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NEW ISSUES.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

The following are from the Empire City Philatelist:

Iceland.—There has been emitted a new 3 ore. buff, for both official and general use.

Martinique.—A new post-card was issued for this place in May last, and we allowed the fact to pass without noticing it. The description is as follows: "Martinique—Carte-Postale—Ce côte est exclusivement," etc., (this in three lines). Two lines have been made for the address, the first line as usual commencing with M. It is typographed in black on red, the other side being white. Postage is prepaid by affixing two 5 centimes stamps in the upper right hand corner.

Mexico.—In addition to those chronicled in our last, we have a 24 centavas, violet. (The stamps referred to are the 2c green, 3c. carmine, 6c. blue).

Turkey.—It is said this country will have an entire new set of adhesives of a new design.

We learn that the new set for BARBADOES will consist of a ½d. green, 1d. carmine, 2½d. blue, 3d. mauve, 4d. green, 6d. brown, 1sh. orange, and 5sh yellow.

Colombia.—The 5c. is printed from a new engraving.—Stamp World.

Portugal.—The 20 rus is now buff.—Stamp World.

Queensland.—Latest from this place comes a 5d. carmine.

Natal.—Our Natal correspondent has kindly sent us two values of the new Natal Telegraph stamps. The design is a lined circle in the center, having the portrait of her Majesty the Queen, around which is a solid band inscribed "Natal Telegraphs." Beneath it is a label containing the value, and the spandrels are filled in with ornaments. 1d. brown, 3d. carmine.—N. J. Philatelist.

United States.—No one at Washington seems to know much about the Garfield envelope. There are a great many conjectures about it though, and various

opinions have been given on the subject. Some think the idea of issuing a Garfield stamped envelope has been given up, and that the Zachary Taylor envelope will continue in use. But this is improbable, as all the rest of the corresponding values of envelopes have the same portrait as that on the adhesive, and there is no reason to think that an exception will be made. Another idea is that the design was ready some months ago, but, on account of its mediocrity was rejected, and an order for a new one sent, while others think that the Department is merely waiting to exhaust the remaining envelopes of the old design. The month of January will probably bring with it something definite on the subject.

A RAY OF LIGHT.

CAST ON THE STAMPS OF NATIVE INDIA.

The two letters below appeared in the Stamp Collectors' Review for July. As they are on a subject which necessarily interests every collector, we reprint them. They are from a former officer in the British Indian service.

"DEAR SIR:—Your favor duly at hand. In reply I beg to say that the independent princes of India never had any stamps, as they did not know what postage meant. Written messages were carried by messengers, but they had no idea of a mail system. They are what is called independent principalities. If you look on a good map you will see marked Oude, Scinde, Nepaul, &c. These in former days were all different kingdoms, but now owing allegiance to England. They are ruled, however, inside their own boundaries by their own prince, or rajah, as he is called. He must report to the governor of the presidency his kingdom is in. He cannot pass sentence on an European, and English judges hold court in his country to try Europeans. He is allowed to keep soldiers to guard himself, but they may not exceed the number allowed him by England; and lastly, English soldiers are quartered in his cities. In fact he is merely a magistrate under England with a bigger title. There are four or five of these independent districts.

"As regards Cabul, there is no mail service of any kind attached to Afghanistan. As you are no doubt aware, no Europeans at all reside in that country, nor has it any trade or industry. Its people are ignorant, and when I was in Cabul, in '79, we were, with the exception of Sir Louis Cavagnari's men (who were massacred), the only Europeans in the land. In fact no European ever go there except a British army or a Russian intriguant envoy. They have no mail—do not know what a mail is, except blackmail (which they live by), and they do not require stamps, at any rate paper ones for that purpose. I think I have given you all the information you ask."

"BURLINGTON & MISSOURI R. R. IN NEBRASKA,
ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Omaha, July 24, 1882.

"DEAR SIR:—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor to hand, and to say that I am glad indeed to have been able to be of any service to you. The cut you enclosed of a Cabooler stamp made me smile. It showed to me what enterprise must still lurk in humanity to cause an adventurer to invent a stamp for the savage Afghan; and whilst the issue of it adds another proof to man's audacity, it says little by its execution or design for the barbarian's skill. Joking apart, the stamp is a swindle. In the first place, as I said before, there is no government worth speaking of in the country to run a P. O. where 99 per cent. of the people do not know what written language means, and the one per cent. that does only dreams of it as a devilish habit of the "Feringhee Anglice" European; and if there were a stamp it would not be a Cabool one, any more than one in this country an Omaha one, for Cabool is only a city (and a dirty one at that) in the land of Afghanistan. As respects Jellalabad, Koapore, Rajperpla, &c., they are merely cities, like Cabul, only they are nearer British India, whilst the Deccan, Cashmere, Scinde, Bhopal, &c., are districts formerly ruled by native princes, but now all as much British colonies as Canada or Ireland—the natives if anything more ignorant and more barbarous than the Afghans. Therefore you may use my name and statement at any time, in any place and in any company, to say that no postage stamps of any kind are or ever were used in India, or Afghanistan, Beloochistan, Burmah, &c., other than the Indian stamps of the British empire, the stamps of the old East India Company until its dissolution in 1857, the French stamps from the French settlement of Pondicherry, on the Coromandel coast, and the Portuguese stamps of Zoa, on the Malabar coast of India."

CHEAP POSTAGE.

The coming session of Congress will probably decide whether or not the letter postage of this country shall be reduced to two cents. And it is a question of no little importance. The most influential and hard-working friend of the cause is Representative Hill, of New Jersey, who was so largely concerned in introducing the postal-card into this country. Members of the Cabinet are also known to favor the change. The Postmaster-General is said to have proposed to furnish stamped envelopes at the prices which are charged for adhesives. But this is not taken into consideration by the friends of the reform who wish to make a reduction of one cent on each letter—not one cent on every five letters, as the case would be were this plan adopted.

Taking into account the yearly increase of the postal revenues due to the country's progress in population and business the estimated deficiency in the advent of two-cent rates would be $7,000,000. The increase of the volume of correspondence caused by the same would most likely reduce this to $5,000,000, and the two combined would make the P. O. Department pay for itself in a few years. The only drawback as suggested by Postmaster-General Howe is that Congress might not be willing to make an appropriation covering up this sum, otherwise the friends of the measure are quite confident as to its success. The renowned statesman Seward, when in 1851 the postage on letters was reduced to three cents, strongly urged that it be made two. In the course of a debate he said something to this effect: "The people are entitled to cheap postage. They will have it. It will be seen in time that it is the most profitable." Not unlikely these words will come true, or at least part of them, before the end of 1883.

THE PILLORY.

In this department we shall endeavor to further the interests of collectors and dealers by publishing the names of those persons dishonest in their dealings. Collectors who have in any way been defrauded by dealers are requested, for the common good, to forward the names of the latter to this office, together with a complete account of the circumstances, as we do not wish to accuse any one unjustly. Dealers are invited to do vice versa.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 89 DAYS.

On the 9th of last October a Paterson schoolboy mailed the following postal card, which is self-explanatory:

7 P. M. PATERSON, Oct. 9, 1879.

DEAR SIR:—It is desired to find the shortest possible time from this city around the world. Will the postmaster of each place designated here please forward this with the utmost dispatch, together with a request to the po tmaster of the next following place to remail it, and continue until it reaches San Francisco, when the postmaster is requested to mail it to

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The card returned to the sender on the 27th inst., covered all over with postmarks. These show that the time occupied in going from place to place was as follows:

		Arrived
New York to Liverpool	10 days	Oct. 10
Liverpool to London	3 days	Oct. 22
London to Paris	1 day	Oct. 23
Paris to Marseilles	1 day	Oct. 24
Marseilles to Suez	7 days	Oct. 31
Suez to Aden	5 days	Nov. 5
Aden to Bombay	7 days	Nov. 12
Bombay to Calcutta	3 days	Nov. 15
Remained in Calcutta office	3 days	Nov. 18
Calcutta to Hong Kong	18 days	Dec. 6
Hong Kong to Yokohama	28 days	Jan. 3
Yokohama to San Francisco	16 days	Jan. 19
San Francisco to New York	8 days	Jan. 27
Arriving at Paterson on		Jan. 27
Total time occupied	110 days.	

Three days were lost in waiting in the Calcutta office, and about eighteen days were wasted in delay from Hong Kong to Yokohama. With these delays the time would have been eighty-nine days, still nine days in excess of Jules Verne's imaginary trip, or eight days, counting, as he did, the gain of a day in beating the sun.—Phila. Sunday Paper.

A WINTER'S TALE.

A boy once took it in his head
That he would exercise his sled.
He took his sled into the road,
And goodness gracious! how he slode.
And as he slid he laughing cried,
"What fun upon my sled to slide."
And as he laughed before he knewed
He from that sliding sled was slude.
Upon the slab where he was laid,
They carved this line: 'The boy was slade.'

