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Written for THE COLLECTOR.

Adventures of an Autographologist.

BY D. M. COLLINS.

CHAPTER I.

One afternoon, while on my way homeward to spend a few hours among my gems, feeling happy, for I had secured another to my collection that day, a light tap on the arm and the words, "Ye're the man I want," brought me up all of a sudden facing every other way than home. "Ye buy letters, don't ye?" yelled an old man, who, from appearances, had "fit" in several Revolutions, and who being deaf, thought the world had got in the same fix. In a few moments we were at it, "nip and nip," the end of which ended the trial of lungs, and began that of legs.

The old man was a second Weston, and I, kind reader, the owner of several bunions and numerous corns; as the old man never rode but always walked, my condition can best be imagined when the old gentleman came to a halt two miles beyond the City Hall of Brooklyn, the last mile over the worst pavement invented.

The house before which we stoped,—like its owner, good in the legs, but rather weak in the back,—no doubt was one of the famous headquarters of the Revolution; but it gave us a resting spot, and when we were seated the old gent got a yelling spell, and of course I had to follow suit. We had no state secrets there. The old man, as he locked the door, yelled—

"I have been looking for such a man as you for over a year." Kind reader, I respond-

ed by opening a window. My mind was made up for a square jumping match. The old man, however, soon relieved my apprehensions by hauling out, from under a bedstead (the four posts of which, like Grace Church steeple, were tall and very slender), not a pistol, knife or club, but an old trunk that seemed to have had the mange, for all its hair was gone; it was studded, regardless of expense, and the lock would have stocked a small blacksmith shop. As he pulled that relic of the past out, I thought of Kidd, Blackbeard, and Lafitte, and, when he lifted the cover I saw no gold, no silver, no gems, but there laid treasures that made my eyes dance.

Old letters, sure enough; musty, dusty, and dirty, but what autograph collector ever cared for dirt? In a moment I was on my knees. The first bundle contained twelve letters. One of the twelve was written by ISAAC SEARS, he that led the sons of Liberty; he that gave all to his country; he that died almost a beggar, he, whose bones now lie, not in his native land, but on French's Island, China; he who is now forgotten by those who should have remembered him, his countrymen,—his bold signature finished off with his curious flourish, gave no room for a title.

I placed that bundle down with the same reverence that would have been bestowed on a WASHINGTON. The next bundle contained a WOODHULL, the hero who fell at Long Island, and the last letter was the complete history of the battle of Minisink, written by one who commanded, Col. HATHORN.

So the bundles came out, one by one, until the old clock struck nine. Reader, time had fled so fast that I could scarcely realize that I had been five hours on my knees, but when I did rise, I realized some of poor old Rip Van Winkle's stiffness, and it was some time before the proper connection could be found between my head and bunions.

TO BE CONTINUED.

—Despise not small things.

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DAVID W. JAGGER, EDITOR.

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PREFATORY.

Did it ever occur to you, that the history of a nation may be gathered from its stamps? Collect the various postage and revenue stamps of this country from their first introduction, and you will be surprised to note how plainly its progress is impressed upon these, apparently insignificant, but very convenient sources of revenue,—their improvement keeping steady pace with the advance of the arts and sciences, and their value with the increasing business and wealth of the people. The revenue stamps are indelible records of our late war, and their steady withdrawal an index of returning prosperity, and an assurance of our national stability.

As these are types of the nation, so autographs, it is said, are indicators of character, and the observant mind may judge a man's mental power and temperament by his signature, as readily as the form of his face and features by his photograph.

To give information that is calculated to encourage and cultivate a taste for collecting stamps and autographs, is the object of our little sheet, and with this commendable aim we offer THE COLLECTOR to a generous public, bespeaking for it a kind welcome.

Et Cetera.

—All contributions relating to stamps, autographs or miscellaneous subjects, will be thankfully received and due credit given.

—Frank B. Wadsworth, Atlanta, Ga., is our authorized agent for that section.

—Next month we will try and give a list of cheap packets of stamps.

—We think D. M. Collins has the largest and finest stock of autographs in the United States. Advertisement on fourth page.

—Any person purchasing, at one time, One Dollar's worth of goods sold by us, will be entitled to one copy of THE COLLECTOR for six months, or a copy of our DESCRIPTIVE PRICE CATALOGUE of Postage Stamps.

—We have just issued a new Price Cata-

logue of Government Postage Stamps, and have tried to make it complete as possible. It gives date of issue, face value, color, and market value of used and unused specimens. No stamp collector should be without it. We will mail it to any address on receipt of "Price 15 cents."

—We are informed by Mr. Wm. P. Brown, of New York (who promises us an article for our next No.), that the 15 and 25 centimes of the new French Republic have been issued, and that the present issue of Victoria has an addition, viz: 10 pence brown on buff surcharged, "NINE PENCE," with figure 9 stamped over the 10.

The following is also from the same contributor:

"A correspondent writes from San Francisco: 'I have just returned from a voyage to China and Japan; while in Hong Kong I received a few of the stamps of that colony, and in Yokohama some of the Japanese stamps, all of which I enclose and take much pleasure in contributing them to your collection. I was told that the four classes of Japanese stamps (named below) are the only ones that have been issued by the Japanese Government, and these only as an experiment and are not in common use:

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| Sea Green, 5 Tempoes | Indigo Blue, 1 Temp. |
| Vermillion, 2 " " | Chocolate, ½ " |

U. S. Stamps are used exclusively for mail matter from Japan by the American mail.' In the letter were samples of the new stamps and a set of unused Hong Kong, of which the thirty cents is in violet instead of orange."

—Most of the new revenue stamps have made their appearance. They are engraved by Jas. R. Carpenter, of Philadelphia. We have received a few samples of the larger values from Mr. W. P. Brown.

—Dwight, Treasurer of the N. A. P. A., lost all, including the funds of the Association, in the Chicago fire.

—A Yankee boy wished an autograph of Tennyson the Poet. After writing to his address four times he received the following characteristic reply: "Dear Sir: Don't write again. A. Tennyson." So much for Yankee pluck and perseverance.

—All orders for stamps under fifty cents must contain stamp for return postage. All sums of Two Dollars and over should be sent by P. O. Order. We will not be responsible for money sent otherwise. All letters or packages containing five dollars worth of stamps, should be sent registered or prepaid by express. We will do the same.

Autograph Gems.

The following valuable letter is now in the collection of D. M. Collins, N. Y. City:

"CAMBRIDGE, 27th March, 1776.

MY LORD: I crave your reference to my last to you of the 24 instant, since which I am honored with your lordships favor of the 20th; it gives me much pleasure to find that you are making such good preparations for the reception of the enemy, who have this day entirely quitted this harbor; a Brigade under Genl. Sullivan will set off on the morrow to your assistance, I will not be long after with the main body of the army. I observe that Brigadier Genl. Thompson has arrived; he is a gentleman of liberal sentiments who I dare say your lordship will be happy with. I have not the least doubt but you will give him every assistance in your power. I have the honor to be with great regard, my lord,

Your lordsh'ps most h. st.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Lord Sterling.

P. S. Genl. Putman will set out to morrow or next day; if Genl. Schuyler is not with you, he will take command of the troops.

—We would be thankful to receive any copies of letters that would be suitable to insert under the above heading.—Ed.

Our Post Office.

W. R.—We think the firm you speak of perfectly reliable. Try them.

Clerk.—The stamps you send are genuine. Do you wish to sell them? If so let us know.

Cliff.—Have not heard from you lately.

Academician.—The "Auto" is worth about \$3.00. Will insert your article soon.

A. P. L., Chicago.—Sorry to hear it. In what way can we aid you?

Correspondent's Reference.

* Walker F. Rattenber.—Newburgh, N. Y. (Amateur Papers.)

Druggist.—Box 153, Newburgh, N. Y.—(Stamps and Autographs.)

Richard Gerner.—Box 4544, N. Y. City. (Autographs.)

Collector.—Box 40, Newburgh, N. Y.—(Stamps, Autographs and Amateur Papers.)

John J. Brown.—Box 788, Newburgh, N. Y. (Autographs and Amateur Papers.)

—A little boy three years old who has a brother of three months, gave a reason for the latter's good conduct: "Baby doesn't cry tears because he doesn't drink any water, and he can't cry milk."

Literary.

AMATEURS.—We acknowledge receipt of the following Amateurs and thank the editors for the same: THE COMET, Jersey City, N. J.; THE INDEX, Newburgh, N. Y.; PHILADELPHIA MONTHLY, Philadelphia, Pa.; YOUNG INDUSTRY, Chicago, Ill.; YOUTH'S CABINET, Chicago, Ill.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.—THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY, is one of the best stamp journals published. It gives fac-similes of all the new stamps in their original colors. THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE is a fine sheet about the size of THE COLLECTOR. It has an article every month describing counterfeit stamps.

