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THE STAMP MOUNT.

—* EDITORIAL. *

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We know very well that even a small paper like this cannot be run solely on "wind," but also requires pounds, shillings, and pence to pay for printing and distribution. That being so, it is obvious that philatelists must send us their subscriptions and advertisements if "The Stamp Mount" is to be continued.

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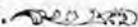
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:O:

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LOUIS SCHUMACHER

THE MEANEST MAN ON RECORD.

:O:

Probably the meanest man on record keeps a boarding house in San Domingo. Last winter an earthquake turned the building upside down, and the very next morning he began charging his garret lodgers first floor prices. There are other people known about who may not be considered quite as mean as this joker, yet they are always sending for specimen copies, but never think of subscrib-

NOTES AND NEWS FOR BEGINNERS

(Any communications relating to this column to be addressed to

C. H. Greenwood, 49, Perseverance St., Priory Hill, Huddersfield.)

In these notes from time to time I shall endeavour to deal with many problems which puzzle young collectors and beginners, for it is they who need most help.

Perhaps the first thing which puzzles a beginner is the choice of a suitable album. One of the best in my opinion is Butler's No. 1 Excelsior Album, the price is merely a shilling. The new 1903 edition has been enlarged and it now holds 3,500 stamps, the illustrations are at the top and this method is much superior to the arrangements of the German Albums which have illustrations indiscriminately printed over the page.

Now, as to stamps themselves, beware of forgeries, and the way to avoid them is to deal with reputable firms; by the way, let me remind young collectors that when they get approval sheets from dealers, which are to be returned in a certain number of days, always to return the sheets within the specified time, this saves the dealers from a good deal of worry and inconvenience.

The awful assassination of King Alexander will be certain to cause a new issue of Servian stamps, perhaps bearing the head of King Peter. This is the second tragedy that has been enacted in Servia which has caused a new issue of stamps.

There are several new stamp papers which have commenced recently, has anyone seen a copy of "The Register"? I have received a copy of "Pleasant Pastimes" and "Collectors' Gazette."

Picture Postcard collecting seems to be growing rapidly, some stamp collectors find it an excellent summer substitute for their favorite hobby, as picture card collecting is more suitable for summer. Many collectors send views of their favorite resorts to their own homes, when away on their holidays.

C. H. GREENWOOD.

THE FOURTH EDITION

of "The Universal Standard Catalogue" has been received. This catalogue which consists of about 450 pages, with over 2690 illustrations, a marvel of simplicity and clearness, and the wonder to us is that the catalogue is not more generally used by young collectors as a basis of exchange relations. The published price of the book is 1/3 and can be obtained from the publishers, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich.

PICTURE STAMPS.

BY REGINALD GREEN, CHICAGO.

—:O.—

Have you noticed that nearly all the new issues of the last few years have been very gaudy? Of course England, Italy, Germany and the United States have not issued gaudy stamps, because in the first place the people of these countries would not like them, secondly because these countries do not issue stamps merely to sell to collectors, but to use for postage. A showy stamp need not be a picture stamp as is shown by the last issue of Ecuador which was bright and flashy, but there is no picture on them at all. The Pan American set of six stamps cannot be said to be gaudy, but on the other hand very picturesque, and what is more they were intended to be used for postage. Uncle Sam is not like Nyassa, this country issues a set of picture stamps to catch the eye of the collector and it is a doubtful if these stamps were ever used in the mail. Still we find that these stamps which are made for collectors are very popular with a large number of philatelists, truth to tell, the gaudy picture stamps are all the rage at present, but I think in a few years to come they will be a thing of the past, and picture stamps of a much more simple appearance will take their place. What looks better in an album than a set of picture stamps, like the United States Columbian, or Omaha sets.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AMERICA.

Written for "THE STAMP MOUNT" by LEON V. CASS.

"The New York Philatelist" has been discontinued. "The Philatelic West and Camera News" will fill out the unexpired contracts.



The new two-cent U.S. stamp is expected to be placed on sale shortly, it will be a plainer design, better adapted for printing with ink, which is apt to blur the stamp now in use.



All of the new U.S. envelopes are now out, and I must say they make a very pretty page, although some writers are inclined to disparage them.



The new Canadian stamps depicting King Edward VII have at last appeared, and at about time, too.



Pre-cancelled stamps are "all the rage" in the States at present.



Souvenir Cards are being given attention by fewer stamp collectors of late, but many who are not stamp collectors are enthusiastic collectors.