A spandrel in a stamp is the triangular space found between a circle and the rectangle enclosing it.

"Is that boy always so slow?" "Oh no! he is sometimes fast—asleep."

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As this is our first attempt, we desire to say a few words to stamp collectors in general. We intend to exert ourselves to the utmost to make this paper a success, and we think if we are given a fair chance we shall. Although there are a great many stamp journals already extant, we hope by improving on the dull flatness of a larger part of them, to produce in no short time a publication worthy to be the "Collector's Guide,' in every sense of the word. Of course this depends greatly on the manner in which you receive us. We hope you will not be prejudicial against us because we are just starting. We ask you who it is that is most eager to please, the new editor with a reputation to make, or the one who edits a well established journal and his books full of subscribers? The present issue is only a fair specimen of what we intend to do. Each month we shall show some improvement in the way of new issues, &c., &c. In our "Pillory" collectors will find a valuable opportunity of bringing justice to any one who has sold them counterfeits or otherwise cheated them. It is to be lamented that there are so many disreputable characters in the ranks of both dealers and collectors, and we shall put our shoulder to wheel with the others in trying to exterminate them. Hoping for your patronage, and assuring you of our desire to please, we will conclude our remarks by saying— "WE MEAN BUSINESS."

FLASHES.

The three bits following are from the F. S. C. J.:

"We learn that there is a probability that the stamps of Russia may shortly be printed in colors which are not soluble in water. We trust this may be so."

"Collectors are particularly requested to be wary of Queensland fiscal stamps, which are supposed to have done duty as postals, as batches of suspiciously nice post-marked specimens are pouring over to this country and America."

"The following countries and values have, since last going to press, adopted the new watermark—crown and C. A.:—The 4d. British guiana, the new values of the Barbadoes, the 4c. orange Mauritius, and the 2 cts. brown Straits Settlements."

Holton, of Boston, takes photographs, besides selling stamps. We had ours taken there not long ago.

As a prompt and reliable dealer we recommend Henry Alexander, of 324 W. 51st street, New York city.

The "Philatelic Annual," one of Mr. Ben. Illing's many publications, will be out January 1st. We expect to see a fine production, and wish that he may have the success that has accompanied his previous undertakings.

A muscular Turk of Stamboul,
Tried to pull out the tail of a mule.
The coroner's ju,
Which the body did view,
Brought in a verdict "damphool."

Considering the number of stamp journals already before the public, we were agreeably surprised by the number of subscribers who sent in names before we went to press.

Proposed stamp for Jersey: In a circle is represented a mosquito (of the genuine Jersey breed) roosting on a rope stretched between two sand hills. Empty whisky barrels in the background. In the corners are placed four beets (dead beats, we suppose). Value at sides. The stamp is very pretty, the only trouble being that the figure of the beast in the center is so large as to nearly exclude a greater part of the other objects from view. But this cannot be helped, for if the animal should be reduced in size all the whisky barrels would have to be made proportionately small, and it would need a microscope to see them.

THINGS NOT PHILATELIC.

NOVELETTES.

I.—MANUEL DE CENA AND THE BANDITTI.

The Baroness De Cena was a native of the island of Cuba, of French parentage, and married to a German emigrant. Her husband's coffee estate was situated near the bay of Cadenas, on the north coast of the island. All the world knows that the bay of Cadenas has been a famous, or rather infamous resort for pirates, and indeed, bids fair to be so again, unless the government of the United States shall devise some effectual means of protecting our West Indian commerce.

The Baron De Cena, and his son, a young man of 18, whose name was Manuel, were absent from his estate at the time of our narrative, having gone to Havana on business; and left his lady, rather incautiously, considering the times, under no other protection than that of a faithful mulatto servant, who was also entrusted with the care of the slaves and property. It is seldom that an estate, in that vicinity, is left without two or three white men, well armed, out of regard not less to the incursions of banditti, than to disturbances among the negroes. It so happened, however, on the present occasion, that the Baron was obliged to leave his estate and family in a comparatively defenceless state.

He had been absent but two days, when the Baroness was awakened in the middle of the night, by loud and repeated blows against the front door, as of some one attempting to break in the house. Presently she heard the mulatto servant demanding from within, "Who was there?" which was answered by several loud voices, ordering him instantly to open the door. Before he had time, however, to consider what was to be done in such an emergency, the door was burst open, a number of armed men rushed in, and seizing him, ordered him not to make the slightest resistance on peril of his life.

The noise and bustle of these proceedings were heard with apalling distinctness by the Baroness, whose bed-room opened into the hall where the banditti were. She knew that she might easily escape herself by a back passage; and by secreting herself among the coffee trees, might avoid the insults of these ruffians, till one morning when they would of course be gone. But she could not do this without leaving her two young children to their mercy. This conflict between fear and maternal affection was not long. She resolved to face the danger. She had risen and dressed herself at the first alarm, and after taking her sleeping children from their little cot-beds, placing them all in her own bed, she drew the mosquito curtain close around them, and silently recommending herself to the care of Providence, and collecting the resources of her own energetic mind, she issued from her chamber, and entered upon a scene which few men could have summoned resolution enough to encounter.

On coming to the estate, the first step of the robbers, who were eleven in number, had been to secure the slaves who slept in small thatched cottages at some distance from the master's dwelling. They had then proceeded to the house, and after forcing an entrance, had bound the mulatto, the only man-servant who slept in the house, and had commenced the work of plunder by a simultaneous attack on the sideboard, which was furnished with a handsome display of plate and cut glass The spirits, liquors, and cordials were safely disposed of by one set; while another, less sensual than avaricious, were secreting silver fruit baskets, tumblers and spoons, in the folds of their Montero jackets.

In the midst of this havoc, the door of the Baroness's apartment opened, and she stood before them with an air rather of astonishment than fear. Several of the fierce looking ruffians approached her at once, all exclaiming, "The keys! the keys! Senora, where has your husband secreted his treasure?" These men were all armed. Some wore pistols in their belts; others carried blunderbusses, and each had a sword by his side, and a dagger in his bosom. Their countenances were swarthy and dark, their eyes flashed with malignant passion, their voices were harsh, and their gestures threatening, as they approached the defenceless but undaunted woman.

"Gentlemen," said she, in a soft but steady voice, "gentlemen, you are wrong in supposing that my husband has treasure concealed in the house." "We know he has!" exclaimed one of the villains, "and you must show us where it is, or die," accompanying this courteous address with a threatening movement of his sword. One of their number, who stood nearest the Baroness, on hearing

this speech, cast a look at the wretch who had uttered it which caused him to draw back his sword, and skulk out of sight. Another fellow drew a pistol from his girdle, and pointing it towards the lady, demanded the keys, and several others were drawing their swords, and preparing to enforce the demand, when the same man who had interposed his authority a moment before, called out in a voice of thunder, "Silence, ruffians! Do you not see that it is a lady? Do ye forget that ye are men?" Saying this, he extended his sword horizontally between the Baroness and her persecutors, and pushed them back en masse.

"Senora," he proceeded, turning to the lady, "we are not common banditti, although the conduct of some here might lead you to suppose so; nor is it a small temptation that has brought us hither. We have obtained certain information that your husband has lately received a large sum of money. We have good reason to suppose that it is concealed in the house, and though I regret that the misfortune should fall on such a noble and beautiful lady as yourself, you must deliver it to us." "I know of no money in the house," replied the Baroness. "If my husband has received any, he has not informed me where it is."

"You will then allow us to search for it ourselves," replied the robber. "Be kind enough, Senora, to hand us the keys of your husband's closets and desks?" The Baroness had no alternative but to deliver up the keys. She went into her room, and instantly returning, gave them into the hands of the robber, who had demanded them, and while the search commenced, she retired to her room. There she could overhear the villains as they prosecuted the work of pillage and destruction. When there was any difficulty of unlocking a door or desk, it was burst open, and their oaths and curses, at each fresh disappointment they met with in their search for treasure, were loud and threatening.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A man wrote to a friend in Greece begging him to purchase books. From negligence or avarice, he neglected to execute the commission, but fearing that his correspondent would be offended, he exclaimed when next they met, "My dear friend, I never got the letter you wrote to me about the books."

Twenty-two gross of postage-stamp albums, containing collections of lithographed fac-similes of foreign postage stamps have been surrendered to secret service officers at New York. These albums are sold promiscuously in toy stores and are a clear violation of section 5465 of the Revised Statutes.—The Philatelic.

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Barbados.—Envelope: 1d., pink. Wrappers: ½d., brown; 1d. magenta.

Belgium.—A 2 franc stamp will shortly be issued.

Bulgaria.—The colors of the stamps in use are to be changed.

Canada.—A 15c., slate has been emitted. We should judge it differs only from the other values in this particular—the value besides being in figures in the two lower corners is also in words.

