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### SECTION II.

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Intending advertisers should be circumspect in the choice of suitable media for their announcements. Those having novelties and general bric-a-brac to dispose of; articles calculated to excite the interest of youths only, who like myself are yet in their teens, could scarcely expect to reap any benefit by using the advertising columns of scientific or political journals, or indeed, any of the professional papers—London or provincial.—For such purposes this *Monthly Exchange* is worthy the attention of all dealers, and as a bold and original venture is deserving of increased patronage and success.

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## THE WAYS OF SWINDLERS.

(By "DETECTIVE.")

### THE "HORSE" SWINDLE.

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FOURTH ARTICLE. (Commenced in No. 2.)

THE noble animal, the horse, furnishes more opportunities for swindling than any other created thing. A disabled horse can generally be purchased very cheap, and, when properly treated, can be patched up so as to render it impossible to test his soundness, unless by a trial. When the swindler has obtained an animal of this sort, he hires a stable for a week or two, somewhere in a good neighbourhood, and there installs his purchase: he then inserts in the leading journals the following advertisement:—"COB.—To be sold by a Clergyman leaving town, a handsome Cob, rising five years, quiet, and free from vice. A warranty will be given.—Apply, between 3 and 5 p.m., at 10, Dorcas Mews, Pimlico." When a victim applies, the horse, which has been got into good condition by a month's good feeding—which has had its split hoofs carefully mended with wax, its teeth filed down, its coat made glossy with arsenic, and its many infirmities skilfully hidden—is paraded for inspection. As the groom is expatiating on his good qualities, the owner, attired as an archdeacon, comes in accidentally, to inspire confidence by his dress. He finds a remarkably good reason for not giving a week's trial, even if the victim offers security for payment, but is perfectly willing to give a written warranty. His disguise is generally effectual; and when the buyer finds, a week later, that the cob's hoofs are cracked—that it has an agreeable habit of dropping suddenly on its knees, or is not able to go a mile without falling down—and applies at the address given, to find that "The Venerable Richard Coper" is unknown there—he wonders how anyone could have had the impudence to adopt the clerical costume; and regretfully remembers that it is not the dress that makes the clergyman, any more than the red coat the soldier; concluding his soliloquy with a resolve not to buy horses from an Archdeacon.

(The fifth article on "The ways of Swindlers" will appear in No. 7.)

## The Japanese Post Office.

The number of letters and newspapers transmitted through the Japanese post offices in the year ending June 30th, 1879, was 55,775,205, being an increase of 8,582,920, or 18 per cent. on that of the preceding year. The statistics of the department were as follows:—Ordinary letters, 27,763,243; registered letters, 928,597; postcards, 13,510,238; newspapers, 11,203,339; books and samples, 560,812; letters overweight, 141,485; dead letters, 9,539; ditto, owners found, 1,093; letters pilfered, 211; letters lost, 135; destroyed by fire, or shipwreck of mail, 128; foreign letters, 170,669; foreign newspapers, 169,304. During the year there were established 135 new post offices; 653 offices for the sale of stamps, and 187 street letter boxes. The number of post offices now in the Empire is 3,927; of places where stamps are sold, 1,916; and letter boxes, 1,483. The expenses of the department during the year were 82,637,890 yen. (1 yen.=4/2), and the revenue 94,935,701, derived as follows:—Sale of stamps and postcards, 78,497,913; post office envelopes, 13,877,226; post office boxes, 239,273; transport of mails between Shanghai and Yokohama, 210,043; post office orders, 2,254,080; savings banks, 140,185; sundries, 16,914.

W. H. T.

**Notice to Advertisers.**—Several Advertisements have been received too late for this issue, but will appear in the next number.

## POSTAGE STAMPS.

To the Editor of the "Champion Exchange."

DEAR SIR,—The following matter, relating to the postage stamps of all countries, may perhaps be of interest or importance to your numerous readers. I think that if all collectors had such a collection as hereafter mentioned it would be worth their while to keep it, and in a few years would pay them splendidly for their trouble:—The number of different kinds of postage stamps which have been hitherto issued all over the world is estimated in round numbers at 6,000. Among them are to be found the effigies of 5 Emperors, 18 Kings, 3 Queens, 1 Grand Duke, 6 Princes, 1 Princess, and a great number of Presidents, &c. Some of the Stamps bear coats of arms and other emblems—as crowns, the papal keys and tiara, anchors, eagles, lions, horses, stars, serpents, railway trains, horsemen, messengers, &c. The collection preserved in the Museum of the Berlin post offices included, on July 1st, 1879, 4,498 specimens of different postage stamps. Of these 2,462 were from Europe, 441 from Asia, 251 from Africa, 1,143 from America, and 201 from Australia. Many collectors will not, I daresay, have half the above number of stamps of the said countries. If any of your readers could suggest a way of getting each of the stamps in every country of Europe, I should be glad to follow them up in their object. Could not a Society be formed for the protection of collectors from forgeries, independent of the "Society of British Stamp Dealers." In their prospectus, reviewed in the *Foreign Stamp Collectors' Journal*, they do not seem to devote themselves to the protection of collectors also. Will any of your readers second my suggestion and propose any respectable collector as president. I know many who will unite in a movement. Hoping you will insert this, and if I have trespassed too much on your valuable space, I humbly hope you will excuse,

