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POSTAL CUTTINGS.

Few people have any idea how enormous has been the growth of the parcel post traffic. During the three months ending December 31st, 1888, the number of post-office parcels carried in England over all the railways was 8,466,409, in Ireland a total of 784,693 was reached in the same period, and in Scotland 1,180,949, making a grand total for the three countries of 10,432,051, or about four times the total of a year ago. Assuming this proportion be maintained more than 40,000,000 post-office parcels will be carried with in 12 months over the railways of the United Kingdom. At the same time the ordinary parcels traffic of the various lines shows a gradual increase, and, therefore, they have not suffered, but gained from the competition of the post-office. The arrangement for the carriage of the parcels between the post-office and the companies is, by the by, very simple, and is working very satisfactorily. Out of the gross receipts coming into the hands of the post-

office the companies receive 55 per cent., and through the machinery of the clearing-house each company's proportion is allocated to it *pro rata* to the amount of their own parcels traffic over their own lines.

The Postmaster-General is about to try an interesting experiment in the despatch of money orders, by permitting them to be telegraphed instead of posted. The advantages of such an extension of the facilities afforded by the money-order system need not be enlarged upon, and will prove an inestimable boon not only to business men, but to private persons who occasionally find themselves in urgent need of a remittance. It is not likely that all such business will be exclusively transacted by the post-office. Telegrams must go through the post-office, but bankers will avail themselves of the facilities upon orders from their customers. The system of telegraphing money-orders upon deposits duly made has been long adopted in the United States by the Express Companies.—

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With this number we present to our readers No. 1 of the "MIDLAND PHILATELIST," a successor to our "Midland Philatelic and General Advertiser," and which we hope will be favourably received.

The "MIDLAND PHILATELIST" will be published quarterly, on the 31st March, the 30th of June, the 30th of September, and the 31st of December in each year, and advertisements to insure insertion should be sent us not later

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A recent Stamp Auction.

There has been a sale of Stamps in London—and the importance attached to it and the prices paid will form pleasant reading to a few of us who have at one time or another had the stamp-collecting mania very badly. The philatelic element was in great force, and the conversation waxed strong on "roulettes," "perforations," "watermarks," "proofs" and "essays." The chief attraction of the sale was a fine specimen of the four-cents blue oblong stamp

British Guiana, issued in 1856, which realized £42; another copy of the same stamp was disposed of for £33; while specimens of the four-cents magenta of the same issue brought £8 10s. Although there was nothing else of extreme rarity in the sale, there were many good stamps, which sold well. Of these the most important were Bolivia 500 cents, black (11 stars), £4; British Guiana (1851) four cents, blue, £3 5s; Buenos Ayres five pesos, orange, £7; India half anna, red, £5 5s.; eight annas (service), £5 10s.; Mauritius (1848) penny, red, unussd, £4; the four pennies, green, surcharged, £4 10s.; Moldavia 54 paras, £3 10s.; Naples half tornese (arms), £6 6s.; New Brunswick shilling, violet, £4 7s. 6d.; Newfoundland sixpence-halfpenny, orange, unused, £3 5s.; and Pacific Steam Navigation one real, blue, used, £8 15s.; while many others were sold at prices ranging from £1 to £2 per stamp. Some folk will be unkind enough to suggest that there is a great waste of money here, but market value is a thing difficult to explain away.—

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HOW TO

Arrange a Stamp Collection.

I do not intend in this paper to tell you anything about stamps, but only the best way to arrange them, and what kind of book to get.

A good many collectors prefer to have a book with the spaces for the stamps numbered, in reference to the catalogue contained in the book. The greatest objection to this plan is that there is no provision made for new issues. By far the best plan is to get a book with the spaces unnumbered, and a separate catalogue. When you get a new stamp, by reference to the catalogue you can find out how many stamps there are of the same issue, and then you can put your stamp into the book and leave as many spaces as there are stamps of the same kind before you put any more in. It also adds to the interest of the collection if you write the date of issue over each set of stamps.

With regard to fastening in the stamps. I always made a point of putting in a stamp, no matter how bad a specimen it was, and then when I got a better specimen, I took the old one out and put in the new. If I had stuck in the bad specimens hard and fast, I should have found great difficulty in getting them out, without tearing the book or making the page dirty. In order to avoid this, I fastened in my stamps by a thin streak of gum at the top and bottom of the stamp.

This fixes the stamp firmly in its place, and at the same time, it can easily be taken out by running a penknife beneath the middle of the stamp.

I did not use plain gum, or paste, but mixed some gum with half the quantity of water. This makes a mixture sufficiently strong to keep the stamp in its place, and also to allow its being taken out without tearing the paper.

It greatly adds to the interest of an album if maps of the different countries are placed opposite the pages containing the stamps of that country. An atlas can be bought very cheaply, and, if the maps are neatly cut out, they can be pasted to the little strips of paper which run between the pages of all good stamp albums.

It is a good plan for a beginner to make a point of being careful in the purchase of stamps, as from his inexperience he is very likely to be imposed upon with forgeries.

A collection of stamps, if it is to be pleasant to look at, must be neat. There must be no dirty smudges of gum or tears in the paper, which spoils the whole appearance of a stamp album. Lastly, let me give you this small warning. When I first got a Russian stamp, I placed it in water to clear the paper off the back. When I came to look for the stamp it was gone. And no wonder, for the colour washes off with the greatest ease, as I then found to my cost.

