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**PARIS, TEXAS.**

# THE TEXAS PHILATELIST.



PARIS, TEXAS, *May 12* 1887.

DEAR SIR:—

Having found that The Texas Philatelist was not a success *financially*, we have decided to suspend it, and in accordance with our guarantee to subscribers you will find enclosed *15* cts. of your unearned subscription money. Trusting that this will prove satisfactory to all concerned, we remain,

Yours Respectfully,

Reuss & Neville.

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## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have received innumerable complaints against publishers of philatelic papers regarding their failures. Therefore subscribers should by all means have their subscription money returned, and publishers be made to return their unearned money. It is not merely the publishers' fault, who advertise to publish certain papers for a stated time for so much money, but it is also the fault of honest subscribers, who give their good money to these advertising frauds without having any security for the same.

The owners of THE TEXAS PHILATELIST will make a guarantee, and have it signed by any reliable firm of Paris, to return to all subscribers to THE TEXAS PHILATELIST their money if we fail to continue the publication of the same for one year from the time they receive their first copy. We are determined to keep faith with each subscriber, and have decided not to use their money until it is earned; and for that purpose we will constantly keep in reserve an amount fully sufficient to reimburse subscribers in case the publication is abandoned.

That this course should be followed by all papers; no subscriber will gainsay; and especially is this true of the various philatelic journals, which have, we regret to say, become notorious for their failure to fulfill promises made to subscribers.

The owners of the "Collectors' Companion," of Chicago, are no better than common swindlers. Having issued one exceptional number on their

second year, and having received many subscriptions and the money for the same, they suspended the publication and did not return a cent to their confiding patrons.

Another bad custom now too prevalent, is to consolidate two journals into one. This is not fair to subscribers, as it is not reasonable to suppose that subscriptions would have been sent in had it been known that such would be the case. In this respect we intend to keep faith with those who send 25 cents for this paper.

Yours very respectfully,

THE TEXAS PHILATELIST PUBLISHING CO.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

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THE Paris Philatelic Society will hold its first meeting on the 27th inst.

WE have not received the "Texas Stamp" lately. Where, O, where is it?

THE first number of the "Halifax Philatelist" has reached us. We wish it all possible success.

THE "Keystone State Philatelist" will soon appear. It will be edited and published by Messrs. E. R. Durborow, A. F. Henkels and H. S. James. We wish them all success in their undertaking.

THE Eureka Stamp Co. has purchased the entire stock of the Paul Stamp Co., of this place. We take pleasure in recommending the Eureka to the trade as strictly reliable. The company is composed of intelligent, energetic philatelists, and we predict for them the success they deserve.

IT seems peculiar that other publishers know more about THE TEXAS PHILATELIST'S business than we do. "The Stamp" mentioned in its last issue that the publishers of THE TEXAS PHILATELIST were not able to join the A. P. A. In reply we say we cannot belong to but one society at the same time, in order to fulfill the requirements of that society. If the publishers of "The Stamp" would pay more attention to their own society, and let others alone, they would be better off.

## CHRONICLE.

EDITED BY R. R. BOGERT.

Barbados.—It is stated that a new 3d. stamp was issued January 1st.

Bhopal.—The 1-4 ama, green, with B L C I in the corner, has been issued, unperforated. There are several errors, as usual.

Ceylon.—We have received the 4 cent envelope, surcharged "Five Cents" in one line.

Finland.—There are two envelopes, 25 penni, blue, and 20 penni, yellow. They are watermarked diagonally with the word "Express."

Guatemala.—A new provisional has appeared, the 2c having been surcharged for use as 1c. We have the 2-real envelope on amber measuring 225x98 —.

Hungary.—The double cards, 2x2 1-2, have now no watermark, and the 3 and 5 fr. envelope have the watermark. "Maygar Kir Posta" in italic letters

Nova Scotia.—Monsieur Moeus has discovered a 3d. blue, surcharged in a double-lined oval "5c."

Perak.—The 2c of Straits Settlement is now surcharged in three lines: "One—Cent—Perak." There are several varieties, in one of which the word "one" is upside down.

Peru.—The authorities are utilizing the old envelope by surcharging in an oval next to the stamp the words "Correos del Peru, Enusion Habilitada," with a representation of a letter and the rising sun in the centre. The surcharge is in blue. The color of the 20c stamp has been changed to blue.

Portugal.—It is intended to issue letter cards soon, of the value of 25 reis and 50 reis.

Siam.—A German paper mentions the 1-2 att with surcharge "1 tical" in both red and black.

Tonga.—Stamps have at last been issued for these islands. They very much resemble the stamps of New Zealand, but have the head of the King, with "Tonga Postage and Revenue" above and the value below; 1d. pink, 2p. purple, 6d. blue, 1sh. green.

United States.—A new post card has been issued, with the head of Jefferson in a circle in the centre, "United States" above, "One Cent" below

and "Postal Card" at the sides. Printed in black on card of same color as the last.

Uruguay.—The last letter cards issued are printed in a darker green than formerly.

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## MONUMENTAL FRAUDS.

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(Continued from last number.)

Now, every student of philately, i. e., the knowledge in regard to the history and development of stamps well knows that for the last fifty years Sir Rowland Hill has been credited with inverting the adhesive penny postage stamps and introducing the same, thus revolutionizing the entire system of letter postage, and extending the same all over the civilized world. How is it, then, that the "Encyclopædia Britannica" suddenly takes away the credit so long given to Sir Rowland Hill and transfers the same to the hitherto altogether unknown James Chalmers?

Hill was a British politician who for several years had been in the Colonial service. In the third decade of this century, when commerce began to develop itself in England, there was a great clamor that the clumsily arranged postal service should be reformed. The charges were too high and the letter delivery too tardy. From all the commercial parts of the United Kingdom propositions poured into the Federal Post Office how to reform the system. Parliament was bombarded with petitions, and the result of the agitation was that a commission was appointed with instructions to work out a practical plan, and lay the same before the proper authorities. The commission was at work several years, taking testimony in several parts of England, and assorting and improving the different schemes which had been handed in. Among the most sensible propositions was the one of James Chalmers, printer and bookseller at Dundee, who, in 1834, made a sheet of one penny postage stamps, sending the same to the commission and asking them to adopt a uniform postage of one penny, as by doing so the service would be simplified and the revenues greatly increased. Rowland Hill was at that time in London. He had been recalled from Australia, and was waiting for some other political job to turn up. Accidentally making the acquaintance of one of the postal commissioners, he came into the possession of the material gathered by them,

and, sharp, shrewd politician as he was, he conceived the plan of pushing himself to the front, and into office again by carrying out the recommendations of the commission. He wrote a pamphlet on uniform postage rates, using the facts and figures elicited by the commission, had the same printed and distributed it among the members of Parliament.

The pamphlet was written in a manner as to convey the idea that all the propositions made therein originated with its author. Rowland Hill knew some of the "wirepullers" in Parliament, who secured his appointment in the Treasury Department with instructions to carry out the plan of uniform postage rates. And he did it. He was clothed with almost dictatorial powers; and, suppressing all evidence that others were the real originators of the scheme, he soon became the hero of postal reform throughout the world. Having been dismissed when the Tory government succeeded to power, a public subscription was made and \$45,000 given to him as a testimonial for his valuable services. But, in 1846, his party, the Whigs, returned to office, and Hill was appointed secretary to the Postmaster General. He remained at the head of the department until 1864, when he was pensioned with his full salary—\$10,000 annually for life.

(To be continued )

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## A STRANGE COLLECTION.

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Paris has become lately the possessor of a remarkable collection of documents, which will have great interest in years to come for historical investigators. This was the series of death warrants, extending from April 7th, 1808, to December 8th, 1832, belonging to Sanson, the notorious headsman of the revolution. The collection was bound up in nineteen volumes, and Sanson has prefixed to each volume a summary of the contents. It appears that during twenty-five years he executed 7,143 capital sentences, being an average of 217 executions in each year—rather a busy life. During the twenty-five years he only twice ascended the scaffold without a fatal result—once in 1815, when General Count Lavalette was to have been executed for complicity in the return of Napoleon, but escaped the night before his intended execution through the heroism of his wife. The second time was in 1817, when Philippe Jean Antoine, a noted coiner, was respited at the last moment by Louis XVIII.

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THE TEXAS PHILATELIST was delayed several days this month but will be more prompt in the future.

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## MONUMENTAL FRAUD.

(Continued From No. 3.)

In 1879 he died, and a committee of merchants was appointed to take up a collection for the purpose of erecting a monument "to honor the memory of Sir Rowland Hill, the great benefactor, whose genius had given to the world the benefit of cheap and quick postage." The committee went to work in all parts of Great Britain, gathering in the pound notes of the rich and the pennies of the poor, all for the glory of Sir Roland Hill. Finally the money was all there to have a fine monument erected. The Lord Mayor of London was to write the inscription on the pedestal of the statue. He proposed to add to Sir Rowland's name the words: "The Founder of a Penny postage." But these words do not appear on the pedestal; because, a few days before the inscription was determined upon, the fact was revealed that Sir Rowland Hill had been a fraud and a swindler; that his claim of having been the founder of adhesive postage stamps was unfounded. Yet, the monument stands in London; but upon its socket the single inscription is seen: "Sir Rowland Hill.

The circumstances leading to the discovery that Hill was a fraud are follows: Mr. Patrick Chalmers, a wealthy Scotchman who for many years had been living abroad, read in a Dundee paper sent him by some relative that at the occasion of Sir Rowland Hill's death the local papers at Dundee had recalled the fact that on January 1, 1856, a public testimonial had been presented to Mr. James Chalmers, Mr. Patrick Chalmers' father, at the Dundee Town Hall, in recognition for his services as a postal reformer, the testimonial consisting of a silver jug and salver and a purse of fifty sovereigns. Mr. Chalmers, not knowing that his father had had anything to do with postal reforms, inquired into the subject. He returned to his birth-place, the city Dundee; and, looking over his dead feather's long forgotten correspondence, he found ample proof that his father, and not the monumented Sir Rowland Hill, was entitled to all the credit the latter had been accorded the world over. Mr. Chalmers proved to the satisfaction of the Town Council of Dundee that their late fellow-townsmen should be honored, instead of the dead politician Hill, and the Council passed the following resolution.

Considering the proof laid before us by Mr. P. Chalmers regarding the origin of the adhesive postage stamp, the Council are of opinion that it has been conclusively shown that the late James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee, was the originator of this indispensable feature to the success of the reformed Penny Postage scheme, and that such be entered upon the minutes.

(To be Continued.)

## PRINCIPAL COLLECTORS.

These names comprise a few of the principal collectors in Texas, whose names we were able to obtain:

C. B. Berry jr., E. B. Baker, Miss Nellie Brooks, S. D. Johnson, Herbert Martin, Rev. Chas. Manton, Austin Pollard, W. Paul, H. A. Reuss, E. W. Roberts, George Thebo, Paris, Texas; B. C. Chaney, Fort Worth; Stanley Evans, Austin; V. Guardji, Galveston; Thos. P. Martin jr., Fort Worth; Fred Noyes, Collins, Texas.

## NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS.

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pated. We hope that our efforts to establish A No. 1 Texas Philatelist will be encouraged by a continued patronage on the part of our friends, and we will guarantee that they will never regret it.

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WE have recently received through Mr. Apik Yaramdji, of Turkey, fifteen new subscribers from that country. Mr. Apik Yaramdji also wishes us to announce that he is our agent for that district for subscribers and advertisements of THE TEXAS PHILATELIST. Mr. Apik Yaramdji is doing his best to help us, and we commend him to the public as a gentleman.

LIST OF ADVERTISERS—We cheerfully recommend to the trade, whose advertisements appear in this Magazine: R. R. Bogert, Frederic Noyes, I. C. Green, Eureka Stamp Company, Harald R. Miller, W. F. Greany, H. A. Reuss & Company, Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Vernon Allen.

## CHRONICLES.

EDITED BY R. R. BOGERT.

Afghanistan—The 1 rabsy comes in violet on blue.

Bermuda—The 1d is now violet red with C. A. and crown

Bokhasa—Two queer looking stamps have been issued here, 1 anna (?) red and 2 anna green.

Dominica—The 4d has been changed from blue to gray.

Dantsh West Indies.—It is stated that the 3c is now yellow.

Dutch Indies—There are stamps and envelopes 12 1-2c gray, and unpaid letter 50c red and black. It is also intended to issue the 5c stamp of the same type as the 2 and 1 1-2c.

Egypt—It is likely all the stamps will soon be changed, as a new currency is to be introduced.



Falkland I.—There is a reply paid card 1 1-2 and 1 1-2d brown.

Finland—The letter card of Helsingfors is now rose-tinted.

France—The 15c letter card has been issued grey on both sides and is called opaque by the postoffice authorities.

Gibraltar.—Three of the new values have been issued, without surcharge 1d carmine, 2d lilac, 2 1-2d blue.

Great Britain—The new jubilee stamps were issued January 1st. The figure of value is very prominent and the green head smaller and generally placed near the top of the stamp. The only inscription is "Postage and Revenue." 1-2d vermilion; 1 1-2d green and lilac; 2d green and red; 2 1-2d purple on dark blue; 3d brown on yellow; 4d green and brown; 5d lilac and blue; 6d brown on rose; 9d purple and blue; 1sh pale green.

Grenada—In addition to the 1-2d the 4d and 1sh stamps are surcharged 1d,

Hayti—We understand the 3c is now grey instead of brown.

Hungary—It is said new envelopes are to be issued with oval stamp on pale grey paper,

Jamaica—The 4d is now olive green.

Lagos—Of the current type there are reported 2s and 6d dark blue, 5c blue, 10s brown violet.

Madagascar—The consular stamp now reads, "British consulate mail, Antananarivo," 1d, 1 1-2d, 2d, 3d, 4 1-2d, 8d, 9d.

Monaco—The cards are now lilac instead of yellow.

North Borneo—The 10c blue has been surcharged in black "and Revenue" and the following have been issued with inscription: "British North Borneo." 2c red brown, 4c carmine, 8c green, 10c blue.

New Republic—In addition to the stamps already chronicled, under the heading "Boer Republic." the 6d and 1sh are reported violet on grey.

Philippine Islands.—The 2 4-8c blue is now surcharged "Habibiha U. Postal" and the new value below, 1c in red and 10c in black.

Portugal—The 5 reis is to be changed to green.

Rajpootana—This state now uses British Indian stamps with surcharges.

St. Lucia.—There is a 6d violet of current type.

Tobago—The 6d is now orange.

Tobago—Of the new issue perforated we hear of the 2 1-1c red, 20c yellow, 25c black, 2 pesos violet, 5 pesos orange, 10 pesos pink.

Turkey—The 20 parra has been cut in two diagonally.

United States of Columbia—The 1c stamp has been issued with inscription: "Republica de Columbia."

Uruguay—The violet 5c stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company about two years ago, in error, were put in circulation Dec. 1st.

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[Concluded from No. 4.]