SPECIAL.—Newburgh has the honor of producing one of the finest periodicals of our times, namely, WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE. A contemporary says:

"The doors of this "Household" are thrown wide open, and all are invited in. As some are doubtless strangers within the gate permit us to introduce to you the "Minister's Housekeeper," the temporary hostess. She is of high birth, being one of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's children of the brain. James Parton has much to say about the "Wife of Washington." He converses in such a noted manner we think Mrs. Parton will forgive him. "The Children's Portion" is contributed by Kate Hamilton, and she has such a winning way we unhesitatingly pronounce her a *prize*. Theodore Tilton, for variety's sake propounds the question: "Should Women Wear Jewelry?" and then replies to it. Horace Greeley discusses "Capital and Labor," and as his argument involves both, it is worthy of attention. Gail Hamilton makes a very pretty and graceful retort to the veteran just mentioned, who in a previous speech took her to task for certain ideas she advanced upon farming. "The Pioneer Boy" is introduced by Bessie Rheens, probably as another argument in favor of Gail Hamilton's views; he engaged our attention at once. Dio Lewis could not have chosen a subject of greater interest, especially among the ladies, than "Human Hair." Tenoroon's "Fancies" are strange, but interesting.—"Live not to Yourself" is the advice of Jennie Joy, and Isaac Waldron follows out her advice by exposing to mankind "Difficulties and Dangers of Publishing." There is much more, worthy of note had we time and space so to do, but suffice it to say the November number of Wood's Household Magazine is unsurpassed in excellence."

—"What substitute can there be for the endearments of one's sister?" exclaimed Mary. "The endearments of some other fellow's sister," replied John.

PRICE LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

We give below a Price List of Stamps we are selling cheap—all warranted genuine:

USED STAMPS.

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| Bermuda, 1d | .04 |
| Belgium, 1850—1, 10, 20, 40c..... | .02 |
| “ 1866—1, 5, 10, 20, 40c..... | .02 |
| Barbadoes, ½, 1 penny..... | .02 |
| Chili, 1867—5, 10 centavo | .03 |
| Cape of Good Hope, triangular, 1d | .08 |
| “ “ “ 4d..... | .03 |
| Dutch Indies, 50 cents..... | .04 |
| Egypt, 1 piastre, red | .04 |
| “ old, 1 piastre, lilac | .12 |
| Great Britain, 1d black..... | .03 |
| Hanover, 1 g. gr. 2 varieties | .03 |
| Hamburg reprints, set of 10..... | .20 |
| North German Conf'd, 10, 30 gro..... | .03 |
| Prince Edward I, 1, 2d..... | .03 |
| Peru, 20 centavos | .06 |
| Russia, 1, 10 kopecks | .02 |
| “ 3, 5, 20 k..... | .04 |
| Roumania, 1866, 20 paras..... | .06 |
| “ 1868, 18 “ | .05 |
| “ 1866, 10, 25 paras | .06 |
| Sandwich Islands, 2 cents..... | .03 |
| Salvador, 1 real..... | .04 |
| “ 2 “ | .06 |
| Spain, 1870—10, 25, 50, 200c | .03 |
| Spanish West Indies, 1871—25c..... | .02 |
| “ “ “ “ —50c..... | .06 |
| “ “ “ “ —12c..... | .12 |
| “ “ “ “ —1 peseta..... | .12 |
| “ “ “ 1868—10c..... | .04 |
| “ “ “ 1869—10c..... | .04 |
| “ “ “ 1870—10c..... | .04 |
| Swiss Envelope, 10c..... | .02 |
| United States, 1870—90 cents..... | .03 |
| West Australia, 2c maize..... | .02 |

UNUSED STAMPS.

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| Bremen—2, 5, 7, 10 grote..... | .05 |
| British Columbia, 2c..... | .06 |
| Brunswick, ½, ¼, 1, 2, 3 gr..... | .02 |
| British Guiana, 1c..... | .04 |
| Chili, 1867—1 centavo..... | .04 |
| Confederate States, 2 cent, red | .04 |
| Denmark, 1870—2 sk | .03 |
| Guatemala, 1 c..... | .05 |
| Nevis, 1d red..... | .08 |
| Newfoundland, 1d, 2c..... | .05 |
| “ 1c..... | .03 |
| Sarawak, 1870..... | .12 |
| Sandwich Islands, 1c | .03 |
| St. Vincent, 1d black..... | .06 |
| Virgin Islands, 1 d | .06 |

When more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is for each.

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| 100 “ “ Train of Cars..... | .20 |
| 100 “ “ Female Head..... | .20 |
| 50 “ “ Head of Davis..... | .15 |
| 20 “ “ Capitol..... | .15 |
| 10 “ “ Artillery..... | .10 |
| 5 “ “ State House..... | .08 |
| 2 “ “ Female Warriors..... | .20 |
| 2 “ “ Large Figure..... | .25 |
| 1 “ “ Steamer..... | .20 |
| 1 “ “ Value in green let. “ | .30 |
| 1 “ “ Head of Fitz Hugh Lee, 1864..... | .20 |
| 50c “ “ Head of Davis, 1864..... | .15 |

The above are all in good order.

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CHAPTER II.

I BECAME the owner of that pile. True, there was much that was dross, but gold must be refined. "Now, how much will ye give?" yelled the old man. How could I offer him a price? There was where the "tug of war" came. Thinks I, "No doubt he had a father, and that father fought here in the old apple orchard with Sterling; and perhaps pushed the last boat off when Howe had his doubts, and doubtless still slept; perhaps his father's bones rest under that magnificent monument that stands on the Wallabout." How could I offer him a price?

Telling him, in a loud whisper, to make his own price, I started for the window to give the old man a chance to think. He soon followed and told me, in another loud whisper, that a Brooklyn dealer had offered him fifty dollars. I "went" for that Brooklynite and screamed, "seventy-five!" "They are yours," said the old gentleman. Out came the money and the owner of that pile felt as proud as a crow with his mouth full of stolen corn (only my "corn" was not stolen).

The trunk was heavy, but like the man who found the big nugget of gold, my mind was made up to carry it, or perish in the attempt. Sears, Willett, Ten Broeck, Yates, Hathorn, Van Bergen, Clinton, Fairfax, Woodhull, Field,

Hasbrouck, Thomas, Tusten, and kindred spirits, were in the pile. Read Lossing, and then, dear reader, you will not be surprised at my resolution. Sinbad's load of diamonds paled before *my* load, and, with a shake of the hand, I started on my journey home, fearful that the first policeman I met would stop me and confiscate my precious burden; but good luck favored me and at midnight there was something dropped on the floor at home. Tired out, the trunk was my pillow, and my dreams were rather mixed between Putnam, the old man, and somebody trying to steal my letters.

I am arranging the letters and, when all right, shall be pleased to let you all have a share in reading, through the columns of THE COLLECTOR, what came out of the old trunk that I bought on that night's search after Autographs.

Written for THE COLLECTOR.

Stamp Dealers.

BY "TARIA TOPAN."

It would be profitable amusement for a stamp collector to obtain a number of Dealers' Price Lists, and then compare them. Like autographs, they are indicators of character. Some, you will observe, resort to all manner of tricks to entrap the unwary, rejoicing in "fae-similies," "xylographs," and other strange words. On others, you can discern by the straight-forward, simple language that no deception will be practised.

It would also be beneficial to his geographical knowledge, for he will learn from these sheets, that Hamburg is a province, Egypt a European Country, and St. Domingo a British colony! Is our President aware of this state of affairs? The dishonest dealers are usually the low-priced men and advertise for 15 cents what honest dealers ask 50 for. As "Economy is Wealth," the low-priced men are the men for your money and you buy, to learn in the end that cheap goods are the dearest.

A rag peddler offers you a cent for your purchase, you joyfully close the bargain, and,

not wishing to cheat the vender of junk, you stand treat. I do not mean to close without giving a rule to go by. Do not buy of a dealer who endeavors to gain a reputation by defaming that of others; who pronounces that his and only his are genuine; nor of him who indulges in "high sounding" words, and deals extensively in Locals. To these swindlers I hold out one hope: Be virtuous and you *may* be happy.

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NEWBURGH, N. Y., DECEMBER, 1871.

Our Success.

We commit our little sheet again to the care of a kind public, encouraged by the favorable notices bestowed upon our first number, and liberal patronage already secured. With added experience and increasing facilities, we think we are justified in promising a better paper, and shall spare no pains to keep our promise good. We have secured some of the best philatelic talent and autograph authority in the land, as contributors, and have a large field to draw upon for material to add interest to our enterprise, and hope to prove ourselves a good collector of rich treasures for the benefit of our friends.

The demand for autographs and stamps, especially the latter, is constantly increasing, and the desire for information on these interesting subjects is manifested by the scores of letters we are receiving daily, asking information and propounding curious questions. It will afford us pleasure at any time to give information on any branch of the subject, so far as we may be able, and to assist parties desiring to make a new collection, or complete any already commenced.

With thanks for past kindnesses, and an earnest desire to deserve like favors in the future, we commend to your notice our paper, and make our bow for this month.

—The "Stamp Act" caused the American revolution, and it is a significant fact that the *only* stamp now preserved, issued under that famous act, attached to an original paper, is in Washington's Head Quarters, Newburgh.

Notes (by the way).

—We have received information that another "amateur" is to be added to the ranks. It hails from Boston and is styled "The Youth's Gazette," edited by J. Fred. Adams and Arthur E. Leach. For specimen copies address A. E. Leach, Box 292, Boston, Mass.

—We thank the editors of The Newburgh Journal, The Academy, The Index, and The Stamp Collector's Guide, for their favorable notices of us; ditto, many others.

—We have made arrangements with "The Fireside Favorite," of Middletown, Conn., to offer that paper one year and "The Collector" six months, for twenty-five cents, the subscription price of the former. The "Favorite" will be enlarged and improved with the January number. Specimen copies will be mailed *free* by addressing this office.