WILL KENDRICK.

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A Queer Old Man.

A few years ago there died in the neighbourhood of Paris an old man of the name of Lemieux, whose eccentricities had long been a source of wonder to his neighbours. He was wealthy, and lived in a solitary old house of the suburb, attended by two servants. M. Lemieux had once been a connoisseur of paintings, a large collection of which he sold several years previous to his death.

What reminds us of him now however, is the increasing mania in this country for collecting postage stamps of all nations. This was the special hobby of M. Lemieux in his latter years. One large room in his house was entirely papered with postage stamps, from floor to ceiling. They were artistically arranged so as to represent forms. One piece showed the First Napoleon, life-size, the various coloured postage stamps being used to represent the proper tints. On another panel of the wall the "Marseillaise Hymn" was given, music, words, and all being composed of stamps.

There was another apartment in this old oddity's house garnished entirely with cigars, which were glued to the wall in various grotesque patterns. *Tit-Bits.*

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The Jubilee of Penny Postage Reform.

CRONOLOGY OF THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMP.

Invented by James Chalmers, bookseller. Dundee, in the month of August, 1834. (See *Encyclopedia Britannica*, after special investigation, and *Dictionary of National Biography*. &c.)

Sent by James Chalmers in December, 1837, to the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into the proposed Penny Postage Scheme of Mr. Rowland Hill. The letter of acknowledgement of Mr. Wallace, the Chairman, is of date 9th December, 1837.

Again sent in February, 1838, to the Mercantile Committee of the City of London, endeavouring to obtain Parliamentary sanction to the proposed Penny Postage Scheme. Of this Committee Mr. Cole (afterwards Sir Henry Cole) was Secretary, and he has bequeathed Mr. Chalmers' letter and plan as now in use to the South Kensington Museum Library.

At same time, Mr. Chalmers' plan came under the notice of Mr. Rowland Hill, whose reply to Mr. Chalmers, of date 3rd March, 1838, was unfavourable.

On the introduction of the Penny Postage Bill into Parliament in July, 1839, the Government disapproved of Mr. Rowland Hill's plan of an impressed stamped cover, and all

was dismay, amidst the jeers of the opponents of the scheme, as to how the same was to be carried out. In this dilemma Mr. Wallace in the Commons, and Lord Ashburton in the Lords, brought forward the merits of the Adhesive Postage Stamp. Plans were advertised for from the public, and nothing better having been found, the Adhesive Stamp was adopted by Treasury Minute of date 26 December, 1839, *two years after Mr. Chalmers had sent his plan to Mr. Wallace*, in conjunction with Mr. Hill's plan of the impressed stamped cover. A contract for the supply of Adhesive Stamps, at the price of 6d. per 1,000 stamps, was made with Messrs. Bacon and Petch, Fleet Street, but it was not until the following May, 1840, that the stamps came into use.

The connection betwixt Mr. Chalmers as the originator and the adoption of the Adhesive Stamp, thus clearly established. Mr. Hill, however, availed himself of his despotic position in the control of the new Penny Postage system to set aside, by letter of 30th January, 1840, and upon a flimsy pretext, the claim of Mr. Chalmers, thus usurping the merit to himself.

What is the use of a scheme, however excellent, even had same

been original on the part of Mr. Hill, which it was not, if you cannot carry it out in practice? This Jubilee Year of the Reformed Postal System finds the Adhesive Stamp still indispensable to the postal system, the commerce and revenues of all nations. Is its celebration to pass without so much as a word of acknowledgment to the memory of the man who, himself unrewarded, bestowed this boon upon his country and the world?

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The Stamp of Buenos Ayres.

The South American state of Buenos Ayres [or 'good air,' as the name implies] was separated from the Argentine Republic in 1853, and remained independent until 1859, when it was again reunited to the states composing the Argentine Confederation. Of these states, Buenos Ayres is the largest and most flourishing. The population of the province is about 495,000, and its area 63,000 square miles.

Postage stamps were introduced into Buenos Ayres by virtue of a decree dated the 9th of April, 1858. Prepayment was made obligatory. In 1859 the number of letters circulating in the state was 193,663; and in 1864 it had risen to 810,714.

The first issue of stamps took place a few days after the publication of the decree in 1858. The labels were rectangular, engraved, and printed in color upon white paper. The design consisted chiefly of a steam vessel in full sail. The color of the stamp of 5 pesos was yellow.

In the month of October, 1858, several changes were made in the postal regulation; the rates generally were lowered, and the stamp of 5 pesos was suppressed. But the engraved block from which it was printed served afterwards for the 1 peso label, by omitting the letters *c* and *co* from the inscription on the left. The stamp was then

printed in brown of various shades.

In September, 1859, a new issue of stamps took place, and the design was changed. The central portion is composed of the head of Liberty, within a medallion, and bearing the Phrygian cap. There were several colours in these stamps, according to the different values: the stamp of 2 pesos being printed in vermilion upon slightly tinted paper. In a later issue it was changed to blue upon white paper.

A stamp was submitted to the Government by an Italian engraver established at Buenos Ayres, and printed in various shades, but it has never yet been issued. The design is intended to represent a phantom on horseback, and following the direction of the setting sun. The colors of the different values are as follows:

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