The proof of Hill's fraudulent claim has been conclusively established. In August, 1834, James Chalmers had made in his printing office at Dundee, experimental adhesive stamps, printed in sheets, gummed and ready to be cut off and used separately as occasion required; he had communicated his plan pretty generally, at the time and subsequently, to the many parties with whom he was associated in advancing postal reforms, and seems to have preluigiated his views in a printed circular fully explaining the plan, which is identical with that adopted and now in use. This was accompanied by samples of the proposed stamps.

The plan was then sent to Mr. Hill, in London, and adopted in December, 1835. Mr. James Chalmers, on again writing to Mr. Hill about his invention, is cooley informed (Jan. 1840) that he (Hill) had himself, proposed the adhesive stamp in 1837 before Mr. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers in reply expressed his surprise, enclosed Mr. Hill's letter of 1838, and contenting himself with the only satisfaction he had had in this, as well as in former suggestions, all original with him,

was, that these have been adopted, and have proved beneficial to the public, awaited that tardy justice which after nearly half a century now begins to acknowledge his claim in the "Encyclopædia Britannica."

The intended inscription on Hills monument was left cut by the Mayor of London upon the proof being furnished him by Patrick Chalmers that Hill had not been what he had for 40 years represented himself to be. But the public in general, do not, as yet, know that Sir Rowland Hill was a fraud, because the capitalistic press of England refuses to make these facts known. THE LEADER is the first daily paper which has fully set forth the truth in this matter. Let the workingmen's papers in England follow suit, and copy this article for their readers, that they may agitate for the removal of the fraudulent monument.

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## A WORD FOR U. S. REVENUES.

Taking into consideration the demand for revenues at present, I think that the time is not far distant when they will be as much sought after as postage stamps. The philatelists in general have not awakened yet to the value and

pleasure of collecting these souvenirs of our late war, but sooner or later they are bound to assume their proper place side by side with postage stamps. Then will come the demand, and consequently the advance in price, which will put the high values of document and the now scarce private die stamps, beyond the reach of the majority of collectors.


Some of the following quotations will show the rapid advance in price of some of the moderate-priced stamps: The large 12-cent blue stamp of the San Francisco Match Company, which sold two years ago for 25 cents, is now quoted at \$2.50. The 1-cent vermilion, G. W. H. Davis, a fine specimen of which a friend of mine bought from an approval sheet for ten cents about two years ago, has advanced to \$2. The 10-cent blue proprietary and the 5-cent red proprietary and playing cards of the first issue of document stamps have advanced from 25 cents each to \$2 each; the 6-cent orange proprietary from \$3 to \$10. These are only a few examples of the general advance, but they serve to show the average advance in U. S. revenues.

This branch is no doubt as interesting as postage stamps, for it embraces such a variety of separate divisions, each one of which has its peculiar interest, and each division forms a beautiful collection in itself. There are the document stamps, which produce a beautiful

effect if properly displayed, and what can be more pleasing to the eye than a collection of match, medicine, and playing-card stamps, with their fine productions of engravings and delicate tints of coloring? Another beautiful group are the tin foil tobacco wrappers, when they are mounted on white paper with red lines ruled around them. The match wrappers look remarkably well if displayed in the same way.

In regard to the beer, alcohol, tobacco, and cigar stamps, which are the last sought after of all revenue, I would say that by far the nicest way to prepare them is to mucilage them on heavy white cardboard and rule around them a double line of red, leaving about one-fourth of an inch between the edge of the stamp and the ruling, and if the collector is handy, he can still improve on this by beveling and gilding the edge of the card, after which the stamp will be ready to arrange in the album. I would advise all collectors of beer, alcohol, tobacco, and cigar stamps to mucilage them tight to some kind of paper before putting them in their albums, as by doing this they are enabled to repair the many little defects which occur in removing such large stamps as these from the packages upon which they are found. Care should be taken to use only the purest mucilage, made from gum arabic, in preparing any kind of revenue stamps, as an inferior article will discolor the paper, and destroy the color of many varieties.—K. S. P.

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There were 225 different large copper cents coined by the U. S., of which the average collector knows but little. I will try and describe a few of them. 1793, wreath with strawberry sprig over date; 1796, fillet head Liberty; 1797, knobless nine; 1803, 1-100 over 1-100; 1808, twelve stars; 1814, double chin; 1817, crown over head. separated date 18-17. There are only twelve dates that have no alterations; these are 1804, 1806, 1813, 1816, 1833, 1838, 1841, 1845, 1848, 1850, 1853 and 1854. The 1794 has the largest number of alterations, there being over fifty. There are forty-five different dates of the small cents, of these 1856 brings the highest price. There are two varieties of 1856 cents, one being of copper-nickle and one of pure copper. There are five varieties of 1858, three of the 1859, two of the 1863, four of the 1864, and three of the 1865. The others were all coined of the one material. The total of the cents coined by the U. S. is 270 and a complete collection would bring a goodly sum.—N. B. Merrick in Youths Ledger.

## THE NEW BRITISH STAMP.

The eleven new postage stamps just issued by the British postmaster general form a miniature picture gallery in themselves. The cent stamp is a bright yellow, two cents red brown, three cents purple and green, four cents green and crimson, five cents purple and blue, six

cents a color described "presumably yellow," eight cents green, ten cents purple and blue, twelve cents pink, eighteen cents purple with blue fringe, twenty-four cents green and white. Every known law of aestheticism is ruthlessly broken by one or other of these combinations, and the only redeeming feature of the series is a still further act of barbarism. A figure is printed over the queen's head showing the number of pence each stamp is worth, and this destroys whatever pretense to beauty would otherwise exist.—Daily Union.

There is now in the museum of the German P. O. Department, a letter cover a hundred years old, that tells an odd story. The local magistrate at Dargan has contributed the envelope that enclosed an ordinary letter sent at some time between 1760 and 1780, from Philadelphia, to his great-grand-father. The sender left his correspondent to pay for it, and the stamps on the cover show that after it had come through London, Calais, Brussels, Hague, Amsterdam and Hamburg, he was mulcted just 5 thalers and 12 shilling Mecklenburg money, or about \$4.50. Nowadays such a letter is sent all over the world for five cents.—N. Y. Tribune.

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NO. 1.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

By DEWITT H. GRAY,

*Author of "Dearer Than Gold," "Sam's Mistake," "How Luke Won," etc., etc.*

### CHAPTER I.

"MR. PRESIDENT, are nominations for captain of the Junior Hook and Ladder Company now in order?"

"They are."

"Then, with due calculation and thought on the matter, I have arrived at the conclusion that there is but one man to fill that position, and therefore nominate Mr. Robert C. Benton."

Thus spoke George Parson at the second meet of the Junior Hook and Ladder Company, held at the home of one of the members one cool evening in September in the city of Evner.

"Mr. President, I nominate another person whom I deem even more capable of filling the office of captain — Mr. William Damon."

Both nominations being seconded, a ballot was taken and resulted in favor of Robert Benton by a majority of four.

"Three cheers for Bob Benton," cried one of the boys, and they were given with a will; not from a few, but from all, for Bob was a great favorite with the boys.

"Law me, what on airth ails them boyees," said good Mrs. Bruce, in whose house the meeting was held, as she heard this outburst.

As the boys once more became quiet, the chairman having hammered away with the little box-wood gavel, until the handle had been in danger of becoming detached, the meeting progressed as meetings generally do, until the time for dispersing. But at this juncture, the door of the little room in which they were assembled flew

suddenly back, and the robust form of the newly-elected captain burst into the room.

"Oh, boys," he panted, "I had to go on an errand for father, and only just got back, but I was bound to be on hand. But goodness! hurry and get on your hats, for Mr. Bacon's paper mill is all on fire!"

Mr. Bacon's paper mill all on fire! The effect of this startling announcement can better be imagined than described.

Confusion is hardly a fit word for the hub-bub that followed; there was a hurried rush for the one small door that led from the room, a stumbling over chairs, and a thump, thump of the heels of the eager boys, as they rushed down the back stairs and out into the open air, to behold the sky, off toward the west, in one mass of fiery splendor.

Great flames shot upward, as though to reach the very stars.

### CHAPTER II.

"Keep together, boys," shouted Bob. Benton, as they neared the crowd, that stood off a little ways from the burning mill.

"All right," returned the boys, "we're here."

Pushing his way through the crowd, with the boys following in his wake, Bob turned to the tall guardian of the peace, who was calling loudly for the crowd to fall back, and said:

"Officer, let us through; we wish to help the firemen."

"No, don't need no help," said that worthy individual, shaking his club, and again crying, "Fall back! Fall back!"

Although somewhat chagrined at this rather short refusal, Bob did not discourage, and working his way out of the crowd, with the boys still in the rear, he happened to catch sight of Mr. Bacon, the owner of the mill.

"Mr. Bacon!" called he, rushing up, and touching the gentleman on the shoulder. "can't we help the firemen a little?"

"Help the firemen? Why, Robert, my boy, the firemen need no help, such as can be given now; the whole mill must surely go," said Mr. Bacon sadly.

"Yes, the mill will surely burn to the ground," acknowledged Bob, "but the fire has not yet reached the stock-room, and a great deal of valuable paper may yet be saved."

"Right you are, Robert," you *may* help, but for pity's sake, be careful, for if anything ever happened to you, your father would never forgive me."

But long before he had finished speaking, the boys, impatient at the delay, were already many rods away.

"Here, you! get out o' this," called one of the firemen, as he saw the boys approaching the side door, which led into the stock room.

"No, we will not. Mr. Bacon has given us permission to help."

The fireman, being too busy just at that moment to remonstrate further, the boy proceeded unmolested.

"The door is locked!"

"And it's too solid to break down!"

Such were the disappointed ejaculations of the boys, as they reached the door.

There was but one window lighting the stock room, and Joe Bruce, one of the coolest-headed boys in the club, immediately saw the one point of vantage.

"The window," he exclaimed.

Bob Benton instantly heard and comprehended; and quickly seizing a club that lay on the ground, he showered a number of well-directed blows on the window, and in it fell with a crash.

So suddenly had this been accomplished that Joe Bruce had hardly taken half a dozen steps to carry out his plan; and to the amazement and dismay of the boys and the crowd, which had been closely watching their movements, Bob dropped his club, and jumping nimbly on the sill, disappeared within the room.

At this moment a black cloud of smoke rolled out of the window.

Had our hero acted on sudden impulse? Had he recklessly entered a room where at any moment the flames might burst forth

and overpower him before he could retreat?

No, indeed. As Bob heard Joe Bruce's articulation he immediately understood. It did not take him long to understand that something must be done, and done quickly, too, therefore when he made this rather startling move he understood precisely the danger he ran into.

As he left the window and groped his way to that part of the door where he supposed its fastenings to be, (for the reader has probably perceived his intention was to open the door,) he was nearly overpowered with the stifling smoke.

Back and forth he crawled, but still no fastenings could he find.

Already the smoke was working its deadly power on him, slowly he became stupefied, and at last, half unconscious, stifled and exhausted, he sank to the floor.

[To be Continued]

### Before the Frost.

A little Heaven below of bloom,  
This garden plot of ours,  
Its sweet-peas winged host; its pure,  
White-robed alyssum flowers;  
Its shining host of marigolds,  
Each one with gleaming crown;  
Its purple cloud of heliotrope,  
Sweet incense shedding down:  
Blue, golden, crimson, not one hue  
Of rainbow glory lost.  
'Twas never half so fair before,  
And now, to-night, the Frost!

How loath the winter was to go!  
How laggard was the spring!  
How slow the seed from out the ground  
The first green leaf to bring!  
How long the folded buds delayed  
To show the hidden flowers!  
We've watched it with what patient care,  
This garden plot of ours!  
And now when all this wealth of bloom  
Repay the pain it cost—  
(Tis Life's old story told again)—  
To-night will come the Frost!

—MARIAN DOUGLASS in *Harpers' Bazar*.

## The Tennis Club.

BY I. N. K.

"WELL, I'll be darned! Of all the nerve!"

I am sorry you are shocked, reader, but that is just what Carl Brown said, and Lew Lathrop supplemented the remark with:

"Girls always were chumps."

I must admit however that both boys were under the influence of strong excitement. Had the paper in Carl's hand been a bomb-shell it would scarcely have occasioned them more amazement.

Yet it looked innocent enough:—

"The Young Ladies' Tennis Club challenges the Glenville Tennis Club to a Tournament to be played by two members from each club, on the Y. L. T. C. grounds, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12."

Any member of the Glenville Academy could have explained to you all that this document signified. The matter had begun clear back in the spring before, when the boys had formed the Glenville Tennis Club, and had decided not to ask the girls to join.

"We'd only have the bother of teaching them," said Carl in his lordly way, "and when we served we'd have to strike light. Girls are no good at anything of this kind. I say leave them out."

As Carl's word was law with the boys, left out they were.

"Girls, it's an insult," said Dot Barton, with a snap of her black eyes, as the injured damsels met to talk the matter over.

"They think they've crushed us," cried Ollie Stafford, indignantly, "let's show them that they haven't."

And then and there was organized the Young Ladies' Tennis Club.

The boys smiled contemptuously when they heard of the plan, and if rumors of the jolly times which went on in 'Squire Stafford's back yard awoke any feeling of curiosity or envy in their manly breasts, they failed to show it; while if any of the girls, as they laughed and chatted over their weekly tennis teas, secretly felt that a boy or two would add much to the excitement of the situation, not one of them would have told it to her dearest friend.

So matters went on until this bright October day the Y. L. T. C. challenge caused such mingled surprise and derision among the boys.

"Of course we won't accept," said Dick Green, when he and Don Bennett met Carl and Lew on the corner and were made acquainted with the 'latest racket.'

"Yes we will," said Carl, decidedly. "It'll be a good chance to show them that having tea-parties every week, and wearing cute tennis costumes and club-colors ain't playing tennis."

This had a flavor of sour grapes, but as usual Carl had his own way, and the challenge was accepted in due form.

The twelveth of October was an exciting day in Glenville. The chairs and benches in 'Squire Stafford's back garden were crowded with eager spectators, and cardinal and white—the Y. L. T. C. colors—were conspicuous everywhere. Carl Brown and Dick Green, the chosen representatives of the masculine side of the contest, arriving rather late, were welcomed by a reception committee of four girls, all in 'cute tennis costumes'; and after the usual greetings, they sauntered on to look at the court.

"By Jinks, it's a dandy," whispered Dick, "smooth as a floor, and rigged out in great style."

"Too many fixin's," growled Carl; and then the umpire, Lew Lathrop, called the game.

Dot and Ollie were the contestants for the Y. L. T. C. side, and they took their places with a 'do or die' expression. It was a pretty sight, for in spite of their sneers at 'fixin's,' the boys had made themselves as fine as possible in white flannel knickerbockers, with shirts and caps, while the girls' bright dresses and lightly swaying figures seemed the embodiment of light and life.

The first set stood 6 to 3 in favor of the boys; the second 6 to 4 in favor of the girls. Carl and Dick had discovered that 'fixin's' did not interfere with tennis, and that girls can be extremely quick in their movements. The struggle was a hard one.

The last set began on Dot's serve. Planting her foot firmly on the turf, she raised her arm and sent a ball flying at

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The articles published in this paper will be from the pens of some of our best amateur authors, and possibly from professional writers now and then. Any person who may write a story of any nature which tends to inflame the mind of our younger readers may spare himself the trouble of sending the manuscript to this office. What we desire is lively, invigorating, and exciting, if necessary, stories, but not those which interfere in the least with pureness and honesty.