Cape of Good Hope.—Wrapper: 1d., grey on light yellow. Head of Victoria with crown surrounded by two ovals ⅛ inch apart, between which is "Cape of Good Hope," above, and "Half Penny," below, separated by two dots. Ornamented spandrels. Provisional, 3d. surcharged ½d.

Ceylon.—Provisionals: 16c. on 24c., 20c. on 64c.

Curacoa.—Double postal card, 5 cents, carmine.

Denmark.—Adhesives: 5 ore, green; 20 ore, blue, and 40 ore, pink.

Fernando, Po.—The following stamps have appeared: 1c., green; 2c., rose; 5c., blue.

France.—New envelope, 5 centimes, green.

Great Britain.—New surcharged adhesive: "L. R. Official," for official use, on ½, 1, and 6d. stamps.

Hayti.—The 7 centimes is now perforated.

Helmi and Runsala Steam Co.—The *Stamp World* gives an account of two sets of stamps issued by the above Co., of Finland. The sets are for Helmi and Runsala respectively. The stamps are oblong in shape.

Italy—A 2 lire, orange, has been emitted.

Labuan.—8 cents, red, same design as current issue.

Luxembourg.—The postal cards have now the same design as the new adhesives.

Mexico.—The *Philatelic Monthly* records two queer envelopes, one with two 5 centavos stamps, one on each end, and another having one 5 and two 10c. stamps impressed. It also notes that the 25c. envelopes have been seen with "Habilitado" as a surcharge.

Nicaragua.—There is a new set from this place. Description: arms enclosed by triangular piece in centre, value in each corner, above, "Union Postal Universal," below, "Republica De Nicaragua." 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, carmine; 5 centavos, blue; 10 centavos, violet; 15 centavos, yellow: 20 centavos, lilac.

Persia.—5 shahis, green: 10 sh. orange.

Phillippine Islands.—10c. de peso, claret; 25c. de p., bistre.

Portuguese Indies.—Provisionals; 4½ on 5 reis, black; 1 T. on 20r., bistre; 6 on 10r.

Russia.—Three new stamps, same design as current issue: 14 kopecs, blue and rose; 35 kopecs, lilac and green; 70 kopecs, brown and orange. New design: 3 roubles and 5k., silver and blue; 7 roubles, silver and rose.

Tasmania.—New card same as last issue, but a better engraving.

Tahiti.—The *Philatelic Monthly* reports a stamp now in use for this place. Tahiti or Otaheite is the chief one of the Society Islands and belongs to France. The stamp used is the 35 centimes of the latter country surcharged with "25c." and bar over former value. Unperforated.

Transvaal—The *Stamp World* says that the 4d. comes surcharged one penny in black.

Uruguay.—1 centavo, green; 2c., carmine.

U. S. of Colombia.—Registration envelope, 12 centavos, carmine. Postal card, double, 2c.

United States.—The Garfield envelope has been out since August. Not long ago we inquired at the Philadelphia P. O. for it and we were told it was not yet in use. Not satisfied with this we wrote to a person in Washington requesting him to look it up. In reply he wrote, "Nobody at Washington," &c., &c., which appeared in our last. We cannot perceive what motives Mr. Ell could have in writing such nonsense. We have since learned that the envelope has been in use since August.

THE JAPANESE POST OFFICE.

No other country in the world has in so short a time made such progress in her Post Office Department as Japan. In 1871 a Post Office Department was first established in this country. Previous to this there were no means by which persons of moderate circumstances could transmit letters to other parts of the country without paying the extravagant prices charged by the "kikiyaku" or flying legs, then in vogue. These were a set of stalwart men who made a business of carrying letters. They could make some fifty miles a day. They were chiefly in the service of the higher officers at court. Since 1871, the Post Office Department has made rapid progress, and the latest report of the Post Master General shows that the people are not backward in taking advantage of this convenience.

During the year ended on June 30, 1881, the number of books, newspapers, and letters transmitted was upwards of 83,000,000—an increase of nearly 20 per cent. as compared with the previous year, and 49.3 per cent. as against 1879. The aggregate length of all the mail routes in operation was 48,475 English miles—an increase since the previous report of 6,180 miles, and since 1879 of 12,422 miles. During the year there had been established 442 new Post Offices, as well as ten receiving agencies, 2,878 stamp agencies, and 2,765 street letter-boxes. The total number of Post Offices is now 4,819, and the net profit derived from the department amounted for the period mentioned to $79,800.

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COLLECTORS' GUIDES.

Mr. S. A. Taylor informs us that in 1866 a paper called the Collectors' Guide, and devoted to Philately was issued at Newport, R. I., which with another journal, Stamp Collectors' Guide, has long suspended publication. Fred. Tozer & Co., announced in 1881 their intentions of publishing an annual bearing the same name as the latter, but we never heard of its being out. Mr. Mercer has a Colletors' Guide which is we believe devoted to Numismatics.

SOMETHING NEW.

By an act of Congress, March 1879, the following provision was made: "The Postmaster General is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to introduce and furnish for the public use a letter-sheet envelope, on which postage-stamps of the denominations now in use on ordinary envelopes shall be placed. And the Postmaster-General is also authorized to introduce for public use a double postal card on which shall be placed two one cent stamps, and said card to be so arranged for the address that it may be forwarded and returned, said cards to be sold for two cents apiece; and also to introduce and furnish for the public use a double-letter envelope on which stamps of the denominations now in use may be placed, and with the arrangement for the address similar to the double postal card; said letter sheet and double postal card and double envelope to be issued under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. * * * * *"

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A MEASURE has been introduced in Congress by Representative Anderson, (Kan.) to create a postal telegraph system in the United States. The entire scheme is so defective and incomplete, that it will most likely be defeated where it originated. It is proposed to construct a line from Portland, Maine, to Topeka, Kan., with branches to cities near the main line, and rates to be fixed at 25 cents per 10 words. Statistics of Great Britain's system of postal telegraphy shows a vast difference in profits, etc. Should the bill pass we will review it at length.

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EXPOSED.

In the No. of Harper's Young People dated November 7th, 1882, there appeared an exchange from one Ed. M. Hardie, care

of Mr. T. Westron, 212 Saratoga St., E. Boston, Mass, offering triangular Cape of Good Hope, Virgin Isles, and Mexico for other stamps. The two last lines of the exchange ran; "stamps must be in good condition and genuine. Mine are both good and genuine." These cast a shade of suspicion on the writer. It is not to be supposed that those columns are for the exchange of ungenuine stamps. The Philatelic Monthly contains an article in which a correspondent is said to have written that he sent a quantity of stamps to this person, in return for which he received a set of Cape of Good Hope and of Virgin Isles. Two or three letters passed between them and in the course of the correspondence, Westron explained that he was an Englishman, that Hardie was his ward and had just sailed for Liverpool. He expressed a wish that his correspondent was of the same church as he and thus gaining their confidence, Westron went on to tell them that he had a large collection of stamps procured in his travels, which he would sell at low prices. He sent them some from which they selected a few at 40 per cent. below catalogue prices. They were soon found to be a lot of the most detestable counterfeits. We would advise collectors to be wary in their dealings with these parties.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Their several editors will please accept our thanks for the following: Philatelic Monthly; Stamp World; Stamp Collectors' Review; Philatelic Triumph; Empire City Philatelist; Collectors' Bureau; Old Curiosity Shop; The Earth; The Bugle; The Guide and Friend; and the Agents' Star; Messrs Mekeel & Co., are specially thanked for volume one of the Collectors' Bureau. Will the publishers of the following papers please forward the numbers named? Granite State Philatelist, 2, 3, and 4. Stamp News, 9, 10, 11, and 12; New Jersey Philatelist, 36; The Stamp Collectors' Journal, etc, 49, and 50. The Publishers of all other Philatelic papers are requested to send them in exchange for ours; also those of all Puzzle and Amateur papers.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Standard Postage and Revenue Stamp Catalogue, New York, Scott & Co., 721 Broadway, contains a complete list of U. S. Postage, Revenue, Local and Foreign Postage Stamps. The 42d Edition contains nearly 90 pages and is profusely illustrated. On every page are well executed cuts of stamps, while a supplement at the latter part has nearly 900 other engravings, so that the collector can readily obtain an idea of most any stamp he wishes. The lists of stamps are well arranged, having abbreviations denoting the continent on which each country is situated, and the standard currency of each. The price is 25 cents, and it is certainly worth that amount to any collector.

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CHEAP POSTAGE.

The Post Office Appropriation Bill has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate. The latter body has now returned the bill to the House to obtain its concurrence with amendments made on the original. Among them a noticeable one is the changing of the time at which the reduction of postage shall take place from January 1st, 1884 to July 1st, 1883. So two-cent letter postage is insured whether or no it begins in '83 or '84.

