





# THE COMPANION

## AND PHILATELIC NEWS.

MOTTO: "TRUTH, HONESTY AND STEADFASTNESS."

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No. 1

### TO THE FLIRTS,

It is very nicely done, 'tis to get a  
fellow fooled,  
To pet him up and call him awful  
sweet,  
But if, now, you only live and ever  
went to school,  
You will find that this they are  
prepared to meet.

For a fellow knows the ways of ev-  
ery living girl.  
Who think that they are grand  
and most sublime,  
They will put on winning ways, the  
frizzles and the curls  
And try to kick a fellow every  
time.

Of course it's very nice and gives  
you lots of fun,  
To get a fellow up to promenade  
And then to kick him, oh! and the  
work is just begun,  
You'll find it out when you are an  
"old(er) maid."

If you want to die in peace, in peace  
with all mankind,  
Why then you've got to treat a  
fellow right,  
Don't kick him up too high and dis-  
locate his mind,  
And taen lay down and laugh  
with all your might.

Now girls, we want your ears, now  
just a moment, will you hear  
Our pleadings? on our knees we'll

surely get.

Don't kick us up so high, for really  
we may fear

When we fall, our broken limbs  
could not be set.

} Composed by E. G. Coleman.  
} The minds of many.

### Around Alumine.

Since the Literal Messenger has  
been discontinued, there have been  
several houses reared up. One for  
Goode Bros., T. A. Ramsey, C. P  
Young and W. W. Lester.

Mrs. S. E. Ramsey has purchas-  
ed a fine Carpenter organ, which  
commends itself as being the finest  
out for the money.

C. J. Shelton is home again.  
He will teach a school again at this  
place this summer. Where can we  
get a good music teacher for a  
reasonable price!

Girl visitors are still in demand  
We are ever glad to see the fair  
sex in town.

The Literary Society is progress-  
ing and singing is improving. De-  
spite the hard times our people are  
quite gaily.

Alumine is to have a nice church  
we hope in the near future.

## SPRING.

How glorious, how grand, how sublime are the thoughts of childhood—the springtime of life—and yet should we not be contented to pass on from old mother time into the marvelous light. How rapid time flies; another winter has fled and we pass from winter to the beautiful spring. What is there in this to gladden our hearts? Why wonderful things. Ah, as we list to the chirp of the merry birds, as we see old mother earth covered with grass and beautiful flowers, as we see the tall trees in the forest putting forth their beautiful array of splendor, as we see the sun rise and cover the earth in brightness, could we not exclaim: "How grand are the works of God's own nature! Praise ye the Lord!" We are aware that time for us is fleeting, that soon, ah soon, we will bid adieu to our lov'd ones and bid farewell to Winter, Spring, Summer, beautiful summer, and Fall, and take our stand where time will know us no more and sad partings will never come. Oh "touch us gently, time." Preparations should be made for the entering of a final Spring and Summer where Fall and Winter can never come forever.

E. G. C.

Send your subscription to-day.

## EXAMINE WELL YOUR HEART.

Before you lend away your hand,  
Examine well your heart;  
Your happiness in life depends  
Upon the sacred start.

If you indeed have found a friend,  
In whom you can confide  
With all your heart, the promise is  
A smooth and pleasant tide.

The lips should never answer "yes"  
The hand should never go;  
When deep within the bosom lies  
A heart yet murmuring "no."

Written and dedicated to the maid-  
ens of America by F. L. EILAND.

## PITH.

Which is the best way to get rid of a wrong? Bury it with the "right" spade.

It is easier to do two wrongs than one right. Strive to do two rights to one wrong.

Why is it that some people strain at a little thing? Because their feet (where their sense lies) are big things.

Why is it that 33 years is the average life? Because most people can do enough meanness in that time.

The whale had a mouth large enough to swallow Jonah. Some people now-a-days have a mouth large enough to swallow a whale.

# Jesus Will Let You In.

ALDINE S. KIEFFER.

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CHORUS.

Fly for the tempest is com-ing.

3 Darker by pathway crows;  
Soon will the night come down;  
Fiercely the lightning flash;  
Darker the tempests frown. —CHORUS

4 Fly from the fields of sin;  
Fly for thy life to-day;  
Fly to our Father's house;  
Enter the narrow way. —CHORUS

5 Here will the soul find rest,  
Safe from each fiery blast;  
Here find a perfect peace,  
Jesus that forever last. —CHORUS

Wife (to husband writing)—What are you writing there, hubby, dear?

Husband—I am working away at my memoirs.

Wife—Ah, you haven't forgotten

to mention your little wifey, have you?

Husband—Oh, dear, no; I have called you the sunshine of my life, just now mentioning the days you make it hot for me.

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### GREETING.

All the subscribers of the *Literal Messenger* will receive this paper until their FULL time has expired, after which we would be glad to have you renew. You will note that the former editor has removed to new quarters and that we have taken on a new department with R. L. Dietrick as editor. We feel confident that this is the best we have issued for the size and should gain public favor. We cordially invite all subscribers to send in letters for publication; terse and to the point. With these remarks we put before you **THE COMPANION AND PHILATELIC NEWS**

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## THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

R. L. DIETRICK, Ed., Lorraine, Va

To whom all communications concerning this dep't should be sent.

### STAMP COLLECTING CORNER

Stamp collecting is no longer confined to the school-boy, who finds it a pleasant pastime, who has been its enthusiastic follower, but the collecting of stamps has gradually come to be not only interesting to prominent and highly educated men and women, but is to-day recognized as a study and known as Philately. Articles on this subject are numerous, besides there are numbers of journals devoted entirely to the art of stamp collecting. It is an art that very few excel in and it requires years of close study to become an expert. There are a great many minor differences that requires close inspection to detect their real value. Philatelic societies are scattered all over the earth. Never has collecting been so popular as since the issue of the Columbian stamps which are the prettiest stamps ever issued. All sorts of people are beginning to collect and exchange until it seems to be a fever. It is undoubtedly the most fascinating pastime a person could indulge in. It is an education; one learns to distinguish degrees of color and acquires habits of close observation. It is reckoned that there are over 20,000,000 stamp collect-

ors scattered over the globe of all nationalities. Questions concerning stamps will be answered in this column free. Address Philatelic Editor.

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### MANCHESTER, VA.

Manchester, Virginia, is situated on the south bank of the James River, just opposite Richmond, the Capital. Its inhabitants number between 1,000 and 1,500. The falls of the James River afford splendid water power for manufacturing purposes. James River also affords good navigation; steamers New York, Baltimore and Norfolk arrive at Richmond twice every week and Manchester has a wharf just opposite Richmond.

The climate is very mild, with cool summers and mild winters, therefore it is free from all contagious diseases.

There are three electric street car lines connecting Manchester with Richmond, thereby affording easy access to all places of interest, both in Richmond and Manchester. Forest Hill Park, about

half a mile from Manchester, is one of the prettiest places in summer for many miles around.

There are many kinds of stores, also flouring, cotton and paper mills in Manchester. Mr. Jas. R. Johnson has a very extensive iron foundry just south of Manchester, the Petersburg shops are situated on the western side just in the city limits.