## A Good Idea.

The Junior tennis players of West Onondaga street have decided to resolve themselves, after November 1st, into a Coasting and Snow Shoe Club. A day's trip over the snow around the outskirts of the city will be great sport.

## He Wasn't at Home.

*Squire Oatcake* (in New York post-office)—"Hev ye got any letters for me?"  
*Clerk* (savagely)—"Who's *me*? I don't know you."

*Oatcake*—"Wa-al, you're a purty feller to be drawin' a big salary for sassin' people who are to pay yer! Look a-here, young man; our postmaster up to Squeehawket don't git more'n forty dollars a year, an' *he* knows me every time I come 'round!"



### The Tennis Club.

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Carl with such force as to completely "rattle" him.

Dick, in his amazement, missed another serve of the same sort.

The next point Carl lost on an unexpected cut, and Dick sent an easy drop flying out of the court. The V. L. T. C. scored the first love-game of the day.

Perhaps this success encouraged Dot and Ollie. At any rate they played thereafter with a skill and precision which their opponent's most brilliant playing failed to beat. The contest was decided by a difficult back-hand return of Ollie's, which won for the girls the set and tournament.

"Well, I'll be darned," said Carl, faintly, amid the wild cheers that followed.

But he and Dick were the first to congratulate the victors.

"You beat us all hollow," they frankly admitted. "We had no idea girls could play so well."

The girls were generous conquerors and consoled their vanquished guests by a dainty repast, under the shady oaks. Neither did they "crow" more than was absolutely necessary, and the boys agreed when the fun was over that "it took the girls to do things up in shape." The next spring the Glenville and Young Ladies' Tennis clubs united, and at present, Carl and Dot, and Dick and Ollie form the "crack" teams of the village.

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## THE JUNIOR PRESS.

This department is edited by D. H. Gray, who will be held accountable for all articles herein.

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OF all editors we heartily detest, it is such as are constantly on the alert for some point to take up and use against their brother editor as a reason for a quarrel. In connection with this dislike, we would bring to the minds of the 'dom the recollection of a certain southern amateur, the editor of the *Sentinel*. In the columns of his paper, there appeared, some time ago, an editorial, in which he expressed his dislike for one of the editors of *Rochesterian* by advising that gentleman, Mr. Connolly, to "go soak his head in butter-milk." This, as any earnest and right minded amateur will agreed, is a silly and babyish expression at the most, and our disgust was aroused merely through this fact. Although but a short time in amateurdom, we have been with you long enough to understand that its object is to cultivate the language and ideas of youth, and not one in which slangy expressions should reign supreme. We thought long over Mr. McAllister's expression, but look at it as we would, it appeared no other than nonsensical and stupid; hence our criticism. This gentleman oversteps the bonds of truth when he asserts that to this day we have never responded to the copies of his paper received. We positively affirm that we have at least mailed two copies of our former effort, the *Midget*, to his address, the one containing our criticism on his editorial being one of them. A point that strengthens this assertion of ours is the absurdity of such a thing as an editor possessed of the resentment he has shown himself to be, sending copy after copy of his paper without receiving a response from the receiver.

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The *Enterprise*, of Binghamton, under the management of Mr. Ray Barton has reached us for two successive months. The editor must have heard wrong when he states something to the effect that things were carried with a high hand by a

certain administration party at the K. A. P. A. convention at Rochester. No member to our knowledge was influenced by any person or party in regard to balloting. The most done in this direction was a caucus held by the supporters of Mr. Conolly, one of which ye scribe had the honor of being, on the night previous to the meeting.

Mr. Heislein's plan of having a weekly official of national amateurdom is a good one. We will heartily support him, and must say that if any amateur begrudges the small cost of six subscriptions, his love for amateurdom is on the decrease.

Winter is slowly drawing nigh, and new amateur papers are springing up from all parts of the country.

You wonder why?

This is the whole trick of it; they have once been amongst us, and when the long evenings lay heavily upon their hands, what do they at once think of for occupation?

Why, the 'dom, of course.

Mr. L. O. Mumford now officiates as president of the Binghamton A. P. A. Now Leon, do your prettiest.

If there is any one an amateur in Syracuse who desires to organize a local amateur press association, let him write to this office immediately.

## Philatelic Department.

Edited by Amos S. Coan.

All matters pertaining to this department should be addressed to Amos S. Coan, 44 Delaware St., Syracuse, N. Y.

### Proceedings of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

The first annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association was held in the Richmond St. Hall, Toronto, Canada, on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19th and 20th. President Ketcheson called the convention to order.

The following members answered to their names when the roll was called:

Messrs. Craig, Emory, French, Grenny, Ineson, Ketcheson, Lowe, McMinn, Morrell, Niesser, Parker, Schultz, Spry, Walker and Wilby.

Proxies were held by Messrs. Craig, Emory, Wilby, Grenny and others. Messrs. Craig and Emory held the largest number, viz.: 39 and 23 respectively.

At the second election of officers, Henry Hechler, of Halifax, N. S., was elected president, having 56 votes to his credit to 51 for Mr. Parker, and 2 for Mr. Ketcheson. G. Walker, of Peterboro, was elected vice-president for Ontario. Mr. R. Hart, of Montreal, vice-president for Quebec; also, the following vice-presidents for the places named: Mr. Craig, Nova Scotia; Mr. Hart, New Brunswick; Mr. Brown, Prince Edward Island; Mr. Davidson, Manitoba; and Mr. Todd, N. W. Territory and British Columbia.

For Secretary, Mr. McMinn, of Toronto, received the largest number of votes; Mr. Hart, Treasurer, and Mr. Grenny, Exchange Superintendent. Mr. Leighton, of Orangeville, was elected Librarian, and Mr. Ketcheson, of Belleville, Ontario, Purchasing Agent. The Halifax *Philatelist* was elected Official Organ over the Toronto *Philatelic Journal* by 34 votes.

The Halifax *Philatelist* as the Official Organ was voted \$50, payable quarterly. The next convention will take place at Halifax, which received 65 votes to 33 for Montreal.

F. E. Brook, No. 11, was expelled for surcharging stamps. Messrs. Hechler, McMinn and Spry were given authority to see that a suitable badge was provided. Exchange sheets must be valued at \$1. or over as in the A. P. A.

### A. P. A. NOTES

We know of no one that could fill Mr. Tiffany's place as President. We hope to see him hold that post of honor for many years to come.

Mr. W. C. Van Derlip is the right man for Vice-President. He was our choice. Messrs. J. B. Bradford, Secretary; H. B. Seagrave, Treasurer; Joseph Rechert, Int.

Secretary, are all good men. We congratulate them on their election.

Some of the finest displays of stamps at the exhibit were those of Messrs. Van Derlip, Clotz, Holton, Brock, Mekeel and others. Mr. Van Derlip's first issue of Hawaii attracted a good deal of attention. Many very rare stamps were on exhibition such as Brattleboro, rare Buenos Ayres, etc. We hope to see a much larger exhibit next year.

St. Louis will be the next convention seat. The convention will be held fair week. St. Louis was not our choice, as we preferred New York; but we mean to see the boys next year.

Exchange sheets must now be valued at \$1. or more. The exchange department was entirely re-organized.

### How I Won and Lost a Rare Stamp.

BY GEORGE.

AT the period of which I write, stamps had for the first time claimed my attention, and having a ruinous desire to trade, I became one of that class of collectors who generally exchange everything that the opportunity offers, such as tints for advertising cards, cards for stamps, stamps for coins, etc.

Having read an article pertaining to stamps, relating many instances where rare and valuable stamps had been found among old papers in garrets, I became fascinated with the idea, and the first rainy day found me in the garret looking over stacks of old letters and papers.

I found many revenues, also a 5 cent St. Louis on the original envelope. As the stamp adhered so closely to the paper, in fact, so tight that I could not remove it, the first thing on the programme was to get some luke warm water, in which to soak the stamp so that the paper could be readily removed from the back. At that time, I did not know the value of the St. Louis or in fact what kind of a stamp it was.

The next day found me at the house of a fellow stamp collector, who was dealing

somewhat in stamps of whom I purchased a few. He asked me "to bring around my collection some evening as he would like to look it over." So the next evening found me at his house with an old writing book under my arm, in which my stamps had been hastily pasted.

He glanced hastily over my collection, as the stamps were mostly all common until he came to my St. Louis. At the time I thought he showed more than ordinary interest in that one particular stamp. When he asked me what I would take for it, he was told it wasn't to exchange; but when he offered me an unused 5c New Foundland, I jumped at the chance, thinking at that time he must be crazy, to give such a stamp as an unused 5c Newfoundland for my old St. Louis. Many times have I looked my collection over, now increased to a few thousands.

My eyes rest upon a vacant space which probably will never be filled and then I turn sorrowfully to the 5c Newfoundland to try and make our accounts balance — one 5c St. Louis at \$35; one 5c Newfoundland at 15c. — and then think of my folly.

Young collectors, take my advice, and never exchange or sell a stamp of which you do not know the value. The first thing, buy a standard catalogue. How much better it would have been had I spent a quarter for a catalogue; but I thought at the time that I would rather buy stamps and save the quarter. But see how much I lost — all for one quarter of a dollar.

### UNREPENTANT!

*Jawkins*—"See here, Baboony, you have got yourself into a nice mess. Wiggins is in such a rage at your sneers about his cigars that he swears he will never give one away again!"

*Baboony*—"He does? By Jove! I never imagined that he was such an awfully good-hearted fellow. Hope he keeps his vow." \* \* \*

### A QUIBBLE.

*Old Lady*—"Laud sakes! You don't bathe in them things, do ye?"

*Young Lady* (handling a modern bathing dress)—"Oh, no, auntie; in the ocean." \* \* \*

**Electric Street Cars in New York City.**

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"Doctor, I have caught a terrible cold in my head: what shall I take?"

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NO. 2.

From *Youth's Companion*.

## TRUE LIVING.

To receive love's kind caressing,  
 Tender thought and fullest blessing  
 Is a joy most sweet to know ;  
 But the secret of true living  
 Is the blessedness of giving  
 From a full heart's overflow.

—*Maria U. Drake.*

## THE REGISTER.

BY I. N. K.

MR. and Mrs. Deane were gone on an extended Western tour. Dorothy and I, cousins and fast friends, were left alone to take care of the younger Deanes and the house,— a rambling, gray old pile with just such odd corners, crooked passages, and secret stairways as one reads about in novels ; a house which had the charm of veritable antiquity and legendary romance, and which the Deane's had occupied less than a year.

Did ever a prospect offer such glorious opportunities for unlimited fun as that which Dorothy and I mapped out the first morning of my visit ?

"Company and dancing ? Don't mention it !" cried she.

"Nobody to thould uth for puttin' mud-pieth in the bath-tub," chuckled Jack, the masculine half of the ten year old twins.

"I'm goin' to bring Thnow Ball right in from the barn," declared Jill, the companion *infant terrible*.

"No ! There I draw the line," said Dorothy firmly. "No cats in the house, if you please. Unless," hastily, as sure signs of a storm began to gather on Jill's expressive face, "you put her down cellar."

Appeased by this concession, Jill trotted

off, and Jack went "tumbling after" with a series of hand springs.

"And now to work !" cried Dorothy. "The apples first, Margie ! The red ones for boys, the green for girls. I'll write the names."

For you must know that it was the thirty-first of October, and our first "lark" was to be a Hallow E'en party.

There is no space here to record the tricks and pastimes which beguiled the twenty young people gathered that night at Malcolm Manor. We all know the mystic rites of that witching time, when all the uncanny spirits in Christendom are abroad with wild pranks to terrify fearsome mortals. Shortly before twelve, with all lights turned low, we gathered in the wide old hall to hear Dorothy's narration of the legend of the house.

"You must know," began my cousin, impressively, "that Malcolm Manor is more than two centuries old. It was built long years ago by a brave knight, Sir Malcolm Malcolm, as a home for his fair wife, Lady Honor Malcolm, while he was in the wars. One night, while the Lady Honor was sitting in this very hall, thinking of her beloved lord far away, there came before her the brother of that lord, a treacherous villain, who loved Lady Honor and fancied she loved him.

"He tried to persuade her to fly with him ; then seeing that the true wife listened only with horror and loathing to his words, he resorted to threats of violence. She cried for help.— he rushed upon her— when she snatched a dagger from the table, and crying, "Thus save I my lord's honor and mine own !" plunged it into her heart. The retainers hurried to the spot too late. The traitor escaped by one of the secret stairways ; Sir Malcolm was killed in battle, and the Lady Honor's spirit is said still to haunt this house, crying for vengeance for her wrong."

As Dorothy reached the end of this wildly impossible romance, there was a hush, broken by the clock striking twelve. At the same moment, a solemn voice exclaiming, "Thus save I my lord's honor and mine own!" greeted our startled ears, simultaneously with the sound of a heavy body falling, and a wild scream.

There was a shriek of terror from some of the girls; then, as some one turned the gas up, a burst of laughter. One of the boys, repeating Lady Honor's gruesome words, had quietly pulled the chair out from under a neighboring youth, and pinched a girl's arm, the results of which machinations had been extremely startling to our already shaken nerves.

Of course, it was amusing. But when our guests had gone, and Dorothy and I were alone in our room, we each read nervous apprehension in the other's would-be cheerful voice and manner.

Creeping into bed, we lay listening to the throbbing of our own startled hearts in the silence. Such an awful stillness reigned in that immense old house. The wierd story of Lady Honor Malcolm oppressed my mind like a weight. There are no such things as ghosts; and yet it is an uncanny thing to sleep in a house with a legend attached.

Suddenly, through the death-like stillness rang, wild and terrible, an unearthly shriek. Another and yet another followed, and then a low, agonized moaning, growing louder and wilder till it ended again in a horrible scream. Dead silence ensued. Dorothy and I sprang out of bed and clung trembling to each other. The twins began to cry in the next room; the two maids came running through the corridor, half crazy with fear. Again we heard those awful moans coming from directly beneath us, and certainly growing ever nearer and more distinct.

"Margie!" whispered my cousin, with shaking lips and face from which every particle of color had fled, "I *must* know what this means. I am going down."

"Then I go with you," I returned; and together, candle in hand, we crept trembling down the stairs.

All quiet in the great hall; no trace of any ghostly visitant. But what means this creaking, rattling, and rushing underneath our feet? And those blood-curdling

wails, like a lost soul in torment! Heaven! What a cry! Our candle is blown out. There is an ominous rattle close at hand. Crash! A dim, white figure appears for a moment before us, then vanishes with a yell. Dorothy answers it,—and faints.

I don't know how I kept from following her example, but before many minutes, I had got another candle, and was surveying the scene of disaster. What did I see?

On the floor, Dorothy, still as a corpse; not far off, the register, which was easily raised, lying pushed away from the pipe; and in the corner, her eyes glowing like coals of fire,—Snow Ball, the white cat!