—"The Stamp Collector's Guide" declines all trade notices. *We don't!* Try us.

—This month we are, and next month we may be, a little late; but hope to be punctual afterwards.

—For want of space we are obliged to omit the list of cheap packets of stamps we promised. Will have them next month.

—Hereafter we will insert advertisements *for cash only*.

—Be sure to send for our "New Descriptive Price Catalogue of Foreign Postage Stamps," giving date of issue, face value, color, and market value of all stamps issued to date. Price 15 cents.

—"The American Journal of Philately" continues to flourish and is very interesting; ditto, "Stamp Collector's Guide"; also, "The Collector."

—Before we shall meet our readers again "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" will have been celebrated. We tender their greetings in advance, and hang up "The Collector's" stocking for stamps. By the way, what a tremendous amount of stories our good seniors tell about "Old Santa."

—Winter blows its blasts mildly above the Highlands. It is evidently disgusted at the attempts of the Washington Bureau to regulate its conduct, and makes terrible contortions. It will take the bits more kindly when it gets the hang of the "probabilities."

—"Truth crushed to earth will rise again;" but "The Collector" will rise without the crushing process.

SUPPLEMENT TO

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OUR EXCHANGES.

—The American Antiquarian is a splendid magazine, devoted to autographs, &c. Address Chas. De F. Burns, 127 Mercer street, N. Y.

—The Academy is a *very fine* production from Erie, Pa., of eight pages, twenty-four columns.

—The Acorn is an eight-page journal conducted by the pupils of Newburgh Institute, in this city.

—The Highlands, a new monthly magazine, published by Cyrus B. Martin, of the Newburgh Journal, has reached us, and is another candidate for literary favors. In the publisher's prospectus we discern that this is only a specimen number; the future publication of the magazine will depend on the result of the canvass now being made for subscribers. It is printed on heavy tinted book-paper. Terms, \$4.00 per annum.

—The Index, Newburgh, N. Y., is one of the finest of our exchanges. That it is printed at the "Ruttenber Press" is enough to say of its printing.

—The Comet is another fine "amateur," printed by Robertson. Address The Comet, 190 York street, Jersey City.

—Wood's Household Magazine still stands among the best magazines of our country. Only \$1 a year. Address S. S. Wood & Co., Newburgh, N. Y., who will send sample copies free.

—The Fireside Favorite, Middletown, Conn., is an eight-page monthly. Only 25 cents per annum.

—We have also received the following:

Union Park Gazette, 118 East 17th street, N. Y.; Young Advocate, Batavia, Ill.; Lilliputian Advertiser, Litchfield, Conn.; Silver Leaf, Lincoln, Ill.; Young Pedestrian, Lafayette, N. J.; The Postage Stamp, Boy of the Period, Literary Journal, Patent Right Gazette, Boy in Blue, Pacific Youth, Philonian, The Rocket, Cornucopia, Boy's Advertiser, Will o' the Wisp, The Rosebud, Con-

gress Gazette, North Star, Philadelphia Monthly, Young America, California Clipper, The Press, Jolly Times, Seymour Record, Dew Drop, Boy's Herald, Christmas Garland, Merry Christmas, Mason's Monthly Coin and Stamp Collector's Magazine, Youth's Standard.

—Save files of your papers, boys. Twenty years hence they will be of value beyond price.

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| " 2 " 6 unused stamps | 10c |
| " 3 " 5 envelope stamps | 10c |
| " 7 " 10 colonial stamps | 15c |

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THE Tenth Volume of Wood's Household Magazine begins with January '72. Its regular contributors include Horace Greeley, Gail Hamilton, Thos. K. Beecher, Dr. Dio Lewis, Dr. W. W. Hall, James Parton, etc. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Brick Pomeroy, John G. Saxe, Maj. Genl. Kilpatrick, Petroleum V. Nasby, etc., write for it occasionally. Terms, One Dollar a year. In clubbing, three first-class periodicals are given for the price of one of them. The most liberal Premium List ever published. No periodical is more frequently or favorably mentioned by the press. "Wood's Household Magazine is one of the monuments of business enterprise which mark the age."—*Methodist Home Journal*, Philadelphia, Pa. "It has been improving ever since we knew it—a good criterion for the future."—*Courier*, New Market, Canada. "It is a marvel of cheapness and first-class quality combined."—*New York Times*. Specimen copy sent free to any address.

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| C | " 100 " " " " | 1 | 00 |
| D | " 200 " " " " | 2 | 00 |
| E | " 400 " " " " | 10 | 00 |
| F | " 25 English Colonial stamps, | 50 | |
| G | " 20 var. of unused stamps, | 25 | |
| H | " 35 " " " " | 50 | |
| I | " 60 " " " " | 1 | 00 |
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| O | " 6 rare foreign stamps of Naples, Turkey, Roumania, Finland, Parma, &c., | 25 | |
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| Q | " 10 " used envelope " | 25 | |
| R | " 20 " obsolete European " | 25 | |
| S | " 10 " South and Central American stamps, | 25 | |
| T | " 25 " South and Central American stamps, | 1 | 00 |
| U | " 20 " United States stamps, | 25 | |
| V | " 10 " British Provincial " including Canada, N. Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, | 25 | |
| W | " 12 " English Colonial stamps including Cape Good Hope, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, West Australia, South Australia, Hong Kong, &c., | 25 | |
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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—5 shillings, violet; design same as the values of the present set.

CEYLON.—A 1 penny red, current type, is said to exist.

DANUBIAN STEAM NAVIGATION Co.—A few of the 10 soldi were accidentally printed in dark red.

FINLAND.—Two new Envelopes; 20 pennia, blue; 40 pennia, rose.

FRANCE.—The following additions must be made to Head of Liberty stamps: 15 centimes, bistre; 25 centimes, blue. And the following to the "Chiffre Tax" series: 25 centimes, black; 40 centimes, blue; 60 centimes, yellow. A new issue is in preparation. A numeral of value will probably occupy the centre.

HUNGARY.—The entire set of these stamps is found in two varieties, viz: lithographed and printed.

JAPAN.—The 5 tempoes come in two very distinct shades of green.

NEW GRENADA.—Large 2 in centre; E. E. U. DE COLUMBIA in curve at top. In the hollow formed by the figure 2 is the shield as usual, but the eagle is lacking. Value in figures in lower corners.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Envelope stamps similar to current, adhesive. 1 penny, green.

NEVIS.—The 1 penny is now printed in rose lake.

ST. VINCENT.—1 penny, black; design unchanged.

TOLIMA.—We have just seen the new stamps for this country. The 5 centavos are printed in brown, and have the usual arms (eagle, shield, &c.) in circle in the centre, inscribed Ee Uu de Columbia. Value in letters below and repeated in figures in the lower corners.

The 10 centavos are in blue, and, like the 5 cent., have arms in the centre. Above in

centre is "Correos de Estado;" below, "Estado S. del Tolima." Value in letters at bottom, and repeated in Roman numerals in the lower corners.

Autograph Gems.

The following letter is in the possession of Mr. John J. Brown, Jr., of this city. The principal point in it is, that it acknowledges receipt of the proceedings of the first meeting of the Am. Association for the Advancement of Science. It is from a copper-plate, the filling-in (printed in italic) being by the Secretary, Sir W. J. Hamilton:

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Somerset House, 8th Novr., 1849.

Sir,—I am requested by the Geological Society to express their thanks for the *Proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, First Meeting, Philadelphia, 1848*, and to inform you that the Society is much honored by this mark of consideration. I have the honor to be, Sir,

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WM. J. HAMILTON, Secretary.

To The Secretary of the American Association.

Correspondent's Reference.

Alf. C. Moss.—Box 378, Allentown, Penn. Amateur Papers.

Thos. F. Balfe.—Box 594, Newburgh, N.Y. Autographs.

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D. M. C.—Will insert your No. 3 next month.

H. H. Keep.—We do not know where you can get the Autograph you desire.

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What grows bigger the more you contract it? Debt.

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| “ 10 centavos, blue, | .12 |
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BATTLE OF MINISINK.

The following official report of the battle of Minisink, by Col. HATHORN, has never been published. The original is in the collection of Mr. D. M. COLLINS, of N. Y., to whom we are indebted for the copy.

