his way towards the railway station, at which he arrived just as the express from the west came in. Amongst the crowd that alighted was a boy of perhaps sixteen years of age, dressed rather flashily, towards whom Tom-

my elbowed his way, and, clapping him on the shoulder, said, interrogatively:

"Hiram Skeymore, of the 'Starry Flag'?"

"Reckon you've hit that identical person right on the head," was the cool reply. "You're probably Mr. T. Pierce, the secretary of the Union Jack Amateur Publishing Co., eh? I thought so. Well, just follow me into the shebang here till I envelope myself round some victuals and we can then explain things. I ought to have said before, that, if you fellows are darned Canucks, I like you fust rate," and he led the way into the refreshment room.

Mr. Hiram Skeymour was a genuine Yankee, from old Kentucky. He had until lately been publishing an amateur paper called the "Starry Flag," with which the "Union Jack" had waged war from the first, in the end to win the victory; "for," said Hiram, in the obituary notice of his paper, "we're too peacefully inclined to voluntarily keep up a war, even a war of words, and too tender-hearted to wish for victory, even if we did. The triumphs attending our success, and the despair and death-shrieks of the vanquished would, we fear, finish

us. We therefore surrender to the 'Union Jack,' and will shortly bury ourselves in a—college." Hiram had, as he said, "taken a shine" to the editors of the "Union Jack," and he resolved to consolidate—i. e., transfer his subscription list, etc., to that paper. Being on a pleasure trip through Ontario, with his father, shortly afterwards, he wrote Tom to meet him at the station to make the arrangements.

"Now, Tom, my boy," said Hiram, as he stuffed half a pie, more or less, into his mouth, and drew a book from his pocket, "here's my sub. list, to wit, two hundred and fifty. I didn't have much chance, you see. What's yer fig?"

"Ding, dong! ding, dong!" went the locomotive bell, at that instant,—  
"All aboard!" shouted the conductor,—  
—in a minute the train was moving.

"Here's ten dollars—that'll do, I guess—ta, ta!" and, snatching up the remainder of his pie, Hiram Skeymore was gone.

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Joe Poole had a motive, and a most important one, too, for being in a hurry that evening. His father had informed him at the tea table, that an old friend of his—a sea captain—was coming to see him at nine o'clock, and, as Joe had frequently expressed a wish to go to sea, and as his father wished him to see the world, he thought this was a most fitting opportunity to send him. Accordingly Joe hurried himself about, and reached home just at nine. The Captain—a jovial old gentleman of fifty—had ar-

rived, and was chatting away "right merrily" when Joe entered and was introduced. Giving his hand a hearty shake, Captain Starnes told him that he was now an officer of the good ship "Spray," an announcement which caused the usually dignified treasurer of the A. J. C. to jump about in a way one would have supposed to be totally foreign to him. But we will draw the curtain, and change the scene.

(To be Continued.)

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## STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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We have again to plead guilty of negligence in regard to new issues of stamps, but trust our business will allow us more time to attend to it in future. We chronicle the following:

### HELIGOLAND,

Having added two more values to its large set, in comparison with the size of the Island, bids fare to make one of the handsomest pages in our albums. The portrait of Victoria has been displaced by the Arms. Values and colors are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  farthings, or 3 pfenning, green and red;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, or 20 pfenning, do.

### CANADA.

A new set of Law Stamps is now in use. Owing to our not having yet seen them, we cannot describe them. The set consists of six stamps—color, blue. Further particulars in next issue.

### ENGLAND.

It is said that the 4d. stamp has appeared with colored letters in the angles.

### LUXEMBOURG.

The cards announced for this country have arrived. They are almost square. The values of the impressed stamps are . 10c. and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.—brown and blue, respectively.

### GUATEMALA.

A set of official stamps is announced. No further information received.

### INDIA.

Two new stamps have been issued, of the values of 6 and 12 annas. Colors—brown and chocolate respectively

## PHILATELIC NEWS.

We have received the following new stamp papers this month, but are unable to give them further notice until next month: *The Stamp Collectors' Monthly* from Newmarket, N. H.; *The Philatelist*, from Erie, Pa.; *The Stamp Collector*, from Painesville, O.


Any news of recent issues of stamps or any items interesting to Stamp Collectors, will be gladly received. Copies of Philatelic papers wanted. An impartial notice will be given.

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## S U S P E N S I O N .

SUMMER, with its many attractive outdoor sports has arrived, and in order to give the Pearl Publishing Company an opportunity to participate in them, the Editor respectfully announces to his readers that this is the last number of his paper—until August. We do not think anyone will be the loser by this proceeding, as stamp collecting during the Summer months is very dull, and but few advertisements are replied to.—With a gentle hint to our exchanges, that, though the weather be 115° in the shade, we can still find time to read them, we bid Amateurdome and our readers in general, a tender *Au Revoir*.

*The Coin & Stamp Journal*, of Kansas City, is decidedly the best amateur philatelic exchange we receive. It is edited by J. J. Casey, of New York, a better than whom could hardly be found.

THE WORD HUNT—PRIZE WINNERS.—1st., H. C. Bellew, Quebec. 2nd., C. Ince, Toronto.

## Our Letter-Box.

NIGHMAN BROS.—As we have not received acceptable offers for our other type, we cannot sell the font mentioned, at present. (2) We do not require a Novelty press.

LOUIS SHLOSH, San Francisco.—Thanks for your offer, but we do not require a news editor.

J. CAREY, Quebec.—Your list of words made from "St. Lawrence" did not reach us until May 23rd. It should have been in by April 23rd.

Lake & Standerwick, San Francisco, Cal., have issued the first number of *The Pacific Amateur Journal*, a large and well-edited monthly, partly devoted to stamp collecting.

Evidently our Stamp Department is appreciated at its full value by some of our readers, as a certain philatelic editor in the United States, frequently copies it almost word for word, without giving us the slightest credit for it. This is hardly fair, Johnny.

The *Monthly Philatelist*, from Erie, Pa., is a new publication devoted to the "art philatelic." Mr. D. E. Merrill is editor, and will no doubt make his paper very interesting.

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VOLUME II.

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In order to increase our subscription-list **AT ONCE**, we have reduced our price to **15 CENTS PER YEAR**; and any person sending us that amount before **AUG. 15**, (after which the regular price will be resumed), will be entitled to *THE PEARL* for one year. Now boys, rush in your subscriptions immediately, as such an opportunity may not occur again in a hurry!

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"The Amateur Journalists' Club" will be concluded in our next.

The name of A. G. Brown, City, was inadvertently left out of the list of prize-winners, on page 3. He won third prize.

