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COLLECTING.

The pleasure that both old and young feel in bringing together objects of interest, whether the objects are worthless or not, can be traced to the innate desire of mankind to make collections, and the same result almost invariably attends; the man finds his stores of knowledge agreeably increasing and the boys' stock of general information gradually grows larger and larger as he goes deeper into the mysteries of numismatics or whatever he may be interested in.

The British Museum, which has undoubtedly the finest general collection in the world shows to what heights the science may be raised, and the collector can find most of the coins of the world here, in the original or fac-simile, and the thousands of other objects of interest from the magnificent "Portland vase" that symphony in porcelain to the fossil of the Ichthyosaurus. The collection of books is the largest catalogued one that of the National Library at Paris being as yet not wholly catalogued and the bibliomaniac as an ardent collector not reader is called, can wander at will among Caxton, Aldines and Elezhavies, but unfortunately the "Mazarin Bible" and "Codex" are not there and are not likely to be until a very liberal appropriation is made for their purchase.

The coins of the present day are much inferior in design to those of ancient Greece, which are perfect gems in execution and design and which only advanced collectors can afford to buy, for some sell at about \$500. The collecting of coins is an exceedingly fascinating pursuit for the collector can understand the historical changes which called fourth new coins and also see the characters of the rulers depicted as faithfully as if they were written down by a biogra-

pher. Coins also confirm history but never add to it.

Philately is a very interesting science, and thousands of dealers and collectors are engaged in it. The collecting of the most common objects is, if the collector is enthusiastic, just as interesting as the collecting of coins, and the collector of tin-tags views his shining bits of tin with as much satisfaction as the stamp collector looks at a completed page of English stamps. (?)

Of course, hundreds of books have been written on all kinds of collecting so to say anything on any especial kind of collecting would be useless here, but we may say that from our experience we never have met with a collector who had not always found collecting a source of interest and instruction.

International Collector.

A New Coiner for the Mint. Dr. Henry Leffman Appointed to the Position by the President.

A dispatch from Washington announced yesterday that President Cleveland had named Professor Henry Leffman, of No. 1330 Franklin street, the new coiner of the United States Mint in this city.

Professor Leffman is a native of this city and received his education at the Central High School. In 1869 he graduated in medicine at Jefferson Medical College in which, in the year 1875, he was appointed lecturer on toxicology, a position he held for some years. He has contributed papers to current medical and chemical literature, and during 1789 was editor of the *Medical Bulletin*. He acted as a chemist to Coroners Goddard and Gilbert and performed analysis in important cases, notably the Parr case in 1879, and the Goersen case in 1880. He is professor of chemistry in the Wagner Free Institute of Science, is also professor of chemistry and metallurgy in the College of Dental Surgery and is an honorary member of the State Board of Agriculture. *Phila. Times Jan 12th.*

Redeeming Mutilated Money.

I am often asked whether this or that piece of mutilated money is redeemable. It is safe to say, unless the money's identity is entirely gone, that it is redeemable. In fact one may say that money in the shape of ashes can be restored. It is a fact that after the Chicago fire, ashes were redeemed. It came about in this way: It is customary in banks to do money up in packages say of \$10,000 each, and in the big fire of course hundreds and hundreds of these packages were reduced to ashes. But the shape of the package remained and wherever the package could be sent on to Washington without crumbling the ashes, the money was sure to be replaced. It was done by nimble fingered women in the Treasury Department, whose trained touch and sight are wonderfully acute. It is well known that the ashes of a newspaper if dampened will show traces of the printing. So it was with the bills. These women would moisten the package of apparently useless ashes, and to their experienced eye the number and character of the bill would at once appear as if they had touched it with a magic wand. So thousands and thousands of dollars were redeemed by these patient women. A friend of mine, a country merchant, afraid of banks, placed a large sum of money in bills in a stone jar on a shelf in his store, where he thought it would be quite safe. When he went to look at it one day some time after, it was a mass of fragments. Mice had got into the jar and chewed the bills into the minutest parts. Then they had mixed them all up, and altogether it was a fearful looking mess. He sent a cigar box full of it. I forwarded it to Washington and what do you think? Out of the \$1,145 originally in the pile a little over \$1,000 was redeemed, the parts beyond recall being only the merest fibres of the bills. So the man lost only \$100 by his foolishness. The reclamation of such money is done entirely by women, whose patience especially fits them for the monotonous work. — *A Bank President in St. Louis Globe Democrat.*

A Gigantic Saurian.

In the geological hall of the museum of natural history, Central Park, there is upon one of the shelves an object about five feet and a half in length, extremely bulky, and weighing so many pounds that two men find it all they desire to carry. It is of a brown hue and might be taken for the trunk of a fossil tree or part of a huge branch. At its sidelies a small white bone four or five inches long, with a label to the effect that it is the corresponding bone of a living crocodile. In fact the great brown mass, as bulky as a large man stretched at full length, is the thigh or hip bone of an American giant, which in former years roamed the great cretaceous sea of the west. The largest crocodile of to-day is about twenty feet in length, and its thigh bone four or five inches. If the thigh bone of the Atlantosaurus, of which this is a part, be six feet long—and Prof. Marsh has discovered one eight feet in length—how long must it have been? This is an example in proportion which will admit of widely different answers perhaps; but while my readers are guessing I will say that geologists believe these giants to have obtained a length of eight to one hundred and twenty feet. While they have been likened to crocodiles they differ entirely from them in appearance, having long legs, and attenuated tail and neck, and a small head—giants of wonderful structure—living in the shallow waters of the great seas of the time, floating, perhaps, or anchored by their prodigious feet and tail.

These colossal saurians were a common feature of the life in the Jurassic days, when a vast sea covered Kansas and most of the western states. — *Wide Awake.*

The Chicago Press Club has become the possessor of a valuable historical relic in the shape of the first \$5 note issued by the government. No. 1. of series A 1852. It was presented to the club by the new treasurer, George Schneider, President of the Illinois National Bank, and is valued by numismatist at \$500. There has been for some years considerable speculation as to the whereabouts of this note, and its presentation to the club will settle the question of its location for all time to come. — *Toronto Philatelic Journal.*

COUNTERFEITING COINS.

Counterfeiting at present is confined almost entirely to the coin issues of the government. It is not generally known that the nickles and the pennies are very successfully counterfeited, and that there is no possible means of detecting the spurious from the genuine. The nickles afford a very handsome profit. All the counterfeiters have to do is to go to the Revised Statutes and there they find the materials to be used in their making. All of the metal employed is base. A nickle costs the government about 1 1/2 cents. If the government had the exclusive manufacture of these coins there would be a great profit in them. But the coin can be so easily reproduced that there is no means of estimating how many of them are put out of the counterfeit class. If the government should decide to call in this class of coin they would have to redeem the counterfeits as well, because they are all made of exactly the same material as the government's issue. The bronze pennies are also counterfeited. There is a profit in this. The bronze of which the pennies are made costs but twenty cents a pound. A pound of it will make 160 pennies. The only way this part of the currency can be detected would be for congress to change the law so that bullion to the value of the coin can be put in it.

One of the latest kinds of counterfeiting is the imitation of old coins for sale to the numismatists. One of the most ingenious modes of deception in this class of work is the changing of the dates of some common issue of a certain coin to the date of a year whose issue is scarce and consequently high. The old Liberty Dollar of 1804 is very scarce. It is said that there are only seven genuine coins of this issue in this country. The coin is rated in numismatic catalogues at a value of \$1,200 and upward. The counterfeiters have been quite successful in changing 1800 issues to that of 1804. This is not counterfeiting in the strict legal sense of the word, and the treasury officials would not be able to punish anyone for this class of offense. But they have exercised their power to put a stop to such work wherever they have found it going on.—*Youth's Letter.*

For the KEYSTONE STATE COLLECTOR.

OUR EARLY COINS.

By WESLEY.

Introduction,

Upon the art of money getting, and, what is still more difficult the art of keeping it, there has been much said and written, and nearly always treating the subject from a mercenary point of view. We shall here try to briefly tell of the collecting of individual pieces of money from a scientific and not a mercenary standpoint; in other words to say what we can concerning that most fascinating pursuit, the science of numismatics—the collecting of coins.

Books might exaggerate or falsify, historians misrepresent; but coins seldom carry with them inscriptions or representations that are other than facts, and so, throughout all ages, they have been to the students of history, guides that have never failed in regards to events of the past. Thousands of kings and rulers, of whose very existence the world would know nothing, were it not for the coins which bear their portraits on their faces. They tell us of towns, cities: and even nations that are now no more, and of which absolutely nothing would be known, were it not for these little pieces of copper, or some other metal, as the case may be, which still remain to tell of their age and place.

Since the coins of each country, each reign, and indeed the individual specimens, offer a complete study in themselves, numismatics, unlike most other sciences, can readily be considered in sections, the advantage of which can be readily seen, as to study it, would require more time than most persons would care to spend, covering, as it does, every nation and age.

Before trying to give a description of any of the coins that we propose to treat of in this Journal, we will give a brief explanation of some of the terms that may be used as we proceed.

The word Obverse, abbreviated Obv., denotes that side of the coin bearing the head or most prominent representation. Reverse, abbreviated Rev., this of course denotes the opposite side. The Legend is the lettering, or inscription, as it is commonly called. The term Device refers to any object other than letters depicted upon the coin. The Field is the central portion of either the obverse or reverse face of the coin.

(To be continued.)

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OUR DEBUT.

Owing to the tardiness of the printer that we had engaged to print this Journal, we could not issue our initial number at the time announced. After waiting nearly two months, after giving him the Ms., we inquired once more, only to find that he had not made a start yet. Being thoroughly disgusted, we demanded the Ms., and have now made arrangements with a gentleman whose dealings with us up to this time, will warrant us, I think, to say that we will not be very far behind time in the future.

Now a word as to what we intend to do. First of all, we intend and guarantee to give twelve (12) numbers for a years subscription, and our general aim will be to make this Journal a fit representative of the "Keystone State", in every respect.