Sir: Warwick 27 July, 1779

In conformity to the Militia Law I embrace this first opportunity to communicate to your Excellency my proceedings on a late tour of duty with my Regiment. On the Evening of the 21st of this instant I received an order from his Excellency General Washington, together with a requisition of the Commissary of Prisoners, to furnish one hundred men of my Regiment for to guard the British Prisoners on their way to Easton, at the same time received an Express from Minisink that the Indians were ravaging and burning that place. I ordered three companies of my Regiment including the Exempt Company to parade for the purpose of the Guard, The other three Companies to March Immediately to Minisink, on the 22 I arrived with a part of my people at Minisink, where I found Col Thurston and Major Meeker of New Jersey with parts of their Regiments who had marched with about Eighty men up the river a few mile. I joined this party with about Forty men the whole amounting to one hundred and twenty men Officers included. A spy come in and informed me the Enemy lay about four hours before at Mungaup, six miles distant from us. Our people appeared in High Spirits. We marched

in pursuit with an intention either to fall on them by surprise or to gain in front and Ambush them. We were soon informed that they were on their March up the River. I found it impracticable to surprise them on the ground they now were and took my Rout along the old Keshethon path. The Indians encamped at the mouth of the half-way brook. We encamped at 12 o'clock at night at Skinners Saw Mill three miles and a half from the Enemy where we lay the remainder of the night. The Mountains were so exceedingly rugged and high we could not possibly get at them as they had passed the grounds the most favourable for us to attack them on before we could overtake them. Skinners is about eighteen miles from Minisink. At day light on the morning of the 23, after leaving our horses, and disengaging of every thing heavy, we marched on with intention to make the attack the moment an opportunity offered. The Indians, probably from some discovery they had made of us, marched with more alacrity than usual, with an intention to get their Prisoners, Cattle and plunder taken at Minisink over the river. They had almost effected getting their Cattle and baggage across, when we discovered them at Lacawack, 27 miles from Minisink, some Indians in the river and some had got over. It was determined in council to make an attack at this place. I therefore disposed of the men into three divisions, ordered Col. Thurston to command the one on the right and to take post about three hundred yards distance on an eminence to secure our Right; sent Col. Wesner with another Division to file out to the Left and to dispose of himself in the like manner. In order to prevent the Enemy from gaining any advantage on our flank, the other Division under my command to attack them with that vigor necessary to Strike Terror in such a foe. Capt. Tyler with the advance Guard unhappily discharged his piece before the division could be properly posted, which put me under the necessity of bringing on the Action. I ordered my Division to fix their Bayonets and push forcibly on them, which

order being resolutely executed put the Indians in the utmost confusion great numbers took to into the river, who fell from the well directed fire of our Rifle men, and incessant blaze from our Musketry without returning any fire. The Divisions in the rear, not subject to order broke, some advanced down the hill toward me, others fled into the woods. I soon perceived the enemy rallying on our right and recrossing the river to gain the heights. I found myself under the necessity to rally all my force which by this time was much less than I expected. The enemy by this time had collected in force and from the best accounts can be collected received a reinforcement from Keshiethton began to fire on our left. We returned the fire and kept up a constant bush firing up the hill from the river, in which the brave Capt. Tyler fell, several were wounded. The people being exceedingly fatigued obliged me to take post on a height, which proved to be a strong and advantageous ground. The enemy repeatedly advanced in from 40 to 100 yards distance and were as repeatedly repulsed. I had now but 45 men (officers included) who had lost their command naturally drew toward me. The spirits of these few notwithstanding their fatigue, situation, and unallayed thirst, added to that cruel yelling of those bloody monsters, the seed of Anak in size, exceed thought or description. We defended this ground near three hours and a half during the whole time one blaze without intermission was kept up on both sides. Here we had three men killed and nine wounded. Among the wounded was Lt. Col. Thurston, in the hand, Major Meeker in the shoulder, Adjt. Finch in the leg, Capt. Jones in the foot, and Eansign Wood in the wrist. The chief of our people was wounded by Angle shotts from the Indians from behind Rocks and Trees. Our Rifles here were very usefull. I found myself under the necessity of ceasing the fire, our Ammunition from the continual fire of more than five hours naturally suggested that it must be Exhausted, ordered no person to shoot without having his object sure that no shot might be lost. This gave spirits to the Enemy, who formed their whole strength and forced the North East part of our Lines. Here we gave them a severe Gaul. Our people not being able to support the lines retreated down the hill precipitately towards the River. The Enemy kept up a constant fire on our Right which was returned. The people by this time was so scattered I found myself unequal to rally them again, consequently every man made choice of his own way. Thus Ended the Action.

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Notes that "Laid on the Table."

We understand that it is difficult to get an autograph of Jas. Fisk, Jr., and are glad we have two in our own collection.

—No one can deny but that Fred. K. Morrill, of Our Boys, is one of the best, and most distinguished amateur editors in the United States, yet several of our best exchanges condemn him for placing his own portrait in the "Amateur's Guide for '71," of which he is part editor. Query. Is not this envy?

—Owing to want of space, we are obliged to omit our list of "Newly issued Stamps," but will give it in our next.

—Wurdman's "Amateur Guide, for '72," will not be out till the middle of February, on account of the editor wishing to insert the proceedings of the E. A. P. A.

Correspondent's Reference.

Correspondent—Box 40, Newburgh, N. Y.
(Amateur Authors, Editors, and Papers).

Our Post Office.

R. Gerner.—We are glad to hear that you have an autograph letter of Alexander Von Humboldt.

Taria Topan.—"Posts and Post Offices" is accepted. Will insert soon.

Autograph Gems.

Under this head we insert the "Battle of Minisink," which will be found on the first page.

Literary Encomiums.

The Young Tar. We have received the above named book from H. A. Kidder, Skowhegan, Me., and we think it one of the best tales ever written by Skiff. It contains a very good story of sea-life, although quite diversified. Send for it. Only 15 cents.

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We made a mistake last month in speaking of The Youth's Gazette. It should be The Amateur Gazette. It is a twelve column monthly full of wide-awake ideas, and edited by two "wide-awake" young gents. The principal editor, A. E. Leach, has a humorous vein, which he carries into the Gazette. Address, Amateur Gazette, Box 292 Boston, Mass.

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Our Boys is undoubtedly the best and largest amateur published; but we think that they might occupy space enough to notice some of their smaller exchanges.

Punch and Judy is the only comic amateur published. It is issued every "twice in a while." The editor is Lord Noozo, otherwise Red Cross, J. Fred. Demarest—ex-editor American Youth, etc., (Oh!) 19 Spruce St., N. Y.

"Owing to want of time, and the necessary support," The Boy's Monthly has been obliged to suspend publication.

The Seymour Record, of Seymour, Conn., has been enlarged to twice its former size. Its contents are very good.

The office of the Monthly Bulletin has been changed to 20 Vestry St., N. Y. City.

The Pacific Youth is a weekly amateur, published by Collins Bros, Box 704, San Francisco.

Written for THE COLLECTOR.

HUMBUGS.

BY "TARIA TOPAN."

From the time that Noah entered the Ark, to the present day, mankind has been afflicted by a mania for collecting various articles—from the rare and exquisite works of art, to the vulgar one of collecting notes and rents.

Noah's collection is the only one on record that can be said to be entirely free from the taint of "humbug." His imitators in these days are "humbled" and "humbled" with mermaids, cynocephali, etc.

But this article has nothing to do with this branch of collecting, but with the art, science, trade, mania or folly—call it what you will—of Postage Stamp Collecting. When they are collected with the idea of exhibiting them as specimens of an engraver's skill, it is then an art; when collected to show the progress of civilization, and carefully and systematically arranged to show their properties, it is art and science combined; when collected in quantities, to sell at a profit, it is then reduced to a trade. But it is absolute folly to collect them with the design of seeing how many can be gathered, and of putting them in a book without regard to nationality, system, color, value, or anything else, other than number. These persons soon become tired of collecting, and immediately pronounce stamp collecting a "humbug."

In 1860 the passion for collecting reached its zenith. The bubble soon burst, and those who had foolishly collected hastily disposed of their "collections," and cried "humbug." The few who kept on find it no "humbug," for they can sell their collections for trifle what it cost them.

To meet the popular demand for "labels," an army of dealers sprang into existence. The demand being in excess of the supply, certain individuals seized the opportunity to counterfeit the comparatively few stamps then in existence, and adding to the list many spurious ones.

Our Western Locals, the Hamburg Locals, and the Central and Southern American countries were especially favorable to their designs, but little then being known concerning them. The latter are largely counterfeited, and their engraving being as good as the genuine renders it impossible, except to an expert, to detect them. But he is a fit candidate for an asylum who believes that the Hamburg Locals, which are sold in this country, are genuine. None who are wise invest in them, or in those beautiful appearing "humbugs," the "Clara Rothe" stamps.

Now to avoid securing a pound or so of colored bits of paper, with printing thereon, which are venerated by dealers, postage stamps, every stamp collector should subscribe to some paper devoted to their interests. There are a number in the country. Most of them will more than repay the cost in other information. They will keep you well posted on the new stamps that appear, oftentimes illustrated. They

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BATTLE OF MINISINK.

Several of our correspondents having asked for a continuation of the Battle of Minisink Report, we finish it below.

"The following are missing in the whole from the last accounts:

Col. Ellison's Regiment—Lt. Col. Thurston, Capt. Jones, Capt. Wood, Capt. Little, Capt. Duncan, and twelve privates. One private of New Jersey. Adjutant Finch, Ensign Wood, and one private of my Regiment. In the whole twenty-one men.

Several wounded men are in. I hope others will yet be found. I received a wound on my head, one in my leg and one in my thigh—slightly. The one in my thigh, from inattention, is a little troublesome. Several spies that lay near the enemy the night following the action inform us that they moved off their wounded in canoes, on the day following; that on the ground where they lay there was great quantities of blood, and the whole encampment was marked with wounded men. Great numbers of plasters and bloody rags was found. Although we suffered by the loss of so many brave men, the best for the number, without sensible error, in the Precinct. It's beyond doubt the enemy suffered much more. From the various parts of the action can be collected a greater number of Indian dead than we lost, besides their wounded. The number of Indi-

ans and Tories is not ascertained; some accounts say 90, others 120, others 160. Col. Seward of New Jersey, with 93 men, was within five or six miles of the action, on the Pennsylvania side, did not hear the firing; approached and lay near the Indians all night following, and from their conduct and groaning of the wounded gave rise to the belief that they had been in some action where they had suffered, and would have attacked them round their fire, but a mutiny arose among some of his people which prevented—a very unfortunate and to be lamented circumstance. If in their situation he had attacked them, with the common smiles of Providence he must have succeeded and put them to total rout.

