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NO. 1.

Using Postage Stamps for Seals.

Americans who chance to receive letters from Russia are usually surprised to find the foreign postage stamp on the envelope used as a seal—affixed, as to say, to the center of the side of the envelope to that on which the address is written. Sometimes Russians settling in the United States continue the practice acquired at home, much, of course, to the annoyance of United States post-officials. A case of this kind occurred recently in New York state, but was explained quite inadequately by the postman, who alleged that the colonists in Russia attached their letters with the postage stamps because communications from the United States were usually opened at the Russian postoffices before being forwarded. As a matter of fact the habit of using stamps as seals was used all through Russia, and since the revolution that distrust of the imperial government which that country is widespread in Russia.

An Anecdote of Dorothea Dix.

A prominent New Jersey member who had been in the house that the wants offerings of the insane of the state "all humbug." went to the parlor to see Dorothea Dix to silence her with his threats, but was constrained by her force to listen to hers. At the end of an hour and a half he moved into the middle of the room and thus delivered himself: "Ma'am, I bid you good-bye. I do not want, for my part, to say anything more; the others can stay if they want to; I am convinced; you've ordered me out and out; I shall vote to remove you from the hospital. If you'll come to the hospital and talk there as you've done here, I am sure that isn't a brute can stand you. When a man's convinced, that's all. The Lord bless you!" Thereupon he took his departure.—Mary S. Peck, *Century*.

Indiscriminate Giving.

It is all very well to preach against indiscriminate charity, and to those who are inclined to benevolence the lesson is most valuable. There is too much careless giving, for charity no doubt often breeds mendicancy, and if there is to be any giving it ought to be thoughtful, to the end that it may do good and not evil. Besides the charitably disposed, however, are those who are careless of the misfortunes of their neighbors and those whose selfishness is rarely tempted to make a sacrifice for the happiness of their kind.

When such as these do a charity they are the important beneficiaries, and it is to them that the divine precept concerning the blessedness of giving applies. It matters little whether these give with discrimination or indiscriminate; their gifts are so few that they cannot work much harm. If the encouragement of begging depended on the occasionally and spasmodically generous, the trade would assuredly die out. It is well not to preach the cold truth to them, for they need little enough excuse for buttoning up their pockets. Let them open their hearts when they will, thoughtlessly or not, as it may chance. What good is done by them will be chiefly to themselves, and they will always, for a time at least, be the better for their improved opportunities.—*Harper's Weekly*.

Snobbery Rebuked.

Snobkins (who thinks he recognizes some one he knows)—Oh—er! Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

Nobkins (who declines to be patronized)—As I have been in existence for the last half century I should say it is highly probable that you have.

Snobkins does not pursue his inquiries any further.—*Exchange*.

Lord Rosebery's Guest.

In the month of May, 1889, there was an evening party in Berkeley square, and in the early part of the day Lord Rosebery had met in Piccadilly a Scotch farmer with whom he had some acquaintance, and he asked his friend to "look in" in the course of the night. The farmer duly presented himself in something that resembled his idea of an evening dress. All went well until the Scotchman got into the supper room, and after eating a variety of delicacies he lighted on an ice cream—a form of nourishment that was new to him. Having taken a large spoonful he managed to conceal his discomfort. But seeing his host he thought it his duty to inform him of what had taken place. "I don't suppose you know, my lord," he loudly whispered, "but I think I ought to tell you—there has been a mistake somewhere and this pudding's froze."

Lord Rosebery grasped the situation in a moment. With perfect courtesy and with a pretty appearance of critical inquiry, he tasted the ice cream. "So it is," he said: "that's very strange." And then, after speaking to one of the servants, he returned and said to the Scotch farmer: "It's all right. I am told that this is a new kind of pudding they freeze on purpose," and taking his friend's arm led him out of the room.—H. W. Lucy's "Salisbury Parliament."

Baldness Among Young People.

If the unsatisfactory statistics that I have been able to collect can be relied on, the proportion of baldness in boys and girls under twenty is about eighty to seven. As the majority of girls at the age under consideration wear their hair loose, or in simple "Marguerite" braids, so that there is little likelihood of deception, while unwholesome head-gear or other individual practices can hardly as yet have had time to produce any material effect upon either sex, we may regard the differences indicated by the figures as practically due to the working of heredity alone.—Miss E. F. Andrews in Popular Science Monthly.

MONTHLY NOTES.

Yes! still another paper is on the programme.

We are like all the rest, want to say our opinion now and then, but will say what we shall or shall not do in the future.