In this we ask you to give us your aid by sending in your subscriptions, exchanges, ads., &c.

Yours fraternally,
The Editor.

WITH THE QUILL.

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NOTES.

The new three cent stamp is very handsome.

A cleverly executed silver dollar counterfeit is in circulation in Philadelphia.

The receipts of the Philadelphia Post Office, for the past year, were \$6,245,226.43

Austria produced the largest nugget of gold it weighed 136 lbs., and was found at Ballart, near Geolong.

To make a penny go a long way, draw it out into 5,700 feet of wire, as was lately done in Scotland.

The oldest arm chair in the world is the throne of Queen Hatafu, who flourished in Egypt 1,600 years B.C. It is made of ebony and is beautifully carved.

The position of postal clerk has been handed down in one family in Germany for two hundred years, and the two hundredth anniversary was lately celebrated by the present holder of the position named Cleve.

FRAUD EXPOSED

There seems to be quite a kick among philatelists in regard to those 1870 3 cent stamps, changed from green to blue. For the information of the philatelic public we will state right here that W. E. Skinner, of Lynn, Mass., famous in philatelic annals as a "dead-beat," and formerly publisher of the "Agassiz Association Journal"—changed a large number of these stamps from their original color to blue, as far back as 1885. We get our knowledge from a reliable party and know the above statement to be true. We hope that this explanation of the origin of the 3c. blue (?) stamp will serve to show all those interested in stamp collecting that the same is nothing more or less than a fraud and we would ask, as a favor that the publishers of all papers devoted to our hobby, re-print this statement in their respective journals, in order that all philatelists may know that this chemically changed postage stamp is one of the most successful frauds ever foisted on a credulous public.

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We have received the following papers for which the publishers will please accept our thanks. Come again. *Youth's Leisure Hour*, *Mohawk Standard*, *Curiosity World*, *Witch City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Herald* (Sept no) *Buckeye State Collector*, *Collector*, *Monitor*, *Budger State Philatelist*, *Common Sense*, *One Dime*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, *Corona News Letter* and *Whirlwind*. We have also received the following,—W.F. Greany's catalogue (large) of stamps, coins &c., and price lists from J. G. Bingham, McGrawville N. Y., I. E. Hudson, Ellsburgh, N. Y., Acme Stamp Co., New Haven Conn., Gustav Aue & Co., N. Y. City., A. W. Dunning, San Fernando, Cal., H. E. Kelly, Ceres, Cal., Standard Stamp Co., St Louis, Mo., R. F. McRae, Montreal, Can., R. R. Bogert & Co., John Henry Jr., G. B. Calman, of New York City., and A. V. Swendsen, Hamburg, Ger. Thanks.

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NUMBER 2.

For Keystone State Collector,

How Dimes Are Made.

At present there is a scarcity of silver dimes, and consequently an unusual demand for them. The process of dime making, as witnessed at the mint in San Francisco is an interesting one. The silver bullion is first melted and run into two pounds bars. These in turn are run through immense rollers and flattened out to the thickness of the coin. These silver strips are then passed through a machine which cuts them into the proper size for the presses, the strips first having been treated with a kind of tallow to prevent their being scratched in their passage through the cutters. The silver pieces are then put into the feeder of the printing presses, and are fed to the die by automatic machinery at the rate of 100 a minute, 48,000 dimes being turned out in a regular working day of eight hours. As the smooth pieces are pressed between the ponderous printing dies they receive the lettered and figured impression in a manner similar to that of a paper pressed upon a form of type; at the same time the price is expanded in a slight degree, and the small corrugations are cut into its rim. The machine drops the com-

pleted coin into a receiver and it is ready for the counters hands.

The instrument used by the counter is not a complicated machine by any means as one might suppose. It is a simple, copper colored tray, having raised ridges running across its surface at a distance apart the exact width of a dime. From the receiver the money is dumped onto this board or tray, and as it is shaken rapidly by the counter the pieces settle down into the spaces between the ridges. All these spaces being filled the surplus coin is brushed back into the receiver and the counter has exactly 1,250 silver dimes, or \$125, on his tray, which number is required to fill the spaces. The tray is then emptied into boxes, and the money is ready for shipment.

The dimes does not pass through the weigher's hands as does the coin of a larger denomination.

One and one half grains is allowed for variation or "tolerance," in all silver from a dollar down, and the deviation from the standard in the case of ten cent pieces is so trifling that the trouble and expense of weighing coins of this denomination are dispensed with.

Four barrels of water of the Great Salt Lake will leave after evaporation nearly a barrel of salt.

Bigges' Skeleton Yet.

A problem for scientists to solve, bones of a mammoth animal like a goat dug up in Texas.

CISCO, TEXAS, Feb. 11, 1888. The largest skeleton ever heard of has been discovered in Eastland Co., and is being exhumed. A. O. McRoane, a farmer and a highly respected gentleman, came into town this afternoon and brought two petrified teeth and portions of the skull of a skeleton that was discovered by Archie Brown a few days ago. The teeth, which Mr. McRoane placed on an exhibition, weigh eight and sixteen pounds respectively, the lighter one being partly decayed. Mr. McRoane told of the discovery as follows:

Archie Brown was traveling through the woods near a creek when he discovered a horn sticking out of the side of the bank.

He tried to pull it out but could not and commenced digging, and finally reached the head of the animal and found the horn to be six feet long and twelve inches in diameter two feet from the head.

He got assistance and exhumed the other horn, the head, some of the ribs and the left fore leg of the animal which was seven feet under hard clay. Its under jaw-bone measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet across and 3 feet long.

The head, from top to tip of nose, is 5 feet and is 3 feet between the eyes. Its left foreleg bone from the knee joint to the shoulder blade joint is 5 feet, and measures 8 inches in diameter at the knee joint. The other part of the leg crumbled so it could not

be measured. The remaining part of the skeleton has not been unearthed yet. But a strict guard is kept over it.

Some suggest that it is the skeleton of a mastadon and lived during carleonian age; but its size and shape does not bear out that idea. Its horns and head resembles a goats. The whole skeleton will be exhumed and brought here for exhibition.

Shinplasters as Mailable Matter.

It looks as if the people would soon have a currency that may be sent through the mails. There has been a loud demand for it ever since the old shin-plasters were called in, for every one knows how difficult it is to send a silver coin in the mails, and how troublesome are postage stamps as a substitute. When the cheap postal note was adopted, it was thought that would take the place of fractional currency, but the public wants something that will not require them to go to the post office or the bank. The greatest demand for mailable money comes from the country towns, where people are in the habit of shopping through the mails, and from the newspaper offices, where the subscribers have to send in postage stamps for fractions of a dollar. The committee on Banking and Currency has agreed to the bill providing for the issue of not more than \$30,000,000 in denominations of 5, 10, 15, and 50 cents, and it is thought it will pass without any objection.

OUR EARLY COINS.

BY WESLEY.

"Sommer Islands." The brass pieces of money known to collectors as the "Sommer Islands" brass, were, without doubt the first coins ever circulated in America. The history and date of their coinage is not known, but it is thought that they were current about the year 1616. Capt. John Smith in his "General Historic of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Islands", published in London in 1624, says: Mastar Daniel Tuckar arrived at the islands about the middle of May 1616; and leaves it to be inferred that it was under the rule of this governor, that, "Beside meat, drink and cloaths, they had for a time a certaine kinde of brasse money with a hogge on on the one side, in memory of the abundance of hogges was founde at their first landing."

The Sommer Islands Shilling has on one side a hog in the centre with XII above, and both are surrounded with a beaded circle; outside of this and around it is the Legend Sommer Island.

Reverse: The Reverse has a ship sailing to the left, with canvas spread and a flag on each of her mastheads. The outside is surrounded on both sides by a beaded circle. This denomination has been imitated.

The Sommer Islands Sixpence is about half the size of the Shilling, and is an exact counterpart of it with the exception of the denomination which is expressed VI instead of XII. Only

a few of these coins are known, and a good specimen would readily bring \$500.

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Tearing Down a Noted. Slave Pen.

BALTIMORE, MD.—A special from Richmond, Va. says; Work has been begun in tearing down one of the most noted buildings in this city. The structure is entirely of wood, six stories high, and is known as Lumpkins jail.

It was built many years ago, and used as a slave pen, and was more widely known throughout the South in slave days than any other similar edifice. Here choice slaves were housed before the auction sales and kept before they were either sent down to the cotton States or after they came there from. Purchasers would come from as far as Louisiana to inspect the slaves, always known to be the best kind when kept in Lumpkins jail. Many strange stories of the careers of beautiful quadroon slave girls in the immense wooden structure, including several escapes and attempts to burn it, are told, but it has survived until the city engineer decided that the timbers were rotting and public safety demanded its demolition.

Robbed the Musuem at Athens.

Paris, March 30.—A Greek named Raptopolilos was arrested here today for robbing the Numismatic Museum at Athens of ancient medals and coins of the value of 30,000,000 francs. The house of the prisoner was search by the police, who discovered on the premises most of ancient coins which have recently been stolen from numismatists on the Rue Lourios.

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REVIEW.

The Collector's Advocate is a new one from Cincinnati, Ohio. No. 1 presents a fine appearance.

The New Index is a new four page, eight column, collector's paper from Red Lion, Delaware, with Harry Hayes as editor.

The Old Curiosity Shop has made its appearance again. It is now published at San Diego, Cal. Mr. Will Clemens is still editor.

By the withdrawal of the former editors Messrs Haddaway Bros., the *Collector* of Gambier, Ohio, is now under the sole management of Mr. Geo. D. Morris. We notice the absence of the usual cover.

We notice that the publishers of the *Youths Ledger* intend to raise their subscription price to 35 cents. It is one of the best papers published, and is certainly worth that price.

The Bones of a Bishop.

London, Feb 5.—I became today a Canterbury pilgrim and visited the ancient cathedral in consequence of the published report that excavations beneath its subterranean chapel had resulted in discovering the long searched after bones of Thomas A. Becket.

I found the immense and complicated edifice, sometimes called "A World of Masonry," fairly bathed in spring like sunshine.