Dear Governor, it's not in my power to paint out to you the disagreeable situation I was in, surrounded by a foe, with such a handful of valuable men not only as soldiers but as fellow citizens and members of society, and nothing to be expected but the hatchet, spear and scalping knife. The tremendous yells and whoops, all the fiends in the confines of the Infernal Regions, with one united cry, could not exceed it. Add to this the cries and petitions of the wounded around me not to leave them, was beyond parallel or idea. My heart bleeds for the unfortunate wounded who fell into their hands. However, circumstances give me a little consolation. Mr. Roger Townsend, of Goshen, received a wound in his thigh; being exceedingly thirsty, making an attempt to go to find some water, was met by an Indian who very friendly took him by the hand and said he was his prisoner and would not hurt him. A well-directed ball from one of our men put the Indian into a dose, and Mr. Townsend ran back into the lines. I hope some little humanity may yet be found in the breasts of the savages.

I should be at the greatest loss was I to attempt to point out any officer or soldier that exceeded another in bravery during the time of the general action. Too much praise cannot be given to them for their attention in receiving orders and alacrity in executing them.

I have acquiesced with Col. Woodhull in or-

dering one-eighth of our Regiments to Minisink as a temporary guard until your excellency's pleasure is known on the subject.

The Indians were under the command of Brant, who was either killed or wounded in the action. They burnt Major Decker's house and barn, Saml. Davis's house, barn and mill, Jacobus Van Vleck's house and barn, Daniel Vanoker's barn, (here was two Indian's killed from a little Fort round the house, which was saved,) Esquire Cuykindall's house and barn, Simon Westfall's house and barn, the Church, Peter Cuykindall's house and barn, Mertinus Decker's fort, house, barn and saw mills, and Nehemiah Patterson's saw mill; killed and scalped Jeremiah Vanoker, Daniel Cole, Ephraim Ferguson and one Travern, and took with them several prisoners, mostly children, with a great number of horses, cattle and valuable plunder. Some of the cattle we rescued and returned to the owners.

I hope your Excellency will make allowances for the imperfect stile, razures and blotts of this line, whilst I have the honor to subscribe myself, with the most perfect esteem, in haste,

Your EXcellency's Most Obedt Servt,
JOHN HATHORN, Col.

John Adams' Autograph.

We have the following little "Gem" in our own collection. It gives the autographs of President John Adams and his wife:

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GEORGE HUNT."

On the back is:

"last of Jan'y 1765 Recd four Baskets which amount to five shillings and Ten Pence in Part.
JOHN ADAMS."

"Sept'r 9 received 2 shillings in part in earthen ware.
ABIGAIL ADAMS."

The above was enclosed in the following:

* * * "The promissory note is signed by another man, but the body, including the name is in the handwriting of John Adams, as is the endorsement on the back. There is another endorsement signed by his wife.

Yours, CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

—The Newburgh Library has the New York Mercury, 1756.

The Collector.

DAVID W. JAGGER, EDITOR.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., FEBRUARY, 1872.

—All contributions relating to stamps, autographs or miscellaneous subjects, will be thankfully received and due credit given.

—All orders for stamps under fifty cents must contain stamp for return postage. All sums of Two Dollars and over should be sent by P. O. Order. We will not be responsible for money sent otherwise. All letters or packages containing five dollars worth of stamps, should be sent registered or prepaid by express. We will do the same.

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Our Post Office.

H. B. S. We cannot insert such an advertisement as you send.

T. R. & Co. Do not wish to exchange advertisements at present.

A. B. L. We have no more Confederate currency.

LITERARY ITEMS.

—The Patent Right Gazette, published at No. 12 Warren-st., N.Y. City, is the paper for inventors or persons desiring patents. Monthly, 16 pages, \$1 per annum.

—The name of the Pacific Youth has been changed to Collins' American Monthly. It "will contain sixteen pages of the choicest original reading matter." \$1.50 a year.—Cheap. (?)

—The Cub presents a *very* neat appearance, "typographically" speaking. Box 1969, San Francisco, Cal.

—The Philadelphia Monthly should have a better proof reader.

—Wood's Household Magazine is classed with the standard and leading magazines of the times. "Howsomever" it is only *One*

List of U. S. Revenue Stamps.

We have had so many calls for a Price List of all the U. S. Revenue Stamps, that we have thought best to publish one in our Journal with our prices for each :

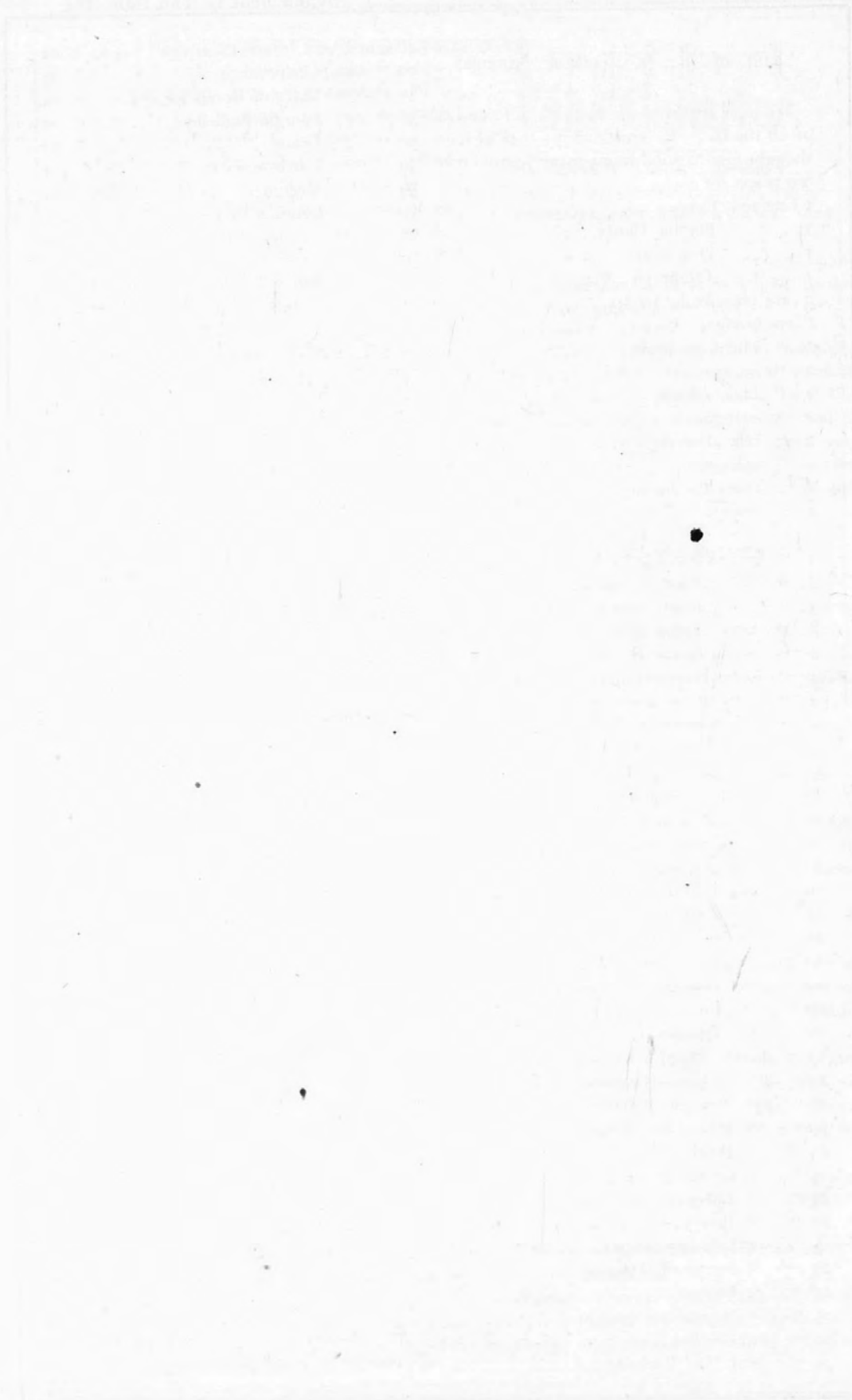
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| 1 cent red, Express | .02 |
| 1 " Playing Cards | .08 |
| 1 " Proprietary | .02 |
| 1 " Telegraph | .04 |
| 2 cent blue, Bank Check | .02 |
| 2 cent orange, " | .02 |
| 2 " blue, Certificate | .10 |
| 2 " orange, " | .25 |
| 2 " blue, Express | .04 |
| 2 " orange, " | .04 |
| 2 " blue, Playing Cards | .06 |
| 2 " orange, " | .15 |
| 2 " blue, Proprietary | .05 |
| 2 " orange, " | .15 |
| 2 " " U. S. Inter. Rev. | .01 |
| 3 " green, Foreign Exchange | .02 |
| 3 " " Playing Cards | .08 |
| 3 " " Proprietary | .02 |
| 3 " " Telegraph | .03 |
| 4 " brown, Inland Exchange | .02 |
| 4 " violet, Playing Cards | .10 |
| 4 " " Proprietary | .03 |
| 5 " red, Agreement | .04 |
| 5 " " Certificate | .02 |
| 5 " " Express | .04 |
| 5 " " Foreign Exchange | .03 |
| 5 " " Inland Exchange | .03 |
| 5 " " Playing Cards | .10 |
| 5 " " Proprietary | .10 |
| 10 " blue, Bill of Lading | .02 |
| 10 " " Certificate | .02 |
| 10 " " Contract | .02 |
| 10 " " Foreign Exchange | .05 |
| 10 " " Inland Exchange | .03 |
| 10 " " Power of Attorney | .03 |
| 10 " " Proprietary | .10 |
| 15 " brown, Foreign Exchange | .08 |
| 15 " " Inland Exchange | .02 |
| 20 " red, Foreign Exchange | .10 |
| 20 " " Inland Exchange | .02 |
| 25 " " Bond | .08 |
| 25 " " Certificate | .02 |
| 25 " " Entry of Goods | .08 |
| 25 " " Insurance | .02 |
| 25 " " Life Insurance | .12 |
| 25 " " Power of Attorney | .02 |
| 25 " " Protest | .10 |
| 25 " " Warehouse Receipt | .15 |
| 30 " lilac, Foreign Exchange | .25 |
| 30 " " Inland Exchange | .02 |