My story is told. Jill had put her pet's basket in the empty furnace "to keep warm;" that was all we ever knew. Perhaps some venturesome mouse tempted her forth from her comfortable nest. At any rate forth she came.

A week after, Dorothy said to me:

"When I go 'round the house, I catch myself humming,

'Oh! Gracious me! Why what was that?  
'Silent be! It was the cat.'"

And as that was in the days before Pin-afore had become, as now, a time-honored relic, I think the quotation may be pardoned.

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USES OF PAPER.

Were there no better name by which to characterize the present age of the world, it might well be called the Paper Age, so various are the uses which the progress of invention is making of this material. Substantial houses have been built of paper. At Breslau, Germany, there is a fireproof paper chimney, and at Indianapolis a paper paved skating rink which has done good service. Paper cooking and heating stoves have been so annealed as to withstand fire, and by the same process bath tubs, pails and pots are manufactured. Paper picture frames have been colored to resemble walnut, and paper doors polished so as to be taken for mahogany. Even pianos have been made of this useful substance. Now that wood is not so plentiful as formerly, this application of paper to so many every day uses is certainly opportune.—*Argosy*.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

By DEWITT H. GRAY,

*Author of "Dearer Than Gold," "Sam's Mistake," "How Luke Won," etc., etc.*

## CHAPTER III.

THE events recorded in the latter part of the previous chapter had transpired in so short a space of time that from the shock of Bob's daring move, the boys had but just regained their senses.

"Great Scott! something must be done or Bob Benton's a goner, sure, so here goes," and Joe Bruce sprang toward the window.

"Oi say, Moik, does yer be after seein' what the bould laddie am up ter?" said one French gentleman (from the "ould sod") nudging his companion in the ribs, as they stood amongst the people, eagerly watching every movement of the boys.

"Nary a see," was the laconic answer.

"Will then, kape yer oi on 'im!"

And not only "Moike," but the entire throng kept their eyes on him, for as Joe sprang forward, they well understood his intention. But as he paused upon the window-sill something unlooked-for happened.

There was a sudden snap, and as the heavy door flew back, a dark cloud of smoke rolled forth, Bob Benton staggering out with it. Then, revived by the fresh air, he sprang to a watering trough beside the building, and cooled his burning eyes and aching head in the cool water.

"Than goodness, the boy is safe," ran the murmur along the line of people, which had been so anxiously looking on.

"There! Begorry; oi knowed ther by wud git out all right," said our foreign friend, emphatically, slapping his companion such a resounding whack on the back that he was in imminent danger of swallowing his short black pipe.

"Quick, boys, get to work, or the fire will get the upper hand," called Bob, after a couple of refreshing plunges in the trough.

A great deal of smoke had cleared from the room, but the boys saw that the flames would soon commence their work.

## CHAPTER IV.

By the light of a dim lantern whose rays within the room were hardly discernible, the boys set to work like so many young beavers. As the crowd noticed these brave efforts, they were thrilled with admiration, and for the first time seemed to realize that they themselves might be of some use.

Accordingly, a group of small boys and men stepped over the ropes that had been stretched to prevent too near approach to the burning building, and ran to the stock room to assist in the work. Bundle after bundle of valuable paper was brought forth from the already furnace-like stock-room, and piled up under the protection of the blue-coated officials.

As the last bundle of paper worth saving was carried out, a huge flame burst forth, and immediately enveloped the entire room in its fiery embrace.

The boys saw that *their* work was completed, and weary and aching, they made their way out of the crowd.

"I say, Bob, you're a trump! How in the name of all that is wonderful could you have done what you did!" exclaimed one of his companions, slapping him admiringly on the back, while the other boys gathered around with the same admiration expressed in their wondering eyes.

"Oh, pshaw, boys, you shouldn't make so much of it as all that. Just think, the flames never broke out till ten minutes after the door was opened," returned Bob, lightly.

"Yes, but think of the smoke."

"It must have been stifling."

"Well, to tell the honest truth, boys, I did think, once, that it was all up with me, sure; but I got my strength again, and managed to unbolt the door," acknowledged our hero.

"There's no use trying to get around it, Bob, you're a good one."

"Very well," assented Bob, "but I must leave you here, boys."

With this parting remark, he turned down a small street that led to the main avenue on which he dwelt with his parents and sister in one of the finest residences in Evner.

Arriving at the front door, he entered

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Our Christmas Issue will be out about Dec. 20. We expect to give our readers something out of the usual line. The circulation will be immense.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

Continued from 11th Page.

the house by means of his latch-key, and made his way up to his room.

Worn out with the exciting events of evening he was soon in bed and fast asleep.

### CHAPTER V.

"Robert, Robert, wake up ; it's school time."

Springing out of bed at this awakening, Bob hurriedly dressed and went down to the dining room.

"Here is a letter for you," said his pretty sister, Bertha, handing a sealed envelope to him that afternoon when school had been dismissed.

Bob hastily opened it, and read the following lines :

Mr. Robert C. Benton :

Sir:—By your braveness and courage last night, you did me a service I can never forget. Please call with two members of your club at my office at 2 P M to-morrow.

Yours,  
Wallace R. Bacon,

"Wonder what that's for," murmured Bob, as he finished reading.

"What?" asked his sister, stepping to his side.

Her brother handed her the missive and when she had finished reading, she said :

"I'll bet he is going to do something for your club. He ought to, anyway."

"Maybe so, but we will know better to-morrow, sis."

That night, a meeting was held, of the Junior Hook and Ladder Company, and Joe Bruce and Ned Wilson were appointed to accompany Bob to Mr. Bacon's office.

"Cracky! boys, what if Mr. Bacon should give us five dollars or so toward our new truck!" exclaimed Seward Marsh, when the meeting was at last adjourned.

"Well, drawled sleepy Luke Howard, "we'd be apt to accept it, you know."

And after further discussion, the boys dispersed.

As Bob was wending his lonely way along a poorly lighted and gloomy little street, he suddenly paused in the midst of the tune he was whistling and listened.

"Oh, mister, please don't, I didn't steal



SUPPLEMENT

NOVEMBER · 1888

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

Continued from 15th Page.

Collectors think and answer the following questions :

Why has the price of these stamps been gradually on the decline ?

Why were stamps issued in 1870 in such quantities as are now on the market to-day not catalogued until several years after ?

Why did collectors hear nothing concerning these stamps until many years after ?

If a stamp is made to look like the original and does not, what is it ?

Collectors, do you want these stamps in your collection ?

NOTES.

—United States revenues, match and medicine stamps are being more generally collected that formerly.

—Collectors have at last woke up to the fact that they make the most beautiful of all collections, and on no other stamps are found such varied and beautiful designs.

—Collectors of Canadian revenues are rapidly increasing in number.

—Many U. S. Philatelists are collecting them. The value of these stamps is rapidly increasing.

—The philatelists of Toronto formed a stock company for the publication of philatelic goods with a capital stock of \$1000. The stock company has fallen through.

—Collectors are up in arms against Mr. William P. Brown of New York city on account of his article on reprints in the September number of the *American Philatelist*. This is as it should be. The sooner that this trash is done away with the better.

—The membership of the A. A. P. is increasing very rapidly, and beyond our

most sanguine expectations. The same could be said of the C. P. A.

GRAND OFFER!

For the next thirty days, we will give every subscriber to the PEARL an embossed 3c 1870 stamp, valued by Scott at 10 cents. In addition to the above, we will give the first five an unused Interior Dept. The 25th, 50th etc will receive a 1c and 2c 1870 embossed, priced by Scott at 25 cents each. If you want the premium, be sure and mention it, otherwise it will not be sent.

EDITORIALS.

—The November number of the *Philatelic Journal* of America was up to its usual high standard.

—The *American Philatelist* for Nov. was a grand good number. Keep it up, brothers.

—The United States *Philatelist*, Vol. 2, number 4 is at hand with eight pages and cover.

—The *Philatelic Literature Collector*, Vol. 1, number 1 hails from St. Joseph, Mo., published by Mr. H. C. Beardsley, and presents a neat appearance.

—Joseph J. Casey's catalogue of his 17th auction sale, consisting of 1587 lots to be held at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co.'s on November 30th and December 1st, 1888, is at hand. Please accept our thanks.

—The catalogue of the second auction sale of the American Philatelic Co. is at hand. 405 lots are catalogued, containing some very rare stamps. Thanks.

—Philatelic writers, send us something from your pen on any subject pertaining to Philately together with the lowest cash price for the same. Articles not accepted will be returned.

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## THE PEARL.

—We had a very pleasant visit from Mr. Edward G. Parker of Toronto, Canada, several weeks ago. We had only one fault to find, viz.: he could not stay long enough. Mr. Parker informs us that he has bought out the Canadian Postage Stamp Co. We would liked to have seen Mr. Parker President of the C. P. A. He is a fine fellow.

—We want an adv. from you. Our Christmas issue, besides being very attractive, will have a very large circulation.

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### A CONCLUSIVE ARGUMENT.

"I tell you that Harrison and Morton haven't the slightest chance of being elected, not the slightest," exclaimed McSlatterly with emphasis.

"You seem to be very certain of that," replied his friend with a touch of irony.

"Certain? Well, I should think so; didn't Mike Brennan just a minute ago slap a double X down on his bar and yell, 'Twenty to ten on Cleveland!' Certain; well I guess."—*Judge.*

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### ARGUMENTIVE.

A Chinaman is oftentimes a rather argumentive subject when it comes to the difficult point of acquiring English.

"Ah Tu," said a teacher, "spell man."

"W'ich man you mean?"

"Oh, any man!"

"Chinaman aw 'Milican?"

"Any man, I said. It's all the same."

"Naw, not allee same; Chinaman welly goot — heap washee — heap woick ha'hd allee time; Ilishman, 'Melican man, too muchee stlike allee time!"

"Spell *man!* any man -- Chinaman, if you like!"

"S-a-m, Sam."

"But *that* isn't man!"

"Yes, Sam he one Chinaman; but I spell 'nother if you like."—*Ex.*

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## Just to Pay the Printer.

The *Souvenir of Amateur Journalism* compiled by Mr. Cramer, of Tarrytown, is at last ready for sale. As Mr. Cramer has failed to assist the book financially, we have taken it upon ourselves to see that the printer is paid, therefore will send the book, post-paid, on receipt of twenty-five (25) cents.

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your money," came a faint cry of terror and anguish, to his startled ears.

As he hurried forward, toward the two dim forms just visible in advance, he caught the angry words in unmistakably foreign accent:

"Badda boy, badda boy; steala moneys out o' my standa," and the speaker flourished a short, heavy strap above the head of a poor ragged urchin who knelt in terror at his feet.

"Come, John, what's all this trouble about," said our friend, laying his hand on the angry Italian's shoulder.

The peanut vender, for such he was, turned around, nettled by this interruption in what he thought his just revenge. But on recognizing Bob as one of his best customers, his whole manner changed.

#### CHAPTER VI.

"Ah, Senior Benton," said he, his whole countenance wearing a look of injured innocence, "dis a bery badda boy. He come to my standa and stdala one, two dollars."

"Oh, no, mister, I didn' steal a cent of his money—it must have been some other boys. Please don't let him lick me again," cried the ragged little fellow, springing to his feet.

The sincere and pitiable look on the poor little chap's face won Bob's heart, so taking out his wallet, he selected a two dollar bill and tendered it to the swarthy Italian, saying:

"Now, John, go about your business, and leave this little fellow to me." And as the Italian moved off, he took the frail little urchin by the hand, and talking kindly and tenderly to him, he learned the following story as they walked slowly along the street:

As far back as he could remember, the luckless chap had never known such a thing as a father. He had lived (if living, the miserable drudgery could be called,) with his mother in one dingy little room on the fifth floor of a miserable tenement house in the city of New York.

Always had he been upon the crowded streets with his stock of newspapers, and blacking box, scraping together every penny within his reach.

But try as they would, poverty always stood grinning in the path of both mother and son. At last, worn out by her weary trials and suffering, the good woman breathed her last.

The son, left an orphan, and without a cent to his name, was at the time too young to realize his great misfortune. Since then, he had been knocking about the streets, ragged and half-starved, barely able to keep body and soul together.

One day, he happened to read in the paper an article describing the glorious chance in the newly settled portions of the west for those who were willing to work.

Accordingly, after much saving and grubbing, he managed to hoard enough money together to pay his fare to Evna.

While on the streets looking for work, he was set upon by two boot-blacks, and in the squabble that followed had been robbed of what little money he possessed. Wandering around in despair and hunger that evening, he suddenly found himself caught and flogged by the angry Italian who accused him of stealing from his peanut stand.

Bob had been listening with the deepest interest, and when the orphan had finished, he asked:

"What is your name, my boy?"

"They all call me 'Jim'—James Carter is my right name."

"James Carter! Great Scott! My cousin—"

And Bob stopped still in amazement and wonder.

To be Continued.

## THE JUNIOR PRESS.

*This Department is edited by D. H. Gray, who will be held accountable for all articles herein contained.*

Mr. Kriedler complains, and with good cause you will acknowledge, of the melancholy reading the editorials of the average amateur journal of to-day furnishes. Why not break this monotony, Ottinger, Cole and you other wits, and let amateur journal-

ism once more sparkle with its old-time puns, witticisms and pointed editorials?

—The *Monthly Visitor* gives notice that the *Bay State Amateur* will not again be heard from until January. Come, come, Mr. Baldwin, amateurism does not care to miss even two issues of your paper.

—Mr. Romer's sketch in the last issue of the *Amateur Gazette* is written in a clear and pleasing manner; the gentleman writes with a frankness that is sure to captivate his readers.

—There is no excuse for some of the items published in the last *Prickly Pear*. It is of no possible interest to the fraternity to know what amateurs liked beer or how much they drank. Such a parade of personal vulgarity has no place in the amateur journalism of to-day.—*Caduceus*.

Surely, a strong criticism in the right place, Mr. Day.

—Goeway, in the last number of *Our Quill*, favors the fraternity with an illustration, and promises more to come. That is right, friend, keep it up.

The *Enterprise*, of Binghamton, improves with each succeeding issue. Its make-up is splendid.

—The *Amateur* arrives from San Antonio, Texas. Although of somewhat ungainly proportions, its reading matter is interesting.

—Regular and interesting! If to any paper's credit these two achievements set, it is to that of the *Youth's Friend*.

—Half, if not more, of the space in the *Monthly Gem* is devoted to advertisements. What few editorials it contains are fairly good, but with each issue they become more scarce.

—Like the caterpillar into the beautiful butterfly has the former *Tablet* been transformed into the present one. Its former appearance was, to say the least, disagreeable to the eye; but now, with its able editors and clear printing, it is fit for any exchange list.

—Mr. Brodie, as all expected, well fills the office of official-editor of the Knickerbocker A. P. A. The last issue of the

official organ was complete and satisfactory to say the least.

—The *Souvenir of Amateur Journalism* is well worth the price asked. Amateurs, you can not well do without it. Leon Mumford will supply you with copies.

—The *Crescent* reflects credit on its editress and editor. But how about its business manager?

—Kempner's last *Union Lance* is a model issue.

—The *Volunteer* has been greatly enlarged and improved.

—*Our Compliments* once more presents itself for inspection. Its contents are well worth reading.