Yours respectfully,

A CONSTANT READER.

### THE BLACK LIST.

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F. Longley, 6, Crosscliffe, Street, Moss Side, Manchester.  
H. Parison, The Oratory School, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  
H. Montague, 3, Shakespeare Street, Hull.  
A. E. Woodson, Brampton College, near Rotherham, is requested to return our sheets of stamps, value 15/3, at once. (Has anyone anything to say against A. E. Woodson).  
J. A. Rogers, 33, Sheldon Street, Croydon, we are informed, has swindled several persons, including G. R. Beidon & Co., Walter Morley, J. H. and several others.—If anyone has anything to say against him, they will greatly oblige by letting us know.

### PRIZES. PRIZES. PRIZES.

Competitors must be subscribers or advertisers, but subscriptions and advertisements can be sent with list.  
**First Prize.**—Foreign Stamps, value 7/6, for the best article on advertising. Must be long enough to occupy a column or more in this journal.  
**Second Prize.**—Foreign Stamps, value 7/6, for the best article on stamp collecting.  
**Third Prize.**—Foreign Stamps, value 7/6, for the best article on swindling.  
**Fourth Prize.**—Foreign Stamps, value 5/0, for the best article on forgeries.  
**Fifth Prize.**—Foreign Stamps, value 4/0, for the best article on stamp albums.  
**Sixth Prize.**—One year's subscription to this journal, for the best six contributions for the "Odds and Ends," column.

### Stamp Collecting.

(By NEMO.)

LAST month I promised to give a short account of the French stamps since 1840, but, through unavoidable circumstances, I cannot at present. With the few remarks that I intend to give, I think that collecting stamps is a useful and scientific pastime. Look what a collector learns by it—he knows nearly every country in the universe, their coinage, and also what continent they are situated in—and yet some people call it a mania. They say—"What is the use of sticking dirty bits of paper in a book, and wasting money on them?"—but I think it is a useful thing, as it amuses the collector and wiles away many a weary hour. You find in every large town where there is a school a few of the boys collecting stamps. It is in some places very popular, especially in Suffolk. The little incident that I am going to relate to you was told me by one of my friends a few months ago. He was coming from London one afternoon, when in the same carriage as he were two boys looking over one of Oppen's albums: they turned to some Swiss stamps: one was unperforated—the 10 c. red—you must all know it very well. There was an old gentleman in the carriage, and he asked them what that they called that stamp. One of the boys answered—"Swiss, Sir." "Ha!" said he, with a scoff, "you little donkeys, they are only forgeries, being a piece of paper stamped with a die, which I could make any day of my life: you have wasted your money, and it is a swindle—I knew that trade was one—and you are two young donkeys!" It shows what he knew about stamps. What looks better than a nicely arranged lot of stamps, and a neat album, on a book shelf or table?—it is fit for any drawing-room. The way to keep this is to get a nice album, buy rare and unused stamps, and be careful who you buy them from; keep the album clean, and stick the stamps in neatly. Buy cheap sets, as you gain thereby. I should recommend you to purchase of those dealers who advertise on the outside pages of the different stamp papers, and not in any of the weekly boys' journals. I think, before I conclude, I should ask every collector to subscribe to this journal at once, as I am sure the more subscribers we have, the larger and more interesting it will become, and contain more articles and other useful things.

### Questions and Answers.

(Queries inserted free, and our readers are requested to answer them for publication in our next number.)

1. Which is the best stamp album about 20s.?
3. Which is the best American philatelic journal?—A.S.
5. Are used stamps of any use?—E. HORT.
6. What value are used Bulgarian stamps?—G. ALBERTON.

Answers to Queries in last number.

2. Collectors can purchase the envelope for 10/6, at Stanley, Gibbons, & Co.'s, or of T. Ridpath & Co.—R. S.
4. The March number of the *British Philatelist* will not be published until the middle of May.—E. REED.

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## New Issues.

**Bhopal.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna stamp, originally printed in vermilion, arrived next in brown; it is now again altered to the former colour.