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| 40 cent brown, Inland Exchange | .02 |
| 50 " blue, Conveyance | .03 |
| 50 " " Entry of Goods | .04 |
| 50 " " Foreign Exchange | .20 |
| 50 " " Lease | .30 |
| 50 " " Life Insurance | .04 |
| 50 " " Mortgage | .04 |
| 50 " " Original Process | .03 |
| 50 " " Passage Ticket | .25 |
| 50 " " Probate of Will | .60 |
| 50 " " Surety Bond | .04 |
| 60 " orange, Inland Exchange | .04 |
| 70 " green, Foreign Exchange | .02 |
| 1 dollar red, Conveyance | .25 |
| 1 " " Entry of Goods | .20 |
| 1 " " Foreign Exchange | .03 |
| 1 " " Inland Exchange | .04 |
| 1 " " Lease | .06 |
| 1 " " Insurance | .06 |
| 1 " " Manifest | .10 |
| 1 " " Mortgage | .50 |
| 1 " " Passage Ticket | .40 |
| 1 " " Power of Attorney | .06 |
| 1 " " Probate of Will | .30 |
| 1d 30c. orange, Foreign Exchange | .05 |
| 1d 50c. blue, Inland Exchange | .04 |
| 1d 60c. green, Foreign Exchange | .10 |
| 1d 90c. violet, Foreign Exchange | .15 |
| 2 dollars red, Conveyance | .08 |
| 2 " " Mortgage | .08 |
| 2 " " Probate of Will | .40 |
| 2½" violet, Inland Exchange | .04 |
| 3 " green, Charter Party | .15 |
| 3 " " Manifest | .10 |
| 3½" blue, Inland Exchange | .30 |
| 5 " red, Charter Party | .20 |
| 5 " " Conveyance | .25 |
| 5 " " Manifest | .35 |
| 5 " " Mortgage | .25 |
| 5 " " Probate of Will | .25 |
| 10 " green, Charter Party | .50 |
| 10 " " Conveyance | 1.25 |
| 10 " " Mortgage | .40 |
| 10 " " Probate of Will | .50 |
| 15 " blue, Mortgage | 1.50 |
| 20 " orange, Conveyance | 1.25 |
| 20 " " Probate of Will | 4.00 |
| 25 " red, Mortgage | 2.00 |
| 50 " green, U. S. Internal Revenue | 3.50 |
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—The *Index* comes to us enlarged to nearly double its original size, and filled with interesting matter. We are glad to see this for the honor of Newburgh in amateur newspaper circles. A neater amateur paper than *The Index* is not on our exchange list.

—New amateurs: *The Express*, Oswego, N. Y.; *The Times*, Rahway, N. J.

—Of all the fashion papers published in the United States, we think *Harper's Bazar* is the best. The following is from the N. Y. *Evening Mail*: "The young lady who buys a single number of *Harper's Bazar* is made a subscriber for life."

OLD COINS.

We were amused, recently, by being asked to purchase an old Spanish sixpence. The holder regarded it as valuable from its age, not knowing that coins do not take their value from age but from rarity. Spanish coins are the most numerous of any in the world, and not many years ago constituted the great bulk of the small currency of this State. It was a curious currency we had then. Each State had its denominational standard. New York retained the English, and English sixpences were called "York shillings" by the Yankees. English, Spanish, Mexican and United States' coins were mixed up pretty generally.

One fine day Congress adopted a law that the foreign "quarters" should be received for only twenty cents, "shillings" for ten cents, and "sixpences" for five cents, and away the whole raft went with a rush. In six months time not even a "pistareen" was to be seen—nothing by which one could gouge another out of a quarter of a cent in making change, except a few merchants who clung to "eighteen pence" in their price marks.

Our friend's sixpence is worth just five cents.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ANGOLA.—The 10 reis now appears in gold yellow.

AUSTRIA.—Three new post cards, all of the same design, and each bearing the inscription in German, as well as the dialect of the Province for which they are severally issued.

2 Kreuzer, orange on light buff.

"Postal way-card," for money packages: Large rose colored card, 10 kr. stamp (similar to adhesive) in right upper corner.

"Postal way-bill": Large rose colored double sheet, 5 kr. stamp (somewhat like revenues) at top of first page, 5 kr. black and green.

BRAZIL.—The 300 reis stamp, which has recently been the subject of considerable discussion, will shortly make its appearance. The outer frame will be printed in yellow, instead of violet as generally stated.

CANADA.—The size of the 6 cent has been reduced to that of other values; color unchanged.

EGYPT.—An entire new set has been issued. The appearance is very similar to that of the old issue, but the Sphinx instead of being at front of the Pyramid, is at the left. The value is repeated in figures in all four corners.

5 Paras, light brown; 1 Piastre, red.

10 " mauve; 2 " orange.

20 " dull blue; 2½ " purple.

5 " light green.

FIJI.—The Government stamps of this Island are already surcharged, viz:

1 penny blue, surcharged 2 cents.

3 " green, " 6 "

6 " rose, " 12 "

FINLAND.—"Post Card," 8 penni stamp in left upper corner.

FRANCE.—We have to warn collectors against what we believe to be a mere imposition. Most of the values contain a numeral with arms (consisting of shield surmounted by crown) below. In some the numeral is lacking. They come perforated and unperforated, and have a very coarse appearance.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—This Empire has a new set of registration stamps; colors, value and design same as those of the late Confederation, but they read, "Deutsches Reechs—Post," instead of "Norddeutsches Bizirk," as formerly.

HOLLAND.—The color of the 2½ cent stamp and of the post-card has been changed to red-violet.

MEXICO.—12 cents brown.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—10 pence printed in

red and surcharged "NINE PENCE" in black.

NICARAGUA.—1 centavo, brown.

NORWAY.—3 (tre) shilling, deep rose; numeral of value in center surrounded by post horn.

PRINCE EDWARDS ISLAND.—We have just seen the new stamps of this province. The design consists of a profile of the Queen to left, "Postage" in straight line at top, "Prince Edwards Island" in curve below, value at the bottom. 1 cent, orange; 3 cents, rose.

SIERRE LEONE.—A new issue will shortly take place.

SWEDEN.—Envelope stamp—transverse oval. "Sverige" at top, 4 crowns in centre, post horns on each side. 12 (torf) ore, blue.

Post-Card similar to env., 12 (torf) ore, blue and mauve.

ST. DOMINGO.— $\frac{1}{2}$ real, black and blue on rose; UN real, black on green.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA favors us with a new and very handsome stamp. The swan as usual occupies the centre; name above and value below in straight lines on white ground.

8 pence, brown.

N. B. Some may think our list unnecessarily long, but we like to include all the latest novelties.

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AUTOGRAPH GEMS.

Below we give the copy of another letter in the Collins' collection. It is from Col. Saml. Drake (he being then at Crumpond, in Westchester County, N. Y.) It is addressed:

"On Public Service.

His Excellency Govr. Clinton

per Express

Poughkeepsie."

CRUMPOND, 24th June, 1779.

SIR—It is with very great concern that I must inform you of the following particulars. Our picket-guard (which lay at the road near Capt. Delevans) were unfortunately surprised this morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, by a party of the enemy's Light Horse, about 200 who came by a back road near Delevans house and I had unfortunately killed, wounded and taken, every man but one.

No alarm being given, and the enemy driving at furious speed. Our picketts at Crumpond Meeting House being just relieved and at breakfast, were also surprised, but happily the chief part escaped, except Capt. Kronk and a few more of the pickets who were taken.

They burnt a new house near Capt. Delevans, and they set fire to his, but it was extinguished. They also burnt the Meeting House, and took off several of the inhabitants, considerable of stock horses etc.

The best part of my men who were on the ground were—some taken, and most lost their arms and unless we have speedy relief, twill be madness for us to continue on the ground,

as it is impossible to keep the militia under proper subjection in the weakened condition we now are, as the small party of Major Cranes (which were at Delavans) are taken. I have sent by Express to him to march on with all diligence to join me at this post with the remainder. And also to forward the news to Col. Sheldon and the Contin'l Troops at or near Bedford. I am now collecting the remainder of the Militia here at Crumpond—am just this moment informed by a Deserter, that the Enemy marches out this morning, 3 o'clock toward Gallows Hill at Peekskill. We hear that they have halted at Pinis Bridge and propose to come and visit us again this evening with a reinforcement of Infantry—whatever is omitted now in this hurry and confusion, shall be collected and forwarded with all convenient speed by your Excellencys

Most obed and very humble serv.