—*Waltham Courant*, though small, is a bright and interesting paper.

—One of the most welcome papers on our exchange list is the *Hornet*, of Red Bank, N. J.

—The PEARL is now, besides the *High School Tribune*, the only paper of its kind published in Syracuse. It appears that Silverstein has buried his *Hatchet*, while Smith has driven his *Spear* deep into the heart of Fossilasia. Come, wake up, we need you.

—*Salmagundi* must certainly draw forth the approval of the 'dom. Remember the PEARL every mailing day, Mr. Romer.

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## Coming Events Cast Their Shadows!

READER, the PEARL has a question to ask you. We know your answer.—How would you like a Christmas story, in the form of a sequel to that charming story, "The Tennis Club," by that entertaining and invigorating writer,

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## Philatelic Department.

Edited by Amos S. Coan.

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### ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

BY GEORGE.

There is probably no country where stamps are held so much in doubt by the average stamp collector than the above mentioned stamps.

How many times, dear collector, have you asked yourself the question: Shall I or shall I not collect these interesting stamps? being made all the more interesting because held so much in doubt as to their origin, etc. How many times have you changed your opinion as to these stamps being collectable or not? Alsace and Lorraine first issued stamps in the year 1870. These stamps were issued by the German authorities, and were used by them during the war between Germany and France, viz., in the parts of France then occupied by the Germans.

Many authorities claim two sets were issued, but the last set, with the reversed network, I will have more to say latter on. I think that those that claim two sets are in some way interested in them, either directly or indirectly.

#### VALUE OF CURRENCY.

100 centimes, 1 franc--19.3 cents.

The first set was issued in 1870, consisting of seven varieties. The back ground was of a fine network with a large numeral in centre, with the words "Postes" above and "Centime" below. All of this set are perforated. The values and colors are as follows:

1870,	1 centime.	olive green.
"	2	red brown.
"	4	gray.
"	5	green.
"	10	bistre.
"	20	blue.
"	25	brown.

This is a very beautiful set, and is an ornament to any collector. The dies were engraved with just the network. The

stamps were then printed with the network and the numerals together, with the words "Posts" and "Centime," which were afterwards added. The second set (?), colors, values, etc., are as follows:

"	1 centime.	olive green.
"	2	red brown.
"	4	gray.
"	5	green.
"	10	bistre.
"	20	blue.
"	25	brown.

This set in regard to perforature, colors, value, etc., are alike in every way except that the points in the network in the last set points down instead of up. At the close of the war the dies were either ordered destroyed or were destroyed.

The person or persons who were ordered to destroy these plates neglected to do so, and retained them in his possession. He struck off a few as a curiosity and found they had ready sale. He felt encouraged, so increased the supply according to demand. These sets found their way to some unscrupulous dealer's hands. The collectors first heard then of the Alsace and Lorraine error with reversed network only \$—.

But in striking off these stamps the printer made an error and placed the sheets with the network upside down, when the words "Postes," "Centime" and the numeral were added, hence the reversed network.

The Government received many letters of inquiry from all parts of the globe regarding these stamps.

Some one broached the subject of re-printing these stamps. The Government seized upon this idea of increasing the treasury of the country. These stamps were then ordered printed. The printer either made an error in placing the network so that when the words "Postes," "Centime" and the numerals were added the network was reversed. Or the demand for these stamps were without the word specimen or some equivalent.

Some person hit upon the idea of having the network down to protect the Government, so that the reprints could be readily distinguished from the originals, and his idea was immediately carried out.

Continued on Supplement.

## THE IVORY SOAP WATCH CHARMS.



A miniature fac-simile of a cake of Ivory Soap, with a gold-plated ring to attach it to the watch chain, or may be tied to the button-hole with a piece of ribbon, and used as a badge for a club, society, etc., etc.

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#### FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS.

Cut out the center piece of each wrapper and put them in the envelope with your letter, saying what you want, and give your address in full. *No attention will be paid to requests for Watch Charms unless the twelve (12) center pieces are in the envelope with the request.*

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## TO-MORROW.

To-morrow, and to-morrow,  
O fair and far away,  
What treasures lie, when hope is high  
Along your shining way.

What promises fulfilled,  
What better deeds to do  
Than ever yet, are softly set  
Beneath your skies of blue.

To-morrow, and to-morrow,  
O sweet and far away,  
Still ever more lead on before  
Along your shining way.

Still ever more lift up our eyes  
Above what we have won,  
To higher needs and finer deeds  
That we have left undone.

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## THE YULE LOG.

*A Sequel to "The Tennis Club."*

BY I. N. K.

THE bonds of mutual good tennis were dissolved. Again dissension was rife among the young people of Glenville; this time, the girls had taken the offensive stand.

On the afternoon of the eighteenth of December, the fate of the unlucky boys hung trembling in the balance. A meeting of the Yule Club was in progress. The Yule was a distinctly feminine society formed for the purpose of accomplishing unheard-of things in the line of Christmas fancy work. But, at present, all hands lay idle, while tongues were moving busily enough for both.

It was a critical moment. Dot Barton felt it as such, and rushed gallantly to the rescue.

"Well, there's just this much about it," she exclaimed, "if the boys come, *I won't!*"

And having delivered herself of this dire threat, sank back in her chair with an expression of inexorable resolve.

"Neither will I!" cried Ollie Stafford, throwing herself heroically into the breach, "We've met so far without boys, and had an awfully jolly time. Why need we ask them to the party?"

"But a party without boys seems so *funny*," objected Susie Porter, "and won't it make them awfully mad?"

"Let it!" returned indomitable Dot. "It's so *flat* to be always trotting 'round after the boys. They certainly seem to get along without *us* all right. I, for one, am not going to toady to them."

This last withering remark decided the matter. What girl likes to be told that she runs after the boys, even if she does? The die was cast, and the boys ruled out.

Great were the consternation and disgust among the masculine element of the Glenville young people. Dick Green met Carl Brown on the street and imparted to him this latest caprice of the young ladies.

"Well, I'll be darned!" was Carl's comment.

"It's a *spidey* trick!" remarked Dick, energetically, "and I propose to kick."

"We can't," said Carl, thoughtfully, "but I know what we *can* do."

Then ensued a lengthy discussion, at the end of which Ollie Stafford's big brother was taken into our friends' confidence, and a plan laid of which we shall hear later on.

Christmas Eve saw a goodly company of damsels gathered in the large, old-fashioned hall at Squire Stafford's. Every guest either felt or feigned the wildest mirth, and the fun waxed fast and furious over the "Christmas sports and pastimes" which occupied the early part of the evening.

In the midst of the genreal hilarity, a ring at the door-bell was heard, and presently there entered two men bearing a log



of goodly proportions, wreathed with holly and evergreens. By some miracle, (possibly to be explained by Ollie's big brother) this log just exactly fitted into the wide old-fashioned fire-place where a bed of coals was already glowing brightly.

"A Yule log! How perfectly lovely!" cried Dot. "See, here is a card, Ollie."

Then Ollie read aloud to the remorseful company:

"For the young ladies of the Yule Club with the compliments of the boys. We hope *Yule* have a Merry Christmas!"

"They are heaping coals of fire on our heads!" cried Susie Porter, tragically.

"This is a wood-fire, dear," corrected Dot; then with a serio-comic glance at the hearth, "but it does burn most awfully not!"

The general opinion seemed to be that the boys had been abused, and in return had behaved like angels. There is no telling what the conscience-smitten girls would have done if supper had not been most opportunely brought upon the scene.

Just as the dainty plates of ice-cream were being passed among the company, every one observed that everyone else seemed suddenly siezed with a ghastly pallor. Instinctively, they all glanced at their beautiful Yule log. What had happened that it was emitting this sickly green light? And what was the cause of the stifling smoke which was making every one in the hall cough in the most distressing fashion?

Surely something exploded just then. Fizz, pop, bang!—one report after another as if a fiend had taken possession of the boys' "coals of fire."

"Fire-crackers!" cried some one from the corner to which the young ladies had somewhat precipitately retired; and sure enough, when the explosions had ceased, and they came to examine certain charred remains deposited on the hearth, fire-crackers were recognizable beyond a doubt.

"Those wretched boys!" was the general exclamation. Then Susie groped for her handkerchief, crying, "Heavens! what smells so?"

"Burnt feathers!" exclaimed some one. "The Yule log! Those *awful* boys! What next?"

They were not long left in doubt. Down

the wide-mouthed chimney came tumbling a motley collection of potatoes, turnips, onions, apples and chestnuts, which struck the deceitful log and bounded off in a sort of mad, bumping dance.

When this shower of vegetable products ceased, the girls waited silently for further developments; but none came. The play was evidently played out. The beautiful Yule, like all other things, was a hollow mockery, a delusion, and a snare.

"The coals of fire don't burn quite so hot," remarked Dot, presently. And, indeed, the sham log had already become a heap of ashes.

"We made a mistake. This is the fire of revengeful passion," said Ollie.

"Girls, do you wish we had asked them?" murmured Susie.

"No! Horrid things! Of course not!" Then Dot's voice sounded through the general outbreak of indignant protest.

"Girls, they need never know that their scheme worked. These things will be taken away, and we'll all keep still, except for an extremely circumspect note of thanks. We won't give them the satisfaction of crowing."

"And we won't let them spoil our fun! Come, let's go in the parlor and dance. A Virginia Reel first, who cares for the boys and their foolish tricks!"

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It was Carl who received the "extremely circumspect note of thanks," and who, after making his customary comment, passed it on to the other boys. This is what they read:

"The young ladies of the Yule Club extend their sincere thanks to the 'boys' for playing Santa Claus so bountifully on Christmas Eve. The Yule Log was especially appreciated, although it was a trifle too green to burn well; while the occasion was particularly enlivened by the general flavor of chestnuts pervading the atmosphere."

Did they ever find out for certain that the revenge was successful?

That is hard to say. To be sure, the girls had sworn themselves to eternal secrecy on the subject; but it is left to your personal judgment to decide how long feminine lips are sealed by such a pledge.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

By DEWITT H. GRAY,

Author of "Dearer Than Gold," "Sam's Mistake," "How Luke Won," etc., etc.

## Synopsis of Preceding Chapters :

TEN boys, about the age of fifteen, residing in the small though thriving city of Evver located in the West, organized a Hook and Ladder Company. At their second meeting, a fire broke out in the large paper mills belonging to Mr. Bacon. They hurried to the scene of the conflagration where they did much good work in saving some valuable paper. The next day, the captain of the club, Bob Benton, who is also the hero of the story received a note requesting himself and two other members of the club to call at the office of Mr. Bacon the next day. That night while returning from a meeting, our hero saved a little street waif from the hands of an angry Italian. On inquiring the gamin's name, after hearing his story, Bob is told that it is James Carter—a fact which greatly startles him.

## CHAPTER VII.

AS Bob made the startled ejaculations recorded in the last chapter, a most bewildering chain of thought was passing through his mind.

Was this little gamin whom he had run across in the streets, the one that he had heard his father speak of as "sister Mary's child?"

His cousin! No, it must only be a wonderful coincidence. At least so he decided and checked himself abruptly.

The little lad looked up in some amazement as he heard Bob's startled words; but when our friend stopped so suddenly, he did not surmise the meaning of the half-uttered word—at least there was no sign of it in his actions.

"Now what's *your* name?" inquired he, after they had walked a short time in silence.

"My name is Bob—Bob Benton."

A glance of intelligence swept across the questioner's face as they passed under the glare of a street-lamp; but lasted only for an instant.

"Bob, I will never be able to thank you for saving me from that bad Italian, for I know he would have almost killed me. But I must leave you now."

"Never mind about thanking me; but, pray tell, where are you going to sleep to-night?"

"Oh, I run 'cross some pretty good fellows to-day, and they said if I'd come around to their hotel, they would give me a lodging for the night."

Had Bob known the nature of the 'hotel' and 'lodging' that was offered the poor little waif, Jim would undoubtedly have spent that night at the Benton mansion. Yea, had he known that the hotel consisted of nothing more or less than a large dry-good's box in which four boys sought regularly a shelter for the night, and that the lodgings consisted of a night's sleep on the "soft side of a board," they never would have parted company that night. As it was, thinking his newly-made friend well provided-for for the night, he held out a dollar in silver, saying:

"Well, take good care of yourself, and here's a little money with which you can buy some papers and start in business for yourself."

With a grateful heart, the boy received the money, and sought his way down a dark alley, while Bob started toward his own home.

"It can't be that that little chap is father's nephew," soliloquized our hero. "Oh no, that sort of thing is good enough to read about, but as for being a reality,—well hardly."

## CHAPTER VIII.

School being dismissed, and having eaten his dinner, Bob set out, in company with Joe Bruce and Ned Wilson, for Mr. Bacon's office.

"I wonder what he'll do," remarked Ned, as they were walking briskly along. "I surely don't know," replied Bob, "but I would be glad if he would help the club along a little."

"So would I," added Joe Bruce, "but we had better wait until we see him, and then we will know more about it."

The boys soon after arrived at the mill-owner's office, which was located in the heart of the city, about three blocks from the paper-mill.

As they entered the elegantly furnished apartment, Mr. Bacon was just rising from

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Agents, of whom we will speak in another place, have found that there is money to be made by working for the PEARL. Those who have heretofore hesitated, thinking our paper a mere scheme, and destined to discontinue publication after the first few issues need do so no longer, but may send in their subscriptions immediately.

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—Do not fail to remember that this magazine for one whole year will cost you only 25 cents.

## OUR AGENTS.

As we have remarked in the foregoing article, agents have found it a paying business to work for the PEARL. Why? you would ask. Here is the mystery explained in a few words: Our commissions are so liberal that anyone can afford to work for us, considering how easily subscriptions may be obtained for a paper of this character.

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Some have formed the opinion that ours is an "amateur magazine." Here they have made a mistake, for, although Mr. Gray is deeply interested in that vast institution called "amateurdom." Mr. Coan has nothing whatsoever to do with it. And although you will generally find a review of the amateur journals with which we exchange, you will do well not to form hasty opinions.

## ADVERTISERS, ATTENTION.

As we have before stated, we can give all advertisements inserted in the PEARL a wide circulation. All advertisements in this paper are sure to count. If this is not a fact, why do we secure such a large patronage? Agents will receive a goodly compensation for all advertisements secured for this paper.

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Friends, our Christmas PEARL is before you. Peruse it carefully, and see if you do not think it deserving of merit. "The Yule Log," by I. N. K., which was promised for this issue, together with a mint of other useful and entertaining matter, make what we call a presentable issue. We have lots of good things for the future numbers.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

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his desk, preparatory to leaving the office. Seeing the boys, however, he replaced his hat on the rack, and advanced to meet them.

"Lucky you got here just as you did, or you would have missed me, sure," said he with a smile. "I have been so busy to-day that I had forgotten all about my engagement."

"Now," he continued in a business-like tone, "how many boys are there in your club, and what is the height of each?"

Our three friends were somewhat surprised at this question, but answered, giving the height as nearly as possible of each individual member. Mr. Bacon wrote it down in a small book, much to the wonderment of the boys.

After a few more such questions as these, he arose from his seat, saying, "well, boys you may go now."