In case you consider our correspondence agreeable we should be pleased to enter your name on our subscription list.

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Messrs. W. Sellschopp & Co., of San Francisco report a lively business in their Auction Department. At present they are the only stamp dealers on the Pacific coast that hold auctions. They are also making a specialty of the rare class of stamps.

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The Ecuador remainders' are on the market, very plentiful and very cheap.

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Scott's 53d Stamp Catalogue is out. U. S. stamps are on the raise, some being seventy-five per cent. higher than last year. As for foreign, we notice that prices on some have greatly advanced in the 52nd edition there being stamps catalogued at one cent each while in the 53d there are only 35¢, making the advance over twenty-five per cent.

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Mr. Ed. P. Sinnock, Vice Pres. of the Standard Philatelic Society, tendered a call the other evening to talk over the matter of forming a society in Newark which will be done at an early date. Collectors residing in Newark or neighboring towns are invited to communicate with the publisher who will furnish all necessary information.

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Mexican Revenues are becoming popular, no doubt on account of their handsome appearance and colors. A large number of the most prominent collectors are now taking it up.

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MR. A. F. BARTLETT.

On my arrival home on the evening of December 31st a special delivery letter awaited me, which contained the sad news of the death of Mr. A. F. Bartlett, of South Amboy, N. J., father of Mr. J. Bartlett, the well known President of the American Philately. He had fallen from a scaffold in Demorest, N. J. and was instantly killed. The deceased was forty-five years old and leaves, to mourn his loss, a wife, two sons and two daughters.

When in company with Mr. Bartlett you could always depend upon having a good time, he being good-natured and full of fun. Regarding stamps, he was much interested as his son, although a collector. The family have our sincere sympathy.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

This department is for the free use of subscribers only. Each notice is limited to twenty words.

THE AMERICAN STAMP desires to exchange with all papers devoted to stamp collecting or those having departments devoted to such. Two copies, please.

I WILL give ten philatelic papers for every ten sent me. David B. Crockett, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ High St., Newark, N. J.

WINTER NOTES.

Representative Blount, of Georgia, who has served on the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads in the House of Representatives, is talked of for our next Postmaster General.

One of the earliest forms of the stamp was the "Frank" of "M. P. S." in England, as letters bearing franks went free through the mails. It is not strange that forged franks should make their appearance. In an investigation of the English Post Office Department made in 1763 it was found that one man alone had forged, during five months, no less than one thousand, two hundred dozen of franks of the different members of Parliament.

This is the first stamp counterfeiter we have read of in co-temporaneous history. — *From Philatelic Footprints.*

Should I not make you a call next month, don't blame me, but send in your ten cents and then you can't blame anyone. I'll be on time, you know there not being much of me I get over the ground lively.

Subscribe! Advertise!!

Don't you think an inch advertisement would pay you? It only costs a quarter.

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NO. 2.

AN IDAHO POSTMASTER.

Post Office Inspector Murphy, for the Northern Pacific Division, tells a good story of his experience in Idaho Territory, says an exchange. While making his rounds as inspector, he arrived at a small town in the wilds of that territory, and going to the only store in the place inquired:

"Where is the post office in this town?"

The sole occupant of the place looked him over from head to foot, and replied: "Why, you darned fool, it's right here. Where did you suppose it was?"

The inspector looked around at the bar with its row of black bottles, the two barrels of sugar and other articles generally found in a backwoods store, but failed to find the post office department.

"Where is the place that you keep the letters?" he inquired.

"There, in that candle-box. Can't you see anything when it's right afore your nose?"

Mr. Murphy looked into the box, and to his surprise and amusement, found the "post office," the letters being thrown in promiscuously.

"Where is the postmaster?" he inquired.

"He's gone a-hunting."

"Who attends to the post-office in his absence?"

"The clerk."

"Where is he?"

"Sick."

"Well, who is attending to this post-office to-day?"

"If you're looking for a full blown postmaster, just gaze on me. I am he to-day."

"Have you been sworn in?"

"Not much; and I don't want to be,

nor sworn off either."

This state of affairs shocked the nerves of the worthy inspector, and he told the man that he could not conduct Uncle Sam's business in that style. He was informed that if he did not like it he could call on the postmaster the next day and settle it. The inspector was on hand early next morning and found the postmaster looking like a thunder-cloud.