Manchester has splendid railway facilities, the Atlantic Coast Line runs through its limits, also the Richmond & Danville and Petersburg R. R's, connecting it with the South, East, North and West. The Richmond & Danville Railroad Co. have their principal shops in its limits.

There are public and private schools for both white and colored. It is fast becoming a city of note, its real estate is rapidly advancing notwithstanding the hard times which have been raging throughout the whole United States for the past twelve months.

Hoping you will be able to glean the desired information from the above poor description, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. E. PLEASANTS.

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## A WISH TO JOSIE,

Could I know this—that thy true

heart

Beats but for me alone;

That thy sweet smiles, so gay and bright,

Were ever all mine own.

Not anything in this bright world

Could win me from thy side;

I'd deem it heaven's supremest gift  
To call thee, love, my bride.

RHODERICK.

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## A LETTER FROM COUSIN KATE.

RIO VISTA, VA., Mar. 1, '94

Dear Editor:

"Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever." So sang the brook, according to Tennyson, and so sings Cousin Kate as she goes on writing.

We have had a seige of visitors lately. One comes and another goes, a perfect epidemic. Although I enjoy having visitors, and so does Rob, it was with a feeling of real relief and pleasure that we took our seats to have a chat, after the last vestige of company had disappeared. Why, I would feel dreadfully if Rob did not talk to me about all his doings, his experiments, his hopes and ambitions. Whereas he is (oh, will he always be) dear, sweet and kind as he can be when I am sick. Well, well, a short letter and not a word mentioned of his big brother Frank. I think he would be as kind and loving as his brother Rob if—



didn't stiffen up so primely at the least sign of affection of the gentler sex.

Dear editor, may your newsy little paper be shining star and benefactor to the millions, is the wish of

KATHERINE DAVENPORT.

P. S. May I come again?

[Why, certainly; your letter is very interesting.—Ed.]

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Early died without making a will. His near relatives are several nephews and neices, among whom about \$250,000 will be divided.

James D Dixon, of Rockbridge, sold a farm of 170 acres on South River to Allen Hale, of Page, for \$3,450. Several other farmers of Page Co. have bought farms and removed to Rockbridge.

A passenger train on the Shenandoah Valley R. R. met with a serious accident below Buchanan, where the road runs along the foot of high mountain spurs and close to the James River. At 6:10 on Thursday morning, the train ran into a landslide and was thrown about forty feet down an embankment into the river. Engineer Jacob Hardy, of Roanoke, who stood to his post of duty, was killed, and fireman Mottsinger seriously injured.

You want to know what heaven is!

It is the piace, dear brother,  
Where not a woman ever says  
A mean thing of another.

She (still blushing)—Am I the first girl you ever kissed, John?

He—Well, no, darling; but you are the last.

She—Am I, really? Oh, John, it makes me so happy to think that.

Oh, they are wise

Who advertise

In winter, spring

And fall,

But wiser yet

Are they, you bet,

Who never let

Up at all.

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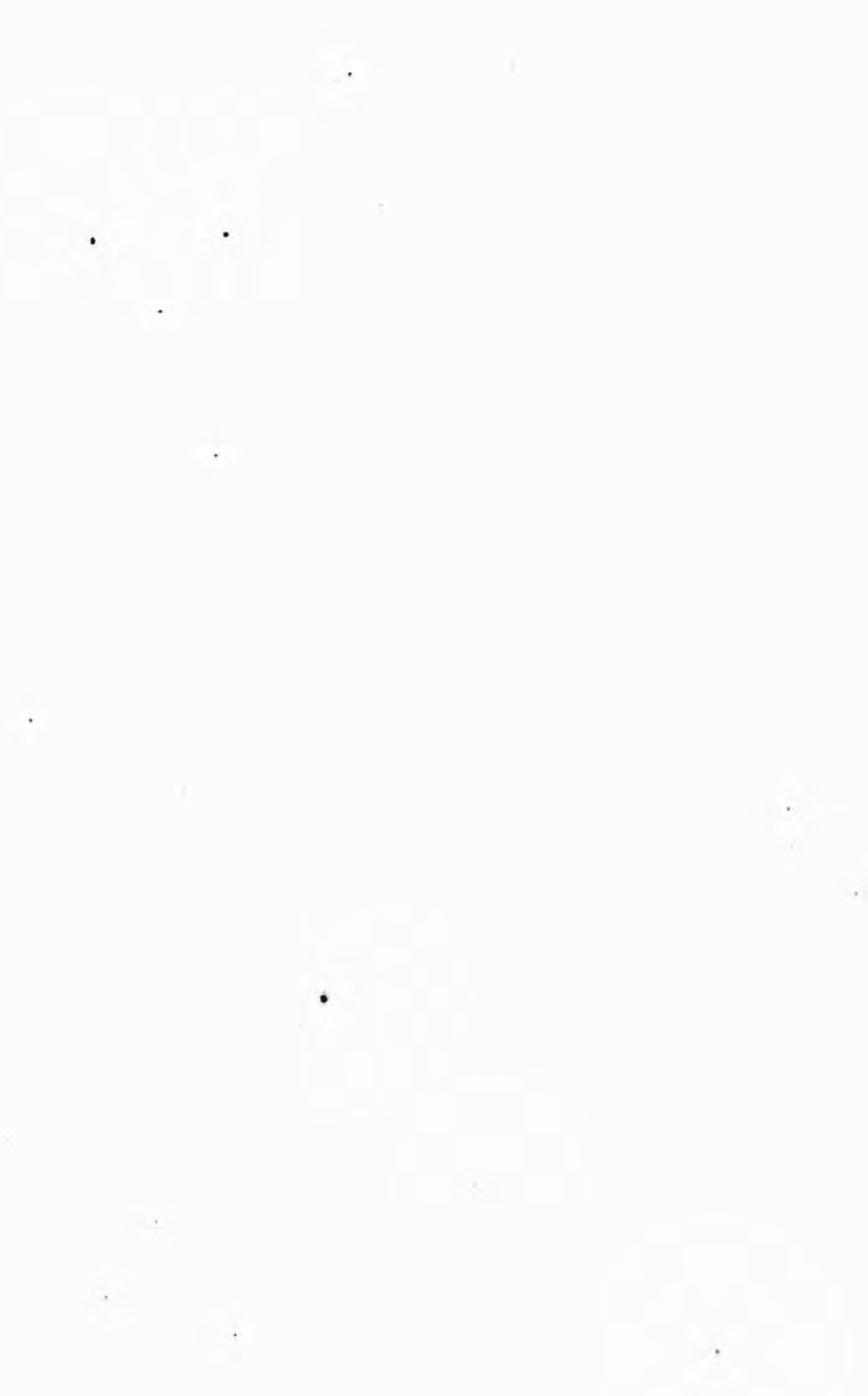
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No. 2

### TO — IN HEAVEN,

The stars, which now begem the  
sky,

Are steadfast in the blue;  
And as I look, with longing eye,  
My visions are of you.

Oh, how could death, so stern and  
bold,

Have took thee from my sight,  
And laid thee in a grave, so cold,  
To sleep the longest night.