Once more upon the street, the boys gave full vent to their feelings.

"That didn't look much as though he intended rewarding us," exclaimed Ned, disgustedly; for if the truth were but known, he had built some high hopes on a recompense.

"I should say as much," said Joe.

"If he wishes to reward us, he will do so, and if not — why he won't, that's all," remarked Bob, sensibly.

When they reached the neighborhood in which they lived, they found the other boys awaiting their arrival, all eager to hear the news.

"What did he have to say, fellows?" inquired Seward Marsh.

They were soon acquainted with the three boys' experiences, and, at the end, a general grunt of disapproval went up from the gathering.

"How about that 'five dollars or so' you were talking about, Seward," someone inquired, maliciously.

"Gone up spout," returned Seward, in a most dubious tone.

To be Continued.

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## THE JUNIOR PRESS.

*This Department is edited by D. H. Gray, who will be held accountable for all articles herein contained.*

—Our contemporaries would gain the PEARL's heartiest approval if they would kindly see that copies of their papers are mailed regularly to H. L. Smith, 108 University Avenue, and E. P. Lyman, 74 Hawley Street, Syracuse, N. Y. These two gentlemen are, so to speak, on the verge of activity, so now is the time to do some good work.

—"An Idle Moment With Two Old Time Editors," in last *Union Lance*, does the writer, Mr. Mack, considerable credit.

We agree with him in his statement:—"Certain authors have long deplored that literary men are seldom born in the age when their peculiar talents would stand them to the best advantage. Indisputable as this may be, yet we are by no means prepared to accept it as a truth which will not bear numberless exceptions."

—Messrs. Lindsley & Kriedler join hands, and send out a very creditable issue of the long-unheard-of *Palladium*. Kriedler shows his great love for the present chief executive of N. A. P. A. by numerous—about seven, we think—editorials.

—We had the pleasure of examining a copy of the E. A. P. A. official organ. Although somewhat tardy in appearance, Osbourne I. Yellsout as loudly as ever.

—Oh *Dynamite*, have you no mercy? Do for our sake shed that "Democratic and for Protective Tariff."

—The western amateurs appear to be wide awake, judging from their official organ, the *Western Amateur*. Come, friends, wake up, or they will be running away with our laurels.

—The amateurs of Syracuse should be stirring themselves, unless they intend that our city shall lose its reputation for hospitality. The July, '89, convention of the K. A. P. A. will undoubtedly take place

in this city — we must give its members a hearty welcome.

—In regard to the next president of the Knickerbocker A. P. A., we have nothing to say. We shall, if all goes well, arrive at Binghamton, cast our vote for the most deserving nominee, and enjoy ourselves to the best of our ability.

—The New York boys did a good thing for amateurism by securing the presence of several noted professional journalists at their last banquet. Let us continue gaining the interest of such men as Allen Forman, of the *Journalist*, and the success of amateurism is assured.

—We are happy to observe that the east is also booming things amateurish. The amateurs of New York State seem to have the bulge, so to speak, on things quiet. Come, come, this will never do. Once more grasp your quill, gentlemen, and let your editorials echo from Maine to California.

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### Girls, Here is Something For You.

#### KNITTED DOLL.

THE knitted boy can be made of Saxony or any nice yarn. Black should be used for the boots, gray for pants, red for the jacket, white for head and hands.

Begin at the sole of the foot with 32 stitches on four needles. Narrow in the middle of the same needle, each time round until you have 16 stitches. Widen gradually, until the boot is the desired length, 40 stitches being about the right size. Sew up the bottom of the foot, and stuff with cotton as you proceed. Now put in the gray, breaking off the black. Narrow to 36 stitches, then widen gradually for the thigh. When the proper size is reached with one leg, knit the other in the same way, and pull all the stitches on one set of needles. Then narrow 3 times on the back and twice on the front, before changing the color and knitting 4 times round with black, for a belt. Then put in the red yarn. You should have about 62 stitches at this point. Knit 3 times plain, then widen 25 times round, will bring it round to the armhole, at which place there should

be 79 stitches. Knit back and forth across the chest, to leave a space for the arm. Then narrow to 36 stitches for the neck. For the head with white yarn have 12 stitches on each needle. Knit 6 rows plain. 7th row—narrow once at beginning of each needle. 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th rows—plain. 14th row—For the chin widen 3 successive stitches; do this in the centre of one of the needles. Knit 8 stitches wide, knit plain, until you have eight stitches from the chin. Widen again, finish the row plain. 15th, 16th and 17th rows, plain. 18th row, widen each of the two centre stitches of the chin, and widen one stitch for the back of the head, knitting the chin for the centre. Knit 4 rows plain across the chin, widen three times in every other one of the 4 rows, at the back of the head and at each ear, 23rd row—For the mouth narrow each of the two centre stitches, and widen one stitch at the back and ears. Knit 4 rows more, widening every other row, at the back only. 28th row—Widen each side of one center stitch for the nose. 29th row, plain. 30th row, Widen each side of the stitch for the nose. All the rest of the head is plain knitting. When the head is long enough divide into 6 parts, and narrow in 6 places, every row, until it is reduced to six stitches then draw together, after stuffing the head with cotton. When full, pinch up the nose, and with the same yarn it is knit with, sew in shape. Work the lips with red. For the eyes take white darning cotton and work the shape of the eye with a bead strung on the thread. Make black eyebrows and a little cap with black crown, red and black border, or band. Sew it on the top of the head, working hair below it. Make black buttons with needle and yarn down front of jacket. The arms are added last by taking up twenty-two stitches at the arm-holes, and widening one stitch at the back of the arm, in each row, until there are 27 stitches. Knit plain about an inch, then narrow gradually to 12 stitches, at the wrist. Knit 6 times across with white for hands.

A doll body, or the outline of one on paper will be found useful in knitting from these directions.

—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

## Philatelic Department.

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We desire to purchase at all times any original articles on this subject for which prompt cash will be paid.

### ANTIGUA.

BY GEORGE.

**A**NTIGUA is one of the stamp issuing countries of the world, and a colony of Great Britain since 1767. Antigua is one of the West Indies, and has an area of 183 square miles, with a population of 35,000. The inhabitants are mostly whites and negroes. The negroes were formerly slaves, but are now free. They outnumber the whites by a ratio of six to one. The capital is St. John with 18,700 inhabitants. There is also a number of Chinamen who have been brought over to work on the plantations, and are called "coolies."

The country, like all the Lesser Antilles, is mountainous, and the climate is tropical and healthful, except during the rainy season. Antigua, like all the islands of the West Indies, is subjected to terrific hurricanes. The chief productions are sugar, molasses, rum, coffee, tobacco, valuable woods, spices and tropical fruits.

Currency, 1 pound (\$4.83)=20 shilling.  
1 sh.=12 pence.

The first set consisted of four varieties, and were issued in 1862.

Profile of Queen Victoria to the left on an engine turned ground with Antigua above and value below. This set was printed on white wove paper. Water mark, a star. But I have a number of specimens printed on paper varying in thickness.

The colors and values are as follows :

Perforated.	
1862,	1 d, pale lake.
"	6 d, green.
"	1 d, red.
"	1 d, vermilion.

The colors vary very much in this set. I have 6 d, pale green, several dark green, also one with a kind of a yellow tint.

This set can be purchased (used) for about 30 cents, and is an ornament to any collection

In 1882, the next stamps were issued, bearing the profile of Queen Victoria to the left in an octagon, enclosed in a rectangular frame, with Antigua above and value below. These were printed on white wove paper watermarked Crown and C. C.

Perforated.

1882,	½ d, green.
"	2½ d, claret.
"	4d, blue.

This set (used) can be bought for about 10 cents, and unused for 30 cents.

Perforated.

1886,	1 shilling, mauve.
1887,	2½ d, blue.
"	4d, brown.

### PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

Many of the approval sheet frauds have lately come to grief. The Andrews swindle of Boston, Mass, on investigation, showed one of the most systematic plans for defrauding the dealers who sent out approval sheets. On June 7, 1888, I received a letter bearing the notice of Andrews & Jones, Lawyers, Temple House, Mass.:

Boston, June 6th, 1888.

Sir: My son is collecting stamps, and desires some on approval. I will be responsible for whatever you may send. Address him as per enclosed envelope,

Yours respectfully,

A. M. ANDREWS,

The address given was A. M. Andrews, Jr., Box 17, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Investigation proved there was no such concern. A. M. Andrews, Jr., is still my debtor for \$4.79. A few weeks ago, I received another letter stating if I sent out stamps on approval, he would be pleased to receive some, as his nephew's birthday was soon and he had promised him some rare stamps. I believe he has some 1800

varieties, and still wants more. Please send what he calls State, Navy Justice, and old foreign. It was signed "L. L. Troeder." As the writing was the same, I did not send them. I have since learned that A. M. Andrews, Jr., and L. L. Troeder, is one and the same.

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### EDITORIALS.

—The *American Philatelist*, for December is full of good things, and is keeping its reputation up as one of the best philatelic papers in the world.

—The *Halifax Philatelist*, Vol. II, No. 11, to hand and is the best philatelic paper ever published in Canada.

—The December number of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, containing the catalogue of Mr. Mekeel's sixth auction sale, is before us.

—The *Philatelic Press*, is a bright spicy paper, from West Winsted, Conn.

The *Eastern Press*, is a new one from Wilmington, Del. We wish you success. There is always room at the top.

—The *Collector and Exchange*, is an eight page paper from Buffalo, N. Y.

—The *National Philatelist*, for December is at hand. Mr. F. Mc Smith has improved both the contents and appearance greatly since the first number.

—See our Grand Offer on another page. Collectors in answering advertisements kindly mention the PEARL.

—Collectors, we call your attention to Mr. J. Krebs' adv. on last page of cover. His approval books are the finest we have seen both in quality and price.

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### NOTES.

—We have seen the 3 cent, 1868, Canada watermarked.

—Young lady collectors are more numerous than formerly.

—We have been notified that Mr. Leighton, the secretary of the C. P. A., address has been changed from Orangeville to 67 Denison avenue, Toronto, Canada.

—Many collectors are changing their used specimens for unused. The unused are much the finer looking.

—Mr. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., has bought the entire stock of revenues, match and medicine stamps of Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J.

—Major E. B. Evans, of Bermuda, arrived in New York City on November 10th, '88.

He attended Bogerts' auction sale on the 19th, and returned the 22nd.

Mr. Evans is one of the world's greatest authorities on philatelic matters.

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—Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J., the well known dealer in U. S. stamps and coins has failed. His failure was due to some unfortunate investments in mining stock.

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—Never was the old adage, "The wicked flee when no man persuith," truer than now. Dealers in reprints think every article on the discouragement of their collection points right to them; and they give themselves away by coming out in some journal with a denial. This trash will soon be done away with.

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## THE GUNNER'S DREAM.

A figure tread the lonely deck,  
The hour 'twas midnight—late;  
The stars looked dimly at a bark,  
As o'er shadowing its sad fate.

The form was that of a gunner,  
Stripped to the waist was he;  
With nervous though unerring eye  
He scans the distant sea.

'Twas the pirate frigate Corsiar;  
Many years ago it rose  
Unrestrained by any nation;  
Bade defiance to its foes.

The gunner's eye now fastens  
On a speck far o'er the lea;  
With bated breath he falters,  
'Tis a Man-of-War I see.

The haughty captain hears the cry;  
With glass in hand, he springs  
Amidst his faithful followers;  
With commands the still air rings.

The Man-of-War gains rapidly,  
As though a thing of life,  
And the morrow's sun will witness  
A scene of bloody strife.

The gunner leans upon his gun,  
A picture of despair.  
Too well he knows the issue  
Of to-morrow's battle there.

Visions of the past come o'er him,  
Like a sweet and tender dream.  
Of his childhood, and his parents;  
How blissful it now seems.

He thought of his fond old mother;  
Of her cherished hopes—sublime,  
How he'd left that dear old homestead,  
And lived a life of crime.

Next day in the heat of battle  
Decks slippery with bloody gore  
Men falling all around him:  
Swords clasp, and cannon roar.

In the din and wild confusion,  
He lay gasping on her deck  
While the guns of the Man-of-War  
Reduced her to a wreck.

So the gunner's life is ended;  
His soul has passed to rest,  
To answer to his maker  
Who does all things for the best.

—Fred Hanchett, Member B. A. P. A.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

By DEWITT H. GRAY,

Author of "Dearer Than Gold," "Sam's Mistake," "How Luke Won," etc., etc.

### CHAPTER IX.

SLOWLY day followed day with nothing to enliven the times or warm the blood of our youthful friends.

"I'll be bounced if this isn't about the dullest town ever I was in," exclaimed Seward Marsh, as he and Bob were returning from school one day.

"Well, for once, I'm almost ready to agree with you on that," replied Bob. "Eh, whassay?" he continued as a plainly though neatly clad urchin ran up and touched him on the shoulder with a "Hey Mister."

"By all the great guns, if it isn't Jim," exclaimed our hero in surprise, as he recognized his young friend he had saved from the angry Italian. "Why where have you been for the last week? Thought surely I'd see you somewhere around."

"Oh I've been knockin' 'round a bit boss."

Bob observed that the little fellow was fast falling into the careless mode of talking adopted by the usual street gamin.

But for this he might well be forgiven, for now without a mother's influence he was left to the mercy of the world; open to all its vices, pitfalls and woes.

"But Jim," said Bob, gazing down at the youth's neat attire, "you seem to have been a—a—"

"Prosperin'? Well yes, I am gettin' 'long some half-way decent now. More show for a feller to ketch a nickle now and then out this way than in the East."

"I'm glad to hear that you are prospering. But can I do anything for you now?"

"Well yes, ther is," returned Jim; then suddenly assuming a brisk and business-like manner: "Here now is something I want yer to put in yer pocket and give me a receipt fer."

As he finished speaking, he handed out to Bob a sealed envelope. At first our friend was somewhat at sea as to the meaning of this; then as he suddenly recollected he held out his hand in remonstrance, saying:

"No, no, Jim. You needa't pay back any debts you may imagine you owe me. Now don't get spunky, that's a good fellow."

But it was evident that Jim was sorely displeased, for his lips stuck out in a most obstinate pout, and his big dark eyes were turned upon Bob's face with a look of deep approach. Finally regaining the use of his tongue he said:

"Say now mister, you ain't doin' fair by me, no how. When a feller trys to start in business you comes along and knocks him all out. 'Tain't fair now and you'd 'blige me by taking this pay for the money you loaned me."

Bob saw that to remonstrate further would be to rouse the enmity of his young friend, so he accepted the proffered envelope and soon Jim with a beaming face had pocketed the receipt. Then with a hearty hand-shake with Bob he scampered off up the street swinging his blacking box as he went.

"Who is that little chap?" inquired Seward Marsh, who had been an amazed spectator to all that had taken place.

Bob then told him and then walked on. Our hero little dreamed then of the circumstances under which he would again meet his young friend, the boot-black.

## CHAPTER X.

"THE class in Latin will not recite this half-hour," said Miss Mayo, about half-past ten o'clock one morning, addressing her class of which our friend Bob, and Joe Bruce were members.