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THE DEAD LETTER SALE.

The proceeds of the recent sale of 8000 articles accumulated in the dead letter office, after deducting expenses, amount to $4,497 67, which sum has been deposited in the treasury to the credit of the Post Office department. The prices realized were somewhat below the average value of the articles sold. The amount realized from the sale of any parcel can be recovered by either the sender or the addressee at any time within four years from the date of its registry in the dead letter office.

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The route of a Philadelphia letter carrier on Christmas morning took him to the house of an elderly invalid, who had no sooner received her mail than she thrust into his hands without a word of explanation two one hundred dollar greenbacks. The lucky postman withdrew in a state of consternation, from which he has not yet recovered. But he retains sufficient possession of his faculties to hope fervently that his route will not be changed during the coming year.

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AGAIN we come before you and with what we think a more presentable appearance. It will be seen that we are determined not to allow the numerous advertisements to encroach upon the space appointed for other matter, and that we have made no few other improvements. In our last number a defect was to be seen in the lengthiness of the articles; in this issue the reader will find more information in fewer words than is seen in most journals of this order. We have given no room to articles describing certain countries, their stamps, etc., for we are of the opinion that the collector with a good encyclopædia and stamp catalogue, may obtain a more correct idea of a country and its stamps than any writer is able to give. Neither have we made up our paper of scurrilous attacks on others. More attention is paid to originality in the present number than in the last, and hope to soon have all our matter original. We want some good articles by *American* writers only. Surely we must not allow Great Britain to outdo us in this line. Let every one who can compose a good article send one to this office, and if it is suitable we will publish it.

FRAUD!!

In the last number of the *Stamp World* "Landis" described several counterfeit stamps. There are a few differences which distinguish the original stamps from the spurious ones, and we give them:

Confederate States, Ten Cents. In the original the background on which the bust is impressed is enclosed by a band of white nearly 1-16 of an inch wide. In the counterfeit this is omitted; and the nose is too large.

Mexico, 7c. of 1866. The period in the genuine after "7c." is found in the middle of the space, while the counterfeit has the same on the line. There is not as much shading in the latter as the former.

San Salvador, 4c. brown, 1867. In the original there are eleven stars, while there are but ten in the counterfeit; and these are too large.

Turkey, 5 piastres, 1865. The figure of value and the star are said to be too large, the latter, having too many rays. The perforation is too small.

This paper has an account of a counterfeit 10c. Canada. It has no period after pence; and may thus be distinguished.

POT POURRI.

"My son," said the father, "what are you going to be when you grow up? Well, father I haven't quite decided yet whether to be President of the United States or run a brickyard."

Mr. Handford's Directory came out January 20th. We shall review it next month.

"Angelina dear are not my moustaches becoming? "Well, Adolphus, they may be coming, but so far as I can see, they haven't begun to arrive yet."

The Federal Government has recognized the Confederacy at last. A letter sent from Wiregrass, Ga., to Savannah run the gauntlet of two United States Postmasters with a 10-cent Confederate postage stamp upon it, bearing Jeff Davis' face.

THE FIRST REVENUE STAMP.

The famous Stamp Act with which our readers are all probably more or less familiar was passed in 1765. It provided that every skin, or piece of vellum, or parchment, or sheet, or piece of paper used for legal purposes, such as bills, bonds, notes' leases, &c., &c., in order to become valid in Courts of Law, should be stamped or have a stamp affixed, and sold by public officers appointed for that purpose. The nature of the document to which the stamp was to be fixed governed the price of the latter. The values were all the way from three pence to six pounds. The description of this Stamp is or was as follows:

Printed on dark paper of a blueish chocolate tint, then known as tobacco paper. They were not gummed but attached to the document by a narrow strip of tin-foil which came fastened to the stamp. This was passed through two cuts in the paper and brought together on the other side by pasting a tough piece of paper over the two ends. This has the design of a crown, surmounting a very much tangled lot of characters in a sort of script type, which one at length makes out as "Georgius Rex." Again over these letters is "G. 3 R." Number of Stamp to right, and lines to left of crown.

The stamp itself as we said before was printed on dark paper. It was of course unperforated. A double Tudor rose formed the centre-piece of the device, inclosed by the royal garter on which was "Honi Soit qui mal y pense." Branches springing from behind this point upwards. Over all was the crown. To the left below the garter is a letter denoting for what use this particular value is designed, as "B." for bond, "L." for leases, value below. The whole inclosed in band of white shading has the effect to make it appear as if raised on white stone.

We are most all acquainted with the events which occurred at this period. How the tea which was brought to this country was in some places returned unused, in others left to spoil in damp cellars, while in Boston, patriots disguised as Indians boarded the vessels in Boston harbor and threw all the tea overboard in one night: the passage of the Boston Port bill declaring the port closed; the Salem people offering their harbor, and a hundred other things which occurred about that time.

But few of these stamps have ever been preserved, for it will be remembered how the houses of those appointed to sell these Stamps were burnt down and all their goods destroyed.

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1. A letter. 2. A pony. 3. A morose man. 4. A puzzle. 5. Part of a ship. 6. A rod. 7. A letter.
Abbotsford, Pa. ROB ROY.

4. Letter Rebus.

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New York. NEMO.

5. Decapitation.
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3. Behead a rank and leave a rank.
4. Behead a ledge and leave a measure.
5. Behead an antelope and leave earth.
6. Behead to tease and leave a skin.
Boston, Mass. EUGENE THORP.

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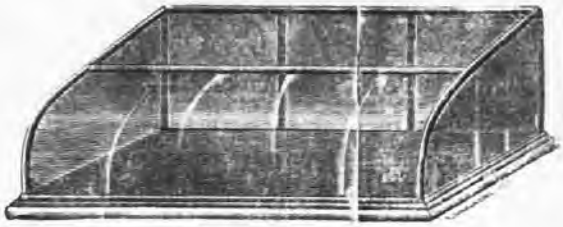

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MANUEL DE CENA AND THE BANDITTI.

WRITTEN FOR THE GUIDE.

As was said in the first portion of this narrative, two days previous to the event of which an account was given in our last, the Baron and his son Manuel had traveled to Havana. The reason for which this journey had been made was to procure for Manuel a beautiful steam yacht which, though offered for sale at a fabulous price, seemed but a small sum to the Baron, whose immense income derived from his estate and other sources made him enormously rich. Most of his money was deposited at Havana, but a short time before he had made Manuel a present of a large sum and with it the latter was now about to purchase what he had long desired. His father had accompanied him having other business to attend to. It was with some misgivings that Manuel left his mother in the mulatto's protection, but his fears were laughed at by his father who was habitually a careless person. On arriving at Havana the first step taken was to proceed to the wharf where was lying the yacht Elouise, a beautiful vessel in every particular. We will not stop to describe her; suffice to say the Elouise was thoroughly examined and having been found complete in every sense of the word, she became the property of Manuel De Cena. After some discussion it was decided to procure a crew and to sail around to the Bay of Cadenas.

The Baron and his son further determined to procure a sufficient number of weapons to make the vessel secure from the depredations of any pirates who might be in that vicinity. It was an easy matter to secure an efficient crew, for everybody knew the Baron and understood that anybody in his service commanded good wages. Out of a large number who presented themselves for inspection, ten young and fine looking men were selected. There was an engineer, his assistant, two firemen, a cook, waiter, and four deck hands. In the person of Haile Nye, who in former days had been in the service of the Baron, Manuel found a valuable acquisition. He was to act as the mate of the Elouise and to instruct Captain Manuel in the art of seamanship. On the evening of the second day after the yacht was purchased, everything was declared in order for sailing, and the next morning the young Captain bade farewell to his father. The Baron had planned to return to the plantation and meet Manuel with the Baroness at the small town of Sapont, on the Bay of Cadenas. It was on a beautiful day when the Elouise cast off from the wharf. The shining brass work of the bulwarks glistening in the sun and the white tarpaulins of the sailors as they worked aloft on the top-sails, was indeed a pretty sight and one to bring pride to the captain.

The Elouise was to sail as far as the bay of Cadenas in order to give Mr. Nye opportunity for teaching Manuel to manage a vessel under sail. They made a good day down the river and by evening they were speeding along the coast, with a small chop sea. Our hero has now retired for the evening and we leave him to slumber in his spacious cabin. We will return and see what became of the Baroness. We left her in the hands of the chief, while the others were seeking for the money which the Baron had taken two days before to Havana. The thieves had heard of Manuel's intentions, and that his father had given him a large sum of money, but they were too late to secure it. After an hour of useless search during which the house was ransacked from top to bottom, and every chest, drawer, and closet had been broken open, they retired to the main hall and with oaths and imprecations declared their intention of destroying every thing they could lay their hands on. The next moment the crash of a chandelier which hung in the hall, and the sound of the chinaware as it was dashed upon the floor, gave assurance of their determination to execute this threat. The work of pillage and destruction went on accompanied by the curses of the banditti.