"So you are the man who inspects post offices are you?" and you don't like my style? All right, stanger," continued he, as he grabbed up the box containing the letters. "I'm a man of few words and much meaning. You just tell that man in Washington they call Uncle Sam to take this d—d, ornery \$25-a-year office and go plum to h—l with it. I ain't postmastering as much as I was." And he "fired" the post office into the middle of the road, with an invitation to Mr. Murphy to start quick and not look back if he cared to enjoy further good health.

A CLEVER DOG THAT CARRIES LETTERS.

A little postoffice near Witmer's enjoys the unique distinction of being the only office in the country wherein a dog officiates as assistant postmaster. Postmaster Musselman's canine assistant is a little St. Charles spaniel called Beauty, upon whom has devolved for five years the task of bringing from Witmer's station, a half mile distant, the bundle of morning papers from Philadelphia. Two bundles, a large and a small one, are thrown off at the station. Regularly every morning Beauty trots over the fields to the station and patiently awaits

the arrival of the train. When the two bundles are thrown off Beauty seizes the smaller one in her mouth and trots directly home.

She never makes a mistake, always taking the small bundle; neither does she loiter along by the roadside, but covers the distance between Witmer's and the crossroads postoffice at a speed that would almost do credit to Nancy Hanks herself. Beauty has been assissant postmaster almost since her birth and could hardly be replaced.—*Philadelphia Record*.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Cranks are cranks,
Fools are fools.
We are all cranks,
But not all fools.

—*Exchange*.

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The January number of *The Stamp* is as newsy as usual. "Mr. J. W. Scott's Life," the oldest dealer in the United States, "Newt Field's Christmas," by Guy Brown, and other articles by well known writers, make it a typical holiday number.

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Britannicus, in *Mekeel's Weekly*, says the latest piece of "gup" is that an omnibus post is to be introduced. Following this we shall have a bicycle post and some day a post to the planet Mars.

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Mr. G. J. Luhn, formerly secretary of the "Southern Stamp and Publishing Co., of Charleston, S. C., has now purchased the entire business of that company.

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The new two-cent stamps are pretty enough to frame, and large enough, too.

They might also do for an infant's plaster.

If one wants to realize just how large they really are, affix one of them to a card envelope. There is hardly room for the directions.

The International Philatelist for December, gives an excellent number containing a portrait of Mr. W. H. Brouse, the Toronto Philatelic Club's President, with biography.

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Ex-Postmaster General Campbell—who was in Pierce's cabinet—who has just died, inaugurated the registry system, one of the great arms of the postal service. His term of office was signalized by a further reduction in the rates of postage, and by improvement in the interchange of mails with foreign countries.

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The Nebraska Stamp is one of the neatest, tastiest and best edited papers that have appeared in the West for some time. Mr. Cleve Scott is a pusher and if the Eastern boys don't begin to push we will have the Western boys running clean over us and we will get the clean-shave we ever got. You all know the saying, "Don't try to buck against a Western steer"

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Postage Stamp.—I've just been receiving a terrible licking.

Envelope.—Well, stick close to me and we'll get through all right.

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The January *Stamp News* comes to hand illustrating the new issue of "French Colonies." There are thirteen varieties in the set and seventeen colonies are to use them. Changing only the name, this makes two hundred and twenty-one (221) new stamps for collection.

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Thirty-two pages is very good for a monthly from Pennsylvania. *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* for December comes to hand thirty days late with this number of pages, very tastily gotten up and well edited. According to this the editor must have written about one page a day.

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TWO MONTHS OLD.

Yes! we are just two months old and fairly proud of it too.

Number one was received with a welcome by all and many subscriptions were received to our amase. To these we extend our thanks, as most of the philatelic papers have to wait from four to six months before even one subscriber turns up. Several have entered and are trying hard to get one of the books offered by us on page four.

To those who would like to enter, we will say that they can send in the names and money as they receive them and when the required number is secured the book will be sent. The volume is a handsome one, being bound in fine blue cloth, with gold lettering, and would be an ornament to any library.

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Have Vol. 13 *Harper's Young People*, unbound to exchange for common foreign stamps, any kind. Offers solicited.—David B. Crockett, 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

A collection of 599 post marks, all mounted in an album, to exchange for stamps, any kind. Offers solicited.—David B. Crockett, 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

Scott's 50th Stamp Catalogue, to exchange for 1000 common foreign stamps.—David B. Crockett, 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

DESERVES NO MERCY.