*Pearl Advertiser.*

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## STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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### NEWLY-ISSUED STAMPS.

#### CANADA.

(Dedicated to the doubting philatelic editor of the Toronto Amateur Times, by the editor of THE PEARL.)  
**THE NEW LAW STAMPS.**—In a beaded circle is a bust of Victoria, crowned, with *Canada* above, and *Law Stamp* below, in curved letters; all within rectangular frame. Underneath this frame the number of the stamp is stamped in red figures. Beneath this again is the value in curved letters. The stamps are of large size, rectangular, and printed on white paper. The following are the values:—

10c., Blue,	20c., Blue,	25c., Blue.
50c., " \$1,	" \$5,	"

It is supposed that the Authorities wish the old stock sold before they will issue these.

Assurance Stamps have been issued for the Province of Quebec (see description, page 2 of supplement); but a series for all the other Provinces will most likely follow in a short time. We expect to be in a position to give full particulars next month.

**BELGIUM.**—The issue of 8 and 30c. stamps has been discontinued.

**SPAIN** has issued two new official stamps.

**JAPAN.**—Two new values have come to hand, probably forerunners of a new set, viz., 1 sen black, and 2 sen olive.

**HUNGARY.**—A 20 kr. stamp has been issued.—type, same as current set. Color—dark grey.

**FRANCE.**—The new issue of stamps are now in use. There are 13 varieties.

**NORWAY.**—A new series has been announced.


**SERVIA.**—The 10 para stamp comes to hand printed in reddish-brown.

**ICELAND.**—The values of the new series lately issued and now in use are .5 aur blue, 6 aur grey, 10 aur carmine, 16 aur brown, 20 aur lilac, and 40 aur green.

**CASHMERE.**—It has been said that two new values have arrived, viz.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 anna green.

The *Coin & Stamp Journal* has been changed from the hands of Mr. Winner to those of J. J. Casey, Esq., New York, who, we have no doubt will make it much more attractive, having so many facilities for so doing.

The advertisement of J. R. Bridge & Co., card dealers, will be found on fourth page.

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## VOLUME II.

WITH this issue we enter upon our second year. Upon looking over our first volume, a feeling akin to pride comes over us when we see that our little enterprise has survived a year, good or bad as it may be, and we tender our thanks to those who by their patronage have "spurred us on to further effort." We shall endeavor to make this volume equally as attractive as its predecessor—perhaps more so—and still have room for more subscribers!

The Buffalo City Guards Cadets had a large Excursion to this city, via Canada Southern R. R. and steamer "Empress of India," on July 29. The band of the Tenth Royals received them at the wharf with that beautiful tune, "Yankee Doodle." The cadets then marched along York, King, and Younge Streets to the Queen's Park, executing a few movements very well as they proceeded. Several of them visited the grand championship match of Lacrosse between the Torontos and Shamrocks, of Montreal. All—ex-

cepting those that were left behind which there was a goodly number embarked at about six o'clock, home.

Our friend, Mr. Will. F. Ruppberg, availed himself of the opportunity and paid us a visit, which we endeavored to make as pleasant as possible; and, from the fact that in excitement, etc., he missed the boat we may hope that our efforts were not altogether fruitless. Come again Will, and stay longer.

## Pearls.

We beg to call the attention of Stamp Dealers to the advertisement of the Canadian Stamp Directory, on third page. Don't fail to give it an advertisement.

Messrs. Sewell, Onderdonk, & Mitchell have purchased the *Boys' Herald*, of Ansonia, Conn., from W. M. Pemberton, and their first issue will be out by August 1st. All amateurs in Canada are requested to send for a copy.

Harry S. Barler, an amateur author of much promise, is dead.

The "*Amateur Times*," Williams & McMahon, Publishers, Toronto, is announced to appear Aug. 5, thus adding one more to the list of amateur newspaper obituaries that, sooner or later, we will probably be obliged to pen. Well, we are sorry for them, anyway.

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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PEARL.

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TORONTO, ONT., AUGUST, 1876.

NO. 1.

## THE AMATEUR JOURNALISTS' CLUB.

Continued from our May Number.

A NIGHT later. In the room where the reader first made the acquaintance of the club, sits Fred Baron—alone. The same arm-chair is in the same old place; he sits in the same comfortable attitude before described; the same paper is in his hand; but his face alas! bears not its customary happy expression. The cause is soon made apparent—a glance into the printing room where so many happy hours had been spent, and oh, what a sight meets our gaze! The pretty Gordon press, upon whose merits Fred was never tired of enlarging, was *not there*; neither were the type cases, nor indeed anything appertaining to the once complete printing office of the Union Jack Amateur Publishing Company. Where had it gone? We will explain. Mr. Baron, Fred's father, had often hinted that it was time for his eldest son to commence applying himself a little seriously to his studies, and had as often hinted that the paper had better be let drop; but Fred declared this would never be done, and at last Mr. B. getting completely out of patience, quietly sold the whole affair and had it removed that day while Fred was

at school. When that worthy entered the sanctum at four, his surprise may be imagined upon seeing his father quietly counting a sum of money on the table, and the printing office bare! A look of rage appeared on his face, and he was about to say something, but his father checked him.

"Now, Frederick," he said, "let me hear nothing more from you about this amateur paper nuisance. I wish you to understand that my patience is entirely exhausted, and upon the slightest provocation I will be apt to give you a sound thrashing. Besides the trouble, I have been continually paying out money for you, which I have resolved to put an end to. Here is the money I received for the printing materials; you will divide it amongst your companions tonight, and be prepared to accompany me to — college at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. It is high time you were learning something," and he left the room.

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"Hello, Fred!" What's the matter?" exclaimed the jovial Tommy Pierce, a while later. "Another paper bill, and no cash to meet it, eh?"

"No, Tom," and there were actually tears in Fred's eyes; "listen," and he related the foregoing events to his



friend, who, upon hearing every thing, gave vent to his anguish in one prolonged "W-e-l-l, n-o-w!"

He then appeared to journey into the land of dreams, and spoke not, until all the members of the club having arrived and listened, one by one, to the "heart-rending" narrative of its downfall, gathered round the table to receive their allowance of the money, and wonder what would become of the outside shareholders. However as they were principally relations of Fred, it is probable it was "made all right" with them by Mr. Baron, who undertook the arduous task of an executor.