The books half taken from under the desk were replaced, and the scholars who were preparing to rise, sunk back in their seats, the room once more regaining its usual stillness.

"Dan Whitcomb have you no work to keep you busy this half-hour?" spoke the teacher, a delicate and pleasant-faced little body.

The shallow-featured, heavy-browed youth to whom this question was addressed suddenly drew himself together, faced around in his seat; and assuming an air of the most aggravating impudence, returned in a harsh, snappish voice:

"Mam?"

"I asked you if you had nothing to keep you busy," repeated the teacher, and the look of gentle reproach seemed enough to melt the heart of any ordinary boy.

"Work enough? yes," replied Dan, slamming his book down on his desk angrily, and assuming the appearance, and the appearance alone, of studying.

Bob glanced up at the teacher from his Geometry, and as he noticed tears standing in her eyes, his blood fairly boiled, and it was with an effort that he composed himself. Had he not succeeded in doing so, however, it is safe to say that Dan Whitcomb would have received one of the greatest threshings, then and there, that ever fell to a boy's lot.

Things again become quiet after this save for the occasional scuffle of feet or the fall of a book. The teacher was writing at her desk and all was a scene of harmony and peacefulness as would have made glad the heart of even an uninterested onlooker.

"Fire!"

Terrors of terrors! who can realize, yea attempt to realize the wild and startling meaning this one little word conveyed to the scholars in that room. Heads were raised as though a gigantic thunder-clap had shook the building to its very foundation; the previous bright and smiling countenances had suddenly changed to a deathlike palor; lips were parted as though

to speak, and yet not a sound was uttered ; and then —

Suddenly a most wonderfully transformation took place. The scholars had as suddenly risen to their feet as if shot from a catapult, a few startled cries and exclamations, and then a wild rush for the one small door leading out into the hall, followed.

Bob Benton suddenly saw the danger that menaced his classmates, and not he alone, either ; for, as he glanced around, he found cool-headed, though serious-faced Joe Bruce standing at his elbow.

"Quick, Bob, something must be done or they'll kill each other in their mad rush."

None realized the truth of this more than did our hero. He had acquired the habit of thinking quickly and now it stood him in good need. Standing on a desk with a sharp cornered inkwell poised above his head he cried with the full force of his strong young lungs :

"Everybody take their seats, and the first one who goes through that door-way gets hit !"

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CHAPTER XI.

WHEN a boy of sixteen or thereabouts, wishes to "make himself heard," he generally succeeds in doing so, and this was exactly the case with Bob.

The mad rush was suddenly stopped, and the scholars near the doors hesitated, not one of them desiring to get a whack on the head with a heavy glass ink-well. No, it was not human nature that they should.

"Now," said Bob, stepping down from his position on the desk, and working his way with Joe Bruce at his side toward the door, "now, scholars, if you're only sensible you'll all take your seats for can you not see that to rush out in the hall and add to the panic, the scholars from the other rooms are causing, would be to materially lessen your chances of escape?"

As though to substantiate his logic, cries and screams from below came clearly and distinctly to his classmates' ears, telling them of the awful panic below, and that Bob spoke the truth.

"Not much, Bob Benton, you can't pull the wool over my eyes. I see your game,"

and with this, Dan Whitcomb, already introduced to the reader, sprang forward as though to pass out into the hall.

"Stand back !" said Bob, bracing himself firmly in the path of the unruly youth. "Stand back, Dan Whitcomb, or you'll regret it."

"I will eh?" said the fellow, with a sneer. "Move aside, Benton, or I'll tear ye limb from limb," he continued, quoting from some trashy novel ; and as he finished speaking, he rushed for our friend, intending to brush him aside.

But, as it happened, Bob was not destined to be brushed aside, nor to be torn limb from limb, for as Dan advanced, he received a check which was sufficient to remind him, for our friend let one of his strong young arms short straight out from the shoulder. The blow was true and straight, for it caught Dan—oh no, reader, not on the nose nor under the eye, for Bob was no brute—but square on the shoulder, sitting him down so suddenly that the floor was jarred.

What Dan would have done, had not at that moment a most unlooked-for interruption taken place, would be hard to tell.

"Say, mister, dat was a daisy," cried a voice at one of the open windows of the room, while the scholars all looked to see the speaker.

Bob glanced up suddenly, and lo ! who did he behold at the window but Jim—the boot-black !" [*To be Continued.*]

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—The frequent revolutions in the governments of South American republics seem to make presidents as common there as military officers are in this country. Moreover, familiarity breeds there the same feeling that it does elsewhere. A traveller in the Argentine Republic tells a story at his own expense :

On one occasion, I accompanied the colonel of the regiment stationed on the frontier in one of his periodical visits to the Indians. Seeing me in European dress in the midst of so many military men, and treated by the colonel with great politeness, they said among themselves, —

"Who can this be?"

And the more knowing ones replied, —

"Oh, some President !" \* \*

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## Better Late Than Never.

—The PEARL appears somewhat late for this month, but is on hand, at last, beaming with matter interesting to all. We hope it may regularly and promptly appear hereafter.

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## THE JUNIOR PRESS.

*This Department is edited by D. H. Gray, who will be held accountable for all articles herein contained.*

—OUR friend Bassett is becoming enthusiastic. Each succeeding issue of *Jottings* is an improvement on the previous one.

—Awhile ago we were lamenting on the deplorable condition of amateur affairs in the Empire State. But now imagine our great delight at being able to publish the following :

" We hereby faithfully promise to issue one amateur paper within the two months following the K. A. P. A. convention at Binghamton, 1889.

Signed,

C. R. Burger,	E. A. Goewey,
M. F. Boechat,	G. M. Allen,
L. Kempner,	L. O. Mumford,
N. Block,	F. Hanchett,

D. H. Gray.

Now then, we challenge the man who dares to come forth and state that " amateurdom is degenerating ! "

—The old Binghamton A. P. A. has experienced a split. The members who are at present active, have withdrawn and re-organized under the old name. The remaining members have unhappily been termed by those who are active, the " Social Club. " This they intend to prove, ere the winter is over, a misnomer, by producing unheard-of activity in their ranks. Amateurs they need your support ; here is a great chance for recruiting. Mail your papers to Geo. M. Allen, 66 Chapin street, Binghamton, N. Y.

—In a letter published in the *Boys' Own Magazine*, the writer, Mr. Somner — known as " Rex, " — in speaking of amateur authors receiving pay, expresses himself thus :

" \* \* \* I scorn the amateurs, if such they can be called, who go so far as to demand such pay, and my contempt for them can hardly be expressed in words. "

Mr. Somner has done considerable contributing and consequently ought to know something about that of which he speaks.

—"Wells M. Cook is running the *Little Clipper* in a business-like manner. By the way, why not drop the first part of the title?"—*Exchange Journal*.

"Them's our sentiments." (This is a rather time-worn expression, but must use it for want of a better.)

—The bright little *Hornet* appears as promptly as ever with an account of the Eastern A. P. A. convention. It also informs us that Syracuse is to be the next place of meeting.

—Our worthy partner, Mr. Coan, is becoming slightly interested in amateur affairs. Later on, he may edit an amateur department in this magazine. We cannot afford to let this recruit slip through our fingers, friends, so you *must* see that copies of your paper are mailed to his address.

—Brother Howard, of Atlanta, Ga., sometime ago, on discontinuing his paper, the *Enterprise*, promised the 'dom a monthly magazine. It was to appear about Dec. 1, but he has failed to connect. We sincerely hope it is merely due to a delay and that the gentleman has not given up his project.

—Speaking of Atlanta, Ga., recalls the fact that but a short time ago it was one of our most active amateur centers. It is sad that it should now be so silent after so much good work. Come, fellow amateurs, bestir yourselves, and once more send forth the products of southern fire and energy.

#### We Found at Binghamton:

—Mr. Boechat, the same as ever — upright, kind-hearted and jolly.

—Mr. Kempner, with heart and soul devoted to our noble cause.

—Chas. R. Burger, as cold-waterish, bright and lively as on previous occasions.

—John J. Ottinger, quiet, sedate, and possessed of a goodly stock of droll wit.

—Nathan N. Block, distinguished by his three lasting traits: free-heartedness, earnestness and oratorical powers.

—Hanchett and Allen are well-deserving of the title, "giddy-girlish-gigglers."

—E. A. Goewey, all broken up with his ride on the cars, but present at the election notwithstanding.

—Mumford, hustling around town, previous to the convention, like a "hen with her head off."

—F. R. Luescher, as pleasant spoken and gentlemanly mannered as when we first met.

—Binghamton amateurs, ready to forward and shout for our cause with a right good will.

—Ourself, editorially speaking, on hand, both feet and valise (mostly feet) already for the fray.



—We are inclined to think there is a screw loose somewhere in Mumford's mental capacity, judging from his report of the last K. A. P. A. convention.

—A writer in the *Monthly Gem* makes the statement:

"Amateur journalism is one of the noblest professions of the day." and signs the article "C. F. Besore." Perhaps he will Besore (ly) perplexed (forgive us) as to our reason for taking him up, but to avoid this we would inform him that it is starting to learn that *amateur* journalism is a profession.

—A certain story in one of our contemporaries, the *Ago*, is the greatest we have ever had the pleasure (?) to peruse. The title is somewhat breezy and we wonder whether the writer is attempting the comic or the tragic.

—The city of Syracuse has another High School paper. The second has made its appearance under the name, *Recorder*. We wish its editors success.

—In the *Tattler*, a certain journal hailing from Burlington, Iowa, are printed numerous jokes (?). Some of them are, to say the least, a bit questionable, and we would inform the editors they are just a trifle too rapid, too previous, as it were. Now friends, take our advice: unless you desire that some of our bright amateurs,

who are always wide-awake, sit on you extremely hard, you had better discontinue this mode of filling the columns of your paper.

—The *Commentator* man does not admire Block's egotism. Well, do not be too hard with him, friend Tomlinson, for "boys will be boys," you know. And now we will catch it, sure!

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## Philatelic Department.

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### POSTAL CARDS.

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OF late, considerable has been said in our leading philatelic papers about postal card collecting. In fact, it has only been during the last three years that collectors have paid any attention at all to the interesting branch of philately.

Five years ago, a person who collected postal cards, entire or cut, was regarded in the same light as a postage stamp collector was ten years before, but, now all is changed. The aristocracy of philately, so to speak — i. e., the big guns who have well-filled pocket-books — have decided that postals are worthy of collection, and are already telling fables about their large collections. Of course, those whose pocket-books are lighter either ignore postals altogether or collect only the commoner kinds. Even the boys who are just beginning collections treasure their 5 pf. German cards and such other rarities.

But to be serious, I wish to advise every one who has not started a collection of cards to do so at once. You will get a heap more knowledge and enjoyment from a good collection of cards than from an amateur collection of stamps and there is no difference in cost.

You can get a very fine collection of postals for what it would cost you to get even a quite small collection of stamps.

Postals are quite cheap. Four-fifths of all the postals ever issued can be had at 5 and 10 cents each, while the very rarest cost only \$1.00, and they are very few.

I do not mean by this article to discourage the collector of postage and revenue stamps — far from it; — but if he cannot afford to collect both stamps and postals, my advice is to collect the postals. To the outsiders who know nothing of philately, a collection of postals is invariably more interesting than the more valuable collection of stamps.

Again, you can get a complete collection of postals at a comparatively moderate price, while such a thing is impossible in stamps at any price. The great objection to postals is the amount of space they occupy. Now this is all folly. If you keep your cards loose, 950, a complete collection, will not occupy the space of one of Scott's \$5.00 albums, while if you keep them in a book, four to a page, there will be only 230 odd pages, which is not a large book by any means. There are many different ways of mounting your cards. I have heard of one young collector who pasted his cards on the wall which when the collection was completed looked very well. Now I doubt if this is true, but if it is, the room must have been very small, that 950 cards would completely cover the walls. I do not imagine that many collectors will adopt this method of mounting their cards.

There are two good ways to mount cards: the one is to use a large cabinet photo album; the other is to obtain a good-sized blank book, and fix places for the postals by cutting the corners off of envelopes and pasting them at correct distances in the book. This will form a nice holder for the card, and it can thus be removed at will without injuring either card or book, as is apt to happen if the cards are mucilaged to the book. You should place about four cards to the pages, although six can be placed if you prefer.

Now a word about cut cards before I close. The question has agitated postal card collectors just as it has envelope collectors: "Shall we collect them entire or cut?" In my opinion, there is just about as much use in collecting a postal cut up, as a *piece* of a coin. In other words, a *cut postal* is not a *postal*, just as a *piece* of coin

is not a coin, and no collector would care to fill his cabinet with fragments of copper. Neither should we fill our albums with *fragments* of card board.

—P. O. *Stal.*

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NOTES.

—The new 30 cent stamps are now on sale at the post-office in this city.

—We have been unable to obtain any specimens of the new 3's at this office as yet.

—A Philatelic Society has been formed in Buffalo, N. Y.

—A used specimen of the famous Brattleboro stamp was sold at auction in New York City on the 15th inst. for \$160.

—Collectors complete your sets of U. S. and Departments as soon as possible. The demand in foreign countries for these stamps is increasing far beyond the supply.

—Auction sales are now held much oftener than formerly, several more are already announced. The prices realized as a rule are very fair.

—We think that in a short time auction sales will be as popular with our brother collectors in England as here, at least we should judge so from the prices realized at their last sale.

—The next sale will be held on Saturday, February 16, 1889, in London, England. The collection contains many rarities, and is catalogued by Chas. J. Phillips.

—The C. P. A. membership is rapidly increasing. Nearly two hundred members are now enrolled. This speaks well for the present board of officers. We hear many praises in the way the exchange department is conducted by Mr. Grenny.

—Many stamp dealers have banished the reprint from their approval sheets and price-lists, while others have their reprint stamps marked "reprint." This is a move in the right direction as many stamp collectors will not buy another cent's worth of any dealer who has ever sold him a reprint. Dealers who do not stop selling this worthless trash will wonder why their sales are falling off. Just three words will

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EDITORIAL.

—We wish to exchange with every philatelic paper published. Send two copies, one to each editor and we will always return the favor.

—The *Eastern Philatelist* is gaining a host of friends.

—Herdman's *Miscellany* is an English publication devoted to the interests of collectors, and is a very creditable production.

—The second number of one of our recent arrivals, viz.: the *Fitchburg Philatelist*, C. H. Whitcomb, Editor, is at hand.

—We have received the *Little Clipper* with its customary philatelic department.

—The *Collector's Ledger* is one of our few illustrated philatelic papers.

—The *Collector and Exchange* has combined the Nov. and Dec. This is one way of catching up with Father Time, which "waits for no man."

—The *Eastern Press* will hereafter accept no local ads.

—The *Philatelic Gazette*, from Chicago, is before us containing a catalogue of an auction sale to be held February 21, 1889, in Chicago under the auspices of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

—The *International Philatelic Advertiser* edited by A. M. Wright with its January number commences Vol. III.

—The members of the A. P. A. may well feel proud, and justly, too, of their official organ.

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NOTE.—A special synopsis of this story was given in number 3 of the JEARL. Back numbers on sale at the office.—ED.