SAML. DRAKE Col.

Written for THE COLLECTOR.
THE ORIGIN

OF

POSTS AND POST-OFFICES.

BY "TARIA TOPAN."

The origin of Posts is of great antiquity. Herodotus informs us, "that in Persia, men and horses in the service of the monarch were kept at certain stations along the public roads, and that despatches being given to the first courier were carried by him to the second and so on with an expedition which neither snow, rain, nor darkness could check. A similar institution was established at Rome, under the name of "Curcus publicus," by the Emperor Augustus, and was improved upon and extended by his successors. Not only were despatches sent, but horses and carriages were kept in constant readiness to convey dignataries to and from the remote parts of the Empire with a rapidity truly astonishing. In India, where as yet railroads have not penetrated, the English government have found it advantageous to adopt a similar system. As it would be utterly

impossible for a horse to thread the jungles, the government employs the natives in lieu of horses. Intermediate stations are established between the larger towns in the interior of the country, and at these stations a number of postmen, as they are called, are lodged. On the arrival of the messages from the nearest post, the mails, which are carried in bags, strung on long bamboos, are shifted from the shoulders of the postmen to those of the relief, who start off accompanied by three or four "extras," who, as they "swiftly glide thro' the jungles;" keep at bay the tiger on one side, the elephant before them, and hideous serpents over head, with their only weapon, a torch.

Posts were first introduced into modern Europe by Louis XI, in 1477, but were merely intended, like the ancient posts, to serve as a means of transportation for official personages and despatches. But private individuals being allowed to avail themselves of this privilege, the government that had adopted the institution, derived considerable revenue by the imposition of a tax (or postage) on all parcels forwarded.

(To be continued).

Our Post Office.

J. N. Morse—The private revenues were satisfactory.

Fred A. Bisbee—I have not the Confederate bill you speak of.

Fred S. Hebard—A goodly number are printed, but it is getting customary to write them. The general appearance will tell you "which is which."

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A. C. M.—We wish you much success with your new enterprise.

A.C.McM.—We have to decline your article.

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DAVID W. JAGGER, EDITOR.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., MARCH, 1872.

The Collector, N.Y.—This little sheet seems to be published by Mr. Jagger, and edited by Collins, Brown & Co. The articles are all original and well written, but it cannot be called a Stamp Paper, as it teems with "Autographs, &c."—*Stamp Collector's Guide*.

As the above article reflects on us, we would like to make a few criticisms.

First—Our "little sheet" is published in *Newburgh*, N. Y., and *not* in N. Y., as above stated.

Second—"This little sheet seems to be published by Mr. Jagger." We wish to inform the *Guide* that it is published by Mr. Jagger, and not "seems to be." We wonder if the *Guide* thinks there is only one "Mr. Jagger" in "N.Y."? We believe there are several in *this* city. Our name is Mr. (if the *Guide* wishes it so) David W. Jagger, and *not* Mr. Jagger.

Third—"edited by Collins, Brown & Co." This we emphatically deny. It is edited by ourself. Mr. Collins contributes to the Autograph department. About Mr. Brown, we would like to know where the *Guide* ever saw even a contribution from him to our paper, except in the first number. By the "& Co" we suppose the *Guide* means "Taria Topan," another contributor to our "little sheet." But as we said before we edit our paper ourself, soliciting contributions from all persons.

Fourth—"It cannot be called a Stamp Paper as it teems with "Autographs, &c."

Our "little sheet" is a "Stamp Paper," nevertheless, besides being devoted to Autographs. We do not advertise it particularly as a *Stamp paper*, but "A Monthly Journal devoted to Stamps, Autographs, and kindred subjects." The *Guide* had better consult their Webster (if they have one) before they use "teems" in the connection they do.

In conclusion, we think it would be beneficial to mankind for the *Guide* to publish a book on "What we know about other papers' business."

—We are obliged to decline the following: "Adventures of a Stamp Collector"; "A Race with the Waves"; "Stamp Collecting."

LITERARY.

EXCHANGE NOTES.—We clip the following from the *Amateur Gazette* for March. It is determined to have a large circulation:

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—*The Comet* and *The Youth's Standard* are to be enlarged.

—The *Young Sportsman* has been received, and its first number is very interesting. Portsmouth, N. H.

—Charlie Crosby's *Journal* is a splendid specimen of typography. North Salem, Mass.

—The *Kocket* has been consolidated with the *Green Mountain Boy*.

—NEW PAPERS.—The *Visitor*, Wolfsborough, N. H. *Boy's Flag*, Chicago, Ill. The *Critique*, Harrison Square, Mass.

—We have received from Mrs. M. J. Brown, of this city, E. Butterick & Co.'s fashion magazine, "*The Metropolitan*." This is undoubtedly the best of the kind in the country. It is illustrated with colored plates and wood engravings of all the latest fashions, with descriptions, etc.

CHIPS.

—Autograph items are scarce.

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—We notice a statement, in the last number of the *American Journal of Philately*, that its enterprising (?) publishers have bought the entire stock of 7-cent Envelopes, U.S., and understand, upon reliable authority, that they are charging twenty-five cents each for them.—Like the generality of statements from that quarter, this must be taken with a few grains of allowance. To parties desiring these Envelopes, we can furnish them at 15 cents each, or \$1.50 per dozen, entire post paid.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

AUSTRIA—Is said to have issued a 2 kr. newspaper band.

BELGIUM—An issue same as last, but with side inscription lacking.

CEYLON.—The new issue is out. The general appearance is not unlike that of the Straits Settlements. 4 cents, slate; 5 cents, orange; 48 cents, rose; 96 cents slate.

CHILI—Has issued a Post Card. "Carta Tarjeta" at top (no stamp), also bearing the 2 and 5c. stamps impressed.

FINLAND.—There are two varieties of the new Post Card bearing slightly different inscriptions. One is printed in green on green paper, the other green on buff paper.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—Wurtemberg and Bavaria have each issued double Post Cards, so arranged that one half can be used to contain the reply to the senders message. That for the German Empire is black on rose, but bears no stamp. Wurtemberg has two, of the values of 1 kr. yellow and 3 kr. rose on green card. Bavaria, black on pale green.

HUNGARY.—The newspaper stamp is now issued with the horn reversed from its position in the previous issue.

NORWAY.—4 kr. bright violet, similar to the new 3 kr. Envelope, 3 kr. same design, carmine on yellow. Post Card, 3 kr. same design, carmine on yellow.

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|--|-----|
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| Chili, 1867, 5 cent..... | .03 |
| Egypt, old 1 piastre, lilac..... | .12 |
| Honduras, 2 reals, pink..... | .10 |
| Jamaica, 1d, 3d..... | .02 |
| “ 2d, 3d..... | .03 |
| “ 6d, 1s..... | .05 |
| Queensland, 3d, 1861..... | .08 |
| Straits Settlements, 1868, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24c..... | .05 |
| Trinidad, 6d, 1865..... | .04 |
| UNUSED. | |
| Alsace and Lorraine, 1c..... | .02 |
| “ “ 2c..... | .03 |
| “ “ 10c..... | .08 |
| Azores, 5 reis, 1871..... | .03 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Brazil, 50, 80 reis..... | .10 |
| Denmark, 1870, 2 sk..... | .03 |
| Egypt, 5 paras yellow..... | .04 |
| Hungary, Newspaper Stamp..... | .02 |
| Malta, 5d..... | .03 |
| Nevis, 1d red..... | .08 |
| New Brunswick, 1c, 1863..... | .06 |
| New Foundland, 1d, 1857..... | .05 |
| Saxony, set of six..... | .06 |
| St. Vincent, 1d black..... | .06 |

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Written for THE COLLECTOR. TO MY AUTOGRAPH FRIENDS.

BY D. M. COLLINS.

Upon my desk lie piles of letters received from all quarters, East, West, North and South, and at least one half of the entire lot are inquiries as to best plan to obtain, arrange, illustrate, and lastly how to dispose of duplicates. To answer all would involve much valuable time, and as nearly all the Autographic fraternity either take or read THE COLLECTOR, perhaps no better plan can be adopted than by giving advice through its columns. 1st. How to obtain Autographs. Some would say, go to the dealer; but stop, why make such a matter dollars and cents when by a little exertion it could be made a matter of friendly exchange. By hunting up the vast piles of old letters that now lie mouldering in the old garrets and cellars of many of our country mansions, fine historical letters could be collected, and where parties obtain duplicate letters, by sending them to the editor of the COLLECTOR, he would no doubt place them where they could be exchanged for others. Thus at small cost large collections can be made and Autograph collectors brought, in a manner to form a friendly union, each one striving to form a collection for himself, and at the same time trying to help his fraternal brother.

2d. To arrange them properly depends on taste. Perhaps my plan may answer. It is simple and in case I want to obtain a duplicate for a friend, or want to place a friendly exchange,

I am able to do so without trouble. Obtain large leather covers, such as come on blank books, they can be bought very cheap. The weight of the covers presses the letters flat, and keeps them clean. Number them as follows:

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To illustrate, I only use the original impression from the plates. They can be found in any of the old magazines of the period, and although they may cost a little more and be a little stained, they will prove more satisfactory in the end. As for disposing of duplicates, send them to the editor of the COLLECTOR, and at the same time send a list of wants, and if possible he will procure an exchange satisfactory to all.