And now, while we bid a tender farewell to the members of this club, sympathising with them in their misery, we assure our readers, that, in nine cases out of ten, *every* amateur publishing concern must come to an equally sorrowful end; so when, with light hearts, some of you commence the publication of the "Young Canadian," the "Boys of Canada," the "Boys of Quebec," Ontario, or anywhere else, don't imagine that you'll always be as joyful; for I, a—h-e-m!—a young gentleman of experience, emphatically say that you WILL NOT!

FINIS.

#### ASSURANCE LICENSE STAMPS.

THE above-named series of stamps have been issued for the province of Quebec. The title will explain their use. There are different values; but we are unable to give them all, in this number; we will endeavor to do so in our next.

Those before us are 4c. and 50c., green. "Assurance," is in a semi-circle at the top; underneath,—"*License Stamp.*" "Quebec" in lathe-work in the centre. Value in figures and words at the bottom. Size about the same as Law Stamps.

### ON OUR TRAVELS!



In company with Wm. Berry (formerly Publisher of the "*Stamp Advocate*") we entered upon our vacation trip, leaving the "Queen City" of the West at 7 A.M. Tuesday morning, the 18th of July, taking passage upon the fine staunch steamer "City of Toronto" in which we crossed Lake Ontario to the Port of Niagara, connecting with the Canada Southern Railway for Toledo.

"*En passant*" we may say of the "Canada Southern," that it is one of the best appointed, officered, and run roads in Canada, and bids fair as a profitable investment for its promoters. Leaving Niagara, we pass, *en route*, Queenston Heights, where stands in bold relief, the monument of

enl. Brock, then follow Niagara Falls and Clifton, far-famed for their natural wonders, immense hotels, Indian curiosities, learned guides, and, mostly, though not least, impecunious fishermen. Speeding on, we reach, and pass in due course, Buffalo, St. Thomas, and Amherstburg. At the latter place our train was run upon the railway ferry-steamer "Transit," on which we cross the Detroit River torosse Isle, where another engine is waiting to speed us on to our destination, the ambitious city of Toledo. Arriving at Toledo at 11 P.M. we bend our way to the "Burnett House" where we are met by the gentlemanly hotel clerk, with genial hospitality and good accomodation. The following day we did ourselves the pleasure of calling upon W. W. Jones and B. Smith, Esqrs., Editors of "Our Boys," to whom we are indebted for many courtesies, which shall be repaid with interest and great pleasure, when opportunity first offers. We may here remark upon our surprise at the extensive plant and paraphernalia which we found in the office of "Our Boys." The method in every department is more than we expected to find in an "Amateur" office, and we learned very much from our visit thereto. We congratulate the genial conductors of "Our Boys" upon their energy in securing for their paper, such a varied and complete assortment of plant, and upon their ability displayed in its editorial columns, and general management, looking forward to a successful future, for which it is deserving and has our warmest wishes.

On our return we called upon our friends in Buffalo, — J. B. Sewell, one of the proprietors of the "Boys' Herald," and W. F. Ruppertsberg, an accomplished amateur correspondent, who gave us a cordial and fraternal greeting. Our trip, though flying and brief, was one very much enjoyed, and to those Gentlemen of the Craft who did so much towards making it pleasant, we return our warmest thanks, trusting that some near day will draw them towards the Queen City of the West, when our disposition to emulate their hospitality may have an opportunity of being tested, and our hearts made glad.

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## Editorial Notes.

The *Pamphlet* is a new Canadian amateur, from St. John.

The *California Herald* is a superior sheet, from San Francisco.

"*Trigger & Reel*," the amateur sporting journal of New York, is very interesting, and deserves hosts of subscribers.

The "*Collectors' News*," of North Adams, Mass., has been enlarged and improved, and is worthy of collectors' support.

The cool cheek of the "*Crucible*" is perfectly charming. We derive more amusement from it than from any other exchange.

The *Brooklyn Amateur* is certainly a model paper. Large, well-edited, and cheap, it forms an excellent companion for boy or girl. Address, 140 Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

We have been shown a copy of the *Maple Leaf*, a 4-page, 12-column amateur journal published at Renfrew, Ont. Evidently the editor understands his business, and we wish him success.

Numerous requests for specimen copies of THE PEARL were received during the month of July, to which, owing to our supply having almost run out, we were unable to attend until the present. However, you can subscribe now, if you want to, boys!

We have stirred up a mosquito. The *Amateur Fraud* takes exception, in very strong terms for such a puny sheet, to our article, "Amateurism Degenerating." We will not lower THE PEARL by arguing

with a *Fraud*, even if it is an amateur one.

The *Canada Beaver* is the title of a new amateur journalistic effort, of this city. The paper presents a neat enough appearance; but, while we admire the editor's good taste in filling up a large portion of it with clippings from THE PEARL, of course without credit, we can promise him that such unparliamentary proceedings will not be tolerated in the future. Understand that, young precocity.

A recent number of the *Model* announced that it had eighty-seven ads. left over. Such a position for an amateur editor to be in is truly enviable; but—pardon us for the suggestion—if the worthy Charles would exclude *unugar* advertisements from his columns, he'd have more room to give insertion to the better ones, and the next time perhaps have only eighty-six to complain about. It's too bad to see such advts. as S. R. Ludde., W. L. Moody, L. J. Clark, and others concoct, in the amateur press; and the editors that insert them must have but little respect for their readers.

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## STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications relating to this Department, to be addressed to William Berry, 134 Richmond-st., Toronto.

**JAPAN.**—A new specimen has been added to the series lately emitted for this country, viz., 5 sen—brown.

**CANADA.**—We wish to say a few words with reference to the newly-issued Law Stamps; and we trust that these remarks will end the discussion. We here wish to inform the editor of the *Coin & Stamp Journal* that we owed him no courtesy as to the stamps, so did not accord him any. Specimens were shown us by a friend who secured a whole set—unused—by special favor. Not having any of our own, we were unable to do anything further than to give a description of them, having seen which, one of our city contemporaries expressed a desire to see the stamps, but, of course, we were unable to exhibit specimens. Copies could not be obtained in Toronto, as these stamps were issued for the exclusive use of the new Supreme Court of Canada, lately established at Ottawa; and therefore the *Amateur Times* published as much as a flat contradiction of our words. We may remark, *en passant*, that cancelled specimens will not be obtainable until after the lapse of five years.

An order has been issued by the P.M.G., to the effect that all letters for registration must be prepaid (both postage and registration fees) by one stamp, so in future 5c. and 8c. Reg. Stamps will only be procurable from

letters sent to countries for which those rates are charged for registration.—Used specimens of these stamps are selling here at almost the same price for which unused ones can be bought.