This seemed to beam with particular benignity through eight out of the hundreds of windows.

These eight contained stained glass commemorative of the act and life of the great ecclesiastic there assassinated eight centuries ago. The sunshine could not however reach the tomb of the famous Black Prince, not of the arch. bishop Lanigton of Magna Charta fame among the hundreds upon hundreds of buried greatness.

The morning service was proceeding when I entered the vast interior almost exhausless in historic interest. Archdeacon Smith with five canons in attendance, was preaching from the parable of the sower, his feeble voice curiously echoing through the vast pile. It was St. Agatha's Day.

Afterwards a choir of twenty-two voices and the grand organ furnished soul stirring music across a choir 200 feet in length.

After the service ended and there had dispersed a congregation really large enough to fill an average church but which in the colossal edifice looked like a hand

ful of lilliputians, I captured a verger, who was put through a pleasant cross examination.

He showed the indubitable spot where the Primate was assassinated. Of course the once famous shrine was gone, sacrificed with carvings and statuaries and windows to Cromwellian times, when Roundhead solders stabled horses there and bivouacked in the transepts and chapels. The pavement around the spot is made however suffisently monumental by having been worn down by the crowds of worshipers that during at least three centuries had there at "offered myraid prayers and oblations." Those are the vergers phrases. I did not ask him about the tens of thousands of American sightseers who had rubbed sole leather theraebouts.

It has long been a disputed question among ecclesiastics and antiquarians at what spot Thomas A. Becket was buried began the verger. "We" and he laid proud stress upon the pronoun "began excavations in the crypt beneath the spot where the" it was on his lips to say "old chap," but he said bishop fell on the pavement above us. To cut short his long and prosy story, his Canterbury tale, as it were amounted to this: At one stage in the excavation last week the coutiously handled picks struck upon something very hard which soon proved to be a tomb, Thomas Brawardne a Canterbury archbishop of 1349. The skull and sceptre were intact and inscrrptions settle the indentity. Not far away the pickaxes again struck hardness and hollowness. The obstacle proved to be the lid of a stone coffin.

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A Monstrous Reptile.

San Marcial and the country in the vicinity has been aroused from time to time by the conflicting reports of Mexicans, who say that the extinct crater to the east of the plain, known as the "Jornado del Muerto," about twenty five miles from there, is the abode of a monster serpent, second in size only to the huge reptile of the seas that has so often been spoken of by mariners and others. It is reported by some to be 100 feet in length and about two feet in circumference, but probably the most trustworthy information is that given by a Mr Alexander, who possesses some mining property in the San Andreas Mountains, which lie to the east of the broad plain. Mr. Alexander says, that he saw the serpent once while crossing the way to his mines.

He was about half way across the plain, jogging leisurely along behind his burro, dreaming of the immense wealth that he hoped to realize from his property, when suddenly the burro stopped erected its long ears, wheeled quickly around and made a mad stampede in the opposite direction.

Mr. Alexander was at a loss to account for this strange freak of

the burro, and was about to start in pursuit of the runaway when he chanced to look a head. Then his eyes gazed upon the monster.

He was so beside himself with fear at first, he says, that his nerves were completely paralyzed his hair stood on end, and move he could not; he was rooted to the spot, and his eyes were fixed upon the serpent. It was about a quarter of mile from him, and was traveling in the opposite direction toward the crater. He says it appeared to be about sixty feet in length; but what surprised him most was the queer proportions of the creature.

The fore parts were of enormous size, its head being fully as large as a barrel. A few feet behind the creatures head two large scales were visible which glittered in the sun like polished shields; further back were two huge claws on either side, about two feet apart, which were all the monster had in shape of feet. The rest of its body was comparativey small and tapering to the end of its tail. It travelled at a very rapid gait, sometimes rearing its whole body up from the ground, and walked on its four claws. He watched it till it disappeared over a little hill and then started to look after his burro.

The Mexicans have the most deadly fear of the crater and will

not venture within miles of it, their being a popular tradition among them that it is the abode of some terrible serpent. The Mexicans assert that on one occasion a descent of the crater was made by three men, and as none of them returned, it was generally believed that they were devoured by the monster.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

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A Million Postage Stamps.

Mrs. L. E. Pritchard, the well known State St. milliner, and her friend and assistant, Miss Sarah D. Laskey, are two of the happiest women in Newburyport. They have accomplished what many have undertaken and few, if any have succeeded in finishing. They have collected and are now the proud possessors of 1,000,000 cancelled postage stamps.

It was on the last day of Jan. 1883, that Mrs. Pritchard, having read something of the feat of collecting a million stamps, decided that she would do the thing herself. Her friends said she couldn't. Then she got mad and said she would. The next day work was begun. The ladies went to work as an old general would plan a campaign, and a system was soon organized.

The aid of friends was enlisted, not only in this city, but all over the country. In every office where many letters are received someone was found who would cut out and save the cancelled stamps. Drummers who sold Mrs. Pritchard goods found that a box of cancelled stamps was the best letter of introduction they

could bring, and even wholesale houses did not scorn to help the ladies in their undertaking.

The year 1883, or rather Jan., 1884, closed with 147,245 of the 1,000,000 stored away. In 1884, 153,356 were added; in 1885, 228,253; in 1886, 312,132; and in 1887, 287,510 the latter ending Jan., 31 of the current year, and a grand total of 1,128,499. Besides this, Miss Laskey has friends in Portsmouth who hold 127,120 not yet forwarded.

A visit to the house of Mrs. Pritchard, which is now open to friends, reveals a strange sight, on a large sheet spread on the floor of a parlor, the stamps are heaped, limited only by the edges of the cloth, and averaging a foot and a half in depth. Two large dry goods boxes and a basket are also filled with loose, unsorted stamps. A pasteboard box contains an even 100,000, soaked off from the envelopes and neatly tied in packages of 100 each. The weight of the million stamps is 110 pounds. A statistician who has taken the demensions of a single stamp, finds that the collection will carpet over a sixth of an acre.

The stamps are of every denomination, and of various issues. The work of handling them has been enormous. As fast as received they have been counted and the number and name of the contributor entered upon a book.

They were next trimmed and recounted, and then soaked, and dried and put up in packages, though the latter part of the work is not fully accomplished as yet.

The number of collectors for the two ladies reaches into hundreds, and each has cultivated his or her own field. Mrs. Pritchard is ready at any time to trot out her hobby for the benefit of the curious — *Boston Globe*

The Bones of a Bishop.

Chapter II.

When denuded of the earth and the lid was raised it contained not only the skull and bones but the broken bits of an alterpiece. The skull showed breakage near the forehead as if by violence. The cathedral authorities immediately tho't that at last had been found the the remains of the Old Lord Chancellor and Primate.

The skull and bones and probable pieces of the alterpiece shattered by the death blow, were then reverently taken to the house close by of Mr. Austin a jealous antiquarian and the official surveyor to the dean and chapter.

A few days ago he had the skeleton rearranged and the alter piece photographed. As yet there is only a negative. These remains are in his room lying on a board covered with cloth. They resemble the rusty skeleton as put together in almost perfect shape.

During the coming week Professor Huxled and several anatomical experts have promised to come and by measuring and comparison with what is known of the stature and size of the primate obtain reasonable conjectures. The remains have been examined by Gilbert and Arthur William Beket, sons of the old editor of Punch. The former is the author of the libretto of the opera of the "Cauterbury Pilgrim" the latter is on the staff of Punch and a barrister; the latter son said, lawyer like, that the cathedral authorities had committed trespass and should never

have removed the remains from the cathedral precincts. Dean Stanley has left on record that Becket's remains were certainly buried in an iron coffin, which throws doubt on the validity of those found in a stone one, but in a short time the interesting question will be perhaps be settled. Meanwhile Canterbury innkeepers are happy over the probable new excitement to visit Canterbury.—PHILA. TIMES.

Our Early Coins

BY WESLEY,

Pine Tree Shilling. Obverse: In the centre or field, is a pine tree, surrounded by a beaded circle. Legend—MASATHVSETS.

Reverse: In the field is "1652, XII." surrounded by two beaded circles with the Legend "New England; An: Don." between them. The metal used was silver.

These pieces were struck in Boston in accordance with an act of the General Court of Massachusetts, dated May 26, 1652, by Captain John Hull, who held the office of mint master for thirty years.

The Pine Tree Shilling was first struck in 1652, and although Captain Hull, continued to coin the money during his thirty years term, the date was never changed upon the coins.

Previous to the issue of the "Pine Tree" coins, the want of a currency (Metalic) of fixed values was keenly felt in New England.

As has always been the case in newly settled countries, the use of furs, grain, fish, live stock, &c., were at first employed by the colonist as a medium of exchange, the payment of private debts, and even taxes; but this they found very inconvenient, and so soon began to use the wampum of the Indians. This, however, failed to satisfy them, as it had no real value, being composed of small shells, strung upon various colored strings.

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Read "adv" on last page.

"The Eastern Philatelist," of Fitchburg, Mass., continues to improve. See club list.

"The Collector's Ledger" of Bloomfield, N. J., is a large illustrated magazine for collectors, at 35 cents per year. See list.

Read the "adv" of the Frankford Stamp Co., on another page. Their stamps are as represented, and are very cheap at price asked for them.

"The Old Curiosity Shop," San Diego, Cal., is now both edited and published by Mr. C. Orcutt, as he now owns it by himself.

We have received the usual number of papers and two new ones, "The Ohio Philatelist" of Westerville, Ohio, (see adv) and "The United States Philatelist" from Calmer, Iowa. Both present a neat appearance.

If you wish to subscribe for a stamp, coin, or curiosity paper, you should see our club list, or if you want any paper not named, or want three or four clubbed together you should write to us. We can surprise as well as please you with prices.

If you want anything in the rubber stamp line, you should read Marcellus Foster's adv on last page. We have used his stamps for a long time and find them to give as good satisfaction now as when first used.

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The Stamp,	25	35
Halifax Philatelist,	25	30

Correspondence.