## BRAVE OR RECKLESS.

By DEWITT H. GRAY,

Author of "Dearer Than Gold," "Sam's Mistake," "How Luke Won," etc., etc.

### CHAPTER XII.

TO say that Bob Benton was surprised at the appearance of Jim at the window, would be to put it very mildly indeed. However, there was something gratifying and reassuring in the expression of the boot-black's countenance that led our friends to feel that their danger was really less than they had supposed. As the little fellow proceeded to climb through the window, Bob inquired, in as composed a voice as he could assume, under the circumstances:

"Are they getting the fire under control? And is there any way of our getting out?"

"Gettin' the fire under control? Why ther buildin' ain't afire now. The janitor was careless and left some waste paper down by ther furnace ketch afire; somebody smelled ther smoke and yelled 'fire,' and without stoppin' ter see what was up, the folks rushed out o' the doors an' smashed an' jammed each other fer all they was worth," explained Jim.

"Oh, dear, I'm so glad the building is not on fire," said the frail little teacher, as she arose from the chair in which she had sunk, and breathed a sigh of relief. "Was anyone killed, or hurt badly in the rush?"

"Well m'am, no one were killed, but I'm 'fraid five or six were hurt, so that it'll lay 'em up fer a while," answered the boot-black.

"That's too bad. And now scholars," she continued, "you may take your seats and I will dismiss you.

And soon the students were out upon the streets, returning home, after this eventful morning's experience. Upon the lips of all were words of praise for Bob Beuton's brave action, and he was indeed the hero of his class.

Walking along the street toward home, with Joe Bruce and the little boot-black, the latter telling how he had reached the school window by climbing along the edge of the roof and then dropping down, Bob was suddenly accosted by Dan Whitcomb, who with rather a shamed-faced air, held out his hand, which Bob kindly took within his own, saying interrogatively:

"Well, Dan, what is it?"

"Bob," stammered the boy, "Bob, I don't know just how to say it, but I want to ask you if you won't call quits, and not think hard of me for acting so like a fool this morning?"

"Most certainly I will. Dan, but you must be more careful and not lose your head so easily. You might have raised a panic in that room that would have caused several deaths," replied Bob, earnestly.

"Thank you," said Dan in a relieved and sincere tone. "I will try to be more sensible if ever such a thing happens again," and as though to hide any emotion on his part, he turned and walked hurriedly up the street in another direction.

"Strange, isn't it, what queer natures some people have? At one time sincere and earnest, and then again, within an hour, as headstrong and rash as one can imagine," remarked our hero, as he looked after the retreating form of the youth, in a thoughtful tone.

"Yes," returned Joe Bruce, "such are the people that cause our wars, and such are they that destroy whole nations, and then, when all is done, mourn 'it might have been.' In cases of this kind it is often at times hard indeed to decide whether such persons' natures are brave or reckless."

And Jim, well showing the knowledge within that little head of his, dropping almost entirely

his street style of speaking, burst forth with:—

"Boys you are right there. For in the great city of New York I've many a time seen a good man with just such a nature, make all sorts of promises to his poor wife, and then, when the least thing goes wrong, go off and fill himself with vile whiskey, leaving his starving family without a cent to buy food with. Yes, and you might well add that such are the men that fill our prisons and murderers' graves."

The boys looked admiringly at their short companion, for they thoroughly appreciated his eloquence and logic, and Bob decided, then and there, that this little fellow was the son of more than ordinary parents.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

It was one bright Saturday morning, about a week after the events narrated in the preceding chapter, that Bob Benton arose from the breakfast table and ran nimbly, though somewhat noisily, through the hall and up the stairs to his "den."

"Oh, dear, those new Brussels carpets—there won't be much left of them if that boy runs over them like that," sighed Mrs. Benton, as she heard him; then with a smile, she continued: "But boys will be boys."

"Yes, mamma dear," said pretty Miss Bertha Benton, looking up from her croqueting "boys are a nuisance sometimes, but they do think they are so mighty nice, though. But we girls just let them think so, for it doesn't hurt our feelings in the least," and this last remark ended in a rather saucy little pout and a decided shake of the head.

The mother said nothing, but smiled to herself murmuring: "Dear children, both of them, and what would we do without them."

But leaving Mrs. Benton and her daughter, we follow our friend, Robert, up to his "den." And a "den" it was, surely. A room fixed up in a manner that would delight the heart of most any naturally organized boy. The walls were tastefully hung with pictures, mostly steel-engravings of sporting scenes. Stuffed birds and various small animals adorned niches and corners, and as one looked over in the corner by the broad bay-window, he could almost imagine himself in the heart of some dense forest; so ferocious and savage did the stuffed fox look as he stood with one paw resting on the body of a wild turkey

which he had just killed, and his head raised as though scenting danger.

"Now," said Bob, stepping to a rack that hung conspicuously on the wall, and taking down an elegant double-barreled shot gun, "we'll go up in Terp's Woods today and see if we can't knock over a few partridges."

"Bob, Bob," called his sister, from below, at this moment; "come down stairs. Joe Bruce and Seward Marsh wish to see you."

"All right, sis," returned Bob, and then as he replaced the gun on the rack, casting a longing glance at it, he murmured: "I guess, old fellow you'll have to remain where you are until some other day."

As he reached the side door, he found his two friends waiting for him. There was an eager light in Seward's eye as he said:

"I say, Bob, what do you think? Mr. Bacon has sent for us all to come down to his office immediately. Something must be up sure."

Our hero did not require a second bidding, but put on his hat with all due haste and went with the boys. As they reached the corner of the block they were met by the other seven members of the Hook and Ladder Company, who had been awaiting their arrival. Many and varied were the speculation as to the meaning of Mr. Bacon's call, indulged in by the boys, as they hurried along.

At last their destination was reached, and Mr. Bacon greeted them cordially, as they entered the office in single file.

As he led them out the back door, into a broad, paved court, and then stopped before the door of one of his elegant brick barns, in which were kept his fine horses and carriages, there was an air of mystery about his actions that greatly puzzled the boys.

"William," said the wealthy mill-owner, addressing a groom who stood near at hand, "slide back the door."

The man did as bidden, and as the door swung well back, a sight such as the boys had never dreamed of, met their astonished, delighted and eager gaze!

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—It is evident that the PEARL is fast gaining favor with the general public. This fact is very evident by our steady increase of patronage. Its advertisers and subscribers increase with each succeeding issue.

## THE OUTLOOK.

In such a complex world  
What wondrous things we find,—  
Whene'er we pause to look,  
Through windows of the mind!

Then, as we outward gaze,  
A wildering maze we see.  
As though this earth were but a hive  
And every man a bee.

Yet all things are unlike —  
Each plays a diverse part —  
'Tis but the happy few who find  
The honey of the heart.

WM. H. HAYNE in *Youth's Companion*.

## Arctic Explorations.

THE "Northern Lights" have witnessed some of the brightest deeds of heroic daring and endurance which adorn the annals of travel. The incidents and tales of Arctic research seem incredible, but, for all that, they are true,—yea, the sinking ship,—the rescue by ice rafts,—winter imprisonments,—the sledge journey,—the encounter with wild man and wild beast,—all are realities.

One must not expect to see the sun shine at all, if he has pushed your way beyond the parallel 80. It is not always dark, but is as if the sun had just set or was about to.

During May, June and July, there is perpetual day, and this is the summer of the Arctic regions.

The Scandinavians were the first to explore the Arctic regions, A. D. 985. They knew of Greenland, Labrador and Nova Scotia.

Nicolo Zeno was the first Southerner to go north. Quineni, an Italian, followed him in 1431, but went no farther than Greenland.

Soon after Columbus found the Western Continent, more attention was paid to exploring.

The Pope having given the route around Africa to the East Indies to Portugal and the Western to Spain, England being equally eager for commerce, she tried to obtain a route to India by the North-west Passage, which to this day has not been established. The Cabots were therefore sent out by the British.

The English also started the theory of a North-east Passage in 1553, but they ran against more obstacles on that route than on any other.

In 1818, Lieut. Parry and Lieut. Liddon renewed the Ross and Parry explorations under favorable auspices, and succeeded in reaching

76°, 30' north, and 110° west, and won a purse of £5000 offered as a prize by the British Government.

In 1832, Ross crowned himself with glory, and succeeded in reaching 70°, 51' north, and 96°, 46', 45" west.

In 1845, Capt. Franklin sailed from New York, and was lost. As many as twenty vessels, with relief parties, were sent to find him, but without success.

His wife fitted up a screw steam-ship called the "Fox," and they went to where he was last seen by the natives. There they found bodies lying all around, and in boats. In one boat were found the ship's papers, which reported that Franklin had died in 1845.

In 1883, Lieut. Greely took the honor from the British that they had held for three centuries and over. He succeeded in reaching the latitude of 83°, 24', and would have gone farther if the provisions had held out. He and his party were rescued in 1885.

About half his crew had perished. Charges of cannibalism were brought against the crew, but could not be sustained.

Of all the American explorers, none distinguished themselves more or did more for finding the North-west Passage than Dr. Kane. He was known all over as the "Mad Yankee."

—Louis Aidmore.

## . . . Comment. . . .

—"Deborah," a serial written by Miss Edith Minter, is now running in *Our Free Lance*. This, with the editorial matter, makes the paper quite interesting.

—An article on the worth of the Cornell students in journalism, in the *Commentator*, does not show said students to possess much ability. But it cannot be that it was for this reason the *World*, from which part of the article is taken, did not receive the report they called for.

—More original matter would greatly improve the *Collector's Friend*.

—The young will find amusement in the columns of *Our Little Folks' Visitor*, of Basil, O.

—The *Burlingame News*, a paper containing stories and local items, is from Burlingame, Kansas.

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## A Deep Artesian Well.

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—Agents wanted for the PEARL.

## Editorial.

The sample copy fiend! Oh what a pest is he. Thus he works his scheme: A dollar or so he expends for postal cards; next "please send me a sample copy of your paper," is written, or rather scrawled in barely readable writing; then, and away they go to the publishers. "H'm, maybe a subscription will be received" says the newspaper man, and off goes a sample copy to the fellow who has no more idea of subscribing than of committing suicide.

Thus he who invests his dollar receives "sample copies;" some worth a quarter of a dollar, others worth a couple of cents; and sits himself down to enjoy a good busy read, receiving the greatest worth out of a dollar that he ever obtained.

Yet, when you consider the fact more closely, you will agree that the publisher as well as the receiver receives good from such a transaction, for is not the publisher's paper well read, and does he not increase its circulation? Most assuredly; and therefore he is content to receive requests for sample copies. But the sample copy fiend fools himself when he attempts to obtain another sample copy directly after receiving the first; for he should know that publishers are on the look-out for just such tricks, and accordingly are apt to have his name preserved, ready for just such an emergency.

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### VULGARITY OF THE PRESS.

ALTHOUGH long previous to the present writing the subject has become somewhat chronic, the writer wishes to say a few words on the Vulgarity of the Professional Press.

First; to reach the bottom of the subject it may be inquired: Is it the newspaper that is at fault?

And let the question be speedily dispelled by an answer in the negative; for the fact remains, startlingly clear, that unless the public incessantly clamored for such low, vile reading, as if regularly appearing before the eyes of the good and the bad alike, it would never be printed. A certain gentleman in speaking on this subject made the remark, "The public mind appears to be a little unclean." The writer heartily agrees with him.

Do not misconstrue the meaning of these remarks and imagine that the idea wished to be conveyed is that the press should keep silent and say nothing of the dark happenings that are going on around us. Quite the opposite; although it should be said that a conspicuous parade and sometimes even jocular account of some of the most heinous crimes is sure to wear away, sooner or later, all sense of morality within us.

In considering this subject a person should never arrive at the hasty conclusion that the newspaper is to blame, nor the editor, for it is not his will, but the will of the public that dictates as to the kind of reading matter that shall be published.

What is more disgusting to a decent-minded person than to peruse an article in which the writer has attempted to appear exceedingly witty in treating of a most serious and solemn subject. Were the accounts of these painful incidents, in life's great history, brought before the public in the above style, presented in a more serious, more careful manner, with less detail, it is plain that the good would be largely increased and the bad decidedly lessened. But just so long as such reading is demanded by the people, in its most shocking form, just so long will it be printed, for newspapers are not printed according to their editors' tastes but rather to suit the world and secure its money.

—D. H. Gray.

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DOMINICA.

—BY GEORGE—

THE field for the philatelic writer is broad, but not so broad, but what nearly every subject has been written upon by dozens of different writers of more or less fame. Choosing a subject seems to be the hardest part of the work,

but inasmuch as the stamps of Dominica have always held a prominent place in my album on account of the numerous surcharges in proportion to the number of stamps issued will select the stamps of Dominica as the topic of this sketch and if dear reader I should help to awaken your interest in these interesting stamps, I shall feel well paid, as I feel quite sure you will get a great deal of enjoyment out of them. Now to my subject as this is already getting too long. Dominica is one of the West India Islands and a British Colony with an area of 290 square miles and a population of 28,200. The capital is Roseau with some 5000 inhabitants.

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1874.	1 p lilac.
"	6 p green.
"	1 sh lake.

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## PERFORATED.

1879.	½ p bistre.
"	2½ p claret.
"	4 p blue.

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## PERFORATED.

1886.	4 p gray.
1887.	½ p green.
"	1 p carmine.

## PROVISIONAL ISSUES.

They have always been very interesting to me. Some authorities claim that they were issued more for the sale to collectors than for any postal duty, but be as it may quite a number have done postal duty and are certainly collectable.

## DOMINICA.

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1882.	½ p on half of 1 p lilac surcharged in black.
1882.	½ p on half of 1 p lilac surcharged in black, larger figures.
1882.	½ p on half of 1 p lilac surcharged in red.
1886.	½ p on 6 p green.
"	1 p on 6 p green.
"	1 p on 1 sh lake.

## REVENUES.

The first set were surcharged Revenues in black but were used postally.

1879.	1 p lilac.
1882.	6 p green.
1884.	1 sh lake.

## EDITORIAL.

EVERY stamp collector should attend the exhibition held at the Eden Musee in New York city. This grand collection is attracting a great deal of attention both from philatelists and others.

Here is what the New York *Herald* has to say in regard to this very valuable collection.

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A very valuable and interesting collection of postage stamps was placed on exhibition in the art gallery of the Eden Musee yesterday under the auspices of the Brooklyn, Staten Island and National Philatelic societies. The collection contained specimens from nearly every portion of the world and from the time that the postage stamp was first invented by Sir Rowland Hill, in 1840 down to the present time. Strangely, copies of the first stamps ever thrust upon a people to be licked are so numerous that they are deemed the least valuable in the collection of many hundreds. The exhibit of American stamps is by far the largest in the collection. One Confederate State stamp issued at New Orleans is valued at \$500, and two other American stamps issued at St. Louis are each valued at the same figure. Corea was the latest country to add specimens to the collection, which are of neat design. Many of the stamps are extremely pretty, the engraving in numerous instances being very fine. One of the most interesting things the sight-seer and stamp collecting fiend finds to do is to note in the collection the gradual improvement and beauty of design in the stamps during the past fifteen or twenty years.

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