**FINLAND** has also issued a new Post Card—16 penni, reddish-brown.

**AUSTRIA.**—Two new envelope stamps of the values of 3 and 5 k. have been issued.

**LUXEMBOURG.**—The present series of this country has been augmented by the addition of a new value: 5c., orange red.

**NEW ZEALAND** has issued a Post-card.

The *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, Newmarket, N. H., has discontinued publication. There is, however, a paper published in New York, by M. Wineburg, bearing the same name, which is very nicely printed, well-edited, and deserves success.

We have received the following papers, &c., this month, viz.:

Price-list of Carl Jacobs, Goslar-a-Harz, Germany; catalogue and price-lists from Richard Gast, Dresden, Neustadt: the "Philatelistische Berichte," published by S. F. Friedmann, at Vienna, Austria; "L'Ami des Timbres," (The Stamp Friend), published by Ch. Roussin, at Paris, France; and last, but not least, the "Guida Illustrata del Timbrofilo," (The Illustrated Stamp Collectors' Guide.)—We have not space to do more than mention the above, but we may do better in a future number; in the meantime, adieu.



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## Editorial Notes.

LACROSSE has been lively lately. Evidently the game has taken a strong hold among our sporting friends in the Mother Country, an order from there for 4,000 "sticks" having recently been received at Montreal. We understand that clubs are also being formed in the United States. It affords us much pleasure to find our National Game gaining such favor; that circumstance, together with Canada's success at the American Centennial, make us think our country's pre-eminent, if it is young.

We are sorry to learn that, owing to ill health, Mr. Frederick Lake has been obliged to retire from the *Pacific Amateur Journal*. We trust that a short vacation will mend him, and that he will soon be able to resume his post.

The *Canadian Enterprise* has appeared. In appearance, it is above the average—we forbear commenting further upon it.

The *Maple Leaf*, of Hornellsville, U.S., should not question the right of

a Canadian publisher to give that name to his paper, since the maple leaf itself is one of the emblems of Canada, and is not in any way connected with Uncle Sam.

To the first ten persons subscribing for THE PEARL before Oct. 20th, we will present gratuitously, a copy of "The Boy Convict," an amateur book of 26 pages!

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Competition is open only to subscribers, but those desirous of trying for them may enclose subscription with the answers. The lists of words must be in before October 20th.

We suppose our contemporaries in the *Boys' Herald*, and *Pamphlet* are in the land of the living; but, from the fact that neither of them have put in an appearance for some time back, we naturally feel uneasy about it.

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AN exchange has suggested that a Canadian A. P. A. be formed, now that there are so many quill-drivers afloat in the Dominion; and, after consideration, we have concluded that such an organization would not be without its good points—it would, as the paper in question says, promote a better feeling among the amateur editors than now appears to exist; “a consummation devoutly to be wished.” A meeting for the purpose of effecting this organization will accordingly be held in the office of the *Amateur Times*, 13 Ontario Chambers, Front-st. East, on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at P.M., which all interested are invited to attend.

**NOTICE.**—The time for receiving answers to the Word Hunt in this number, and for receiving subscriptions under the conditions mentioned on our second page, has been extended until Nov. 5th.

The *Rough Diamond*, just launched forth upon the ever-stormy and dangerous sea of Amateur Journalism, from the port of Yorkville, should be well supported, as it exhibits a little good sense. Our other city exchanges would do well to accept it as a model.

An apology is due our readers for our being so late this month, and therefore we rise to say that the delay was unavoidable—circumstances were such as to prevent us having our paper out anywhere near on time. The next number will probably be issued about Nov. 15th.

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## OUR EXCHANGES.

THE "Brilliant," of Chicago, is beautifully printed on good tinted paper, and is edited and published in a manner that reflects much credit on its enterprising young proprietor, Master M. C. Griggs.

Brooklyn, N.Y., is ably represented by two excellent amateur papers—the "Amateur," and the "Prattler." The latter has just resumed publication after nearly a year's suspension. Both of the papers are large and nicely printed.

Has "Our Boys" suspended?

"The Amateur Field," has appeared as successor to "Trigger and Reel." Its typography is hardly equal to that of its predecessor, but, otherwise, it is very interesting.

The "Pacific Amateur Journal" has dropped the Amateur from its name.

The editor of the "Amateur Times" has discovered to his sorrow, that he is not omnipotent, after all. He foolishly sent his paper to the States to get printed, the consequence of which is, that it's far behind time, while he is, to put it mildly, angry. He probably did not foresee such an occurrence when he so beautifully no-

ticed our delay, a short time ago, and therefore we have no sympathy with him. We are referring to Master W. H. Williams, who is now alone in his glory, both of his partners having left him. Is not the period of the "Times" death rapidly approaching?

The "Amateur Gazette," Atlanta, Ga., is among the best.

The "Canada Beaver" has enlarged, and desires to know where we are. In answer we beg to inform the "enfant terrible" that for the present we are here, ready at all times to accommodate him with plenty of that friendly advice which he so sadly requires.

We shall probably notice some of our other exchanges next month.

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IN ORDER to catch up, we date this issue October and November.

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The meeting held for the purpose of organising the Ont. A.P.A. was a fizzle. After the officers had all been elected, the proceedings were voted null and void, as the electors acted rather wildly; and another meeting appointed to be held early in December. We trust it 'll have a better result than this one has had. We consider the following a good "ticket"—*Pres.*, Wm Berry; *Vice-Pres.*, J. Berryman; *Sec.-Treas.*, W. H. Williams.

## A PLEA FOR STAMP-COLLECTING.

Of the many manias for collecting, with which we are blessed or cursed—have it as you will—postage stamp

collecting is the most subject to ridicule. And why, may I ask? Because the idea of gathering together a parcel of torn and dirty scraps of colored paper is absurd. We never ridicule a person for collecting paintings, engravings, etc.; yet postage stamps have the same care bestowed upon them as the finest engravings. No common engraver is now—as of yore called upon to engrave them; but the most skillful labor that the country can command is called into requisition. For instance, the British Colonial are engraved mostly by De la Rue & Co., of London, and the United States, Central, and South American stamps by the American Bank Note Co., whose work cannot be excelled if equalled.

The finest portraits of Queen Victoria that are known to exist, are those upon the Canadian Bill Stamps. But they are mere bits of paper, and yet how beautiful when unused. The only authentic view of Sidney, New South Wales, in its earlier days, is upon a postage stamp—poorly and coarsely engraved, but still accurate. Now that the care bestowed upon the engraving of postage stamps has made them what they should be—works of art—I maintain that every argument that is advanced for the preservation of engravings, paintings, etc., will apply equally as well to postage stamps. But paintings, as well as postage stamps, are worthless when defaced, and their beauty is destroyed, as is our object in preserving them. Therefore, if possible put into your album only unused or very slightly cancelled stamps, and your collection will be fit to grace any parlor table in the land, and become "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

—*Taria Topan, in S. C. Monthly.*

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We acknowledge receipt of the "Amateur Press," a new paper from Sarnia, Ontario.