A Nova Scotia post office clerk has been arrested, it having been proven that he stole over a thousand letters containing remittances during the past year, mostly addressed to publishers of the United States.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, has made an assignment. This is the concern that six weeks ago used a page of advertising space in *Youth's Companion*. Mr. Charles Haviland Mekeel was a railroad clerk a few years ago, and used to keep his stock in a receptacle under his bed. He got extensive ideas, likewise credit, and now creditors mourn. The "assets" are \$150,000, consisting of old stamps.—*Ad. Gazette*.

Why is a Russian stamp a war-like one? Because it is always in arms.

Chili stamps ought not to be cold, for every one of them has colon [coal on].

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NO. 3.

COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

A Rural Individual Would Have Nothing to Do with Them.

An aged countryman approached the stamp window in the city postoffice one day last week. It was about noon, and a large number of department clerks were in line waiting to purchase postage stamps.

The gentleman from Piscat'way pushed everybody aside in his rude endeavor to reach the stamp window, and finally, when he succeeded, he threw down a dilapidated dollar bill and blurted out: "Give me a dollar's worth of two-cent postage stamps."

The handsome new Columbian stamps had just been issued, and the clerk handed him a sheet of the "Landing of Columbus."

The countryman took them in his hand, looked at them a moment and then threw them back at the clerk, exclaiming: "Look here! I know I am green, but I ain't so green that you can take my dollar and give me them old match-box stamps whut's played out long ago. No sir! I wont have 'em."

The clerk tried to assure him that these were the new regulation United States postage stamps designed in honor of America's discoverer, but the countryman would believe no such story.

"What," said he, "send them things down to Piscataway? No, sirree! I wont do it. Bill Jones, the postmaster down there, will swear by all the water in the crick that them's counterfeit, and that them greengoods fellers had beat me again."

The clerk went to the vault and took out a package of the old-fashioned stamps and handed the gentleman from Piscata-

way his dollar's worth, greatly to the amusement of the onlookers.—*Washington Post.*

Smuggling Through the Mails.

The post office inspectors keep a sharp lookout for smuggling through the mails. About 750 sealed packages are seized annually in the New York post office. In an average year 25,000 unsealed parcels are confiscated at the same office and released on the payment of fines which are equivalent to the duties. Some very ingenious methods are employed for transmitting dutiable articles by post. Not long ago a package from Germany was found to contain a small roll of butter. A wire passed through it met with an obstruction, which proved to be a tin box filled with valuable jewelry. Probably a dozen silk handkerchiefs are found wrapped up in newspapers in every mail from China. The skill exhibited by postal clerks in detecting such contraband enclosures is something wonderful. It seems to partake of the nature of intuition. They say that they do not know themselves how they do it, but that a newspaper with a silk handkerchief in it has a sort of gritty feeling when manipulated. Silk stockings are mailed from France in the same manner. An odd kind of smuggling is the sending of mushrooms by mail from Italy. They are of a peculiar kind, dried, and are much relished by the natives of that country in the United States. They come in small bags and are easily distinguished by smell.—*Washington Correspondent.*

See advertisement on rear page headed "A Prize." If you desire a first rate bargain, avail yourself of this offer.

MARCH WINDS.

Some men are born wealthy;
Some men are born great;
But all men are kicking
Forever at fate.

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One of the most zealous letter-carriers in Maine is a little black and white dog who lives at the Government buoy station on Diamond Island, Portland Harbor. The steamer does not make a landing in the morning, but the captain blows two whistles as he approaches, and throws on the wharf as the boat passes a newspaper wrapped around a piece of wood for the dog's master. The spaniel never fails to answer the summons.

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Mr. M. S. Chapin of Hartford, Conn., is making up the exhibit of U. S. stamped envelopes for the World's fair. All styles and denominations ever issued will be exhibited and will fill seven large cases.

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Dangle—As a pugilist the postage stamp would be right in it.

Dingle—How do you make that out?

Dangle—It never knows when it is licked, does it?

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Six and a half tons a day was the average amount of second-class mail matter sent out from Augusta post-office in 310 working days during the business year ending Sept. 30, 1892, statistics for which have just been figured. The office has jumped from the position of doing the eleventh largest second-class mail business in the United States to that of seventh and it is now only surpassed by New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati, in the order named. This is a wonderful showing when Augusta's rank in population is considered.—*Daily Kennebec Journal*.

The seven million odd stamps of the Costa Rica issue of 1889 were sold for \$5,000 to a merchant of San Jose, who, no doubt, expects to realize a handsome profit on their sale to stamp dealers.

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"Oh, for a thousand tongues," he sang
Until he had the cramps,
"To lick those everlasting, dang
Columbian postage stamps."