The gray streaks of the approaching day were visible when the villians had completed their work. They now took their departure laden with their spoils. After they had gone the Baroness emerged from her room to witness a scene of utter desolation. Her bureau had been broken open and all her costly jewelry taken. The fragments of the chandelier were scattered about the floor. The side board was covered with broken decanters and tumblers, and of all the costly silver-ware, there was not an article left.

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NEW ISSUES.

Azores.—The following now have the small surcharge, 5 reis, black, surcharged in red; 10 reis, green; 20 reis, stone; 25 reis, dark red; 50 reis, blue; the latter four are surcharged in black.

Barbados. — Registration envelopes: 1d. rose, 4d. pink. Head of Queen to left, on solid ground. In circular space above, "Barbados Registration Fee," below, "One Penny" on 1d. and "Four Pence" on 4d. Postal Cards: ½d. dark red; and 1d. magenta. The former for home use, has a stamp of which the design is: head of Victoria to left enclosed in circle. "Barbados" above. Below "Halfpenny". In shape it resembles the adhesives. The 1d. for Postal-Union use is similar.

Belgium.—This country has also issued a new sort of postal card that can be sealed, and is termed a "Carte-Lettre," *i. e.* letter card. It is merely a card, blue outside and white inside, folded at the top, and is perforated near the edges, which are gummed, thus enabling the sender to seal the card. The inscription on the face is in two lines, and is, "CARTE LETTRE —KAART-BRIEF." A little lower down is the one letter "M." There is also an inscription on the left side as follows: "*A ouvier le long du pointille*," with the equivalent in the Flemish tongue. The stamp is the same design as the current ten centimes.—Empire City Philatelist.

Bolivar.—A set of adhesives has come to hand. They consist of: 5 centavos, blue; 10c., lilac; 20c., lake; 40c., brown; 80c., green; 1 peso, orange; 5p., blue, red portrait; 10p., dark brown, blue portrait. There is a great deal of work on this stamp. The design is: Portrait of Bolivar, after whom this country was named, to left, with high military collar. This is enclosed by two circles ⅛ inch apart. In upper half is "*Correos de Bolivar.*" The lower half is divided in two parts making the space between the lines 1-16 inch. In the upper of the spaces thus formed are 9 small stars on light ground. In the lower is "EE. UU. de-1882-COLOMBIA." Value below this is the value in words, the figure of value being in the center between "centavos" and the other word denoting the number of centavos. Value in figures also at top above inscription. Coats of arms at each side divide the above named circular frame. Ornamented spandrels.

The 40c. has the date half on each side of the upper corners, and "Certifacado" at bottom.

The 5 and 10 pesos have the portrait three-quarters full face and are without date, also some other differences which want of space compels us to omit.

Canada.—Double card: 1d., gray on buff.

Cape of Good Hope.—2d., brown, same as current issue.

Costa Rica.—Provisional, ½ real surcharged 1 centavo in red. 2 reals and 4 reals, surcharged respectively 10 centavos and 20 centavos, and "W. P. W." New adhesive: 10c. orange, head of a soldier in center. At top, "Union Postal Universal, Costa Rica." Value in corners except upper right which has, "1 En. 1883." This we think means, 1st year, 1883. This country having but recently entered P. U.

Great Britain.—Mr. T. Martin Wears has kindly sent us a specimen of the new cards which we will describe next month.

Trinidad.—We are indebted to Mr. I. W. Risdon, for an account of a 4d. slate which he says he has received from this place. He writes "The new Trinidad stamp is almost identical with the 36 cent Ceylon, but it is a trifle smaller. The color is the same as the 4 cent Ceylon."

United States.—Two local stamps have recently appeared. One is in Chicago, one in Cincinnati. The former has Father Time with a bag of mail with A. C. D. as the principal figure. At the top is "Allen's." Under the aforesaid veteran is "City" and at the bottom is "Dispatch" and "125 Clark St." The Cincinnati stamp has a postman with his mail-bag inscribed "C. C. D." distributing letters. At top is "Cincinnati," at bottom "City Delivery", under which is "64. W. 3d. St."

Value of both 1 cent. Color rose. They probably belong to the same Co.

A COLOR CHART.

By C. B. F.

The National Philatelical Society, of New York City, has of late awakened to a state of activity quite without precedent for some time. This animation is now manifest in several things. No. 1 of The National Philatelist, the new organ of that august body has just appeared, under the management of W. F. Smith, who was pilot when The Collectors' Library Table ran ashore. That journal being stuck high and dry, a new one has been secured which was launched 30 days behindhand. How soon this new venture will meet the fate of its predecessor is hard to tell, but March winds are dangerous!

The above paper announces that they are again to attempt the publication of a color chart as soon as subscriptions to the amount of 1000 shall have been received. Whether they will succeed is a question, as an effort to have it published in '78 failed, but half the required sum of subscribers being received. The object of this color chart is to make it a standard of color in describing stamps, &c.; we clip the following from the article: "There is now no agreement among philatelic writers and compilers of catalogues as to the names of many of the colors in which stamps are printed. Among many instances of this we find the 2½d. of Great Britain 1874, is given *seven* different colors in *ten* catalogues we have examined, although the color of this Stamp varies as little perhaps as any that might be chosen."

The color of the stamp is a shade of red; it may be called *fourteen* different names, nevertheless it is a shade of red and anyone who has a good dictionary, a thing which exists in most every household of ordinary intelligence, can find it to be a shade of red, whether it is called scarlet, vermilion, carmine, crimson, pink, lake, claret, magenta, mauve, rose, damask, maroon, ruby, or brick-color.

What use to the Philatelist, a chart which decides the color to be one of the above, even were it to be accepted as an authority, would be, passes our limited comprehension, and we leave it to others who at least *think* they know. Again we clip from the article: "One very great advantage in having a standard of color would be the saving of the necessity of translating the names of the colors from one language to another. It often happens that an English Journal in describing a newly issued stamp, translates from a French Journal, which in turn obtained its information from a German source; and admitting that the color was rightly designated originally this double translation is very likely to cause error. But if the German paper gave the color as No. 5 of the color chart, no error could occur in any number of translations, and the color would be recognized at once by any one possessing a chart, no matter what his nationality."

Now if the German magazine is going to mention the number of the color of each new stamp by the chart, for the especial benefit of its French neighbor so as to enable it to "crib" the news without mistake, then verily will the humble writer of these lines go dip his head in molten cheese.

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THE PILLORY.

We are able to lay the following before our readers as dishonest characters and would caution everyone against them: E. Bennett, 14 Camden Place, High St., London; J. D. Forres, 37 Claribel Street, Liverpool; John Huskisson, 13 Edinburg St., Liverpool; Union Stamp Co., La Porte, Indiana; T. B. Westron, alias Ed. M. Hardie, 212 Saratoga St., E. Boston, Mass.

We have overwhelming evidence against the above last named fraud. He is, indeed, a cunning thief. His last imposition has been on a Canadian dealer, who has forwarded us some of the correspondence. Westron bought several lots of stamps from the said dealer, beating down the prices as much as he could and saying he had to sell them again, which shows he lied when he said he wished to sell off his *collection*. About the first of Dec. he received a quantity of stamps which he has failed to restore, despite numerous communications he has received requesting their return. So he figures both in the *role* of counterfeit dealer, and "send-me-a-sheet-young-man."

"PHILATELY."

The term "Philately" was first used to designate stamp-collecting in 1865. It originated in Paris, the French word being *Philatelie*, which when Anglicized became as above. It is derived from the Greek *philos*, dear, and *ateleia*, which meant, at Athens, exemption from tax, the nearest thing that could be found to resemble in any way a postage-stamp in ancient history. It is pronounced incorrectly by many persons who are familiar with it and fearfully mixed up by the uninitiated; the proper way is to place the accent on the second syllable, and pronounce the letter *a* as in at.

Webster in one of his latest Dictionaries has something similar to this: "Philatelist, one who collects stamps. Philately, a collection of postage-stamps of various issues." The latter is certainly misconstrued. Were we at the head of the *concern* we should insert something as follows: Philatelic or Philatelical, Pertaining to Philately. Philatelist, a *devotee* of Philately. Philately, The science of collecting, classifying and studying the various issues of postage-stamps of different nations.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

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THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

Received to date the following: *Granite State Philatelist, National Philatelist, New Jersey Philatelist*, (this paper has suspended) *Stamp World, Empire City Philatelist, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic Referee, Philatelists' Journal, Union Exchange List;* also the *Earth*, the *Echo*, and *Our Schoolmate* (a paper published in this city by Clayton McMichael, 2200 St. James Place. Send for a sample copy.) The following have failed to appear and we conclude they must have suspended: *Collector's Bureau, Stamp News, Coin Collector's News, &c.*

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SOMETHING NEW.