I have a postal card that went through the mail with a strip of paper pasted on it. Will some collector please please give me his opinion through this journal as to whether it is worth anything or not, as it is against the postal laws to paste anything on a postal card that is to be sent through the mail.

Postal Card.

Are the 1c and 2c stamps of the present issue, having double perforation at the bottom, of any value more than face? I would like to hear some collectors opinion in regard to them.

W. A. W.



New Silver Certificates.

The new twenty dollar silver certificates are to be issued from Bureau of Engraving and Printing about the beginning of May. It is said that the new issue will be the handsomest ever sent out by the Government. The new note will bear an excellent portrait of the late Secretary Manning.



Among the prominent Confederate mementos disposed of at the sale in Boston of J. Thomas Scharf's library, was a pike and guidon captured by the Philadelphia cavalry from the 9th Virginia cavalry at Fredericksburg and sent home in three pieces. It sold for \$8.50. Union envelopes used during the war, with a few Confederate, \$28; fifty-three rare Confederate envelopes, 11 cents apiece; Confederate notes of all denominations for from one cent to 25 cents each.

NOTES.

A shower of black beetles fell in Williamsport, Pa., Monday evening. Millions of the bugs swarmed through the streets.

The letter carriers of Washington recently met and selected their style of hat for the coming summer. It is described as a neat looking straw, modest in size and color, black and white speckled, with a black band.

Professor Agassiz is about to try the experiment of casting twenty-five tons of concentrated ammonia into the shafts of the Calumet and Hecla mine in order to put out the fire that has been burning there for some weeks.

Jesse Haworth, of Bowdon, Cheshire, has presented to the British Museum the throne chair of Queen Hatasu, of the eighteenth Egyptian Dynasty, B. C. 1600. This is the oldest piece of furniture in the world the date of which is known.

A draft for one cent was recently received at the New York Sub Treasury. It was drawn by a national bank in Bridgeport, Conn., and was on the Chemical National Bank of New York. It was sent to the Sub Treasury in payment of the balance then against the Bridgeport Bank.

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Ancient Stationery.

Many were the expedients resorted to by the early Greek and Roman scribes to obtain writing materials. There was no scribbling paper whereon to jot down trivial memoranda or accounts, but pieces of broken pots, crockery, or tiles were used for this purpose. Fragments of ancient tiles thus scribbled on have been found in many places.

The island of Elephantine on the Nile, is said to have furnished more than a hundred specimens of these memoranda, which are now in various museums. One of these is a soldier's leave of absence, scribbled on a fragment of an old vase. Still quaint were the writing materials of the ancient Arabs, who, before the time of Mohammed, used to carve their annals on the shoulder-blades of sheep; these "sheep-bone chronicles" were strung together and thus preserved. After a while, sheep's bones were replaced by sheep's skin, and the manufacture of parchment was brought to such perfection as to place it among the refinements of art.

We here of volums that were tinted yellow, others white, others were dyed of a rich purple, and the writing thereon was in gold-

en ink, with gold bars and many decorations. These precious manuscripts were anointed with the oil of cedar to preserve them from moths.

We hear of one such in which the name of Mohammed is adorned with garlands of tulips and carnations painted in the vivid colors. Still more precious was the silky paper of the Persians, powdered with gold and silver dust, whereon were painted rare illuminations, while the book was perfumed with altar of roses or essence of sandalwood.

Of the demand for writing material one may form some faint notion from the vast manuscript libraries, of which records have been preserved, both of the East and West, and the former in Bagdad, the later in Andalusia, where there were eighty great public libraries, beside the vast one at Cordova. We also here of private libraries, such as that of a physician who declined an invitation from the Sulton of Bokhara because the carriage of his books would have required 400 camels.

W. A. W.

The mail carrier between Calico, Cal., and Bismarck is a dog. In the last three years he has never missed a trip or lost a letter.

The Varieties of Southern Woods.

A correspondent writing from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Timberman, says:—That if any one have conceived the idea from the prominence given yellow pine and cypress in its reference to Southern woods, that these two varieties embrace all we have. I should like them to look over the following list of Southern woods, samples of each of which are found on exhibition in the horticultural department of the Sub-Tropical Exposition in this city. Palms are shown in almost endless variety. Lemon trees with ripe and unripe fruit; orange trees bending under golden fruitage, or fragrant with thousands of snow white blossoms; cocoanut trees with their large, peculiar shaped nuts, growing in bunches close to the body of the trees; allspice trees that resemble peach in their form and leaf, peaches and pears in bloom; the tall and graceful bamboo canes from which poles are made; India rubber and camphor trees; and other varieties too numerous to mention.

A section given up to cactus is an unique and wonder display. Along the sides of the building are arranged narrow slats of different woods, one-half polished and varnished, the other half left so as to display the natural grain. Of these there are: white and black cypress, red, white and stinging rubber tree, hackberry, water elm, red Florida swamp elm, slippery elm, crab wood, Guiana plum, lace wood, cedar, Australian pine, cottonwood,

black willow, birch, hornbeam, ironwood, beech, chestnut, chinquapin, water oak, overcup oak, upland chestnut oak, post oak, tough oak, white oak, swamp hickory, pig-nut hickory, red hickory, black walnut, sycamore, mulberry, wild sassafras, swamp red bay, China berry, mahogany, purge nut, hog plum, holly, narrow-leaf yaupon, broad yaupon, swamp gallberry, possum haw, pigeon plum, leather wood, black mangrove, wild olive, (devil wood) green or swamp snow-drop trees, sweet leaf, Florida laurel, persimmon, boxwood, buckwheat tree, darling plum, black ironwood, ink tree, red or swamp maple, black or sugar maple, white or silver maple, wild sapedillo, ants wood, ironwood, (mock orange) mastic, sour wood, sparkle berry, naked wood, gum bark, (Florida quinine) prince wood, dogwood, white and red stopper, false buttonwood, buttonwood, mangrove, currant tree, hog's haw, yellow haw, tree thorn or haw, crab apple, mock live, wild cherry, poison wood, wild plum, cocoa plum, wild tamarind, red bud, water locust, Jamnica dogwood and box elder.

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 The ship Palgrave, said to be the largest sailing vessel afloat, recently arrived at New York, from Calcutta. She is 3078 tons burden, built and owned by Mr. Hamilton of Port Glasgow. Her length is 322 feet 5 inches; breadth of beam, 49 feet 2 inches; depth of hold, 25 feet 4 inches, and was drawing 23 feet 2 inches of water on entering the port.

Our Early Coins.

BY WESLEY.

Concerning the value of this wampum, the following quaintly spelled statement is found in the records of Massachusetts under date of Nov. 15th, 1637:—"It was ordered, that Wampampege should pass at 6 a penny for any summe under 12d," and under date of October 7th, 1640, "It is ordered that White Wampampege shall pass at 4 a peny, and blewe at 2 a peny, and not above 12d at any time except the receiver desire more."

The colonists next tried bullets which were little better; and we find it ordered that "Muskett bullets of full boare shall passe currently for a farthyng apeece, providing noe man shall be obligē to take above 12d att a tyme in them." Of course there were some English and Spanish gold and silver coins among the colonists, but they were very few and carefully hoarded, and these expedients were resorted to for small change principally.

In the diary of Governor Winthrop, the first of the royal governors of Massachusetts, is recorded the following conversation between a servant and his master: "The master being forced to sell a pair of oxen to pay his servent his wages, told his servant that he could keep him no longer, not knowing how to pay him next year. The servant answered that he would serve him for more of his cattle. But how shall I do (saith the master) when all my cattle are gone? The servant re-

plied, you shall then serve me, and so you may have your cattle again."

Captain John Hull, the mint-master, made a fortune coining the Pine Tree pieces, and it is related of him that when his daughter was married, he had a large pair of balances made, and after placing her in one scale, put into the other scale, Pine Tree Shillings, until they equaled her in weight, the whole of which he gave to the happy groom, Samuel Sewell, as her dowry.

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John Calvin Randall, a expert numismatist of this city, recently bought in New York at a sale of old coins, a silver dollar of 1804, paying \$660 for it. The coin was at one time the property of Coulton Davis, of this city, who sold it for \$1,050. The dollar of 1804 is extremely rare, being entirely different in appearance from the brilliant proof "restrikes" of which several specimens have within a few years made their appearance in the market. The word "Liberty" and the stars and date are all very sharp and the head shows all the hair-lines. On the reverse side the head and breast of the eagle are slightly worn by circulation. The edge bears the usual inscription, "Hundred cents, one dollar or unit."

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Among the numerous papers received during the month, we had the pleasure of seeing the "Philatelic Advertiser and Collector's Referee. It is published by the proprietor, S. Heller, 16 Duke St., Grosvenor Sq., London, Eng. We would like to see it, and all other papers every month.

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Correspondence.

Editor K. S. C:—I note question asked in your Journal under correspondence, and would say that I think the card referred to would bring a nice little sum if offered for sale, for while one might slip through the mail, others would not be sent at all. My opinion of the 1 and 2 cent stamps (present issue.) referred to, is that they are worth more than face, and I know of several dealers who have charged quite a large price for them.

Collector.

I think the question asked by "Postal Card" can be answered in the affirmative.

W A W

☞ The excavations on the Acropolis at the south-east angle of the Parthenon have brought to light a bearded head of a man carved in stone, well preserved and retaining a covering of rich coloring. The hair and beard are painted blue and the face red. The pupils of the eyes are not only painted in, but also delineated with a chisel. "The London Athenaeum" emphasises the importance of this discovery, adding that the head, which is one of the most ancient sculptures ever found upon the Acropolis, will attract general attention both from the style of workmanship and the material. It appears to be the head of a Triton; the rest of a body in the form of a serpent ending in tail of fish was found near by a few days before.

NOTES.

De Brazza, the African explorer, says the upper Congo teems with ivory.

A Denver man has a collection of over 700 writing pens, no two alike.

The London Geographical Society has conferred the Murchison medal upon Dr. Newberry, of Columbia College, N. Y.