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Brother Pinkham's *Eastern Philatelist* still keeps about the same size, but always contains interesting reading, which is more than can be said of several of the larger philatelic papers.

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We notice by *The Postal Card* that Mr. George H. Watson has had made up two frames of postal cards to be exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, in connection with the American Philatelic Association exhibit. They are now at his office, Room 60, 36 Broad St., New York City.

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Wanamaker's Latest Bargain.—The Biggest Postage Stamp for a Cent ever Offered.—*Puck*.

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Mekeel's new album is out, and, judging from the description and cut in *The P. J. of A.*, is the finest album on the market at the present date.

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The Detroit Philatelist called a few days ago looking as well as usual, nothing new, but "Green" was in it.

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W. J. Morgan, of New Orleans, is a broker. He possesses a very fine collection of over 8,000 varieties.

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The Rocky Mountain Philatelist is a new one, nothing like its name, but very neat and smooth. The editor is evidently a Republican from his remarks on Wanamaker's report.

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IN THE OFFICE.

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"Yes, take a chair."

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"Rather cheap, aint it?"

"Yes, don't you want to subscribe?"

"Well, guess I will beings its only a dime."

"Your name and address, please?"

"Stamp Collector, 10 Peru St., Jamacia, Hawaii."

"Thanks. Good day sir."

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

To every fifth subscriber this month we will present twenty-five blank approval sheets ruled to hold twenty-five stamps and printed on fine linen paper. Better subscribe, you may get the sheets; they come in handy to put your duplicates on.

This paper was printed by **ERIC MORRILL,** Swaburgh, Neb. Ask for Prices.

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A stamp worth 10 cents for every five philatelic papers with covers sent me.—**M. W. Dutton,** 19 Cheshire St., Cleveland, Ohio.

History of the United States, 274 pp., illustrated, good binding, nearly new, published in 1891, for 500 European stamps, any kind.—**David B. Crockett,** 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

QUEER NAMES OF POSTOFFICES.

Among the new postoffices are the following, according to the Postal Guide: In Alabama, Alfred, Annie, Blanche, Boozer, Crow, Edwin, Jachim, Jephta, Kid, Posey, Ruth, Sistruck, Sunday, Sunflower and Tomato. In Arkansas new postoffices are: Effa, Ella, Jakajones, O'Bear, Prim, Sang, Stop and Wanamak-er. Susan has been discontinued. California puts forward such euphonious names of new offices as Cascadel, Esweena, Llagus, Miramar, Pokegama, Pollasky, Toolwas and Yulpa. In Florida: Alligator, Chokoloskee, Christmas, Shakespeare, Traxler, Whittier and Turkey Creek all have postmasters now. The name Euchee Anna has been changed to Walton and Zion has been changed to Dade. Bennie, Carl, Crochet, Dip, Eli, Embry, Euno, Fain, Francis, Horace, Jennie, Joe, Josh, Luke, Luxomni, Maud, May, Nettie, Pocket, Stop and Thunderbolt are new places in Georgia to which you may address your mail. Dot and Tom are new postoffices in Illinois, with names that are comparatively short to write.

Over 400,000,000 stamped envelopes are used each year in this country.

A PRIZE.

As we know all collectors like to read books on our late war, we have purchased a number of cloth-bound copies of the "New Jersey Troops in the Gettysburg Campaign." These books retail at \$2.00 each.

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THE NEW YORK POST OFFICE.

Harpers' Young People for March 14th contained an interesting account of the daily routine in the New York post office, and the following will give one some idea of what the clerks have to do.

Letters are post-marked by hand at the rate of 4,000 per hour and by machinery at the rate of 500 a minute. All Brooklyn mail is separated by an employee who can sort at the rate of 4,500 an hour.

The business done by the New York office in 1892 is something worthy of note. The items in the Registry Department was 8,273,659. Nearly three hundred million pieces handled by carriers; and the sale of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, etc., amounted to \$6,308,012.96.

Nearly thirty million letters were forwarded and twenty-five million received from foreign countries. At this office 602,398 misdirected and insufficiently addressed letters were received, and we learn at the same time that 515,074 of these letters were corrected and forwarded to their destination. The average amount of mail matter handled daily is 930,707 pieces, and the number of pouches 10,126; the aggregate for the year being 428,973,550 letters and 3,770,450 pouches.

The postmaster receives a salary of \$8,000 a year, which is rather a small sum considering the business of the office. For clerk hire \$1,252,934.92 was spent.