By a mixing up of mss. last month only a part of the article intended to be under this head was printed. By reading the part which did appear, you will understand what follows:

Wishing to know what action had been taken by the P. M. General by virtue of the authority thus vested in him we wrote to third-assistant P. M. Hazen. That gentleman has kindly sent us the following information.

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Signed, A. D. HAZEN,
Third Assistant P. M. General.

We believe the article in preparation to be what is called the Ehrilich invention. It consists of a combined letter-sheet envelope and stamp embossed, to be sold for three cents. When folded one of the flaps with which these are provided, comes over two open edges and secures the missive; on this is embossed a stamp of what design we do not know but will be able to ascertain soon. The Postmaster will not cancel these stamps as the opening of the envelope will destroy them. If P. M. General Key had directed his attention to the clause just quoted and made some efforts towards meriting the approbation of the public by introducing some of these conveniences we should most likely have had some of the articles named in clause quoted in our last.

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The above are valid after March 20th.

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VERY IMPORTANT TO DEALERS.

We invite you to read the Editorial in this number, in order to understand that we are going to make the list of stamps with prices a big thing for those who sell good stamps at low rates. Of course we shall only examine the lists of dealers who have or are advertising and advertised in this paper. Dealers may send in ads. for next number and have their lists examined for Alsace, Antigua and Antioquia, which will be the stamps of which the prices are to be given in the next number. Where two or more dealers sell the same stamp at the same and cheapest rate, we shall mention them all. It is sure to be an immensely profitable thing as our large circulation will cause many collectors to buy when they know they are getting stamps as cheap as can be gotten. Please do not forget to send in your price-list of stamps if you wish us to examine it. There is nothing we can do to prove that this will be profitable, but if you will only give us a chance we are sure you will not regret it, so send on; one and all.

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EDITORIAL.

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that the March issue of this journal will appear with a four paged cover, and that then we shall be able to give more space to matters of interest. The subscription price after the 20th of March will be 50c., and the advertising rates will be the same per inch. Of course the higher prices will enable us to produce a better sheet and we are sure no one will regret the raise. We also will present you with a novel feature which we think you will hail with joy. It is to be called "The Monthly Price-list" and the plan on which it works is as follows: Most all the prominent dealers have advertised or are or will be advertising in this paper. Now, all such dealers who have price-lists will have the same examined by us with a view of ascertaining what dealer sells such and such a stamp the cheapest.

Next month we shall examine the lists on the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine; Angola and Antioquia, and *the cheapest price will be printed*, together with name of the dealer selling it. By this method we hope to reach the cheapest price of every stamp and feel convinced it will be a great help to anyone who examines it.

We have a few copies of the first number of this paper which we are willing to dispose of at 15c. apiece. Subscriptions may begin with number two if persons subscribing say they wish so, otherwise they will begin with the first number issued after the receipt of the price.

We call attention to the Supplement in this and our last number. See that you get it, as we sometimes omit mailing it, by mistake.

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WRITTEN FOR THE GUIDE.

It was morning in the Bay of Cadenas. A trim looking vessel might be seen by a sharp eye through the fog,—the Elouise. A safe passage had been effected and she was lying to, awaiting the lifting of the fog. Another vessel was at anchor—a rakish craft with a suspicious look which was confirmed by her crew, a set of men dressed like the banditti before described. A large boat drew near and could be seen to contain the very villians with whom the Baroness had so much to do! The leader sprang on deck; then the crew, with a handsome middle aged man with his arms fastened behind his back—the Baron De Cena. Returning home he was met by the banditti and being unarmed, secured. He was sent below and as the fog began to clear all gazed eagerly out to sea. There was no man-of-war in sight; only a large yacht. The leader of the banditti and as it was then seen, captain of the ship, now seemed directing his men to prepare for action. Presently a long gun of shining brass was disclosed from a pile of mock merchandise in the bow, and men were sent on deck with cutlasses and other weapons. Meanwhile Manuel and Haile Nye had been early on the deck of the Elouise. As the fog cleared the latter cast his eye around to take his bearings. It met the pirateer—for such she was, as our readers have surmised—and rested.

He gazed more steadily, seemed convinced, and said, "Seen her before." "What?" said Manuel, turning around. Without answering, the old sailor laid his brawny hand on the young captain's shoulder and said, "You're lucky, you are." "How?" said Manuel. "You've got steam on, you've a good carronade on board, and your smoke-pipe is under your stern; that vessel will be here in half an hour and were we not under steam she could secure everyone on board in ten minutes!" This was all true; were it not for the steam they would have indeed been in danger. The smoke-pipe was placed under the stern by a freak of Manuel's and no one would think the yacht to have steam power. Manuel now had some further talk with Nye, and it was decided to hold their own. He ordered the engineer to be at his post, had a carronade some four feet in length brought on deck and provided each man with a loaded musket. He placed the gun in a position from which he could fire through the chain-hole in the bow, as he did so three long boats containing ten men each were seen to shove off from the pirateer. Manuel orders his men to crouch down behind the bulwarks in readiness to shoot anyone who might try to board her. He then goes to his gun. The boats approach. As the first one comes near, he shouts, "Keep off, or you'll get hurt!" Still it comes on; as it gets within about thirty yards Manuel takes aim and fires. As the smoke clears away the boat is seen to be sinking. Six of the crew are killed! A signal from the ship calls the others back. It would be useless for them stay there. The pirateer now makes sail and steers toward the Elouise. They now near the latter vessel and as she comes within distance the long gun is run out and discharged. A cloud of smoke rolls off just as the mainmast of the Elouise totters and goes by the board! A loud shout bursts forth from the enemy who think they have crippled our friends, but Manuel, undaunted, directs the men to clear away the tangled rigging and orders a full head of steam to be put on. With Haile Nye at the wheel the yacht moves rapidly away, to the amazement of the pirates, towards the latters' vessel and in a short time is at her stern. In vain the pirate captain tries to get his gun in action; his enemy keeps at his stern and are safe from it. Manuel sweeps his decks with volley after volley of shot from the carronade, protected from the musket fire by the bulwarks. At last Nye brings her around at the side of the enemy and shouts to Manuel to load with a single round shot. He does so and is about to fire when he hears his name called from the deck of the enemy! He looks up and sees—his father! Yes! and that moment the Baron with his arms still tied at his back leaps overboard. Manuel fires the gun without further aim and simultaneous with an awful explosion jumps to the rescue! In a few minutes both were safe on board and as he looked for the enemy he saw naught but a few boxes floating around to tell the tale that her magazine had been exploded by his last shot, and all on board had been blown up!

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THE END.

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M-r-r-r-ow!

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1. A European city. 2. Fragrance. 3. Belonging to Rome. 4. A reflection. 5. More sound.

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1. Behead to decline and leave to expel.
2. Behead to a thorny shrub and leave to wander.
3. Behead to study and leave to obtain.
4. Behead rind and leave related.
5. Behead cold and leave an elevation.
6. Behead an owner and leave a flower.

Phila., Pa. BELLE MONT.

3. Letter Rebus.

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Phila., Pa. BELLE MONT.

4. Square.

1. A coin once used in Europe. 2 Custom. 3 Prisons. 4. A deputy. 5 Peevish.

Phila., Pa. C. RAVEN.

5. Numerical.

My 1, 2, 3, 4 is to stagger and my 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 to choose.

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"This question chiefly troubles those who use blank albums; for most of the spaced albums now sold have a fixed arrangement of the stamps, to accord with the catalogue which forms part of the album. I am no friend to the spaced albums, as all the varieties are not mentioned in them (and no album gives much more than half the spaces really needed) must be huddled away into corners, in an unseemly manner; or else more pages have to be inserted, spoiling the look of the album. Supposing, then, the collector uses a blank album, he must use some catalogue to assist him (Moens', for choice). But some of the catalogues give the stamps in strict chronological order; and, if they be so mounted, they have a very odd appearance. I should recommend that each general issue or type be arranged according to the face values, from the lowest to the highest, without troubling about the chronological order of the particular stamps of the set, except that the exact date of the issue of each stamp (as far as known) should be marked on the hinge at its back. This is what I have done in my own collection, but I am aware that some amateurs recommend strict chronological arrangement. These remarks refer to adhesives, but they are equally applicable to envelopes, &c. With regard to envelopes, post-cards, and wrappers, each of these three branches ought really to have a book to itself. I have been a collector for more than twenty years, but I *never* yet saw what I should call a respectable collection, in which adhesives, envelopes, post-cards, and wrappers were all lumped together; that is to say, trying to combine the four varieties in one book, spoils the look of them all. I have, for a long time, persistently advocated keeping the different branches separate from each other, and I believe that, after a while, this will be the usual plan, instead of being rarely adpoted."
—*Rev. R. B. Earle, in The Stamp News.*

I have a plan which I think would bear test relative to this matter of albums. I propose to make my own albums. Take a large sheet of thick and unglazed paper, with a rough surface and carefully fold it until you have eight thicknesses, which if the sheet be originally say two feet long by one and one-half feet wide, will measure each nine inches long and six wide. Now cut it as you would this paper, leaving the left-hand edge uncut. Thus you have sixteen pages, this is your album for say one country and its dependencies, which is my favorite way of classifying collections. Suppose you take Spain. First you put the mother country, then place her colonies Fernando Po., Phillippine Islands, Spanish West Indies, in their order; by the way you will have to add more pages to your album of the above country.