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For Keystone State Collector.

Philatelic Honesty.

There are very few dealers and collectors that are not honest, although many are accused of being dishonest, when they are not. It often happens when a person discovers a counterfeit or reprint on an approval sheet of a reliable dealer, that he immediately denounces that dealer as a fraud, when it may have got there by oversight or carelessness of a clerk or the dealer himself.

Dealers run quite a risk in sending approval sheets to persons that have not asked for them. For instance—some time ago I put an exchange for stamps in a weekly story paper, and before I knew it I was receiving approval sheets of stamps from dealers all over the country, with requests to purchase. As the stamps were mostly common with exorbitant prices attached, I sent them back with "thanks but didn't care to buy," although I wasn't very thankful, the expense for stamps, paper and envelopes used in returning them being almost fifty cents. My notice was to exchange, not to buy.

The dealers saw the exchange and probably thought they could make a few honest pennies on a

live collector which they undoubtedly believed they had caught on to. Not this time, dear dealers, if I wish to purchase stamps, I will say so.

Sometimes a person receiving stamps unasked will mislay or forget all about them until he receives a murderous postal arousing him from his forgetfulness and compelling to sacrifice a 2 c stamp by returning them. Poor fellow! he is like a great many of them—his cash is eaten up by those pretty green pieces of paper. Anyway we will probably have one cent postage for letters before long.

Of course there are some people who would steal but we must leave these gentry to themselves and continue to buy, sell and exchange by ourselves—honest philatelists.

JOHN C. MOORE.

A double egg, one within the other, was recently shown at the office of the Phila. Ledger. The outer shell, which was almost perfectly round, had been broken at the ends and the white yolk extracted, leaving the inner egg intact. This double egg was laid by a hen belonging to J. C. Hunter, of Abington, Montgomery County, Pa., and she is said to have distinguished herself in like manner more than once heretofore.

A remarkable vein of garnets has recently been found in New York City.

An Antique Theatre.

To our mind the most interesting relic of old Syracuse is the Greek theatre. This, like the quarries, the catacombs, and the amphitheatre, has been cut out of the rock so that considering its antiquity, it is in a much better state of preservation than buildings of a similar character which have been "put together."

It was built about 500 years before Christ, and consists of forty-two rows of seats; divided by two corridors, most of which are in excellent preservation. A long pit extends from wing to wing across the semi-circular space at the foot of the seats, and this may have been a receptacle for the curtain. Beyond this confused masses of stone mark the area of the stage proper, from which steps still lead to the cliff above. The view from the theatre on a bright, sunny day, is a scene not easily forgotten by the spectator, and is only surpassed in Sicily by the view obtained from the theatre at Taormina. The eye wanders over the glimmering stone-work, across a fertile tract of orchard land, to the deep blue waters of the Greater Port, one of the most magnificent natural harbors in Europe, and beyond this again to the low swampy shore of the peninsula of Plemmysium, now known as Isola, and famous for the wine of that name. Not a sound breaks upon the ear as we sit here and sentimentalize; despite the bright scene we feel that we are in the land of the dead; and find it hard to realize that all around rose a city called by Cic-

ero "Largest of Greek cities, and most beautiful"—that the unbroken surface of the blue waters stretching away before us was once alive with the navy of a great nation and the argosies of every commercial state in the ancient world. The lizzards dart about the sun-lit stones, birds flutter in and out of the ancient vestibules and retiring rooms, but we are alone, and are thankful for it.—*London Society.*

A Remarkable Railway.

A Russian trans-Caspian railway, which has now crossed the classic Oxus on a bridge 1,000 feet longer than the Brooklyn, and is nearing Samarcand, is described by a correspondent of the New York Sun as a remarkable specimen of engineering. Many engineers said a railroad could not be maintained through the shifting sands of the Kara-Kum desert. But General Annenkoff, by covering parts of his roadway with clay, by placing in his embankments layers of branches of a desert shrub, and by cultivating along parts of the route many thousands of a desert plant, whose roots retain the sand, has thus maintained his road-bed without deterioration. The problem of a water supply was solved by bringing water in pipes from mountains that skirt 200 miles of the route, also by canals from the Murghab; while artesian wells are the source of supply between Merv and the Oxus. In a region that is destitute of fuel, and where the cold is at times intense, petroleum has been utilized to drive the locomotive and to heat the sixty railway stations along the way.

How to Prove the Earth's Motion.

Any one can prove the rotary motion of the earth on its axis by a simple experiment: for making which an educational journal of Frankfort, Germany, gives the following directions:

Take a good sized bowl, fill it nearly full of water, and place it upon the floor of a room which is not exposed to shaking or jarring from the street.

"Sprinkle over the surface of the water a coating of lycopodium powder, a white substance, which is sometimes used for the purposes of the toilet, and which can be obtained at almost any apothecary's. Then, upon the surface of this coating of powder, make with powdered charcoal, a straight black line, say an inch or two inches in length.

"Having made this little black mark with the charcoal powder on the surface of the contents of the bowl, lay down upon the floor, close to the bowl, a stick or some other straight object so that it shall be exactly parallel with the mark. If the line happens to be parallel with a crack in the floor or with stationary object in the room, this will serve as well.

"Leave the bowl undisturbed for a few hours, and then observe the position of the black mark with reference to the object that it was parallel with.

"It will be found to have moved about, and to have moved from east to west, that is to say, in that direction opposite to that of the movement of the earth on its axis.

"The earth, in simply revolving has carried the water and everything else in the bowl around with it, but the powder has been left behind a little. The line will always be found to have moved from east to west, which is perfectly good proof that everything else has moved the other way."

For Keystone State Collector.

Our Early Coins.

BY WESLEY,

"Carolina Elephant, Obverse—a large elephant, standing with his head down, and looking toward the left. Reverse—"God Preserve Carolina and the Lords Proprietors, 1694." This is in six lines. The metal is copper.

This token, or "Carolina Elephant," as it is generally called, is among the rarest of the early coins of our country, and one of these pieces, if offered at auction, would without doubt, bring \$100. and over.

The origin of these pieces is not known, but it is generally supposed that they were intended to circulate in the new England Colonies and the Carolina plantations the latter especially, and that they were only a private speculation.

If this be true, it is also probably true that they were not favorably received by the Colonists, which would readily show that the issue must have been correspondingly small, which in turn would also account for their great rarity.

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Among the papers received this month, was No. 5 of "The National Philatelist," Washington, D. C., being the first number received. It was very welcome.

Since reading the article in No. 3 of this Journal, about Mrs. L. E. Pritchard's collection of one million postage stamps, Mr. F. Kline, of Spring City, Pa., has come to the conclusion that he can do the same thing. Mr. F. Kline is an attractive young man and being an active collector, has a fine collection of stamps, his "hobby" being U. S. He is in the jewelry business with his father. Mr. Reuben Kline who, while he cares nothing for stamp, is an enthusiastic coin collector.

His collection of U. S. cents lacks but one or two dates.

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Eastern Philatelist,	25	25
The Stamp,	25	35
Halifax Philatelist,	25	30

The Congo Free State has had its own money coined in Belgium. The silver coin was finished a few months ago, and the nickel and copper coins of ten, five, two and one centimes value were finished in December. One centime is equal to one-fifth of one cent. The image on one side of these, as of the silver coins, is the star adopted for the flag of the Free State.—*Chicago News.*

Correspondence.

Ed. K. S. C.:—Please let me know through your correspondence column, whether the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. give their standard catalogues of coins, stamps, etc., to publishers, free? I have been editing and publishing a Collector's Journal for some time but have not received their catalogue; while other papers note the fact that they have received them.

PUBLISHER.

As we have not been favored with the above catalogues, either, we cannot answer, and would refer you to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., themselves.—Ed.

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A Strange Mirror.

The old city of Romen, in France, has a pretty sight that is worth describing to your crowd of young folks. The little men and maids are fond of looking-glasses, I know; but I doubt if they all have heard of the queer one of which I shall now tell them.

Near the west door of the church of St. Queen, in this city of Roman, is a marble basin filled with water. It is so placed that the water acts as a mirror, and in the face of it one sees all the inside of the church. Look down into the water and you see the pillars, and the ceiling, and the pictures, and statuary, and nearly all the interior ornamentation of the building. The stately basin seems to take pride in holding its beautiful picture of the church. I wish you and all your hearers could see it.—St. Nicholas for June.

Items of Interest

The descendant of Rebecca Nurse, executed as a witch in 1692, held a re-union at Danver, Mass., on Friday, June 22.

R. H. Kline of Spring City, Pa., is the possessor of two German Almanacs, bearing the dates of 1772 and 1774. They were printed by Christopher Saur at Germantown, Pa. Mr. Kline has had the books for thirty years.

Arrangements are being made for the completion of the bullion and coinage on hand in the Philadelphia Mint. Assistant Director Robert Preston, of the Mint, arrived in this city from the National Capital recently, and registered at the Hotel Lafayette.

In Baltimore it is proposed to put letter boxes on the street cars. This will bring a letter to the post-office from any part of the city in half an hour. The plan has been in use for years in Antwerp and other European cities.

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For K. S. C.

Butterfly Cabinets.

Process by which Specimens may be made Flexible.

Collectors of butterflies are frequently obliged to defer spreading the flies until the specimens are no longer flexible. In order to restore their flexibility it is necessary to test them to a special process, that of softing. This softening process renders insects that have been dried for a considerable time fresh and flexible.

There is nothing complicated about this operation, and the apparatus itself is simple. A concave dish filled with wet sandy loam, and covered with a bell glass fitted hermetically to its rim; or, for want of this, a well-closed pot or any other wide and shallow vessel. Such is the apparatus. The butterfly is pinned to the loam, care being taken to prevent the body from touching the latter, and the insect is left to itself in the damp vessel. From time to time a little carbolic acid should be sprinkled upon the loam to the formation of mold. One or two days suffice to restore flexibility to species of medium size, but a little longer time is necessary for large butterflies, especially if they have been dry for some years.