Schoolboys are commencing to discuss stamp-collecting, now that Winter approaches. Of course we need not tell them "where to buy" while advertisements of such character as those on page 3, are in our paper. But we can advise them to beware of the following parties, who are indebted to us, and will neither pay up nor answer our letters: Wm. LAY, alias the Western Stamp Co., publisher of the "Yankee Boys," 322 North Avenue Chicago, Ill., and OUR COMPANION PUBLISHING Co., London, Ont. We regret exceedingly that a Canadian firm would do such a thing as this, and still more so that it falls

to our lot to expose them; but our subscribers must be protected at any cost (?) Exchanges please mention these gentlemen, and oblige.

Parties in the United States having occasion to remit to us, will confer a favour by sending either unused Canada postage stamps or currency of either country, but IN NO CASE IN U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS, as they are of little or no value to us.

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"HIC ET UBIQUE."

VOL. II.

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NO. 5.

## LOVE AND SKATING.

(Continued from the Supplement.)

He frowned as he saw Fred and Jessie on such good terms, and mentally vowed he'd put a stop to it. Just then a large hole in the ice, which had been cut for the cattle to drink from, caught his eye.

"Ha!" he ejaculated. "If I can get Fred to skate over that thin place near the hole, he'll fall through; then if I rescue him, won't Jessie think more of me? Of course she will, so here goes."

He buckled on his skates, and glided over to where the remainder of the party were adjusting theirs. Just as he came up, Mr. Harcourt was saying:

"You will all please avoid the south-eastern portion of the pond, as it is unsafe. Remember—keep to the west end." Fred and Jessie were among the first to start off. They had skated together for upwards of half-an-hour, when Tom approached, and said:

"F. e. l, you daren't follow me!"

"Oh, I daren't, eh? Just wait till I place Miss Linwood in father's charge, and I'll show you."

This was soon done, and the rest of the boys called together, after which they all struck out down the pond, Tom, who was an excellent skater, keeping the lead, with Fred next. The latter noticed that Tom headed directly for the place where his father had warned them not to go; but, not wishing to turn tail, he kept on, Harry Walton and the others being close behind.

"Come on!" cried Tom, looking back—"come on!"

They were rapidly nearing the thin ice. Suddenly, with a crash, Tom sinks through, and is out of sight in an instant! Fred checked his speed, and approached cautiously to the hole, calling loudly for help. After a half-minute of breathless suspense, Tom's head appeared above the ice; and, clutching his hair, Fred exerted all his strength, and succeeded in pulling him out. With the exception of being wet, his friend was in no wise hurt; and he rapidly skimmed back to the house, and changed his frozen garments for dry ones.

"That's a sweet note," he muttered as he regained his former *if*. "Caught in my own trap, and the chaps will circulate the story in such a manner that my chances for Jessie's hand are less than they ever were. I think I'll return home."

Writing a note saying that he was very ill through his ducking, he packed his trunk, and was conveyed to the station, where he arrived just in time to catch the train for home.

Although Fred was surprised at his sudden departure, he of course did not suspect the real cause, and never knew it until Tom afterwards related the whole story in school, at which he laughed heartily.

Five years later, on Christmas day, Fred and his beautiful Jessie were married at Maple Hall, Tom Parmenter acting as "best man" on the occasion. He intimated that he was again in love, and expected to win a bride without rescuing Fred or anyone else from drowning; and we certainly hope he may.



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## "HERE WE ARE AGAIN!"

THIS being the last paper we shall issue this year, is our CHRISTMAS NUMBER, and we have striven hard to make it acceptable at such a merry season. An original story, a puzzle column (which we fancy will trouble the older heads as well as the young), philatelic notes, etc., are among the attractions; and even the advertisements will, we are sure, be found interesting to many of our juvenile readers.

We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may you live long to enjoy scores of them!

## PHILATELIC NOTES.

It is announced that Canada will issue a new stamped envelope next month. Design—head of Queen Victoria, in an oval frame. Value, three cents. We understand, that the Government contemplates issuing a new postal card, which will be a sheet of paper, gummed at one end, so that it will also serve as an envelope.

"There are," says an exchange, "three distinct systems of stamp collecting—the French, the English, and the American. The first of these has long been a recognised institution. Its

devotees collect varieties of shades, paper, perforation—in fact, everything; the second is a little more conservative, going into the close varieties—not in entirety. The third is of the most radical type, discarding all close varieties or variation of colour, etc. It collects only the most decided varieties."

We have been asked why we do not publish a dealers' directory in our columns. Our reasons for not doing so are, first, we have hardly sufficient space for other matter, let alone this, and, secondly, our advertisers are generally reliable. When they are not, and it comes to our knowledge, we shall have much pleasure in advertising them gratuitously. It is suggested that those in quest of bargains in stamps, should purchase the Canadian Stamp Directory, published at this office—price, only ten cents, postpaid.

Austria was the first to adopt postal cards; but it is said that the post-master-general of Germany invented them.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."—It appears that the *Philatelist* in noticing the *Canada Beaver* recently, gave that paper credit for an article entitled "Philatelic Pursuits," the first part of which appeared in its July number. Now, as the article in question was copied from another paper, and did not originate with Rennie, would it not be as well for the *Beaver* to inform the *Philatelist*, and its readers in general, of that fact?

It is said that there are about 200,000 stamp collectors in the United States. Canada probably has 20,000.

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A seventh of glimmer, a quarter of fear,

And add thereto the fourth of a year.  
Again take exactly two-fifths of a churn.

Adding thereto the third of an urn  
Plus an eighth of a sapphire, a sixth of a cheese—

Still add a part of a toast-rack to these;  
With a consonant next, then a fourth of a pair,

And last of the addends is part of a stair.

If you join these correctly, you'll surely discover

What we hope you will all pass happily over.

### 2.—SQUARE WORD.

My first is a season of rejoicing; my second is a place where trade is made; my third is space; my fourth is a support.

### 3.—BURIED CITIES.

1. Place that castor on Tom's bureau. 2. A man on that barque beckoned to you. 3. He would be the victor, I am sure. 4. His name was Nott, a wanderer.

### 4.—MATHEMATICAL QUESTION.

A man sold two lots for \$600 apiece. On the first he gained one-fifth of the price it cost him, and on the other he lost one-fifth of what it cost. Did he gain or lose by the transaction, and how much?