I know—you know—we all know  
too,

That God is just and true;  
Whatever is his will to do  
Death too we soon we soon must  
view.

And in a brighter, nobler clime,  
I'll meet the one I love,  
And meet them all—oh, how sub-  
lime,

To worship God above.  
May 3, 1894. E. G. C.

### CAUGHT HERE AND THERE

Now that Gen. Coxey and his  
army are at Washington, the press

is eager to know what will hap-  
pen next. There is some fear  
that it will result seriously yet.

The General declares that he went  
there for peace. All the way from  
the western states the Common-  
wealers, or Coxeyites, have trudg-  
ed through thick and thin to reach  
Washington on the appointed day.  
It is hard to tell what the result  
will be.

§

The Pollard vs Breckinridge  
breach of promise case is proba-  
bly the greatest case of its kind  
on record. The Colonel came out  
at the little end of the horn, and  
Miss Pollard carried away \$15,000  
Boys, don't promise to marry the  
girls, they'll get you sure.

§

The devil is a solid chunk of  
evil loadstone or magnet and there  
are lots of people got just enough  
steel about them to stick right  
close to him, no matter how hard  
the Christians try to shake you  
off.

§

Hardness of heart is softness of  
brain

A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.

§

Our friend, C. A. Byrd, of Glade Hill, Va., has gone to Mo.

§

Death visited the home of Mr. J. P. Davis, of Martinsville, Va., on the night of April 26 and took from him his beloved wife. She was an invalid for years and her death was expected. Her remains were brought to Oak Level and placed in the family burial ground. Mr. Davis is in poor health, but we trust he may recover.

§

The elder son of Mr. Metts, near Oak Level, Va., was cutting trees on the 25th of April and cut one on his baby brother, killing him instantly.

§

Every word of God is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

§

Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.—I Thess. 5:21.

§

The best means of destroying an enemy is to make him your friend.

## ALUMINE GLEANINGS.

John Holly, while in a fracas with Talt Moore, was badly stab-

bed on Saturday night, Apr. 28.

U. G. Turner & Bro., have moved a stock of general merchandise to this place.

New scholars are being added to Prof. C. J. Shelton's school every week, and it is in a flourishing condition.

A Sunday school has been organized with a fair attendance. Everything is going on nicely.

Mrs. C. T. Pleasants' sister, Miss Mamie, is once more in our midst, the guest of her sister.

Nannie May, the little daughter of Mr. D. R. Kelly, has returned home from Stuart.

One of our merchants, N. C. Williams, has built a house near the lake at the mouth of Town Creek, into which he will put a stock of goods with Jas Young as salesman.

Tan bark! tan bark! Oh, ye source of all the currency! How long wilt thou remain on tough oak trees! Not long we suppose.

## Encouragement.

Every one, be he or she small or great, needs encouragement in the battle of life. Words of consolation from a friend oftentimes raises the faint-hearted and sets him on the road to prosperity.

How often does a letter or a word of encouragement make a lasting and true friend of the one benefited.

If you have a friend who is starting out in the battle of life, encourage him to press forward and push onward. Don't wait till he falls to do this, but do it now. Go right to him and cheer him up that he may never fall.

If you have a friend who has met with adversity in business or is faint hearted and cast down, write to him immediately and tell him to cheer up and push forward. There is no better way to show your sympathy than by sending words of **CHEER**. If you are anxious to do good and to cheer some broken heart, and don't know of such, look around you and you will find them sure. Do this; may God bless the person who does.

E. G. C.

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### SHORT SAYINGS.

Regrets do not make redress.

The big talker is a little doer.

A very short man may be a tall liar.

The fast liver is generally a slow payer.

The loud talker is seldom a strong thinker.

A stingy soul is to be pitied for its littleness.

Better to lead time than to be driven by it.

A heart full of love will make a life full of joy.

It is impossible to read without profiting by it.

A happy fireside is better than a big bank account.

He who never drives his work is always driven by it.

Stinginess and economy are not akin to each other.

What a miserable aim has he who lives for himself alone.

He who is big in his own eyes is small in other people's.

Directness of aim is of more importance than loudness of report.

Opportunities are bald behind. You must catch them by the forelock.

You always make more enemies than friends talking politics on the street corner.

The man who considers buying on credit an easy way to get things is not a safe man to trust.

The real happiness of life cannot be bought with money, and the poor may have it as well as the rich.

If the grumblers would only straighten himself out he would find a good deal less to complain of.

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### EDITOR'S CHAT.

Now that May has come with beautiful leaves and flowers, hopes will revive and the songs of birds will sound sweeter and the babbling of the brook is a welcome noise. Now if you wish to have lots of good matter to read while you lay under the beautiful trees you should not miss the opportunity offered in our present issue. For 25 cents we will send any five of the books advertised on cover of this issue, postpaid, together with this paper 12 months. A better offer never was made by an honest firm. Look up the list of books, select five and send 25 cts at once.


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## POETRY.

## A REQUEST.

Oh Lord, let the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be acceptable ever in thy sight,  
Nor from Thee let them part.

For that is our greatest aim,  
Our only hope and prayer,  
That we shall ever rest  
Free from the tempter's snare.

And when our work is over,  
And we our crown have won;  
Then wilt thou smile and say  
"Come unto me—well done."

Then we shall rest above,  
And loud Thy name proclaim;  
While all the angels hover 'round,  
With Thee over us to reign

C. EUGENE PLEASANTS.

[19th Psalm, 14th verse.]

## THE AGED.

Rise up before the silvered head,  
Give place to the aged man;  
Mark you his feeble, faltering tread  
And his furrowed visage wan.

He's tottering on the grave's dread  
brink,

Ready to launch away;  
Oh, may his footsteps never shrink  
To cross the narrow way.

May the Saviour's presence lead  
him on

To a home of rest above,  
And welcomed by the seraph throng  
Praise God's redeeming love

Plant a crop of good books in  
your home as regularly as you do  
seed in your soil, and when you  
get old you will not regret it.

## FACTS.

A first class Pullman car costs  
\$15,000.

Copper is principally produced  
in Spain.

A fifty-foot mail and baggage  
car costs \$3,500.

Gold was discovered in the Ural  
mountains in 1745.

The marble quarries of Italy  
employ 20,000 hands.

The silver mines in Nevada  
were opened in 1859.

In 1849 gold was discovered in  
paying quantities in California.

There is about one grain of pure  
gold in every ton of sea water.

The United States produces 35  
per cent of all the lead in the  
world.

The first iron mine in the Uni-  
ted States was opened in Virginia  
in 1663.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Germany has 4,000 tramps.

Spain is to have a World's Fair.

Germany leads in zinc production.

Michigan is first in copper production.

The United States contains 115 medical colleges

Canada will enforce a strict quarantine for small pox against this country.

The volcano Calbuco, in Chile, after being at rest for 202 years, has become active again.

The United States took 95.34 per cent of the sugar crop of Cuba for the first quarter of 1894.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 Odd Fellows celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the order.

In the Los Angeles section of the California Midwinter Fair there was an arch made of 15,000 oranges.

German army officers have been forbidden to keep horses unless possessed of a certain amount of wealth.