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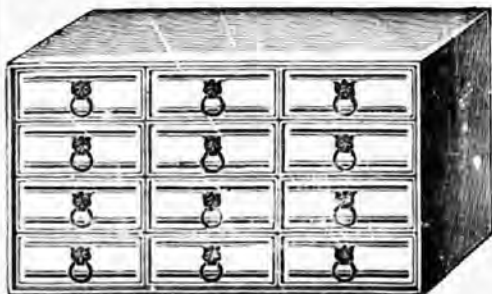
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The Metropolitan Philatelic Association is now firmly established
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Mr. E. K. Anthony, in a letter to the "S.M.," states that he has
found an Orange River Colony V.R.I. with normal stops, but the V broken
into V.R.I. This variety is not to be found in Poole's History of the
Stamps.

EDITORIAL.—*Continued.*

We have received a copy of the 'Xmas number of "The Collectors Fortnightly" and the publishers are to be congratulated upon the result of their labours, for in spite of neuralgia, displacements, and unfulfilled promises they have succeeded in turning a really entertaining number, full of interesting and profitable material.

A good many readers have been drawn to this paper by reading an advertisement which had for its heading 'Half-crowns given away.' The number of replies received by us proves that it is not a difficult task to find people who are on the look out for "something for nothing." We are not philanthropists however, and our object is to increase our subscription list, and we offer half-a-crown to the person sending us the largest number of subscriptions, not less than 25. The competition will take the form of a league, so that if you send 25 subscriptions and do not obtain the half-crown offered in this year your total will be carried forward.

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In this number I desire to say a few words on the formation of a collection. In my opinion, the best way is to buy a few good sheets and sets, and the first five or six hundred varieties will very soon be obtained, then the best way to proceed is by buying sets and single stamps from Approval Sheets.

Let me advise young collectors against using stamp edging and other gum paper as stamp mounts, they are harmful to the stamps when it is desirable to remove a stamp from the album, the stamp is sometimes torn in the process, or at any rate it leaves an unsightly mark on the page of the album. It is much better to use proper stamp mounts, obtainable from any stamp dealer at the low rate of about 6d. per 1,000.

Whenever it is desirable to remove paper from the backs of stamps this can be done by soaking them in COLD water, as cold water is much less liable to injure the delicate colouring of some stamps, than warm water. After they have been a short time in the water, the paper will come off very easily, then the stamps can be dried between sheets of clean blotting paper.

I have received Prospectus of the Junior Philatelic Society for the season 1903-1904 and the programme seems a very good and varied one. I heartily recommend young stamp collectors and beginners to join this society. A prospectus will be sent on application to the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. F. Johnson, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

In the next issue of this paper I intend dealing with the various terms used in stamp collecting, such as perforation, surcharges, watermark, etc.

In order to get subscriptions for this paper, I offer 1,000 of my best Stamp Mounts to anyone who sends 1/- as subscription for 12 issues of the S.M., 1d. for postage must be enclosed. This also applies to those sending advertisements of the value of 1s. or over.

SPECIALISM: Some Hints for Philatelists

By J. H. MAQUIRE, Dublin.

Within the last decade, and more appreciably within a few years, philatelists have awakened to the impossibility of making a complete, or even representative collection of the world's stamps. This idea has therefore been almost entirely abandoned by advanced collectors who have turned their attention to a modern development of our hobby, viz., specialism. They advise the beginner with a general collection, and, with the knowledge and experience which can only be thus acquired, to gradually limit its scope till it is confined to the issues of a certain selected country, or group of countries, which the collector intends to study. The advantages of this plan are obvious to the philatelist, primed with the practical and technical education which he gains from his general collection, and can turn it to good account in the study of the selected countries. Of course, the narrower the limit which he has prescribed for himself, the greater his ultimate chance of accomplishing that utterly impossible goal of the general collector, a complete collection. And even if the specialist does not succeed in fulfilling that desirable ambition, he may at least hope to amass a very valuable collection of varieties.

British Colonials are rightly much in favour with special collectors, both foreign as well as British; whilst South Africans were lately in great demand. But there are always many who like to leave the beaten track; and who would prefer to adopt some novel branch in which to specialise. A few suggestions as to the formation of collections may be of use to these more ambitious philatelists.