Probably the most interesting department is that of the "blind readers" which forms a part of the New York post office force. They endeavor to save faultily, insufficiently, or unintelligibly addressed

matter from the Dead Letter office. The "blind reader solves his puzzles largely by sound. There is no Titus Hills" in the Post-office Directory, but to his ear, so accustomed to strange variations, "Titus Hills" sounds like Tribes' Hills, and to that place the letter is rightly forwarded. Sound tells him that the Italian who wrote "Pochipige" meant Poughkeepsie; "Autcio" is Utica; "Gechsumvel," Jacksonville; "Sam Marsett," Somerset; "Vuestilino," I. R., Westerly, Rhode Island; "Shostrafald," Chesterfield; and, most remarkable of all these, "Skrynt," Scranton. At the same time an eye marvelously trained in deciphering curious handwriting enables him to make of an address that looks like "Wxterleov, Joex Co.," Watertown, Jefferson County.

Thus the writer goes on giving two pages and a half of interesting matter, but not having space we have picked the detailed parts.

People Who Use the Telephone.

"Philadelphia," said Dr. Plush, of the Bell company, "runs higher than any other city in the number of its telephone calls. The service is increasing with each year, and with each year is arriving nearer and nearer perfection. Up to the present year we were frequently put to considerable trouble and expense in repairing our lines after stormy weather. Now, however, it is different. We began to put our lines under ground in October, 1891, and have almost completed the work. Storms and high winds can do us but little harm now. No, we keep no record of the number and variety of swear words uttered by impatient subscribers, but I can safely say that they are fewer now than in former years."—Philadelphia Record.

APRIL SHOWERS.

A man in business
Should be wise, and
Advertise his wares;
In printer's ink
Success does lie,
Therefore be wise
And advertise.

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An Irishman said to me the other day,
"Sure sir, and w'at have yer got there, a
puerice plister?"

"No, one of the new Columbian
stamps."

"Auxcuse me, sir."

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Dr. Heiman, of Vienna, invented the
postal card they say.

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The Postmaster General of Norway
has ordered that after January 1, 1893,
the bicycle shall be used by all country
postmen for the delivery of mails where
the roads will permit.

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Twice the size of the old ones, but the
price remains the same—Wanamaker's
Columbian stamps.

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Through an exchange we learn of
some kind of a "lasso" from Nebraska.
Look out you don't get caught.

* * *

In Philadelphia the rent on a post-of-
fice box is \$2 per quarter while in New
York City it is \$4 per quarter.

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About 12,000 of the \$60 newspaper and
periodical stamps are used annually.

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"So you expect to be postmaster under
the new Administration, do you?"

"Well, I should gently ejaculate, yes."

"But what do you base your claims on,
you never did anything for the party."

"Did anything for the party? Of
course not—that's just it."

"Wanamaker's new stamps are receiv-
ing some pretty hard rubs."

"Never mind, he won't wan-a-make'r
any more unless the bargain counter
gives out."

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"A woman's ways are past finding
out." At the stamp department of the
post-office the Bystander observed a lady
purchase five newspaper wrappers. She
said to the polite official: "Don't you
wrap them up?" As the request is not
unusual he used his stereotyped answer.

"No ma'am, we have neither paper nor
twine."—*Cincinnati Tribune*.

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"I feel better about lickin' this post-
age stamp," said the boy who has been
sent to mail a letter. "It's nearer my
size."—*Washington Star*.

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Over twenty-one million one-cent post-
al cards are used annually in Canada.

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The Postal Card for March called in
with twenty-four pages, and all postal
news. All those interested in card col-
lecting should send for a copy to Geo.
H. Watson, Elizabeth, N. J.

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From the capital *The Washington
Philatelist* comes now and then, con-
taining nothing of special note, but very
neat. Drop in often, we like to see our
friends.

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Kissinger's *Philatelic Postal Card* is
quite a novelty, the reading being well
condensed but interesting. C. W. Kis-
singer, Reading, Pa., is publisher.

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Papa—"What are you crying for,
Frank?"

Frank—"My-my stamp album's so-so
small that I can't get all the new stamps
on the page."

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ADVERTISERS.

We will insert an inch advertisement in both *Philatelic Puck* and THE AMERICAN STAMP for three months for only \$3.00. You can't beat it. Send at once and have your advertisement in the funniest philatelic paper, the only one on earth. Strictly cash in advance.

There were eight hundred copies of the twelve-pence Canada issued.

Why is the ninety-cent of 1888 like a bruised hand?