### 5.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PEARL.

VOL. II.

CHRISTMAS, 1876.

NO. 5.

## Our Christmas Story.

FOR THE PEARL.

### LOVE AND SKATING.

By the Author of "The Amateur Journalists' Club," "The Cruise of the Firefly," "Tobogging," Etc.

SQUIRE HARCOURT, of Maple Hall, was one of those jovial old country gentlemen we often read about but so seldom see. A hale, hearty old man, generous, and possessing a friendly interest in all with whom he came in contact, he was loved by all who knew him, from his wealthiest tenant down to his coachman. He was immensely wealthy, being owner of a large estate in one of the most fertile parts of Ontario, and his house and surroundings were in keeping therewith. Game of all kinds abounded on his estate. In season he had large parties of gentlemen visiting him, who ere they left, generally made great havoc among the feathery tribe. His family was small he having but one son Fred, a handsome lad of fifteen or so, besides himself; his wife had died years ago.

Fred was just like his father, inwardly and outwardly — generous, kind, and forgiving. At the time our story opens, he was attending school at a large city about fifty miles from

Maple Hall, and had just written the following letter:—

"Dear Father,—

"As Christmas will soon be here, I'd like you to tell me if you have any objections to my having a small party at the Hall during the holidays. I could bring down five boys—all splendid fellows—and if you could get us up an entertainment, I'd be perfectly delighted.

"Your Affectionate Son,

"Fred."

This he showed to the "splendid fellows" mentioned; and then, after posting it, waited impatiently for a reply. As he had half expected, it came: his father would have all ready for fifteen boys if he wanted them; and the concluding portion read, as is usual in such cases—"but don't let this interfere with your lessons."

"Oh, no," laughed Fred, chuckling, "I won't let it interfere with my lesson will I permit my lessons to interfere with it—especially the latter." However, he studied enough to win the first prize which he triumphantly bore home to his delighted father.

His "splendid fellows" were respectively introduced to his father and cordially welcomed. "Harry Walton here," Fred explained in a whisper, "is my particular chum at school,



Tom Parmenter, the fellow with black eyes, is a queer sort of chap."

"How do you mean?" asked his father.

"Oh, once at school I beat him by three marks for first prize in Latin, and he's acted strangely ever since. But come, boys," turning to them, let us adjourn to luncheon. Who all are here, father?"

"Numerous people, my son, the majority of whom are old acquaintances of yours. Let me see—there are Mr. and Mrs. Simons with Joe and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Linwood, with Jessie—"

"Is Jessie here, father? How good of you!"

"Ha! ha! ha!" laughed the old gentleman. "You see, boys, Fred's in love with Jessie—did he ever tell you of it?"

"No, indeed," answered Tom Parmenter; "will you relate the story, sir?"

"I protest," said Fred. "It is really private."

"Dear me, my son, how can you call it private, when Joe the coachman, and I, who were passing, witnessed that—that "scene" with our own eyes? But if you don't want your secret known, I will not divulge it."

"I am acquainted with Miss Linwood—in fact, I may call myself a personal friend of hers—and I never heard her mention Fred's name, so I fancy she's not very far in love," put in Tom, who had a knack of saying unpleasant things whenever opportunity offered.

"Perhaps you are the favoured one," said Harry.

"Oh, dear, no;" but Tom turned red, nevertheless; "I am only a friend, living near her—"

"We understand, Master Tom, we understand," interrupted the squire; "therefore we'll change the subject. To-morrow will be Christmas—now, I have noticed that the lake is in a cap-

ital state for skating, and have made arrangements for the entire party to take advantage thereof, in the afternoon, thinking you'd all agree to it.

After tea, we'll have a little dancing and merry-making. How does the programme suit you?"

"It's grand, father, and no one but you would—"

"You are all through, I perceive," interrupting his son; "come now and I will introduce you to my guests."

"Had we not better change our clothes first?"

"How can you, since your trunks have not come? But you are dressed very well as it is," and the Squire led the way to the drawing room.

Several ladies and gentlemen, as well as girls and boys were here; but the person Fred looked for first was Jessie Linwood. She was a really beautiful blonde; and no wonder poor Fred was in such a hurry to speak to her. Of course he had to shake hands all round; and, having concluded that tiresome piece of civility, he was about to return to Jessie's side, when, to his annoyance, he perceived that Tom Parmenter had already taken up his quarters there. However, he contented himself with ordering his span of ponies, and taking a part of his friends for a sleigh ride which they much enjoyed. He found plenty of time to talk to Jessie during the evening, and, ere he left her, had extracted a promise that she would go under his care to the lake on the morrow.

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Christmas morning dawned clear and cold. It was just the sort of day for the sport on hand, and immediately after luncheon the guests poured towards the lake. Each of Fred's friends, excepting Tom Parmenter, had managed to secure feminine partners; but he walked moodily alone.

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# THE PEARL.

"HIC ET UBIQUE."

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## LETTER ON LACROSSE.

The following has been handed us by a lacrosse player young in years, but old in experience:—

I suppose that by this time there will not be anyone in this Dominion of ours, who is unacquainted with our National Game, especially as great efforts have lately been made to bring it more closely under general notice, by the numerous friendly contests of the past season, and by introducing it into the old country. Lacrosse is yet in its infancy, for 'tis but a short time since the dusky brave, with painted face and dancing feathers, dashed through the woody glades, pursued by his attending competitors, in their frantic endeavours to prevent his securing a goal—a result sometimes requiring two days' hard play to obtain. Gaining a goal was then more difficult than it is now; for the player was required to throw the wooden ball at a slender pole six feet high, placed at a distance of about one mile from that of the opposite party. The game is, however, fast modernising, and under the present regulations promises to be as it deserves—the healthiest and most exciting pastime of the age.

From the nature of its climate Canada is well adapted for the "lacrosse-site," who can uninterruptedly pur-

sue its pleasures from early spring to late in autumn; and, if moderately careful, there are none more healthful than he whose every muscle and sinew is called into play from the nature of its exercise. There are some who loudly exclaim against the bruises and shocks supposed to be received by those who engage in this game; but I maintain that there are less injuries received through it than in either baseball or cricket. We hardly ever hear of a person being maimed in playing lacrosse; whilst the broken knuckles and fingers resulting from baseball or cricket are proverbial.

Until lately Montreal has enjoyed the honour of being the centre of lacrosse; but now this our "Queen City of the West" has succeeded in wrestling the title from it, after numerous struggles, and is likely to retain it for some time to come. I mean the illustrious "Torontos," champions of the World:

"AN OLD HAND."