A very good idea would be the arrangement of a "historic" collection, which would serve to impress us more deeply with the educational value of philately. First I would place all stamps depicting historical events and notable occurrences, such as the U.S. "Columbian" issue of 1893; the "Cabot" stamps of Newfoundland; the "Vasco da Gama" issue of Portugal and Colonies; all of which commences

covery and colonisation of the American continent; the Greek issued to mark the revival in 1896 of the ancient Olympian, and many similar emissions. Then might follow sets illustrative histories and vicissitudes of various countries, for example, the ant issues of France under the Empire and Republics (one of each issue to be typical of the rest). An additional might be added to the collection by the inclusion of "maps," such as that of Dominica, which was almost the cause of with Hayti, because some territory belonging to the latter was credited to the Dominicans; the Canadian label of 1898 depicting Imperial possessions on which "the sun never sets," and the stamps of Nicaragua and the Colombian provinces of na. Another novel scheme would be a postal portrait gallery of kers and presidents who adorn so many of the world's issues, again the great Republic of the West supplies an instance, as stamps of Argentina which commemorate the national heroes of country. Collectors could make, at a very small cost, a fine tion of views of the world's scenery, as illustrated by the picture s which are now becoming so popular. New Zealand could sh us with one of Lake Wakatipu and Mount Earnslaw; ania with Otira Gorge, and Hobart; the New H-bridges with Vila, French Somali with a native village, and Newfoundland Cape Bonavista. A stamp menagerie would certainly enliven the s of our albums, the finely engraved zoological stamps of North eo, so beloved of the unsuspecting beginner, would form an able contrast to the hideous labels of French Congo, and the e-hued tigers of Selangor and Negri Sembilan.

Many other equally attractive subjects for specialism could mentioned, but these will suffice for my purpose, and I am sure a collection formed on similar lines, with such modifications as suit the desires and finances of individual philatelists will not to prove interesting, instructive, and profitable. I may, however, a few words of advice to intending specialists: retain your general ction, you can add to it from time to time, and if you wish afterwards to specialise in another branch of philately, you can form from e "general" album the nucleus of another special collection.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AMERICA

Written for "THE STAMP MOUNT" by LEON V. B.

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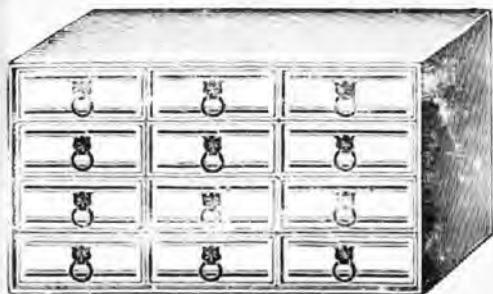
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TES AND NEWS FOR BEGINNERS

*All communications relating to this column should be addressed to
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In this number I shall explain the meaning of a couple of words largely in stamp collecting, and in the next issue I shall endeavour give explanations of other terms familiar with philatelists.

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WATERMARK. This is an inscription or design worked in the paper of some stamps before they are printed. In most cases the watermark can be seen by holding the stamp before a strong light, or placing the stamp face downwards on some black surface. Two common watermarks are the Crown C.C. and Crown C.A. to be found on British Colonials.

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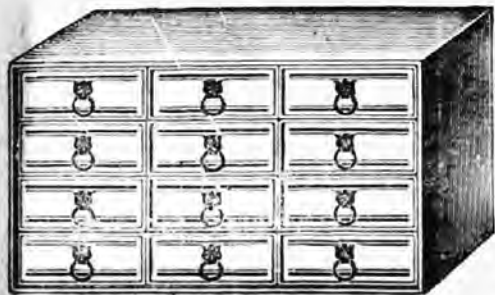
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what the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain terms "a would-be smart paragraph," the Postman of The Philatelic Chronicle reports The Stamp Mount to be missing. The only excuse we have to offer for the tardiness of No. 4 is that the support received did not merit the publication of this number any earlier. In the Philatelic Chronicle a short while ago we were told that there never was a philatelic paper yet that was worth its way. Whether this be true or not, The Stamp Mount is determined to pay its way, and to be candid, the next issue will not appear until sufficient cash has been received in subscriptions and advertisements to pay for printing and postages. This paper will appear as often as stamp collectors demand it.

NEWS. Mr. W. E. Neave, of Charlestown, Natal, has entered the field of philatelic journalism, and his first venture, The Stamp Recorder, is rather complimentary to The Stamp Mount, seeing that a good proportion of the reading matter has been taken from these pages. Only Stamp Mount readers know this.

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The Postage Stamps of Great Britain

An Essay for Specialists. By J. H. Maguire, Dublin.