Berce, the distinguished lepid-

opterist, having observed that certain butterflies of a delicate blue or bright green lost their fresh colors in damp vapors, several years ago pointed out a method of softening such insects without any danger of destroying their colors. It consists, explains nature, in spreading some cherry laurel leaves, that have been chopped up fine, over the bottom of a glass or earthen jar to a depth of about an inch and closing the vessel hermetically with cork stopper. Before inserting the latter, the butterflies to be softened or preserved fresh are pinned to the under side of it.

In this way all species of butterflies can be softened and preserved for a length of time varying from 15 to 20 days. The only precautions to be taken are the following: The cherry laurel leaves selected must be very mature, and, if damp, must be wiped dry; the jar must be kept cool and in a dark place, and must be often examined, must be uncorked and dried, and the leaves must be renewed when it is observed that they are turning yellow or that they show any signs of moldiness. This process is an excellent one, and in nowise alters the most delicate colors. W. A. W.

The Amazon river drains an area of 2,000,000 square miles. Its total length is estimated to be 2,750 miles.

For K. S. C.

Aztec Mummies.

Dried for Centuries in the wondrous air of Lofty Mexican Caves.

Sig. S. Marghieri, the well-known archaeologist, discovered and explored a hermetically sealed cave, at an elevation of nearly 4,000 feet on the eastern side of the Sierra Madre mountains in Mexico, about 200 miles south of Deming, between Coralitos and Casa Grande, about two years ago. The floor was nearly smooth the sides rough and rugged, and the vault covered with stalactites. In the far end of the cavern were found four desiccated human bodies, says the San Francisco Examiner:

"The bodies were in a sitting posture, with the hands crossed on the breast, and the knees approaching the chin, with the head inclined forward. They were carefully shrouded in their burial garments, and placed facing the rising sun. The male and female were seated side by side. The elder child, a boy, was at the right of the father, and the younger child, a girl, at the left of the mother. In addition to the funeral shroud, the little girl was enveloped in the skin of an animal, similar to the method used in the Island of Fuerte Ventura, the better to preserve its tender frame.

The floor of the cavern and the remains were covered with a fine dust, but no foot-prints of man or beast could be found. The bodies were carried to San Francisco by Signor Marghieri, and were pur-

chased by J Z Davis, president of the Board of Trustees of the State Mining Bureau, and by him presented to the bureau.

No embalming process was used in the preservation of these bodies. They were dried by the air alone. The bodies are not like those of the Indians of the present day, because the fingers and hands and feet are smaller than the average, and the woman's hair is brown and silken and of the Caucasian type. The body of the man must have weighed in life from 180 to 200 pounds. In the lobe of each of the small and well-proportioned ears is a piece of hollow bamboo or reed as an ornament. The woman had a large forehead and well-developed reasoning powers.

The little boy weighs but three pounds and the girl's only four and a half pounds.

The burial shrouds of the bodies are composed chiefly of cotton, hair, hide, grasses and the bark of willows

The bodies may now be seen at the rooms of the State Mining Bureau. "MUMMY."

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A STRANGE looking animal has been frightening the inhabitants of Augusta, Ky. A grand hunt was organized and finally proved successful in shooting the beast. When killed it was found to be twenty-four inches in length and weighed fourteen pounds. Its head and fore-feet were like a squirrel and its hind-feet like a coon. It was of gray color. Several old hunters have been shown the carcass, but cannot name it

For *Keystone State Collector*.

OUR EARLY COINS.

BY EVESLEY.

The "Granby" or "Higley" coppers. There are three varieties of this coin, their obverse being similar: a deer standing with head towards the left. Below him and towards the left is a hand; below him and to the right is a star, is III; around him enclosed by two circles is the Legend—"VALVE-ME-AT-YOU-PLEASE."

Reverse:—The Reverse of one variety has three hammers, crowned; around them, "Connecticut," a star, and 1737, enclosed by the circles. Another variety has three hammers, crowned, Legend: "I-Am-God-Copper," a hand, numerous dots, fancifully arranged, and the date—1737. The third variety has a broad-axe, a hand, and the Legend—"I, cut my way through"

It is said that some have been found bearing 1739.

These coins are generally conceded to be the first copper coins made in America. As their name indicate, they were made by John Higley, at the town of Granby, Connecticut, about 1737.

It is said that Higley was a pretty strong drinker, and in order to satisfy his appetite, was a frequent visitor at the village tavern, when he invariably paid for his drinks with his own coin. The landlord soon became overstocked with Higley's coins, as they would not circulate beyond certain prescribed limits, and so informed him that he must give more valuable money or go without his drinks. Mr. Higley dis-

appeared for a long time, when he again suddenly appeared one day at the tavern, and, after calling for a drink, threw down one of the coins above described, which informed the landlord on its face, that he might value it as he pleased.

Were that landlord living at the present day, he would, no doubt, be glad to take all he could get, as a good "Higley copper," would now be worth at least \$100.00.

To be continued.

Human Curiosity in Austria

A remarkable case of disease is at present engrossing the attention of medical men in Austria. There is lying at the hospital of the city of Ischl a patient afflicted with a bony excrescence protruding from between the lower cervical vertebrae. The excrescence has the form of a horn, is round and straight, with a diameter of one and a half inches. It has grown to a length of about eight inches, and would probably have been much longer by this time but for the fact that the point was broken off several times to be sent to the pathological institute of Vienna for examination. There is no feeling in the horn, the breaking off of the points, which the patient did himself, causing him no pain whatever. At the root where the horn is attached to the spinal column it is soft and movable, but it rapidly grows harder and is like bone at a short distance from the root.—*Foreign Letter.*

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The United States Philatelist, dated July 15, comes to us without its cover. Has it dropped for good?

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Canada.

The name of Canada, according to Sir John Barrow, originated in the following circumstances:—

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But on arriving at the point whence they could clearly ascertain it was not a strait, but a river, they, with all the emphasis of disappointed hopes, exclaimed repeatedly, "Canada!"—here nothing,—words which were remembered and repeated by the natives on seeing Europeans arrive in 1534, who naturally conjectured that the word they heard employed so often must denote the name of the country.

Rothschild's Revenge.

An amusing adventure is related as having happened to the Bank of England, which had committed the unpardonable sin of refusing to discount a large bill drawn by Anselm Rothschild of London. The bank had haughtily replied that they discounted only their own bills; not those of private persons. But they had to do with one who was stronger than the bank. "Private persons!" exclaimed Baron Rothschild, when the fact was reported to him. "I'll make those gentlemen understand what kind of private persons we are." Three weeks later the baron—who had employed the interval in gathering all the five-pound notes he could procure in England and on the continent—presented himself at the bank. He drew from his pocket-book a five-pound note, and they naturally counted out five sovereigns, at the same time looking quite astonished that the baron should have personally troubled himself for such a trifle. The great banker examined the coins one by one, and put in a little canvas bag; drawing out another note—a third—a tenth—a hundredth—he never put the pieces of gold into the bag without scrupulously examining them, and in some instances trying them in the balance. The pocket-book being emptied, and the first bag full, he passed them to his clerk and received a second, and thus continued till the bank closed.

The baron had employed seven hours to change 21,000 pounds; but as he had also nine employes of his house engaged in the same manner, it resulted that the house of Rothschild had drawn 210,000

pounds in gold from the bank, and that he had so occupied the tellers that no other person could change a single note.

On the first day the bank people were somewhat amused at this exhibition of Baron Rothschild's pique, but they laughed less when they saw him return the next morning, at the opening of the bank, flanked by his nine clerks, and followed this time by vehicles to carry away the specie; and they laughed not at all when the king of bankers said with ironic simplicity—"These gentlemen have refused to pay my bills. I have sworn not to keep theirs. Only I notify them that I have enough to employ them for two months—for two months!" The bank took alarm. Next morning notice appeared in the journals that henceforth the bank would pay Rothschild's bills the same as their own.—*Cassell's Sunday Journal.*

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For the K. S.

The Term Rare as Applied to Stamps.

BY FIG.

A collector can pick up almost any Philatelic publication now-a-days and he will see the above heading over half of the "ads.," and ten chances to one the dealer using the phrase hasn't got a single *rare* stamp in stock. Of course there is a degree in which *rare* may be used when applied to stamps and be correct, but too many times the word is abused by being applied to stamps that are common, not rare as one would suppose. I don't mean to say that a stamp worth \$10.00 is any rarer than one worth \$3 or \$4 as has been proven in many cases. Now for instance as first, Nova Scotia stamp is rare; so is a \$5 State Department, and still they are not of the same value, the State Department being worth only one-fifth as much, but still a United States is met with oftener than a \$5 State Department. In looking over a bunch of auction catalogues I noticed that many stamps catalogued at \$10 to \$20 are offered in nearly every sale and many stamps priced by same catalogue at from \$1 to \$5 can hardly be picked up and were seldom offered at auction, so I consider the word in regard to the scarcity of

a stamp and with big notice of its value or what it will bring. Many stamps which are offered by dealers are of recent issues and are not rare, but being sold soon after they are issued on account of their face value—when unused—being quite high prices, but they are not to be called rare, and can only be called high-priced stamps for it is the lack of money that makes a costly stamp rare. We might term a \$50 bill as a rare specimen but if any one has \$50 he can secure one easily enough, and it is not rare. For hundreds of them can be found in any large bank.

I trust I have not failed in my efforts to explain the ideas I have found on the study of the term "rare."

Force of Natural Gas.

Although the wells about Findlay are under control, the tubing is anchored, and the awful force is held under by gates and levers of steel, it is impossible to escape a feeling of awe in this region at the subterranean energies which seem adequate to blow the whole country heavenward. Some of the wells were opened for us. Opening a well is unscrewing the service pipe and letting the full force of the gas issue from the pipe at the mouth of the well. When one of these wells is thus opened the whole town is aware of it by the roaring.