Because it is purple.

Why is a stamp like a bad boy?

Because it has to be licked.

Don't Lick Stamps and Envelopes.

It is no new thing that stamps and envelopes should be blamed as a cause for numerous petty illnesses which occur to those who constantly use them. The connection between a habit of licking the gummed surface and an irritated tongue is not entirely imaginary. The mere contact of the mucous membrane with an adhesive substance, if often repeated, must encourage abrasion of the former. Another element of danger exists in the well-known impurity of office gum. It is usually as easy as it is advisable to avoid licking stamps, and it is never safe to apply them to a wound.—*Lancet.*

Carrier Falcons.

An officer of the Russian army has trained the falcon for the work of message carrying now performed by pigeons and in ancient times by crows. The falcon is superior to the pigeon in speed and endurance, covering fifteen leagues an hour for fifteen hours as easily as the pigeon flies 100 leagues at the rate of eight or ten leagues an hour. A falcon flight of 250 leagues in sixteen hours is on record. This bird can also carry a heavier dispatch, is safer from injury by men, or birds of prey and can better resist storms.

"I mailed a postal card to-day and forgot to address it. I'm very absent-minded." "So am I. Yesterday I mailed a Columbian stamp without putting the letter on it."—*Life.*

A letter recently received from a Chicago customer bore the following unique inscription on the back: "Postmaster, I forgot to put my money (8 cents) in till I had letter sealed, so it was me that bust it."

Advertise in this paper.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

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ONE twenty-five cent book, new, for every 500 common foreign stamps sent me, any kind.—David B. Crockett, 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

IF YOU read this notice others would read yours; subscribe and get rid of your duplicates.

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6- Wm. Pope, Pub., Gilbertsville, N. Y.

Mention this paper.

FEB 3 1894

No 5 was the
number signed
"American Standard"

No 10 is common

No 11

No 12

No 13

Handwritten notes and scribbles at the top of the page.

SAINT LOUIS
FEB 20 1894
RECEIVED

1894

PLEASE PUT THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE

ST. LOUIS
FEB 20
MAILED
1894

ST. LOUIS
FEB 20
GARD.

UNITED STATES

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L. 1.

MAY, 1893.

NO. 5.

CHAMBER OF PHILATELICAL HORRORS.

One of the curiosities of philatelic life is G. W. Palmer's room at 281 Strand, London, the walls of which are covered entirely with forged postage stamps. If genuine and uncanceled, they would be worth £1,000,000. Forgeries were not known when the mania for collecting stamps was only in its infancy. It is now carried on in as business-like a way as if used postage stamps were pigs of lead or ingots of silver.

On the four walls of the small room there are 70,000 stamps. These are of various colors and shapes and of many sizes, a £5 English stamp is a good deal larger than a penny stamp, and some countries prefer triangular, octagonal and other shapes, to the shape generally adopted by European countries. To collect the 70,000 forged stamps took almost thirty years. To make wall paper of them kept four pairs of hands busy three months. They are pasted upon canvas, so that in order to remove the stamps it will not be necessary to remove the building. Paste, not gum has been used, as gum discolours stamps. Having been fastened to the canvas, the stamps were treated to a coat of shellac, and were then varnished. In the "Chamber of Philatelic Horrors," as Mr. Palmer calls it, is a flat-topped desk. Instead of leather, the top is inlaid with postage stamps. These are genuine and numbered 1,440. Near the desk stands a screen. It is about five feet high and four feet long. Both sides are covered with stamps. Several persons have attempted to count the stamps, but in each case life was found to be too short.

The most valuable among the forgeries is a Brattleboro local, an American stamp of the face value of five cents. If it were genuine it would be worth £250. A genuine Brattleboro was sold by Mr. Palmer for that amount.—*N. Y. Recorder.*

OH! SUCH A CHESTNUT.

Postmaster—What are all these postal cards here for? They should have been sent by last mail.

Fe-mail Assistant—Yes, I know they should, but I was out to the meeting of the sewing society, and did not get them read in time to send.—*Omaha World.*

Women From a Post Office Officials Point of View.

French wit of a post office turn of mind evolves the following:

"A married woman is a letter which has reached its address.

"A young girl is a letter not yet addressed.

"An old maid is a letter which has been forgotten and sent to the dead-letter office.

To Ensure Quick Delivery.

"But, Johnny, how could it take you so long to post the letter for uncle in the post office?"

"Oh, I did not go to the post office at all, mamma, but to the letter-box just in front of his house, so that he would get it sooner."