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

This is the last number of the PEARL that we shall degrade by mentioning in any manner such characters as the editor of the late *Amateur Times*; it is also the last issue as an "Amateur" paper, i.e., one devoted to everything in general. Henceforward it will be simply a Philatelic Journal, printed on fine tinted paper, and will be sent on trial 3 months for only 3 cents!

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"Ignorance is bliss" in some cases; but when with pen and paper a child parades his ignorance before the World, and attempts to criticise others more learned than he, we think it is time his mamma wanted him. In the article on THE PEARL, in the last issue of the *Times*, we find the following:—" . . . It [THE PEARL] contains an article our paper,

which is wrote in the editor's usual senseless style. . . . We grant him that *we was* two weeks late." In another portion of the paper, somebody declines to "except" references offered; and, further on, we are assured that certain articles "*could have been wrote*" by a child six years old. The poems in a book sent for review, are wisely pronounced "*passible*"; and it is pitifully suggested that the PEARL does not contain an inch of "*readible*" matter! Of course this is simply a falsehood of the first quality. But we have taken up sufficient space already, with this little fellow; and we must request, that in future if he has anything to say to or about us, he will apply *personally*, when we'll guarantee to attend to him in a manner he'll remember for years. A friend suggests that he will lend Master Williams a grammar or two, if he wants them—and we should say *he does!*

THE Government are preparing a new postal card, to be used in transmission to the United Kingdom. The value will be two cents; colour unknown. We will endeavour to present a full description in our next.

The new bronze cents issued last year are slightly different from former issues, the Queen's head being crowned.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN No. 5.—  
(1) "Merry Christmas." (2) Xmas, mart, area, stay. (3) Toronto, Quebec, Victoria, Ottawa. (4) Lost \$50. (No. 4 was not original.) (5) Baseball, Lacrosse.



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"HIC ET UBIQUE."

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NO. 7.

PHILATELY,  
BY "UNO."

STAMP-COLLECTING, the all-absorbing, imperishable pursuit, has now become firmly established. Its origin dates back some thirty years, to when there were but two or three stamp-issuing countries; and its popularity has rapidly increased until at present there are not less than 500,000 collectors on this continent alone, although here it is comparatively in its infancy, having a stand of only about fifteen years. It is not merely a pastime by which one can spend a few leisure moments, and his surplus money also, but it is a science, and is called *Philately* from *philos* a lover-of, and *telos* a tax.

It is not only the schoolboy who collects stamps, but also some of the world's most celebrated personages, among whom are the Prince of Wales, King William, King Victor Emanuel, Don Pedro, and General W. T. Sherman. A. T. Stewart is said to have had a collection worth about \$6,000 in gold. Why, even the great poet Shakespeare himself would doubtless have been a collector, had there been such things as stamps in his time! Sir Rowland Hill has the honour of first bringing into consideration this convenient method of prepaying mail matter by means of postage stamps.

It is said, that once when travelling in Scotland, while stopping at an inn one morning, he overheard a conversation between the postman and one of the waiting girls, for whom apparently he had a letter from her husband, but which she was unable to pay for. Taking the letter in her hand, she turned it over several times, and then returned it to the postman. Sir Rowland observing this immediately offered to pay the postage for her; she objected, but finally consented. After the postman had departed, Sir Rowland asked her why she did not wish him to get the letter for her. She answered that there was nothing in the envelope but a blank sheet of paper, as all the writing was of some sort of character on the outside. Sir Rowland went back to London at once, and began to devise some plan to stop such defrauding, the result of which was that England issued a set stamps on May 6th, 1840. The first design was the head of the Queen in a circle, with the word "Postage" above, and the value below. It is said, that, at first, a great many people objected to this design, as it seemed disloyal to cancel them, because it blackened the profile of the Queen. Some countries sought to remedy this evil by substituting numerals of value in the centre, and Germany issued a set of this kind having an inscription above the numeral; and Brazil issued a set bearing no inscription.

(Conclusion in our Next).

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## Editorial Notes.

### A "SNOOZER" AROUSED.

#### DOINGS OF A NEW-YORK SWINDLER.

ABOUT the 6<sup>th</sup> of the present month we received a vulgar little paper entitled "*The Philatelic Snoozer*," in which we were considerably surprised to observe our name among a list of "Frauds and Dead Bents." We were at a loss to account for this strange circumstance until the name of the publisher presented itself to our gaze when the reason became apparent—there we read, "M. KOTTSHOFSKI, 50, Suffolk-street, New York." This terrible name was well known to us, as we had had a slight business transaction with its bearer a few months previously, when we inserted his advertisement in THE CANADIAN STAMP DIRECTORY, "to be paid for upon receipt of the book," but which, being sent, failed to draw forth the desired response, as did two or three letters mailed at different dates. Finally in December last, we wrote him a rather sharp epistle requesting him to write

at once or be prepared for a free advertisement; but he did not reply until the beginning of this month, when *The Philatelic Snoozer* arrived, accusing us, as before stated, of being a "fraud."

For a specimen of Yankee impertinence this is unsurpassed. There are not the slightest grounds for such a base libel, and we defy this person KOTTSHOFSKI to produce any. The sole reason we can see for his procedure, is—he wishes to injure us because we demanded what was and is fairly ours. If he were in Toronto we'd soon convince him of our honesty; but as he isn't, we will await developments, in the mean time warning our readers to have nothing to do with him.

#### CANADA.

The following description of the International Post Card is taken from the "*Philatelic News*":—

A long-expected and welcome desideratum has at last been issued, in the shape of a two-cent post card for correspondence between Canada and the United Kingdom. There is not much difference between between it and the present one. The border is scalloped with square frame each corner, "Canada Post Card" being rounded with "to United Kingdom" underneath. The stamp impressed is similar to the stamp on the former card, with the exception that the Queen's head is in a circle formed of clear straight line, instead of beaded circle. The ornaments at the corners of circle outside are also different; and the value, which is underneath, is almost entirely detached from the upper portion of the stamp. Colour of border and stamp—green. In all other respects the cards are the same. We think it a very neat and handsome card.

## Editorial Notes.

Since our second page was printed, we have received information which warrants us in proclaiming Kottshofki (or Kat's-paw-ski, which is a better title for him, as he really was a tool in the employment of one Taylor, a New York counterfeiter), a cheat and fraud. Don't send him any money, is our advice to the public.

The Boys' Journal is a new one for Toronto. It is very well printed, considering its proprietors' experience, and will doubtless improve with age.