While playing draw poker in Philadelphia Arthur S. Poultnier picked up four aces and at once dropped dead.

A permanent commercial museum, where manufacturers can show goods suitable for export, will soon be opened in New York City.

Rents are coming down in Chicago, owing, it is said, to overbuilding. Fully one third of the flats and houses held for income are unrented.

The Ferris wheel, at Chicago, will be removed to New York in 150 cars, and it will cost \$150,000 to take it down, transport it and put it up again

An aptery, a wingless bird of New Zealand, one of two specimens in Europe, escaped from the Jardin des Plantes in Paris five months ago and was found recently huddling in the cellar of a building, having survived cold and starvation.

## SMILES.

Grocer—John, have you sanded the sugar and watered the milk?

John—Yes, sir.

Grocer—Then come to prayers.

"Am I a little pale?" asked a lady who was short and corpulent of a crusty old bachelor.

"You look more like a big tub," was the blunt reply.

Jack Dashing—Come and sit on my knee, Flossie.

Flossie—Oh, no; papa made Tom Barry marry sister Pen for doing that

Husband—I remember the time when you said you wouldn't marry the best man on earth.

Wife—Well, I didn't.

She—Don't you think one has to give up a good deal when one gets married?

He—You do if you take an ocean wedding trip.

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### BEAUTY.

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Beauty is a vain and doubtful good,  
A shining glass, that fadeth suddenly;

A flower that dies when first it begins to bud,

A doubtful good, a glass, a glass,  
a flower,

Lost, faded, broken, dead within  
an hour.

—Shakespeare

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### THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

R. L. DIETRICK, Editor, Lorraine, Virginia.

To whom all communications concerning this department should be sent.

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### THE COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

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This issue of the United States stamps, so famous for their beauty of colors and artistic design

are becoming rare, especially those above 10 cents. I have seen the higher values in used condition advertised at fifty cents above face.

Considering the fact that they are now in use and yet bring such prices, we can easily see that stamp collecting will pay handsomely and safe to invest in the above mentioned series. I would advise all collectors to purchase at least one set of used and unused specimens.

By no means should a collector neglect to obtain a complete set of these beauties in his or her album. They are now on sale at all the large post-offices in the U. S. All the higher values are sold, bought up by dealers for speculation. The smaller values will soon be exhausted. Don't get left, they are going fast.

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There are about 2,100 varieties of United States stamps.

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### ORIGIN OF POSTAGE STAMPS

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It is generally believed that postage stamps are of quite modern origin. This is an error, for we find from an old bulletin of the French that the first collector of postage stamps lived in the reign of Louis XIV.

During the seventeenth century, when the king changed the

place of residence for the court, persons in his suite procured tickets which they stuck on letters intended for Paris, in order that they might be received and forwarded by his Majesty's carriers.

In 1654 a regulation was issued to the effect that persons writing from one part of Paris to the other might have their letters, etc., faithfully carried and diligently delivered to any address, provided they attached to their letters a ticket indicating that its carriage was paid, as money would not be directly accepted. This ticket might be attached to or placed around the letter, or affixed in any convenient manner, so that it was plainly visible.

The price of this ticket was a sou. The system had been in force since August 18, 1633.

Albrecht's 20th auction sale contained some very rare Confederate stamps, locals, etc. Stamps are selling at moderate prices on account of depression of currency. A list of those sold above \$2.00 given:

Baton Rouge,	\$10.00
Charleston,	6.00
Fredricksburg (slight tear)	2.10
Lexington (only 3 copies)	576.00
Macon,	36.00
Memphis (a pair)	4.00
Mobile,	4.00
" (another)	4.25

Montgomery,	3.10
Nashville (torn)	2.00
New Orleans (fairly good)	1.40
Petersburg,	3.10
" (another, torn)	2.10

GENERAL ISSUES.

1863 issue.

2 cent, green,	\$2.50
10 cent, red, good,	2.10
10 cent, "fairly good,	1.05
10 cent red, new,	2.05
10 cent perforated,	1.00
10 cent, "cents,"	2.10
10 cent, outer line,	2.30
20 cent, green, pair,	4.10

## Dots from Lorraine.

Mr Lee, who lately bought the Spring Brook farm, has a force of carpenters at work on the house, having it put in city style. He is a man of push and we are glad to have him with us.

Miss Bessie Connard is on an extended visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Ammie Dietrick is convalescing after a second attack of La grippe.

Miss Mattie Johnson was our first subscriber. We wish her sanguine hopes may be realized.

There is a rumor of the marriage of one of our fairest June buds.

Spring is coming and with it our city cousins and summer friends. The spring girls are coming out in full force, with new dresses, bonnets, etc. We look on them with many pleasant feelings.

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Hurrah for our girls! "Beauty unadorned is adorned the most." A sweet smile is worth a dozen airs. God bless them and may they do well.

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I want subscribers to send me news from their sections, which will be published free, such as marriages, deaths, accidents, social happenings and improvements. Names will not be published unless desired. I guarantee pleasing results. All literary aspirants are cordially welcomed in our columns. All MSS declined will be returned if desired.

Yours for health and happiness.

EDITOR PHILATELIC DEPT.

NORFOLK, VA.

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Norfolk is the largest town in the "Old Dominion," situated on

the Elizabeth River, eight miles from Hampton Roads. It is the principal seaport town of Virginia and the shipping port for a large portion of the South and Southwest. It has several railroads; the most important being the Norfolk & Western and the Texas & Pacific, which passes through the great cotton states of the Union. It has steamers communicating with ports at the North and European cities. Its trade is greatly facilitated by the canals which connect it with Albemarle and Pamlico sounds; withal it is nearer to the grain regions of the West and the great commercial cities of the Mississippi Valley than any other city on the Atlantic coast. It exports nearly \$15,000,000 of cotton alone, lumber to the amount of \$2,000,000 and immense quantities of oysters, early vegetables and fruits. It has a population of over 25,000 inhabitants.

R. L. D.

## THE WELL-BRED GIRL.

A well-bred girl thanks the man who gives her a seat in a horse car, and does it in a quiet way and not an effusive manner.

She does not accept a valuable present from any man unless she expects to marry him. She doesn't shove or push to get the best seat

and she doesn't wonder why in the world people carry children in the public places and why they permit them to cry.

She does not speak of her mother in a sarcastic way, and she shows her the loving deference that is her due.

She doesn't want to be a man, and she doesn't try to imitate him by wearing stiff hats, smoking cigarettes and using occasional big, big D's.

She doesn't say she hates women, and she has some good true friends among them.

She doesn't wear boots without their buttons or a frock that needs mending.

R. L. D

## May.

May brings beauty and fragrance of flowers, and the most oppressives of bad colds on record. Individuals frequently change their clothes in May, but it is not advisable to do so; the weather can do all changing that is necessary.

I have my own theory about the origin of May. I think it is so called because while summer is expected to arrive then, it May come and it May not—especially not. When it fails to get there its arrival is postponed on account of the weather.

May is considered an unlucky

month to be married in; it is also deemed a great month for poets, or a month for poets, which ever you please.