A number of railway lines in France intend lighting their carriages with electric light.

MAY FLOWERS.

First say I can't,
Then give it up.
Perseverance never fails;
Then say "I'll try it,"
Printer's ink must pay
For others use it, and
They say it does.

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Dan Hazen was in such a hurry with his January *Florida Philatelist* that he got the cover "*Philatelist*," and let it go. However, the contents are above the average which makes up for the mistake and its being late.

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In sorting over the letters from various parts of the world, 197 different ways of spelling Chicago have been found, among them being "Jagjago," "Hipaho," "Jajigo," "Shechchago," "Hizago," "Chachiche," and a scholarly resident of Finland indulges in "Zizazo." A collection of addresses is to be kept for exhibition at the World's Fair.

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Those Canadian boys are right in it, so to speak. The *International Philatelist* for March contains a portrait of Mr. N. Chas. Sparks. As Mr. Lowe now has it alone he will, no doubt, do his best, as he did with his previous journal.

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"What in the name of Jupiter have you sewed up all the pockets in my overcoat for?"

"Dearest, I have an important letter to my milliner that I want you to mail."
—*Chicago Inter Ocean*.

* * *

Suppose that, while we've got these stamps,

They form a muscilage trust—
Then heaven help us, gentlemen,
The government would bust.

—Puck

What kind of fruit do two stamps represent?

Pears.

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The Coin Collectors' Journal contains about as much stamp news as it does coin.

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R. P. Spooner's Stamp Dealers Directory is out. It is the most complete Directory ever gotten up, containing the names of 527 stamp dealers; also a list of philatelic papers, with rates, circulation, etc.

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"You're awful hard on a fellow," said the letter as it came out from one of the new stamping machines.

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On reviewing Mr. Spooner's directory more closely we notice that the Mekeel Co's publications are not rated as to their circulation, which looks rather strange. *The Metropolitan Philatelist* ranks first with 1,500; *The Post Office* and *Southern* come next with 3,500 each, while *The Postal Card* has the smallest, 350.

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Although not in the philatelic line, we must thank Messrs. J. L. Stack & Co. for a copy of their "Hand Book of Newspaper Advertising." It is neatly gotten up in handy form and contains a great deal of valuable information for the newspaper advertiser.

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Mr. A. E. Bennett has charge of the "Stamp News" in *Forest and Field* and gives many good notes.

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DEALERS,

We have been asked several times to insert the names of what the philatelic public call frauds, but as our paper is not published for this kind of reading we must positively decline to insert all such matter. In our opinion the stamp dealers should not advertise their debts but attend to their own business, the same as any ordinary business firm. Take the Mekeel Co., for example, you see them advertise their losses very seldom, which shows good business sense.

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FOREIGN collectors, send me twenty-five or fifty entire used envelopes and cards of your country and receive the same of U. S. Duplicates taken.—David B. Crockett, 28½ High St., Newark, N. J.

He Turned the Laugh on the Stamp Clerk.

"Ef it ain't writin' an' it ain't printin,' wat kinder stamps do you put on?" queried an urchin, whose head barely reached to the window-ledge, at the post-office yesterday. The clerk at the stamp-window smiled at the youngster's question, and winked in evident enjoyment at the bystanders. Then he said: "Sonny, I suppose you've got third-class matter?" "I dunno," was the dubious reply. The clerk laughed, and repeated his winks at the interested spectators who had over-heard the dialogue. "Well," he said finally, and mimicking the boy's manner, "ef it ain't writin' an' it ain't printin,'" I guess we'll have to call it third-class matter, and send it along for you pretty cheap. What does it weigh?" "Nuthin,'" said the boy, as his mouth stretched into a grin that threatened to fracture his ears. "Nothing," repeated the clerk. "Yump," muttered the boy, reefing his smile slightly. In that case, then, sonny," said the clerk, with hilarious animation, "we'll send your package through for nothing." "Sure pop?" questioned the boy, as he edged back a little from the window. "Sure pap," repeated the clerk, "I pledge the honor of the government. Hand over the matter over the matter that weighs nothing." "Here it is mister," and the boy pushed an inflated balloon through the window-opening. "Mind yer, I'll hold the government 'sponsible—yer said so." And then the boy did the laughing and the winking, and the clerk devoted himself to chunks of language which weighed more than the mailable four pounds allowed by law.

King—What's the matter, got the toothache?

Prince—No, licked one of those d—Columbian stamps last night.

I WANT

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Francois Van Riet,

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