The first one exhibited was in a field a

mile and a half from the city. At the first freedom from the clamps and screws the gas rushed out in such density that it was visible. Although we stood several rods from it the roar was so great that one could not make himself heard shouting in the ear of his neighbor. The geologist stuffed cotton in his ears and tied a shawl about his head and, assisted by the chemist, stood close to the pipe to measure the flow. The chemist, who had not taken the precaution to protect himself, was quite deaf for some time after the experiment. A four-inch pipe, about sixty feet in length, was then screwed on and the gas ignited as it issued from the end of the ground. The roaring was as before. For several feet from the end of the tube there was no flame, but beyond was a sea of fire sweeping the ground and rioting high in the air—billows of red and yellow and blue flame, fierce and hot enough to consume everything within reach. It was an awful display of power. We had a like, though a momentary, display at the famous Karg well; an eight-million-foot well. This could only be turned on for a few seconds at a time, for it is in connection with the general system. If the gas is turned off, the fires in houses and factories would go out, and it were turned on again without notice, the rooms would be full of gas and an explosion follow an attempt to relight it. This danger is now being removed by the invention of an automatic valve in the pipe supplying each fire, which will close and lock when the flow of gas ceases, and admit no more gas until it is opened. The ordinary pressure for house service is about two pounds to the square inch. The Karg well is on the bank of the creek, and the discharge pipe through which the gas (though not in its full force) was turned on for our astonishment, extends over the water. The roar was like that of Niagara; all the town shakes when the Karg is loose. When lighted, billows of flame rolled over the water, brilliant in color and fantastic in form, with a fury and rage

of conflagration enough to strike the spectator with terror. I have never seen any other display of natural force issued from an upright pipe, the great mass of fire rises eighty feet into the air, leaping and twisting in fiendish fury. For six weeks after this well was first opened its constant roaring shook the nerves of the town, and by night its flaming torch lit the heavens and banished darkness. With the aid of this new agent anything seems possible.

Autographs Valued at \$75,000.

The late Dr. Edward H. Leffingwell's \$75,000 collection of autographs has, for several years, been kept in a cabinet with other valuable papers belonging to Dr. Leffingwell, in the rooms of the Historical Society at the old State House. By his will it becomes the property of a niece.

The signatures consist of the names of all the people of historical prominence for the last three centuries. Some even date further back as that of Christopher Columbus. There are the names of the crowned heads of England, France and Spain, and of all the illustrious authors, painters, sculptors, generals and politicians. The names of actors and actresses find a place in the collection. Although the collection is made up largely of the names of foreign celebrities, Dr. Leffingwell did not forget America, and among others are the autographs of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Roger Williams, Martim Van Buren, John Trumbull, Zachary Taylor, William Penn, James Madison, George Washington, Francis S. Key, Robert Fulton, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, J. Finmore and others.

For Keystone State Collector.

Our Early Coins.

BY WESLEY.

Continental Currency. In the field is a sun dial, upon which the sun is shining from the left. The words "Mind Your Business" are below the dial and to the left is the Latin word "Fugio" which signifies "to flee—to fly away." Legend—"Continental Currency," with the date, 1776, below and between the ends of it. Reverse—In the centre surrounded by a circle are the words, "We Are One;" around this and surrounded by another circle is the Legend, "American Congress," outside and around this is a chain of thirteen links, each link bearing the name of one of the original thirteen states.

These pieces are about the same size as a silver dollar and are found in silver, tin, and one in brass. Currency is spelt with one "r" in one variety, and another rare one has "E. G. Fecit," at the base of the inner circle.

This piece was the original design for the dollar of the United States, the motto being devised by Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who when he was quite young, seeing a sun dial in a garden, went to see what the strange thing was, discovered upon it the word Fugio—time flies—and a very broad hint for him to go and mind his business, which made such an impression upon his mind as to lead him to suggest it as a legend for our national coinage.

[To be continued.]

Rare Old China.

EASTON, PA., August 22.—Lovers of rare old china are much interested in a find made by Charles Taylor of Bensalem, in Burks Co., Monday. While he was digging a foundation near the old Mansion House, he struck a large oaken chest, in a good state of preservation. On opening it, it was found to contain a valuable collection of rare old china, consisting of several complete dinner and tea sets, all of which were elaborately hand-painted. The pieces are similar to those in vogue two centuries ago, and the paintings consist of fruits and flowers and historical French scenes. A few years ago a similar chest was found in the same manner, filled with china in grotesque figures and rudely painted. The premises were occupied by a wealthy and eccentric Frenchman during the war of the Revolution, and it is thought he buried his treasures. Mr. Taylor has engaged a force of men to thoroughly search the premises, and expects to find more valuables.

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For the K. S. C.

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Alexander county, a quiet part of the state many miles from a railway, he was directed by Mr. J. A. D. Stephenson to give bearing ground, and looking a little more narrowly found some of the gems. He purchased some land, returned to Edison, and reported his vain quest of platinum, then came back to North Carolina. He went to work to develop his mine. Sinking a shaft in a simple way he gradually made the opening larger and larger until superficially the mine presented the aspect of a stone-quarry. Out of this rude pit in the earth were taken unnumbered gems—one hitherto unknown. To this Mr. J. Lawrence Smith of St. Louis, an eminent scientist, gave Hidden's name, and "Hiddenite," the equivalent of the diamond in value, became instantly the fashion. Its tender tinted green crystals, its intense hardness and its new beauties when cut were only some of its charms. From the day of its discovery to the present it has been a hopeless task to supply the demand for it. Every Hiddenite found is already purchased long in advance.

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Dutch Indies,	7 var	15
Egypt, 1885 complete	4 var	12
Egypt,	15 var	25
France,	25 var	12
Greece,	10 var	15
Holland, unpaid	2 var	08
Italy, 1854 complete	3 var	50
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Netherlands, '72 to '75	7 var	08
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Fractional Currency of United States.

BY FIG.

Nothing in the collecting line gives more interest to the numismatist than the forming of a collection of the fractional currency of the United States. This currency was used as a medium of exchange principally in the post-offices, being very handy in making change and taking the place of silver in a large degree, it was also very useful in sending small amounts by mail for it saved the expense of purchasing a postal note or even a postal order and was thus very convenient in the ways mentioned.

There were five denominations viz: 3c; 5c; 10c; 25c; 50c. Several varieties of each kind exist except of the 3c denomination of which only the one variety was issued. The bills as they are some times termed are now very scarce and command a good premium in unused condition. I know of a man who has a collection of all the varieties each with back and front separate, just as they were made, he having purchased them at Washington when they were in use, and now could get a good price for them.

I tried to purchase them of him

but he would not part with them. I have never been able to locate but this one set in this condition. A complete collection, if it be used is a very desirable thing and exceedingly difficult to obtain, only through long researching and constantly on the look out for these rare bills termed fractional currency.

Libby Prison Again Sold.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 20.—The Libby Prison, which was purchased last February by W. H. Gray of Chicago for \$23,000 was re-sold to-day at auction in default of the of the deferred payments. Gray sold out to a Chicago syndicate for \$35,000 and these purchasers failed to meet the deferred payments. Hence the sale to-day.

The purchaser was Dr. D. D. Bramble of Cincinnati. W. H. Gray is in the city, and it is understood that the purchase was made in his interest. Talking of the matter, that gentleman said he had just received a telegram from Mr. Haices of Chicago, a member of the former syndicate, in which he said that a new and stronger syndicate for the purchase of Libby for museum purposes had been formed. The idea of a new purchaser seems to be to let the building remain where it is now and throw it open as a public museum.

FRAUDS.

This earth is swarmed with a class of persons termed frauds. Their occupation, together with all other things evil, originated in the Garden of Eden, year 4000. B. C. Since then their number has rapidly increased, until at the present day, every nation on the globe, every occupation and every condition of society, from the Prince to the pauper, contains its share.

To a person unacquainted with the statistics, a list of all known frauds in any large city, would be hardly credible. But take any paper, weekly or monthly (the latter is best for our purpose) and thoroughly examine each and every advertisement therein, and you will find that by reversing the "needle in the haystack" proverb, letting the needle represent the paper and the haystack the frauds you have a very good proportion. Particularly is this so in the case of "Agent's papers."

If you see a stamp, which is catalogued at \$1.00, advertised for "only 5c.," you may rely on it that you have found a fraud.

If you send 10c. for an "18 carat solid gold ring," you will be lucky if you even get anything in return except experience. In fact, all of these frauds work on a kind of "we get the money and you the experience" basis. As an instance, who has not heard of the man answering the advertisement of "a fine lithograph portrait of Geo. Washington, only 25c.," and receiving in return a 2 cent postage stamp. Or of the youngster

across the water, who approaching a visitor and relic hunter, offered to procure a fragment of the garment of some celebrated saint for a small compensation. His offer being accepted, he retired around the corner and tearing the seat out of his trousers presented it as a piece of the gown of said saint and demanded the agreed price.

Any person who will sell his character for a few dollars, and in some cases a few cents, must indeed have a very worthless one.

When a man so degrades himself as to resort to swindling, pure virtue hides her face in shame and vice glories in another victim.

W. DWIGHT BURROUGHS.

Fumigated.

Letters from the stricken yellow fever section are fumigated in a novel way, so that there is little or no chance for the disease being brought northward. The letters are all stopped when they reach the quarantine lines. Each letter is put under a machine with a long arm attached, and this is provided with little teeth punctured at the ends. A powder that is used for fumigating purposes is forced through the arm and down through the teeth. The arm comes down on each letter, and while the little teeth are perforating the letter the powder is blown in between the sheets, disinfecting the letter thoroughly. Then it is forwarded to the person to whom it is addressed. Some complaint has been heard of damage to letters, but so long as they remain legible a little disfigurement should be welcomed as a proof of protection.—N. Y. World

For Keystone State Collector.

Our Early Coins.

BY WESLEY.

Vermont Cent: In the year 1785, the legislature of the state of Vermont, gave permission to Reuben Hannan, Jr., to coin copper money. They first appeared in the latter part of the year, and were coined in 1786, 1787 and 1788. There were several different varieties, the first being as follows: Obverse; the sun rising above a wooded chain of mountains; beneath it a plow. Legend—*Vermont's Res Publica*, on one variety, and *Vermontis Res Publica* on another. Reverse: In a small circle surrounded by twenty-six rays, one-half of each ray being longer than the alternate half, is an eye. At the end of the short part of each ray is a star, thus making a circle of thirteen stars, which fills up the space between the ends of the long and short rays. Legend—*Stella Quarta Decima*. The metal is copper.