**Bavaria.**—The 1 m. stamp has now the undulated lines as a watermark.

**Ceylon.**—We have now a higher value for this colony, 2½ rupees, printed in red-brown: it is similar in size to the 5/0 stamps of several of our colonies. The profile of the queen is on an octagonal ground, inscription above—"Ceylon Postage," and below—"two rupees, fifty cents." It is watermarked with crown and "CC," and perforated 14.

**Cashmere.**—Two more values of the current type, namely, 4 and 8 annas, printed in red on thin white wove paper—not perforated.

**Germany.**—The 5 p. and 10 p. adhesives, and the 5 p. card, have been altered in the word "pfennig"—without the final "e."

**Hong Kong.**—Postcard—1 cent green on buff, with Greek border. Adhesive—10 cents surcharged in black on 12 cents blue.

**New South Wales.**—Registration envelope, 4d., carmine on white paper. Official adhesive, 1/0 black, surcharged "O. S." in red.

**Queensland.**—6d. yellowish green, perforated 12, watermarked with a "Q."

**Roumelia (Eastern).**—Postcard value 10 paras, black on white.

**Straits Settlements.**—"10 cents" surcharged in black on 30 cents.

**Turks Island.**—The 1d. stamp is now printed a bright vermilion.

**Turkey.**—The *Timbre Poste* says that this country, already out at elbows, is out of stamps, and has been obliged to fall back upon whatever could be found in stock. In this way the 10 paras of 1873, unperforated, has lately made its appearance. Perhaps, however, the arrival of the long looked for stamps of 20 paras and 1 piastre, announced six months since, was expected. An obliging correspondent at Constantinople has now sent us one of the new values, the 1 piastre of the type of 1876. We are beginning to grow quite bewildered with the new postage stamp orthography. We always thought that twopence-halfpenny was denoted by 2½ pence, but the crown agents for colonies, or whoever is responsible for it, make it 2½ penny. Our knowledge of German is not extensive, but we have always thought that *pfennig* was the plural of *pfennig*, but the new mode is to write the 5-pf. value "5 pfennig." And now we have the 1 piastre Turkish stamp, which bears the value in the plural. All this see-saw between the singular and the plural is, to say the least of it, exceedingly puzzling.

A.S.M.C.

[Dealers and others, in all parts, will greatly oblige by informing us of New Issues.]

## THE SOCIETY OF BRITISH STAMP DEALERS.

We beg to draw the attention of dealers to the above Society for the protection of dealers from frauds, swindlers, &c. A Monthly Trade Report will be published. The first number will be published on June 1st. This Society is formed for the introduction of general trade rules and regulations, for the purpose of placing the stamp trade in the hands of persons who can supply guarantees of fair trading, and whose references are above question. A small yearly subscription will be charged. No person will be admitted whose references do not satisfy the committee.

The following committee are to be appointed:—Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, two London members, and three Provincial members.

[Further particulars can be had on application to the managers (pro tem.) Messrs. J. H. Lacy & Co., Rotherhithe, S.E.]

## Forged Stamps, and How to Detect Them.

(By L. S. BIRD.)

### Austria, 1867—3 soldi, green.

*Forged.*—Perforated 9, leaving a large margin round the stamp. The back of the head is white: it has only 86 pearls in the circle, and they are very small and irregular, so that they alone would expose the forgery.

*Genuine.*—Perforated 9½; hair on back of head quite black and well marked. It has 90 pearls in the circle, and they are of a moderate size and regular.

### Bremen, 3 grote, black on blue, 1855.

*Forged.*—Printed on a rather dirty grey tint. The "3" in the top corner of the right hand touches the scroll work, which is the case also on the left. The top and bottom of the scroll work does not touch the white rectangle, the "A" and "D" in "Stadt" are joined at the bottom, the "d" and "t" being some distance apart. There is a stop after "Amt." The figure "3" on either side does not touch the oval enclosing it. The extreme points of the scroll-work touch the white lines on both sides of the frame. The crown contains three black dots to represent the jewels; the "BR" and the "ME" in "Bremen" are connected. The black impression is rather heavy, although for a forgery it is splendidly made.

*Genuine.*—Paper of a pale blue color, the small "3" in the top right hand and in the left lower corner does not touch the scroll work; the scroll work touches the white lines; the "a" and "d" in "Stadt" do not touch, the "d" being rather closer than any of the other letters; there is no stop after "Amt;" the large "3" touches the oval in both cases at the curve on the lower part of the figure; the key touches the shield at the top of the square, and not at the handle, as in the forged; the edge of the scroll work touches the line on the right hand side only; the crown contains five white dots with a black shading; neither the "BR" or "ME" in "Bremen" are joined.