THE popularity of British stamps is undoubtedly on the increase only in these "right little, tight little" islands and in the British Isles, but in every land where Philately has its devotees. That is as it should be, for there is no lack of good reasons why the postal issues of the United Kingdom should find favour with specialists. Specialism, like charity, should begin at home. It is in a special sense the case with stamps of the British Isles. Our own country possesses a longer philatelic history than any other; any school-boy knows, or ought to know, the first postage stamp issued by Great Britain in 1840, and it was several years before the idea was adopted by any foreign government. In 1843 the Swiss Government, at Zurich, in Switzerland, followed the example, and Brazil issued its first stamp in the same year.

But mere patriotism would hardly be sufficient of itself to account for specialism in British stamps, and there are other advantages which perhaps appeal with greater force to the majority of collectors. The principal among which is the absence of those complex and numerous varieties which prove so troublesome to the beginner. There are unnecessary and speculative issues. The only lapse of the authorities in the latter direction was the issue of the postage envelope and card in 1890, which, in consideration of its purpose, and the circumstances under which it was issued, in celebration of the jubilee of inland penny postage—had, at the time, a valid excuse.

As regards those banes of philately, fakes, forgeries, and counterfeits, this country holds a singularly clean record, and those that do occur are neither very numerous nor very dangerous. Errors also occur, in number, as befits a postal administration as dignified and important as that of Great Britain, but, such as they are, they are not calculated to excite the envy and ambition of those less fortunate philatelists who are not lucky enough to possess them; their high price precludes them from purchasing them. For those who collect philately principally in the light of an investment, the stamps of the United Kingdom ought to possess many attractions, for the demand, increasing, the older stamps are getting scarcer, and the price is steadily rising, as a comparison of current catalogue quotations with those of a few years ago will amply prove. At present most stamps are readily obtainable, and even the scarcer varieties

at very reasonable prices, which are certain to be appreciated in the near future. I would strongly advise specialists, therefore, to complete their sets as soon as possible at the prices now ruling, for some of the rarer stamps are absurdly cheap at present, and cannot long remain so.

Adhesives, as well as the "postal stationery" of Great Britain, have been minutely studied and classified by specialists and historians, and in spite of their careful researches, there yet remain some obscure stamps which are well worthy of attention and explanation, and some of the most important philatelist may light upon a "find" — even one of the missing numbers of the "penny red." There is a chance for the scientist whose chief ambition is to make himself famous by a discovery, and whose principal delight is the penning of exhaustive monographs on technical variations. He will be sure to find something to interest him in the "hair lines" and varieties of die, perforation, watermark, number, and plate-number, which, though none of them present much difficulty to the practised eye of the specialist, are still in all conscience enough to distinguish.

It is much then for the advantages which the stamps of Great Britain offer to specialists; I think I have said enough to induce some of them to take an interest in the following brief sketch of the postal history of the kingdom. Critics need expect to find nothing new in this article, for it is intended but to be an index for the use of those desirous of enhancing the collection and study of our English adhesives and stamps.

It would be scarcely profitable or necessary to dilate here upon the history of the British Post Office; those desiring information on this subject will find plenty in Lewin's "Her Majesty's Mails," and other works, and similar works. The period of greatest interest to philatelists begins with 1840, which year saw the fruition of Sir Rowland Hill's great scheme of uniform inland penny postage and prepayment by means of stamps. Some three or four years previously, Mr. Rowland Hill, as he was then, had put forward his views in his famous pamphlet on "Post Office Reform," and had so persistently urged them on the authorities that finally a commission was instituted to enquire into the prevailing abuses of postage, with the result that it was decided to adopt his suggestions. Mr. Hill was appointed to a special position in the Post Office to direct the issue of the stamps, and though not a little impeded in his work by the incapacity, obstinacy, or jealousy of other officials, he retained his post with honour for several years afterwards.