The Canadian Stamp Directory, a handsomely printed book of 16 pages, will be sent, postfree, to any address for 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents. It has received most favourable notices from the amateur press. Encourage home productions—buy a copy.

Read our article "Philately" on first page; it will well repay perusal.

BLACK LIST. Messrs. James Lincoln & Co., of London, have "gone away" from 21 Kenton-street. Our readers had better not send them any money until their whereabouts are made known. They owe us about five dollars, which we'd be obliged for.

M. Wineburg, of New York, is indebted to us, and refuses to answer our letters. He may therefore be set down as a "black sheep."

Joseph Marshall, of Mitchell, Ont., is another whom we cannot induce to pay up. Perhaps he's a martial fellow, possessing influence at the War Office, and, knowing his strength treats such a nonentity as THE PEARL with contempt. Our readers would do well to treat him likewise.

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## ALL SORTS.

Toronto amateurs in favour of forming an Amateur Press Association are requested to send their address to this office immediately.

Exchanges to whom we owe exchange advertisements, will please notify us before our next issue, as it is positively the last number in which we shall insert them.

We have not engaged a stamp editor yet, and therefore ask our readers to pardon the absence of our list of new issues this month.

We want agents to sell the Canadian Stamp Directory. Splendid terms.

The Postage Stamp Reporter is a new eight-page paper from Montpelier, Vt. Mr C. F. Buswell is the proprietor.

Some of our exchanges have the following at the head of their advertising column:

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Must either bust or advertise."


We fear that stamp collecting is about over for this season; spring will soon be here, also cricket, football, and the noble game of lacrosse, which are much more attractive. We trust, however, that the boys won't forget THE PEARL and its advertisers.

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## STAMP DEPARTMENT.

### RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CUBA is the name now, and the heading Spanish West Indies will henceforth drop out from catalogues, as indeed it ought to have done four years ago according to the actual use of the stamps; it would be much harder to tell how long ago the Spaniards ought to have left the beautiful island of Cuba to its rightful owners; however, the right name is on the stamps, and whenever the patriots gain their independence, the stamps of Cuba libre can follow on without any derangement of albums. We are certainly pleased to see the name of the island on the new stamp, but were looking forward to the new set in the expectation that it would be of the same pleasing design as the current set of the mother country; however we suppose the dons think the old profile shows greater strength, if less refinement, than the new portrait. The colours and values of the new set are as follows:

- 12½ c. de pesetas, violet.
- 25 " " " sea green.
- 50 " " " black.
- 1 " " " brown.

--Am. J. of P.

### ECUADOR.

An entire new set of stamps are in preparation for this country.

### FRANCE.

We have been shown a 10c. of the new republic, printed in pale black; it was on a letter, and may be a new colour for that value.

### PORTO RICO.

We herewith give a description of the new set for this island:

Profile of Alfonso to right, in oval; "Pto. Rico 1877" above; value below; arms of Castile and Leon in alternate corners; Greek border, broken to admit labels having the word "Covreos" in small letters; fleur-de-lis in angles.

- 12½ c. de peseta, green.
- 35 " " " black.
- 50 " " " brown.
- 1 peseta, black.

### PERSIA.

The following is a description of the new set for this country:

The designs and frames of the stamps are printed in black on a tinted back-ground; with a bust of the Shah. The correct colours and values of the set are—

- 1 shahi, black; groundwork lilac.
- 2 " " " green.
- 5 " " " rose.
- 10 " " " blue.

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FINIS.

WE REJOICE to announce that, after a lengthened and irritating illness—so to speak—of one year and seven months, **THE PEARL** now peacefully dies—dies, to sink into blissful oblivion to all save him most immediately concerned, who, we are confident will never forget that it once was a most obsequious recipient of his pocket-money (for which it seemed to have even a greater love than he had himself) and numerous legitimate hours of recreation. As publisher, we will not forget the great trouble to which we were repeatedly put in sending forth the different editions; as printer, we will remember the vexatious whims our apparatus occasionally took, delaying us, when we had the best of intentions, in getting out the paper; and as editor we shall never forget the many demands our conscience made upon us for “copy” which alas!

we were unable to produce. But in this cloud of harrowing recollections will appear a little—a very little—of the silver lining; and we will remember that our efforts in the journalistic direction have been the means of making us acquainted with a great many things which we did not know before—in fact, introduced us to business. Our experience, however, has probably been the same as that of many others, so why should we repeat it? We have received numerous kind notices from the amateur press during our career as an editor, and have made many acquaintances that doubtless otherwise we should not have done—indeed we think we could now find a friend wherever there is an amateur paper published. There's the benefit.

In retiring we beg to extend our thanks to those who have patiently borne with us this far, and to solicit an equal amount of favour for our successors. **THE PEARL** will not be published by anyone else, but we have made arrangements with the publisher of the “Canada Beaver” to furnish our subscribers with that excellent paper until their respective subscriptions expire. And now, friends, permit us to say

FAREWELL!

Our Stamp Department this month was taken from *The Philatelic News*.

**EDITORIAL DOTS.**

PERSONS desiring back numbers of THE PEARL will for ten cents receive six—all different.

"Veni, vidi, NON vici." — Cæsar (slightly altered).

In the beginning of 1876 there were three amateur papers published in Canada. Now there are at least twelve.

The Boys' Herald, of St John, is in our belief one of the best amateur papers published.

"I have received thirty-three subscribers through my ad. in your PEARL."—This is what Mr. J. McConkey, of the Montreal Gem, writes us. It is sufficient to show that at all events THE PEARL was a good advertising medium.

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CONTINUED.

Other countries adopted as a design, the national arms, while others had some landscape or other scene. Nearly all the stamps were printed at first in black on white or coloured paper, but this was soon superseded by coloured inks, making them appear much handsomer. A number of countries have their stamps printed on water-marked paper, this making it more difficult to counterfeit them. There has been a larger number of varieties of stamps in use in the United States at one time than in any other country, there being as many as 125 or 130. Spain has issued the largest number of varieties of general postage stamps, cards etc., they numbering about 195, and 8 officials. The United States comes next with about 125 varieties and 129 officials. When stamps came into use it became necessary to invent some sort of machine to perforate the paper between the stamps so they could be easily separated, so the perforating machine was introduced in England and was immediately almost universally adopted.

The number of postage stamps which have been issued up to the present time is about 5000 varieties, of these it is almost if not utterly impossible to make an entire collection as there are some varieties only one specimen of which is known to exist, but notwithstanding this there are two or three very complete collections existing in the U. S.—one of which we know, is valued at \$10000. Since Philately has made such

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