1786. This year, on one variety, a similar style was adopted, but the legend reading *Vermontensium Res Publica*. Reverse: The long rays terminate in sharp points, the rest being omitted.

Baby-head Vermont. The variety known as above is quite different. On the obverse it has a laureated bust, facing right, with the legend *Auctori Vermon*. Reverse: The Goddess of Liberty, seated, facing left, with olive branch and staff. Legend—*Inde et Lib*. The value of this piece is from 50 cents to \$2.50, according

to condition. Still another variety, which is quite rare, has the head facing left.

1787. In two varieties the head faces toward the right, and in one towards the left. On the Reverse of the latter the legend is *Britania*.

1788. All the issues of this date face one way—to the right.

To be continued.

Excavations at Mycenæ.

The excavations begun by Dr. Schliemann at Mycenæ are being energetically carried on and continue to bring to light fresh objects of archæological and anthropological interest. "The entire terrain around the town," it is reported, "is full of tombs belonging to an epoch antecedent to Homer. The pre-Homeric sepulchres are cut in the solid rock and carefully formed in regular compartments, with an area of from thirty-five to forty square metres. In these chambers the dead were laid with out being covered with earth; nor were they cremated, as at the time of Homer. Amongst the numerous objects discovered at Mycenæ, in the course of the latest diggings, are articles of glass, crystal and ivory, besides precious stones with engravings of animals charmingly executed. These articles throw a flood of light on a civilization dating a thousand years before Christ. By their generally Oriental character they prove that the ancient Greeks received from the East not only the raw materials of their first works of art, but the art of symbolic representation itself."

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With The Quill.

Dealers can have free ads. in our November and December numbers. How? Write us.

Freman's Fireside Visitor, Vol. 1, No. 2, at hand. Good. The publisher will please accept our thanks for same. Come again.

Our thanks are due Mr. F. McC. Smith for the back numbers of the National Philatelist. Read his adv. and send for sample copy.

The Philatelic Journal of Ohio

has the same complaint as the Badger State Philatelist. All ads. and no reading matter. Are our writers all dead or what?

"What has become of the Easiest Philatelists," in No. 7, (Sept.) should have been, "What has become of the Eastern Philatelist?"

With the next issue we expect to open two new departments—a "Collector's Directory," and a "Business Directory." Write for particulars and have your name inserted.

Were all our exchange as interesting as The Philatelic Advertiser and Collector's Referee, it would be a pleasure instead of a task to review them.

The Philatelic Beacon, Vol. 1, No. 1, at hand. Published by the Beacon Publishing Co., Newton, Mass., Mr. Chas. E. Hutchinson, editor, and W. H. Rollins, business manager. Good. Don't miss us next time.

We have no words and space to express our appreciation of "The Stamp," for a copy of which we return thanks to the publishers.

The Badger State Philatelist (Sept.) is certainly an improvement over some of the recent issues, in appearance at least; but our opinion is that it should contain more reading matter, in proportion to the ads. it has.

Mr. Charles E. Osborn, 1421 Fairmount Ave., had a fine exhibit of stamps, shells, minerals, curios, &c., at the recent Pennsylvania State Fair held at this place. His large space was well filled and splendidly arranged with the best of specimens. One frame of

Stamps in particular, took our attention, It must have catalogued over \$50.00, and included newspaper, department, revenue, postage due and the different of postage stamps, &c. Of the 1869 issues we noticed the absence of the 3c blue, (locomotive); but as the lady in charge said, and as we well knew, it was not because he did no have it.

Our Club List is "made up" to make money and we publish about five pages of trash, at least so says the Editor and Business Manager of the great (?) and only United States Philatelist in his September number. We would return thanks to Bro. Scott for the above information (?) to collectors, as he could not have given us any better adv.; but we would respectfully ask him in future not to judge other journals by his own. What has Mr. S. in his Sept. No. to blow about anyway? We fail to see anything. One page of his valuable (?) space he devotes to that old chestnut—Chalmers Hill, (Roplæd.); one-half page to "Stamps"; and nearly all of the other three and one-half pages of reading matter is given to the criticisms (under different headings) of the numerous journals now published. If the cover made the paper, Bro., you might have a first-class one; and we would be no where as we have no cover; but as it is the reading matter and not the cover, we leave it to the large number of collectors that read both papers, to decide which one publishes the *most trash*.

We like to have our K. S. C. reviewed and criticized, so that we can make improvements where they are most needed; but when we are "tore out" by a journal no better than our own, though longer established, and just to fill space we will "toe the mark" every time and defend our own. Come again.

The Autograph Collector.

The autograph collector and relic hunter disturb much of the peace and quiet of Senators and Representatives. Congressman "Tim" Tarsney, however, is credited with inventing a clever means of answering the demands of this gentry. He has recently been besieged with requests from his constituents to secure the pen with which the late Chief Justice signed the great telephone decision. It was impossible to get the pen, and, even if it were possible, the pen could not be passed around to all who were desirous of obtaining it. Tarsney finally hit on a plan. He purchased a job lot of ancient-looking quills and soaked the points in ink. One of these he labelled:

"With this quill the late Chief Justice penned the great Anarchist decision.

Another bore a card on which was written This pen wrote the great telephone decision.

A dozen or more were thus labelled and forwarded to Tarsney's relic-hunting constituents of the Saginaws. The plan is said to have worked admirably until last week, when five distinct pens which had written the great anarchist decision were exhibited in five distinct windows at Tarsney's Saginaw home.—*Washington Correspondent in New York Tribune*.

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Eastern Philatelist,	25	25
The Stamp,	25	35
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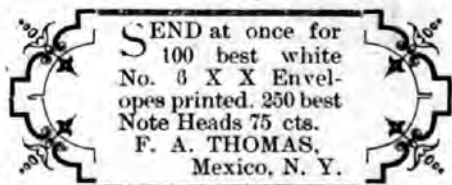
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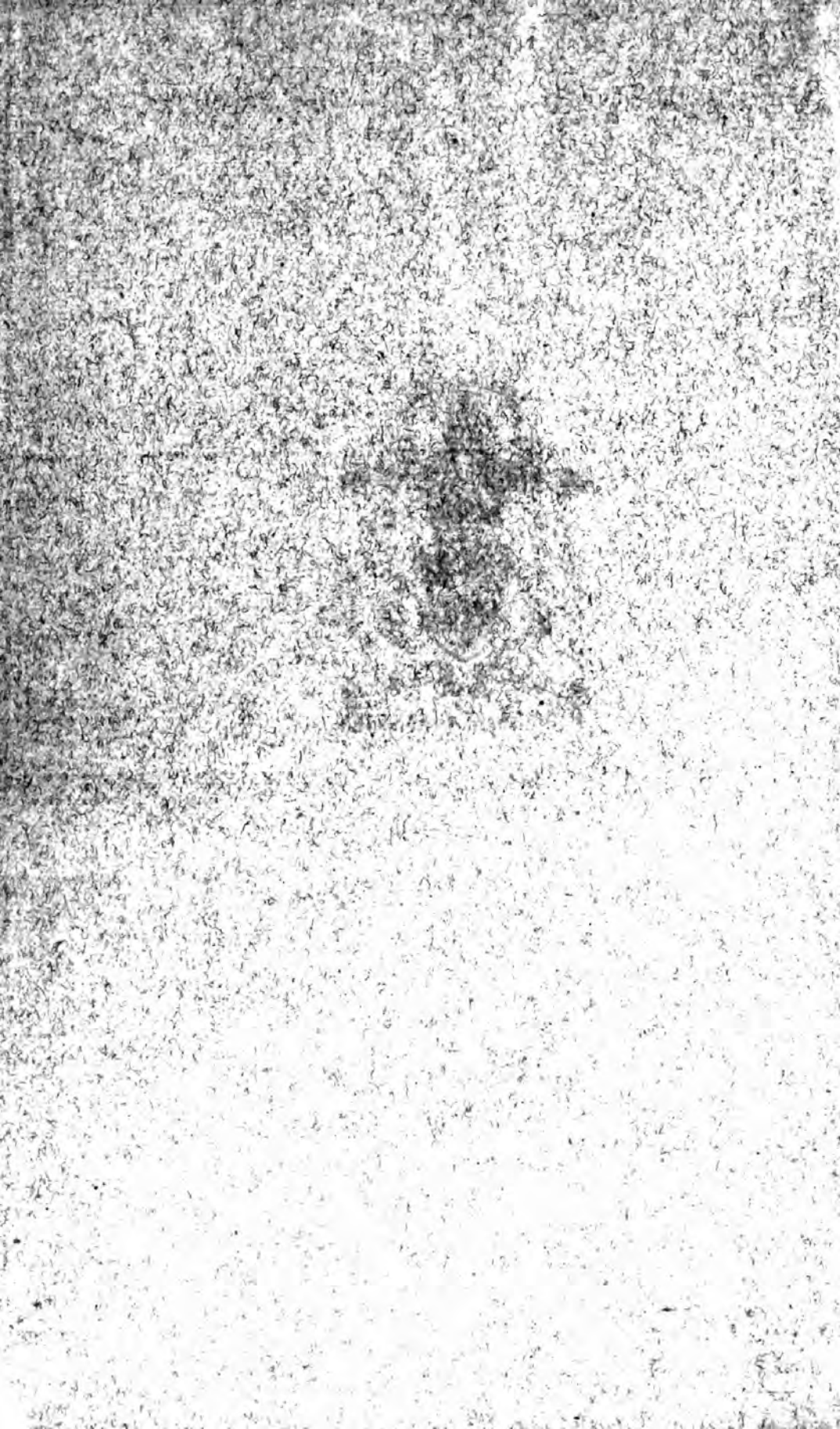
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