The first page should have on it the title and all the facts worth knowing about the country. Paste your stamps on one side of the page as it makes a much neater appearance; and about this matter of affixing stamps in albums, I who am in favor of neither mucilage or "patent stickers," would suggest what I think the best preparation for attaching stamps. It is simple flour paste made by mixing enough flour in boiling water to make a thick substance, add to this some oil of cloves which will keep it from souring, and you have what I use always. Strips of paper about a quarter of an inch wide with a mere touch of paste and not bent but fixed at one side and end to the album and the opposite side and end to the stamps are what I consider best.

Four stamps should be placed abreast and no more, as a crowded page looks unneat. Put the date of issue above each series and remember to leave a place for stamps you don't possess. Place the bottom of each stamp in every row on one line, which lines should be the only ones ruled and those carefully for a neat album is a "thing of joy."

(*To be continued.*)

FERDINAND MEYER.

FROM THE FRENCH OF J. P. NARCISS, IN LE MONITEUR DES TIMBROPHILES.

Sad news has reached us from the mountains of Bohemia. Ferdinand Meyer the great German Philatelist died at Franzensbad on the night of the 31st of December, 1882.

This eminent writer, well known and justly esteemed by Philatelists the world over, is no more. His works, which denoted so much vitality in the author have belied him. It was on his sick bed with three wounds on his head and one leg paralized that he wrote them. He was born in 1849 at Franzensbad, Bohemia, where his father was postmaster. After finishing his studies at the Athenæum at Eger, he entered in the capacity of an apprentice in the establishment of Doctor Zintl, a pharmacist at Prague. He commenced his pharmaceutical studies in 1868 at the University in that city and obtained his degree in 1871; returning to his native city, in '72, he experienced the first symptoms of the disease to which he has now succumbed. It was in consequence of this infirmity that he was forced to renounce his plan of practising pharmacy at Franzensbad. From that time he devoted himself entirely to Philately. Having discovered an old collection commenced by his father, Meyer resolved to continue it. He has left one, which according to Dr. Kloss has no equal. It is very complete and contains many rare specimens, being valued at several thousand florins. In our opinion, Meyer's great service to Philately has been in the chemical department of our science. He has by that means demonstrated a new way to discover frauds.

He was a fertile writer; we count not less than eighty articles on Philately in the Philatelic journals from his pen. Notwithstanding his infirmity, which still increased, he wrote in 1878 his first and most important work entitled "*les Timbres Poste de l'Empire Ottoman*," (The Postage Stamps of the Ottoman Empire); which has been everywhere well received and was endorsed by the French Society of Philately at Paris. His second work "*Afganistan, la Poste et ses Timbres Poste*," (Afghanistan, its Postal Service and its Postage Stamps) appeared in 1879 and obtained for him the silver medal from the above named society. This was translated into French in 1881 (Neuilly S. S. Bougin editor.) His greatest production was his "*Catalogue des Timbres Poste*," (Catalogue of Postage Stamps) commenced in 1879 and completed in 1881 (G. Zechmeyer Nuremburg.) This placed Ferdinand Meyer in the first rank of Austrian and German Philatelists. It is adapted to the whole Philatelic world.

He was an intelligent and talented man; his character upright and honest. He was esteemed by all who knew him. His natural cheerfulness did not desert him in his last moments of pains and his literary labors aided him in forgetting them. The whole Philatelic world mourn the loss of this learned man. Honor be to his memory.

THE NEW TWO CENT STAMP.

Two cent postage goes into effect on October 1st, 1883, at that time the old and familiar three cent green stamp will cease to grace the upper right hand corners of the millions of letters which yearly pass through the hands of the post office officials. But most likely truthful George will not desert us, as a new two-cent stamp will be issued, which it is thought, will bear the head of Washington, with some changes in the border. Several designs have been submitted to the Department, and the new P. M. General will decide on one, as one of his first acts.

THE POSTAL NOTE.

On March 3d, 1883, a bill was signed by the President providing for the introduction in the United States Postal Service of a new feature to be called the Postal Note. The use of this will be to facilitate the transmission of small sums through the mails. Ever since the abolition of fractional currency a great inconvenience has been experienced by men of business who are obliged to receive payments of small amounts through the mail, in disposing of the postage stamps, which being the only method of transmitting such sums, necessarily accumulate. The only way this can be done is to sell at loss of 10 per ct. or more.

The Postal Note has at length been determined

on as a remedy for this evil, and will in a short time, it is not doubted supersede the use of stamps entirely. The blanks will be printed by a private firm, or the Government Printing Office, according to which bids the lowest. They will be eight inches wide by three long, almost the size of a greenback, and will be sold at three cents each. The amount sent will be shown by three columns of figures at the left hand side of the note, the first of which will be numbered dollars, up to 4, (the amount sent being limited to less than $5,) the second dimes up to nine; and the third, cents likewise; each ending with a cipher. The postmaster will punch the number of dollars, dimes and cents from these, also the month and year of issue from two columns at the right hand side. The name of the person sending, or to whom sent will not appear, the bearer being able to draw it if presented with three months from the last day of the month of issue. After that it is no use to anyone.

UP! YE STAMP-COLLECTORS!

An advertisement has appeared every day of late in one of the Vienna papers, asking the owners of used postage stamps for contributions. The advertiser, it is now found out, is a young lady of the ballet; she needs some millions of stamps. The reason why is thus told:—Last summer she went with Count Anton to Reichenau. The Count was not young, but generous. The ballerine was unhappy, however, and expressed her opinions on marriage to him very pointedly. At last the Count promised to lead the fair danseuse to the altar on one condition—if she would collect as many used postage stamps as would paper the walls of his grand salon. She took him at his word. The walls are now, it is said, covered with many thousands of stamps, but the plafond is still white, and the Vienna paper calls on the population of Vienna to assist in completing the work. "Up, ye postage stamp collectors of Vienna! Pour out the abundance of your stamp collections, so that the two loving, faithful hearts may at last be united."

WORTH KNOWING.

Doubtless a great many unobservant Philatelists are unaware of a change which took place in the one-cent postal-card of this country, about a year ago. Before that time the face of the card bore this:—"WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER." At present the inscription is:—"NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE." The old form is not easy to obtain. The 5 cent, U. S. of 1882 was first printed in a darker brown but shortly after was changed to the present shade. The 6 cent has only lately been deepened in color and the plates probably cut down. It is of a sort of "terror-caught-her" shade now. The 10 cent had the plates cut down somewhere about last July.

THE LATE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster-General Howe died on Sunday March 25, at Kenosha, Wis. The Post Offices will be draped in mourning for one month from that date. His successor is W. O. Gresham, of Indiana.

A lady in Chicago had her face enamelled in a smile. Invited the next day to a dear friend's funeral, she was obliged to smile through the whole performance. Moral: Beauty unadorned is best.

The Nevada way of catching bears is for one man to feed the animal with salt, while a second slips around and ties his hind legs together. When the second man weakens and takes to his heels, it's said to be embarrassing for the feeding man, especially when the salt is nearly gone.

Two Musical Editors—Bill Nye has got no more music in his soul than a peg-legged Chinaman. He tried to sing at the press banquet in Denver a year ago, and the chandelier fell down, and the hotel-keeper wanted to charge the boys $2 extra per plate. As for Major Ward, of the Leadville *Chronicle*, he is the critic who announced that Emma Abbott was the finest baritone who had essayed the role of "Othello di Lammermoor" since the days of Maccaroni.—*San Fransisco News-Letter.*

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE.

Philadelphia, March, 1883.

VOLUME I. NUMBER 4.

EDITORIAL.

On the 10th of March, there came a loud knock at the door of this office. One of those loud don't-you-forget-it knocks so suggestive of a printer's bill. We were instantly on our guard and directed the office boy to notify the caller, were he the printer, of our absence (of mind.) We remember it very distinctly. We were standing at our desk with the MSS. for the March number of the COLLECTORS' GUIDE, massed up on either side of us, when suddenly a clap of what seemed too loud for thunder, an awful crash, resounded through the building with a terrible jar. The Vermont A. 1., polished marble walls rocked to and fro and the double thickness, extra finished, French plate glass broke into smithereens! We stood shivering at the sight; we were then aware of a rushing of air through the sanctum which grew to a most furious wind coming through the doorway. It kept increasing in force, with loud noises of dashing shutters and falling bodies of crockery throughout the building. The office boy entered the room without touching the floor, and began sailing around the room unable to stop himself. Seizing an editorial we gave chase for the rest of the fleeting copy and succeeded in securing it. We gave it to the office boy as he passed by and began to find it difficult for ourselves to stand.