Addison was born May 1, 1602; Dryden died May 1, 1700; Hood died May 3, 1845, and Pope May 30, 1744.

Patrick Henry, of Va., was born May 29, 1736. Pat was in the oratory line.

Noah Webster died May 27, 1843. Noah was not a man of few words; he built a dictionary.

Queen Victoria was invented May 24, 1819.

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R. H. HARRISON, Lorraine, Va

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"Well," said the old man, as he scratched his chin thoughtfully "I don't know that I have any objection to that. I was afraid he wanted to marry you."—Ex.

## EMPTY.

Spattz—I hear that Goslin lost his head at Miss Darley's the other night.

Bloobumper—There's nothing in it.—Monthly Banner.

She—This is so sudden, Mr. Bondly. You must give me time.

He—I'll discount it five per cent for cash. How does that strike you!

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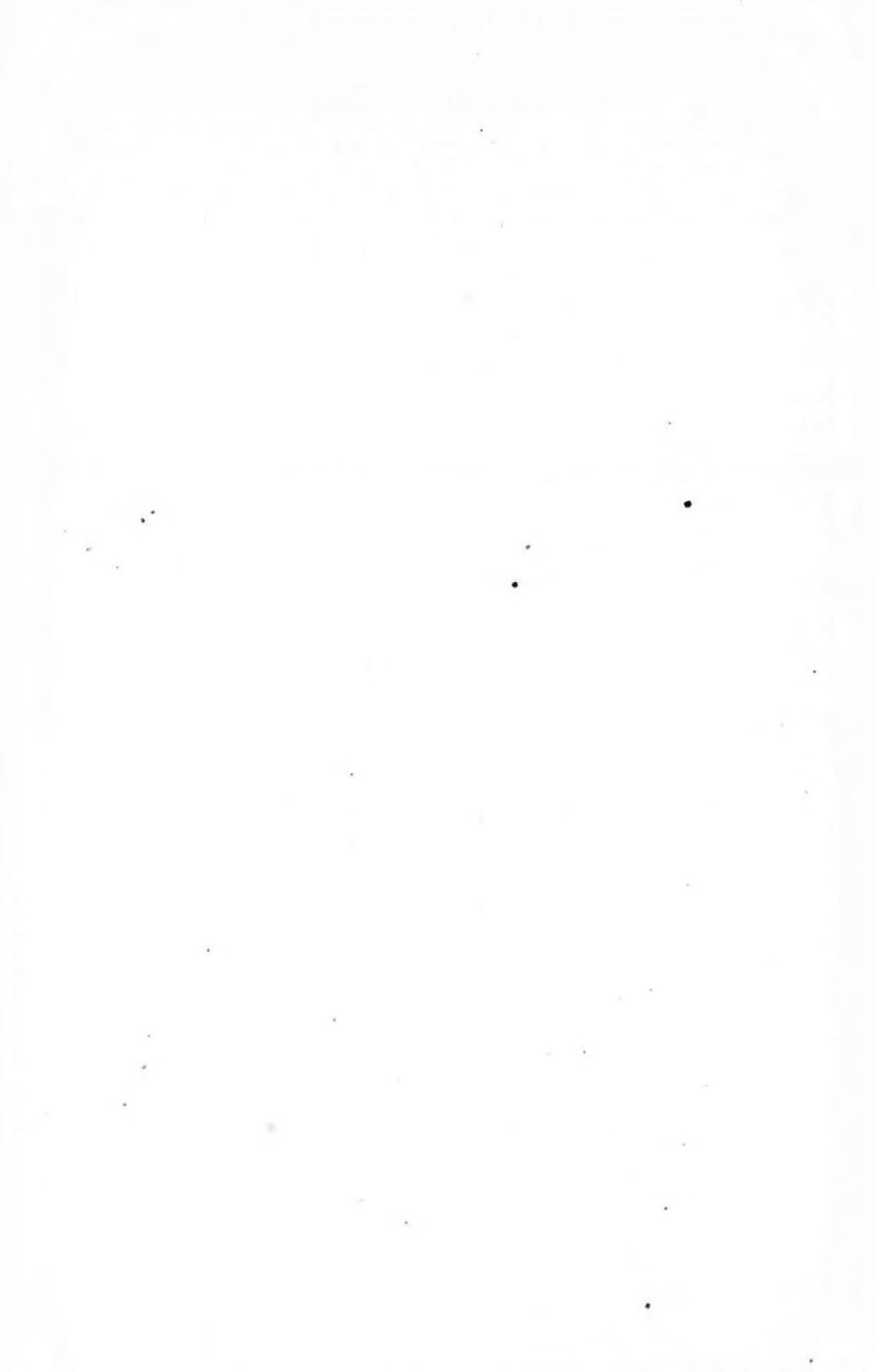
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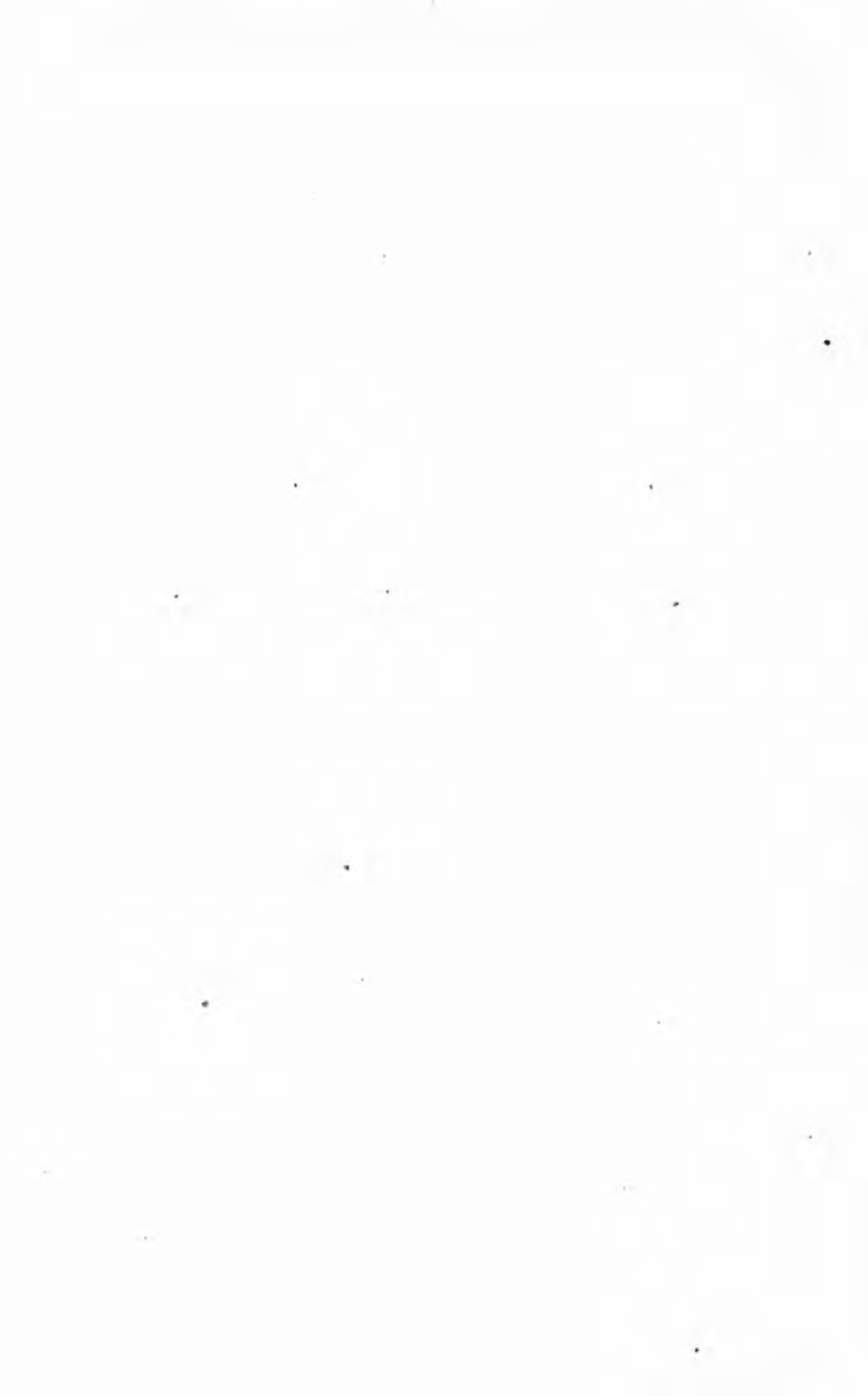
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# THE COMPANION