(To be continued.)

## Odds and Ends.

(Unless our readers send us some more contributions for this column we shall have to discontinue it.)

A coming event which has cast its shadow before.—The Post Office has got rid of its manners.

We hear a collection of 6,000 postage stamps, all different, is advertised for sale.—*The Weekly Times*.

What letters of the alphabet are most valuable to a man in business?—N.R.G. (Energy).

## The Philatelic Papers.

The first to hand as usual (in spite of its constantly changing hands) is the May number of the *Philatelist's Gazette*, containing—Drops from my Gum Brush—New Issues—Random Gatherings—Handy Andy's Visit to the Post Office—Swindling—Correspondence, &c. *The Foreign Stamp Collectors' Journal* is one of our most welcome exchanges. The May number contains a good list of New Issues—Notes for Collectors—Arms of our West Indian Colonies—several interesting Cuttings—Correspondence—and is a very good number indeed. *The Monthly Exchange and Journal of Philately*, No. 1, comes to hand on May 6th; it is published by E. Reid, Logie Green, Edinburgh. It is a good improvement on the last number. Mr. Reid has had four or five different names for his paper, publishing No. 1 of *The British Philatelic Advertiser* in February: he informs us he is settled now.

We beg to acknowledge the following, with thanks, and hope to receive them regularly:—*Arcade* (No. 2), *Foreign Stamp Advertiser & Review*, *Mercur*, *Erdball*, *Express Advertising Sheet*, *Lydney Observer*, *Amateur Exchange & Mart*, *Glossarian*, *Novelty Advertiser & Review*, *American Philatelic Guide*, *Anglo-American Pamphlets*, *Berliner Illustrirten Briefmarken Zeitung*.

## The Editor's Monthly Review.

It is with much pleasure that we announce to our numerous readers that we have purchased THE ARCADE AND MONTHLY EXCHANGE from Clark, Bennett, & Co., of London, and have incorporated it with this number of THE CHAMPION EXCHANGE, which has slightly altered the title. This purchase has nearly trebled the circulation of our popular journal: it is now sold by nearly eighty agents at home and abroad. *The Philatelist's Gazette* has this month once again changed hands, and is now, we are informed, firmly and finally in the hands of Mr. H. A. Everett, Carlton Hill, Brighton. *The British Philatelist* we must class with the dead, also several other papers coming from Edinburgh, after waiting patiently for two months for the appearance of the March numbers. No. 2 of *The Foreign Stamp Gazette* has not come to hand yet, and the proprietors will not send us a copy, although they state it is published. Wishing very particularly to see a copy, any reader who has one would greatly oblige by lending it to us for a few days. We have added "New Issues" to our columns this month, and shall feel much obliged by dealers and others informing us of new issues. Our limited space compels us to give rather a short review this month.

THE EDITOR.

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DODD, Hope Cottage, Lovett Road, Stratford.

Amateur Journalism here and across the water.—A comparison of facts.

SECTION II.

EVIDENTLY poor Lander Snyder was in a deplorable condition at the time when he decided to act in the manner narrated in our last number with regard to his publication, as the subjoined sweetly pretty poem, entitled "Kiss me," (by the Editor) appearing on the last page, speaks volumes. It runs thusly:—

Kiss me, press me, do it nice, Grip me, squeeze me like a vice, Sip and press to ex-excess, Kiss me Lollie, Lollie Hess.	Kiss me Lollie, Lollie Hess, You your lips to mine compress, Pinch my cheeks with either hand, Lollie, Lollie, do it grand.
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Thus, in the person of the author of the above, American-Amateurism lost another of its wild genii and shining lights, and the blame, if laid at the door of that smitten youth's innamorata, Miss Lollie Hess, would not be misplaced, you may just "bet your pile" on the truth of that. A large 4-paged monthly published at Vicksburg, Miss., claims to be the special organ of telegraphic messengers, whilst the "Sponge" is a magazine of "absorbing" interest:—The "St. Louis Telephone," "Reeve's Newark Times," and a few other sheets, edited by a more advanced class of amateurs, dabble largely in politics, but the generality are innocent of anything more solid in literature than short comic sketches and chaffy reviews of their numerous exchanges.

An important fact:—Many U.S.A. Editors exchange with from 50 to 100 of their contemporaries regularly. And now the comparison:—Having seen a great variety of the U.S.A., and nearly all our own printed amateurs, after a lengthy and impartial comparison, I am free to admit that such papers as our "New Athenæum," "Oldbury Lyrist," and "Story Teller," have no superiors, and comparatively few equals, in the land of the "Stars and Stripes," although some few, such as the "Philadelphia Beacon," "Boys of the West," "Young

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