May 1st, 1840, was the day appointed for the issue of the adhesive postage stamps, and on that day they duly appeared, in with the world-famous "Mulready" letter sheets and envelopes were of two values only:—one penny, black, and two-pence blue. The design of the stamps is said to have been the work of Rowland Hill himself: on what authority I am not sure, though it was submitted by him to the Treasury; and simple and unornamented as the stamp is, it is held by philatelists to have been one of the most beautiful ever issued. The penny value bears the head of Queen Victoria, the words POSTAGE above, and ONE PENNY below; in the top corners are Maltese crosses, in small squares, whilst the bottom corners are occupied by certain "control letters," which were intended for security against forgery. The twopenny stamp is the same design for the indication of value. The covers and envelopes were of the design of William Mulready, R.A., an artist of some repute, and were fully sustained by this specimen of his work, which was engraved by John Thompson.* It was expected by the postal authorities, and by Rowland Hill himself, that these covers would be more popular with the public than the adhesives; and so indeed it seemed, at first the sales of the "Mulready" far exceeded those of the stamps. But the demand only lasted a few weeks, and then the tide turned, with a vengeance. The stamps rapidly increased in favour, and Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Petch, the printers, were kept night and day to supply the demand, whilst Mulready's envelope design was subjected to a bitter storm of ridicule and caricature. The envelope was exaggerated mercilessly by rival artists; whilst a sarcastic critic, in the columns of a city daily, opined that the design depicted in the design were "symbolic of the lightness and swiftness with which Mr. Rowland Hill's penny post is to be carried on the face of the almost unanimously unfavourable verdict of public opinion, the envelopes and letter sheets were withdrawn after having been in use only six months, and the enormous remaining stock destroyed. The original brass die was preserved, and may be seen in the museum at South Kensington. A brief explanation of Mulready's rather curious design may be of interest. The central part of the design, where it was intended to put the cancelling mark, was occupied by the seated figure of Britannia, who is sending winged messengers towards all parts of the earth. In the background, on the left

* Mulready made a rather singular error in his design, gifting one of the flying messengers with but one leg—a mistake of which his critics were not slow to take advantage.

hips, and on the right, a reindeer sledge, emblematic of the in which the new post was to convey letters to the most countries. On either side are groups, illustrative of British on the right are some Quakerish figures evidently making an agreement with a number of "red men," whilst two negroes are hammering at a couple of barrels. On the left, prominent figures are two huge elephants, guided by turbaned ; behind them are a pair of laden camels and a group of In the foreground, just above the designer's name, is a man reading a letter whilst a woman listens with clasped hands anxious expression ; and on the other side three young women sit on another missive, evidently bearing welcome news from

adhesive stamp, on the other hand, not only maintained but in its hold on popular favour, and no change was made in it until when red was substituted for black in the colour of the penny value. The stamp had at first been cancelled with black ink, but, as the labels were of the same colour, the mark was often undistinguishable. Cancellling ink was then changed to red, but it was discovered that it could be cleaned off by chemical means and the stamp used over and it was decided to make the change above mentioned. The penny in its new colour, red-brown, came into use early in 1841, and in the same year the 2d. stamp was issued, with a white bar introduced below the word POSTAGE and above the indication of value. The want of an improved means of separating the stamps, which the stamps remembered were at first issued "imperforate," had from the beginning perplexed the authorities and stimulated the ingenuity of the public and private individuals, but for a long time without avail. Various systems had been tried, including rouletting, but without any satisfactory result. An Irishman named Archer had been making experiments with a perforating machine of his own invention as early as 1836 and had submitted to the officials trial sheets of stamps thus perforated. Negotiations were made for its purchase by the Government but no agreement could for some time be arranged, and a Select Committee was appointed to enquire into and report on the matter. The decision was favourable, and on January 7th, 1854, the penny stamp was officially adopted, the Government paying Mr. Archer for his patent rights. The perforating work of this machine was at first rather rude, and the mechanism was liable to get out of order but Mr. Edwin Hill, a nephew of Sir Rowland's, improved it and perfected it.

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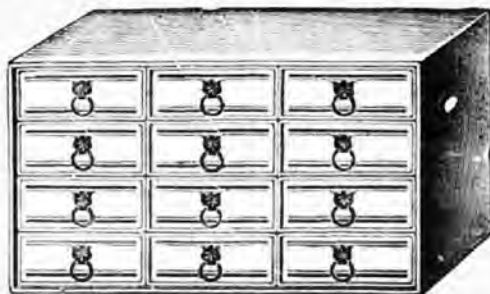
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Watermarks : AND HOW TO FIND THEM.

BY C. EGBERT ASHBY.

Every philatelist is more or less familiar with watermarks. There are, however, a great number of stamp collectors, who treat this very important branch of their hobby too lightly. I hope that these few remarks may tend to increase the interest in watermarks, and be of some use to readers of "The Stamp Mount."

Almost everyone knows how to work a photographic printing frame,— in this case I recommend a quarter-plate, as it will take pairs, blocks, etc. Place the stamps, face against the glass, then the paper, and print in the usual way. I can give no fixed rule as to length of time required for printing, but if you leave the frame in a strong light until the paper surrounding the stamps is black, you will not be far wrong. Of course, print considerably darker than you wish the finished shade, as the print will lose intensity in the toning bath. Always trim your prints before toning, as it economises your solution. If you carry out these instructions, the watermark will come out black, but if you wish for an exact facsimile of the stamp, you must print face to paper first, and then print another from this,

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