All this took but a few seconds of time. Suddenly with one wild shriek our unseen enemy bore us off our feet. We landed in the paste-pot and rebounded only to strike a hole in a mirror near by and finally sailed out the door like a flash. With lightning rapidity we were out in the open air and sailing over the house-tops. We then crossed the Delaware and found ourselves on a Jersey sand bank. Being no one present to pick us up, we did so ourselves, feeling somewhat exhausted. Hailing a ferry boat we were taken on board, were soon back to Philadelphia and proceeded to our office. We met the head clerk who was in a state of consternation; he said the clerks had all fled on hearing the racket above. We sent him to bring them back. To make matters short we were obliged to rewrite all the matter for this paper and though we thought of hiring our Rock Island contemporary's re-hashing machine we concluded not to do so. We now present you with number four and hope the improved appearance will compensate for the delay. One word about the office boy; he landed in Texas two days ago and with the exception of both legs and arms being broken and a fractured skull he is enjoying good health.

NEW ISSUES.

(*Notice.*—Hereafter we shall only give the value and color of new issues with some few other facts. We hold that a lengthy description of each new stamp merely occupies a large amount of space and affords no material benefit to the reader.)

Antioquia.—The 2½ centavos blue and 5c. green have been changed to green and purple respectively.

Bangkok, (Siam).—The stamps: 8 cents orange, 8c. lilac, 12c. blue and 24c. green have been seen surcharged with a large "B." The 8c. lilac has the watermark C. C. and crown. The others are not changed.

Dominica.—We have seen specimens of the penny stamp cut in half perpendicularly and surchanged ½d. in red.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

Great Britian.—The cards mentioned in our last, are six in number. Mr. Wears says: "The values are 1d., 1½d., 2d.; double, 1d.x1d., 1½d.x1½d., 2d.x2d. All are intended for countries in the postal union." Color, brown. Bands for newspapers &c., &c., values 4d. carmine, 6d. violet, and 10d. carmine and violet.

Greece.—The 30 lepta comes without the figures on the back.

Hong Kong.—The *National Philatelist* says: the 12 cent revenue has done postal duty.

India.—A new set has appeared; ½ anna, green, 9 pies carmine, 1a. brown, 2a. blue,

3a. orange, 4a. olive green, 6a. citron, 8a. violet, 1 rupee, gray.

Japan.—The 1 sen, formerly maroon is now green; the 2 s. formerly purple, is rose and the 5 s. brown, blue.

New Caledonia.—The 40 centimo, and 75c. dark red, are now surcharged respectively N. C. E. 5 and N. C. E. 25., between two lines.

Queensland.—Two new stamps have been emitted of the same design 2 pence, blue, 6d. yellowish green. Watermarked with "Q" and a crown. Also a 10 shillings similar to the current, 2s. color brown. Size, ½ inch long by 1 wide.

Shanghai.—20 cahs, lilac; 40c. red; 60c. green; 80c. blue; 100c. bistre.

St. Lucia.—We have heard of the 1d., black being surcharged with pen 1d.

United States.—The 1 cent stamp has had the plates cut down and now presents a better appearance, the color being much deeper.

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EDGAR F. JORDAN, EDITOR.

Original puzzles solicited from all. Puzzles and answers must be sent to Edgar F. Jordan, 4226 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

PRIZES. 1 years subscription to the guide for the first list of answers to all the puzzles received. 15 stamps for second best list. The first prize was won by *Bill Yard;* the second by *W. C. Murphy.*

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN No. 3.

1.

PARIS	DUCAT
AROMA	USAGE
ROMAN	CAGES
IMAGE	AGENT
SANER	TESTY

2. (1.) Reject. (2.) Bramble. (3.) Learn. (4.) Skin. (5.) Chill. (6.) Master.

4. Oppositely.

5. Re-elect.

NEW PUZZLES.

1. Diamond.

1. A Letter. 2. A Vessel. 3. An Asiatic Peninsula. 4. Minstrels. 5. Wants.

6. A Latin root meaning skill. 2. A letter.

Portland, Me., JACK TAR.

2. Half-square.

1. To refrain. 2. The east. 3. Stiff. 4. German for leg. 5. Termination. 6. A preposition. 7. A letter.

Montreal, Can., W. C. M.

3. Double Acrostic.

1. Exaggerated pictures. 2. A musical term. 3. Part of a door. 4. Hot. 5. A range of mountains. 6. Anger. 7. Opposite of distant. Primals, a commander. Finals, one who obeys. E. D. H.

4. Letter Rebus.

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BELLE MONT.

Answers was received from *Bill Yard, W. C. Murphy, Trail, Ajax, Milly Tary, and Harry Morton.*

CHAT.

H. S. J.—We do not buy puzzles but we offer prizes for the best we receive.

TRAIL.—You would have taken the first prize if you had sent your answers in a little sooner.

WAFTED BY THE WINDS.

The wonderful length and beauty of an Illinois girl's hair has led a burglar to gag her and cut it off.

It was Chaucer that appropriately said:—"There is nothing new but what has once been old." Chaucer evidently knew hash when he saw it,

The price of a wife in Siberia is eight dogs; but not knowing the market price of dogs in Siberia, it is hard telling whether this is cheap for a wife or not.

If you think nobody cares for you in this cold world, just try to learn to play the fiddle in a populous neighborhood.

THE MONTHLY PRICE-LIST.

The dealers have mostly failed to respond to our call for their lists and we have not received a sufficient quanity to warrant examination. Next month we hope to be able to give the lowest prices at which the stamps of *Lagos* and *Nicuragua* can be had in the market. We have changed the countries, as most dealers have but few of the rare stamps named in our last. The dealers names and addresses are given below with a number prefixed to each. Hereafter they will be known by their numbers. For instance, next month the arrangement of the price-list will be like this: *Name of country, Date of issue, Value, Color, Number of dealer or dealers selling cheapest.* The name and address of each new advertiser and that of those omitted in this number will be inserted hereafter.

The dealers below will bestow a favor on the publishers by sending in their price-lists.

LIST OF DEALERS.

1. Alexander, Henry, 324 W. 51st St., N. Y. City.
2. Barrie Bros, 1415 N. 16th St., Philadelphia.
3. Bickers, F., & Co., Monastery House College St., Ipswich, England.
4. Calder, J. B., 117 E. 13th St., N. Y. City.
5. Crouter, A. M., 155 W. Broadway, N. Y. City.
6. Durbin, L. W., 5th and Library Sts., Phila.
7. Durborrow, E. R., 25 N. 10th St., Phila.
8. Earl, G. W. Jr., 1910 Arch St., Phila.
9. Earl, H. M., 1910 Arch St., Phila.
10. Faulkner, I., 14 W. Burton St., Salford, England.
11. Gallagher W., 1420 Master St., Phila.
12. Gruat & Bonn, 3 Tavistock St., Bedford Square, London, England.
13. Hamlin, R. W., Oshawa, Ont., Canada.
14. Handford, J. T., P. O. Box 1870, N. Y. City.
15. Henderson, G., 1422 Master St., Phila.
16. Holton, E. A., 8 Summer St., Boston Mass.
17. Leckie, Wm. & Son, 3025 S. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.
18. Macy, Howard & Co., Fitchburg, Mass.
19. Martin, E. B., 189 Maxwell St., Chicago, Ill.
20. McCamant, Wallace, 340 Forster St., Harrisburg, Pa.
21. McCarthy, Avery, Oswego, N. Y.
22. Mercer, R. W., 147 Central Ave., Chicago, Ill.
23. Monroe Stamp Co., Monroe, Wis.
24. Pierce, J. A., 75 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
25. Ridley, W. S., 5 and 7 William St., N. Y. City.
26. Risdon, I. W., Cambridgport, Mass.
27. Schwartz, F. H., 1407 N. 12th St., Phila.
28. Scott & Co., 721 Broadway, N. Y. City.
29. Simmons, C. C., Chariton, Iowa.
30. Straus, J., 122 Orange St., Cleveland, O.
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* " " 10 x 15,	350.00	275.00
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" No. 4, 8 x 12		65.00
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To Dealers!—We would briefly say that we will make it to their interest to patronize our columns. After the issue of March, 1883, we shall enlarge this journal permanently, when our advertising space will be at the rate of one dollar per inch. We are ready, however, to contract for long periods in our advertisement columns at present prices.

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