## AND PHILATELIC NEWS.

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No. 3

### REVERIE.

Hark, how the wild winds whistle  
Around my cottage low—  
They cause me to start in wonder—  
How curiously they blow.  
It makes me think of childhood—  
The sweetest days of life;  
My brother and I so happy  
So free from care—so blithe.  
Time passed so swiftly onward,  
I soon became a man;  
And then my wife and children,  
A happy little band.  
My darling wife soon left me—  
Left lonely in this world,  
With three little babes to care for,  
Two boys and one girl.  
Alone, I'm old and grey now,  
Those children are all grown;  
Those boys so fine and manly,  
The girl as a rose full blown.  
I'm sitting here in sadness,  
But those children are my pride;  
Oh that their mother had seen them  
Before she sickened and died.  
It's well—so God hath willed it,  
We'll meet in that blest land;  
To rest in peace forever,  
On the shore of golden sand.  
Amen—so let it ever be,  
He doeth all things well;  
Thank God I'll soon be with Him,

Forever there to dwell.  
May 30. C. E. PLEASANTS.

### AROUND ALUMINE.

Socials are taking the lead. Since our last appearance there has been one at each of the following places: C. M. Turner, C. P. Young, N. C. Williams and C. T. Pleasants.

Rev. J. W. Wade preached at the school house on June 28th, at night.

Mr. W. W. Lester lost his house on Monday night, June 11. Insurance \$500.

S. G. Sifford has been seen in town once again.

Miss Emma Jamison is visiting friends and relations around here. We should think it would seem dull compared with city life.

When the truths of God they would obey, 'tis then they send for Brother K. When appetites are not so good, they send right straight for Dr. Wood. When learning's wanted, more or less, they call upon Professor S. But when you want this paper, see,

why don't you call on E. G. C., or  
you can call on R. L. D.

The Editors.

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### GENERAL.

Misses Lottie Ramsey and Lula E. McGhee have returned from school; the former from Bristol to her home at Purity, and the latter from Lynchburg to her home at Oak Level. Many was glad to welcome them back again.

Mrs. Guilliams, near Callawoys, Va., was struck by lightning and instantly killed on Sunday, June 17th.

Mr. J. H. Austin, once the popular merchant at Rocky Mount has been called from time to eternity. The county mourns the loss of a true, noble and God-fearing man.

Why is it that some boys can lay around and do nothing and gain more esteem and respect than a hard working boy? Luck for the individual sometimes decrees that the working class of our country shall support the "do nothing set" and at the same time get no credit, but oh the time is fast approaching when, as old, a distinction will be made. A voice will be heard, "Depart ye cursed, I know you not." As the rich man in torment lifted up his eyes and asked Abraham to send Lazarus that he might dip his finger in water and cool his tongue, so shall

this oppressive set call on the oppressed in the "judgement day." You may be a lawyer's son or you may be a millionaire's son, yet this will not save you from an awful hell that awaits the wicked in the end, for "unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

The devil begins on his victims at the age of one and two years and yet some preachers will get up and insist that we should not instill the truths of God into their minds and that they should not attend Sabbath schools.

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### GRATEFULNESS.

Of all the great things contained in heaven and on earth, gratefulness is certainly one of the greatest.

Take the two little words "thank you" out of all the languages and it would be a very dark, cheerless and unrefined nation. One of the first lessons that should be taught the infant is to show gratitude for small as well as great kindnesses. It brightens the spirit and it makes the home cheerful and happy, it will lead people, and dumb beasts as well, to love and respect you—for where there is gratefulness, you will be sure to find love.

The first one to whom you should show gratefulness is your Maker, from whom comes every "good

and perfect gift;" to whom you go in time of need and trouble, and to whom you should go in gratefulness for all your joy and happiness as well. Learn to "thank the Lord" for every blessed privilege.

When passing down the street in the hot sun a cloud obscures the burning rays from my heated brow, I feel that it is for my especial benefit that he has directed that cloud to shelter me on its journey. Can I say "Oh, well, it was for some one else" or "It was not for my benefit that he sent it that way, but for some other purpose?" Of course he sent it for some purpose other than sheltering me, but if it shelters me cannot I thank him for it? It proved a blessing, therefore it is my duty to offer thanks; Verily it was "a shelter in the time of storm," for the scorching rays were pouring down upon me in a storm.

Do you thank him for the sweet, cool and refreshing drink of water which is sent, as it were, from the "Crystal Fountain" that "flows by the throne of God?"

Have confidence in the Lord, show your gratitude unto him. Draw near unto him in gratitude and prayer. You should never pray without thanking him first, for the blessings you have received and then it is time for asking more favors. Leave the favors go, he will send them, and offer thanks

for the great gifts that you have already received. Trust in the Lord as David in Psalms 23 and 27. Note also the offerings of gratefulness offered by the children of Israel. Let every one "speak oft with Lord" and when you commence to speak be sure to offer thanks, seeking blessings.  
June 1, '94. C. E. P.

## WELCOME

(Written for the Companion,)

Come boys and girls so happy,  
Come join this little band;  
For we are quite the happiest,  
That dwells in this fair land.

We know you all love pleasure—  
The best of earthly joys;  
Accept this invitation now,  
Away with dolls and toys.

Ye'll soon be men and women,  
Prepare now while you can;  
This life is full fast fleeting—  
Welcome in our band.

May 30. C. E. PLEASANTS.

## HELLO.

25 fine XX No. 6 Envelopes printed with your return card on upper left hand corner only 8 cts; 50 6b Note Heads printed to order only 15c. Other printing done at very low prices. A list of 18 firms that we have received cash orders from for distributing circulars and 50 xx envelopes or 50 6b note heads printed to order only 20 cents. Everything sent postpaid at above prices.

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### EDITOR'S CORNER:

(E. G. C. in his Sanctum.)

Our pages are open for all, but you must be a subscriber or you cannot be admitted in our columns. Our subscription price is 25 cents per year in advance. We will not vary from this. We send out some samples to our friends with this issue and would like to have you subscribe. You need not look for any more sample copies, as we can't afford it. To the many of my friends who have asked for my photo, I will say that in next issue will be one of my pictures from a steel engraving which will answer the purpose for a while, as crows are very scarce now. We promise you a treat in next issue.

Below we give the names of firms who have had us to do work for them and the amount. All

express themselves as well pleased. Since June 15 to June 25—10 days we have received 20 orders.

Walker Bros, Rocky Mt, Va.	2.25
G. A. Menefee, Ferrum, Va.	1.25
J. W. Cassell & Co, Rocky Mt.	2.25
W. P. Stone, Sydnorsville.	.75
R. W. & S. F. Pedigo, Waidsboro,	1.50
L. E. Hurt, Waidsboro,	1.25
N. C. Williams, Alumine.	1.50
Dillard & Ramsey, "	1.50
G. T. Kesler, "	.75
Goode Bros, "	1.50
J. Lee King, "	1.50
Editors, Lorraine, Va.	.80
M. F. Frith, Roberta.	.75
J. T. Lumpkins, Neva.	1.75
G. P. Turner, Alumine.	.25
J. W. Cassell, Rocky Mt.	1.25
W. W. Lester, Alumine.	1.25
W. N. Walker, Waidsboro.	.25
C. A. Place, Santa Barbara, Cal.	2.00
Total	\$25.30

### A CARD TO MUSICAL PEOPLE.

This will inform the people of Franklin, Henry, Roanoke, Montgomery, Pulaski, Floyd and Patrick counties that I am selling the celebrated CARPENTER ORGANS in the above counties and will endeavor to travel over my territory in the fall. I am also a Music Teacher, and will engage to



teach singing schools at any point in the above named counties I teach elementary principals, theory, sight singing, and voice culture. I guarantee satisfaction on all my efforts and to do you good. Can give references. If you need my service write to me.

E. G. COLEMAN, Purity, Va.

## CORRESPONDENTS.

CALLAWAY, VA., June 10, 1894

Dear Editor:

Here comes another. Hope I may find room in your Correspondence Column. I am selling goods for H. M. Turner & Co., said to be the largest dealers in Franklin Co. Callaway is situated on Black water, 8 miles from Ferrum, and has a roller mill, wool factory and two steres. This is a very nice place and there are lots of pretty girls and ugly boys, little rats, big cats, etc. Mr. Rufus Barnhardt has lately said one of the girls belonged to him, and suing action to his words he finds himself happily united to Miss Loula Martin, one of our town's ladies. Others want to get off soon. Wishing your paper success,

Yours truly,

CHAS. R. THORNTON.

[And you think the boys are in the fight now? Perhaps so. Come again.—Ed.]

CHURCHWOOD, VA, June 11.

Editors Companion:

I will write you a few lines from this section, as I see your columns are open for all. I am in favor of having a Query Club, if you will permit us space. How many of the readers have a "grandfather's clock?" They are some 7 or 8 feet high, I suppose, and are very rare. If any of you have one, I would like a description of the same in next issue of COMPANION. Tell how long it has been in use, and who first bought it. At what place in Virginia were the negroes employed to build fortifications, and what general declared them "contrabands of war?" Wishing your paper success, and that we all may be of some benefit to one another.

Respectfully,

LOURA B. SIFFORD.

P. S. Will ask the editor two questions: How many Columbian stamps were issued during the period assigned to their distribution? What period was assigned for the distribution?

L. B. S.

[There were 2,000,000,000 Columbian stamps purchased by the department. The denominations were: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 stamps. The period of their distribution was from Jan 2, 1893, to Dec. 31, 1893, but they were actually issued from Dec. 17, 1893 to Jan. 19, 1894. There were

46,465,968 ordinary Columbian envelopes and 61,366,250 special request envelopes issued. Certainly we are willing to allow space for a Query Club. Would be glad if more will join us.—E. G. C., Ed. Companion.]

ROBERTA, VA., June 9, 1894

Dear Editor:

As I understand your paper is open for newsy correspondence, I write you. Crops are looking well, not much tobacco so our farmers will not be off to Martinsville next fall, selling the stuff for \$1.00 and \$2.00 per hundred. One of our young men is trying the realities of a rugged trip once a week over the Briary Mountain to pay respect to one of Sydnorsville's fair damsels. Success to your paper.

Sincerely,

DAN.

[We don't blame the young man for going to Sydnorsville, as the "Rose Buds" there would tempt most of us to cross the big mountain.]

READING, PA., June 10, 1894  
Ed. Companion:

I see your columns are open for correspondence, and as I have been a silent reader, I will avail myself of the opportunity for a chat.

Perhaps your readers would like to know something of one of the most picturesque cities in the U. S. So here goes, although words cannot do justice to the city of

Reading, as it must be seen to be fully appreciated.

It is situated so beautifully on the Schuylkill river, winding around the west and south-west, the Neversink mountains on the south-east and Mt. Penn north-east. A more picturesque city cannot be found, as the scenery is sublime.

A trip can be readily made around the mountains, to admire the wonderful works of nature, by means of the Mt. Penn Gravity R. Co. and the Neversink Electric Road, as they are for pleasure only.

People from all over the world come to see the scenery—lots of excursions. There are high towers as well as summer resorts on both mountains, where the city, as well as the surrounding country for miles can be viewed in all its grandeur. Nothing is more beautiful than a trip over the above roads on a moonlight night, after the city is lit up.

The city is growing rapidly, too and has a large population of between 60,000 and 70,000, and is an industrious and thriving place. Call around and see me and I will show you the sights of Reading. May come again if—I've not tired your patience too much already. Would be pleased to hear from some of the readers.

Now, readers, if we want this paper to increase in size and ap-

pearance, we must work for it with a will. "Conquer or die" and get others to subscribe.

Most sincerely,

MERRY MAYE

[This is a beautiful description, and should be read by all. So do. Come again. Let others come. Apply to me for name and address of correspondent.]

E. G. C.

One thousand and sixty persons were killed in coal mines in Great Britain during the last year and sixty-five persons in metalliferous mines, both numbers being above the yearly average. The quantity of mineral raised from the mines during the year was 179,007,848 tons, a considerable decrease compared with the previous year.

Hills—Browne is a reckless fellow. He never gives a thought to his creditors.

Hulls—Nor a dollar.

By a Victoria, British Columbia legislative law a stop is put to all Sunday business, except conveying travelers, the operation of railways and street railways, the business of hack-drivers and livery-stable keepers, the selling of drugs and medicines and other works of necessity and charity.

Hotel Proprietor—We don't al-

low any games of chance here.

Gambler—This is not a game of chance. My friend here has no chance—[Life.]

Do not talk platitudes to a man who is hungry. An empty stomach is a savage whom no power except food can civilize. The most precious logic that ever fell from the lips of wisdom is naught compared with a pound of beef.

## THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

R. L. DIETRICK, Editor, Lorraine, Virginia.

To whom all communications concerning this department should be sent.

## POSTAGE STAMPS.

The value of old postage stamps depends upon many considerations. Without a close examination of each stamp it is impossible to venture an opinion. No one can tell from a description and no one should depend entirely on a catalogue. Stamps are catalogued and known by the first year of their issue. There are several minor differences which, if not closely inspected, passes the green collector unnoticed. It takes several years to learn the different dies, colors, perforations, outer line and grilles.

The value of Confederate stamps seems little understood. The cancelled stamps are of more value

than those uncanceled. The reason is this: at the close of the war the postoffices were left stocked with new stamps. The following table gives the year they were issued.

1861,	5 cent, green
	10 cent, blue
1862,	2 cent, green
	5 cent, blue
	10 cent, rose
1863	2 cent, rose
	5 cent, blue
	10 cent, blue
	10 cent, pale blue
	20 cent, green
1864,	1 cent, orange

Local Confederate stamps were issued in 1861, before the general issue appeared. They were used four to six months and are now scarce and worth from \$1 to \$6 on original envelopes according to condition and rarity.

### STAMPS AND COINS.

It is not the age of a coin that gives it value, it is the rarity and condition. The penny of the Bible is an old, but not a rare, coin, for which dealers only charge a nickel, but if it is a silver coin it is worth as much as \$2. The American nickel cent of 1856 is worth 200 times as much as a penny of Christ's time.

The condition of a coin often gives its value apart from rarity of age. A coin from the mint, unhandled and uncirculated, "brill-

iant proofs" with the lustre untarnished, is always worth more than one that has passed through two or three hands.

Dealers pay 2c for a copper cent of 1802; they will pay \$5 for a brilliant proof and \$3 for an uncirculated specimen.

Two half cents of 1795 were sold not long ago at an auction in Hartford, one brought 30 cents and the other \$74. The difference in value was due to the difference in condition.

People send me a long list of coins with their dates and ask me what they are worth. The answer must be that I must see or know the condition of coins. Rarity and condition, the two together and neither one by itself, makes the value of a coin as a curiosity.

Rare coins are scarce, otherwise they would not be termed rare. Their condition must be fine, showing every figure, to command a premium. There is one fact, readers of this department, if you will remember it will amply repay you, to subscribe and keep the valuable pieces as reference.

Those who have stamps and coins for sale can obtain more information by addressing this department, enclosing stamp for reply. These pieces will not be repeated from month to month. An editor's time is of some value to himself, even to use it in sleep, and to waste it in vain repetition

to those who are too careless or indifferent to listen is about the worst use to which it can be put.

After this issue no more sample copies will be sent out to persons who refuse to subscribe. It costs money to run a paper and as yet we are not young millionaires.

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## DOTS FROM LORRAINE.

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Mr Henry Lee left Saturday for his Michigan home.

Mr. Guy Wortham and family spent the day in town. (Lorraine)

Miss Maggie Johnson is visiting friends in Cartersville.

In the editor's sanctum the thermometer registered 80 degrees for two weeks in succession. The fashionable call now is for ice cream and water.

Married, June 21, at the residence of T. Thompson, Rio Vista, Mr. Clarence Thompson to Miss Katherine Connard. The groom is a progressive young farmer. We wish them a successful journey through life.

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## RICHMOND, VA.

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Richmond, the "Seven Hill City" founded by Col. Wm. Byrd in 1737 and named from a fancied resemblance

to the beautiful English town in Surrey.

It is situated on the north bank of the James River, at the head of tide water, in the midst of picturesque scenery. The falls of the river afford immense water power. Vessels drawing twenty feet of water ascend to the city. Regular lines of steamers run to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York hence Richmond is a great manufacturing center. Its gigantic flour mills, among the largest in the world, produce \$2,000,000 of flour annually, largely exported to Brazil. Its tobacco factories yield \$10,000,000 worth smoking, chewing and cigars.

Richmond has many fine public buildings, chief among which is the Capitol, an imposing building standing on the brow of Shockoe Hill, in the center of a park of eight acres. It contains Houdon's famous marble statue of Washington; in a niche near by a marble bust of Lafayette.

In the Capitol grounds stand the celebrated Crawford monument, consisting of a bronze equestrian statue of Washington 30 feet in height, on a pedestal of granite 42 feet high, surrounded by bronze figures of noted men, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Geo. Mason and Thos. Nelson.

The most prominent building in the city is the new City Hall, built at an expense of one million

and a half. It is a grand structure, made entirely of granite and marble and fire-proof. Other buildings worth mentioning are the beautiful Jefferson Hotel, Custom House, Richmond College, Governor's Residence and Old Dominion Inn. Richmond is fast growing in population, which is 90,000

R. L. D.

Number of Columbian stamps issued during the period assigned to their distribution, i. e. from January 2, 1893, to December 31, 1893.

1c,	439,252,300
2c,	1,461,289,700
3c,	11,227,800
4c,	19,026,550
5c,	35,247,000
6c,	4,329,200
8c,	10,649,600
10c,	16,484,210
15c,	1,546,740
30c,	599,250
50c,	199,666
1.00,	54,470
2.00,	23,129
3.00,	18,281
4.00,	17,419
5.00,	17,885
Total	2,000,000,000

This is a correct statement obtained from "Uncle Sam." I have seen several lists but all are incorrect according to above statement.

The issue of this series was

practically ended on December 28, 1893, but one order, i. e. that of January 19, having been made in 1894, a balance of ordinary styles left over

The dollar stamps will undoubtedly command a handsome premium in a few years. The \$1.00 stamps are selling now at \$2.00 wholesale. A big jump since January 1st.

The number of 1c blue Columbian envelopes issued during 1893 were 5,456,825.

R. L. D.

## BARGAINS

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10 cent,	1c "
15 cent,	8c "
30 cent,	23c "
50 cent,	35c "
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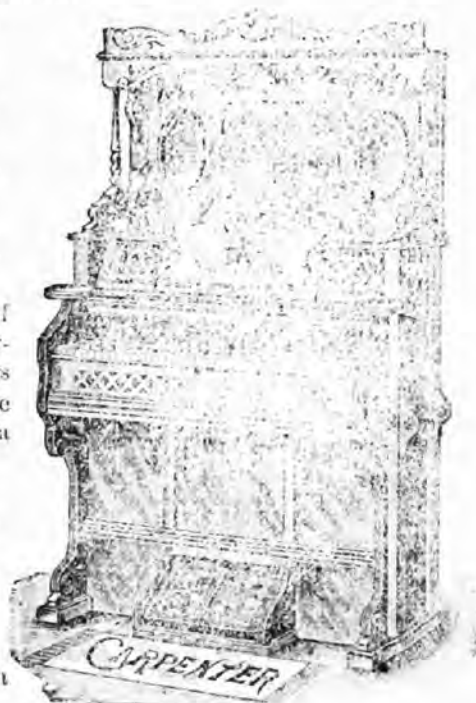
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