Now is the time to form a union. Who will be the first to send his address and the address of all known collectors, to the COLLECTOR.

—A fraud upon the public is the re-production of the *Ulster County Gazette* containing the announcement of the death of General Washington. Obtaining an original copy, a speculative Yankee has lithographed it and scattered his re-prints broadcast at "10 cents a copy," and hundreds have bought them for originals. The fraud is easily detected in the superior execution of the work; and the same remark will apply to a host of lithographed letters. Look out for them.

The Collector.

DAVID W. JAGGER, EDITOR.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., APRIL, 1872.

A VACATED SANCTUM.

With this number all subscriptions to THE COLLECTOR expire, and having served the purposes of its creation, and filled the time for which its issue was promised, its publication will be discontinued, at least for the present. If circumstances permit, we may issue it again about next August or September. We have tried to make it interesting, and looking at the long list of favorable notices, think we have done so. We are sorry to discontinue. Our intercourse with our contemporaries has been very pleasant, and our work attractive, but at present our purposes are unsettled and we cannot afford false steps.

Our Stamp business will be continued: our Post Office address the same. Thanking our patrons for past favors, and hoping to receive a continuance, we bid all our editorial adieu.

Our Post Office.

H. E. G., Chicago.—Thank you for referring M. C. G. to us.

W. P. B.—Your inquiry about THE COLLECTOR is answered in this No.

Ralston Cox.—The Editor *is* a member of the E. A. P. A.

M. B. Bradford, Providence, R. I.—Your letter received, but you did not enclose the fifteen cents.

NOTES.

—Having many calls for a Price List of Coins, we wish to inform our correspondents that we do not sell them, and refer all such, to Mr. W. P. Brown's advertisement.

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THE COLLECTOR, Newburgh, N. Y.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

AUSTRIA.—There are in all five varieties of the "Correspondeng Carte" bearing the inscription in two languages—say: Korrespondencia listek (Bohemian); Carta de correspondenza (Italian); Karta Koresponcyjda (Polish); Kapta Kopec (Ruthenian); Sistnica (Sclavonic).

BELGIUM.—We must apologize for a typographical error in our last, which should read "Post Card," instead of "New Issue."

CANADA.—2 cents, small size, color unchanging.

CEYLON.—The entire new set consists of 2 cents brown; 4 cents grey; 8 cents yellow; 16 cents mauve; 24 cents dark green; 36 cents blue; 48 cents rose; 96 cents brown grey; Envelope 4 cents blue.

DECCAN.—1 anna black-brown, 2 annas green.

TRANSVAAL.—Has issued an Envelope bearing impression from die of 6 pence adhesive.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Profile of Queen to left in six-sided frame. Watermark a rose. 6 pence brown.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Head to left in octangle. 6 pence violet.

NORWAY.—Has issued a Post card bearing new 3 sk. adhesive in right upper corner.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Value in centre, surrounded by circle inscribed, "Service Postal," "India Post." 10 reis black on white paper.

PRINCE EDWARDS I.—6 cents violet, 12 cents green.

ROUMANIA.—The 3, 10 and 15 banni, come perforated.

ST. DOMINGO.—½ real, black, on magenta.

SPAIN.—We learn that the 1c de peseta capable of separation into four ¼c de peseta (like the ¼ groschen Brunswick); has appeared.

TURKEY.—We understand that the surcharge on the current series has been altered.

20 paras green-grey.

U. S.—Registration stamp, oblong, very light green. Garter enclosing converse rays. "Stamp here" above "Date and place of mailing," below, no value.

—The new French stamps will bear the head of Liberty in centre, with prominent numerals on side. The Spanish Cuban and Luzon stamps will all bear the head of Amadeus.

—The "Philatelist," in criticising our February No., says: "It writes of certain French stamps containing numerals of value with crown surmounting a shield, warning its rea-

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We are duly authorized to receive subscriptions.

—The Canadian Philatelist has suspended as the publishers are about to retire from the business. They must have made a fortune. (?)

—Another Amateur Paper soon to commence publication in this city is *The Laurel*. Will somebody please start one (or two)?

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Below are extracts from our Catalogue, showing the general style of it:

BERMUDA.

Wmk. C. C. and Crown.

1865. *Head of Victoria to left.*

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| * 1 penny red | 5 | 4 |
| * 2 “ blue | 15 | 8 |
| * 6 “ violet | 40 | 15 |
| * 1 shilling green | 75 | 20 |

FRENCH COLONIES.

Eagle in centre, square.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 centime, 1862, olive green | 1 | 2 |
| 5 “ green | 4 | 3 |
| 10 “ 1860, bistre | 8 | 3 |
| *20 “ 1866, blue | 15 | 6 |
| 40 “ 1860, orange | 25 | 3 |
| *80 “ 1866, rose | 50 | 8 |

JAMAICA.

Laureated head of Victoria to left.

Wmk. a pine apple, also C. C. and Crown.

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|
| 1 penny, 1860, blue | 6 | 2 |
| 2 “ rose 2 | 10 | 3 |
| 3 “ 1863, green | 10 | 2 |
| 4 “ 1860, vermilion 2 | 15 | 4 |
| 6 “ lilac | 30 | 4 |
| 1 shilling, brown | 50 | 5 |

List of Stamps for April.

Every Stamp warranted genuine. When more than one Stamp is described on a line, the price is for each.

| | <i>New.</i> | <i>Used.</i> | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|--|---------|
| Alsace & Lorraine—1, 2 centimes, | .02 | | Mexico—6, 100 r. | .06 |
| 4, 5 centimes, | .04 | | 12, 25, 50 r. | .04 |
| 20 centimes, | .18 | .05 | New Brunswick—5c, green. | .15 .01 |
| Antioquia—2½c | .25 | | New Foundland—1869, 1, 2c | .05 |
| Antigua—1 penny, red | .05 | .04 | New Granada— | |
| 6d | | .06 | 1865, 2½ cent, triangular. | .10 |
| Azores—1866, 5 reis, black. | .05 | | 1868, 2½ “ “ | .15 |
| 1871, 5, 10 reis | .05 | | New South Wales—1864, 1, 2d. | .01 |
| Belgium—1869, 10, 20, 30c. | .02 | | New Zealand—1 penny, red | .06 .01 |
| Bermuda—1 penny | .05 | .05 | Norway—1867, 4 sk. | .01 |
| Brazil—1866, 10, 20, 100, 200 reis | .05 | .02 | Nova Scotia—1860, 5c. | .02 |
| British Columbia—1868, 2c brown | | | Orange States—1 penny | .06 |
| surcharged | .08 | .06 | Prince Edward's I.—1, 2d. | .03 |
| British Guiana—1860, 1, 4, 8, 12c | .05 | .05 | Romagna—½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, bajoci | .05 |
| Brunswick—1866, ½, 1, 2, 3 sil. gro. | .02 | .03 | Saxony—½, 1, 2, 3, 5, gro. | .01 .02 |
| Canada—1868, 1, 2, 3c | .05 | .01 | South African Republic—1 p, blk. | .05 |
| Cape of Good Hope—1893, 1, 4d | .02 | | Spain—1870, 1, 2 mil. de escudo. | .01 |
| Ceylon—1867, ½, 1, 2d | .03 | | Spanish West Indies—1871, 12c. | .15 .12 |
| Chili—1857, 1, 5, 10c | .05 | .05 | “ 25c. | .20 .02 |
| Confederate States—5, 10c | .02 | .05 | “ 50c. | .30 .06 |
| Cundinamarca—5c, blue | .25 | | St. Christopher—1 penny | .06 .05 |
| 10c, red | .50 | | St. Vincent—1 penny, black | .06 |
| Dutch Indies—50c, carmine | .05 | | Straits Settlements—1868, 2, 6, 8c | .03 |
| Egypt—1867, 5 paras | .03 | .05 | 4, 12, 24, 96c | .05 |
| 1872, 5 paras | .03 | | Sweden—1858, 12, 24, 30 ore. | .02 |
| “ 10 “ | .00 | | Switzerland—1862, 10, 30, 40c. | .02 |
| “ 20 “ | .1c | | 1868, 10, 25, 30, 50c | .02 |
| France—1871, 1, 2c. | .01 | | Tolima—5c, brown | .25 |
| French Colonies—1c. | .01 | .02 | 10c, blue | .50 |
| Great Britain—5 shillings, (large) rose | .10 | | Trinidad—1 penny, red | .06 .02 |
| Greece—5, 10, 20, 40, 80 lepta | .03 | | Turk's Island—1 penny | .05 .04 |
| Guatemala—1c, bistre | .05 | .04 | Turkey—1868, 10 paras. | .05 |
| Holland—1867, 5, 10c. | .01 | | U. S.—1869, 30 cent | .10 |
| Hong Kong—2, 4, 6, 8c | .02 | | 1870, 7 cent | .08 .03 |
| 24, 30, 48c. | .04 | | “ “ Envelope. | .15 |
| India—½ anna | .08 | .01 | Victoria—1863, 1, 2d. | .01 |
| 1 anna | .12 | .01 | Wurtemberg—Envelope, 1, 3 kr. | .03 .02 |
| Jamaica—1, 3d | .02 | | “ 6, 9 kr. | .04 |
| 2, 4, 6d, 1 sh. | .04 | | | |

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ders against forgeries of same, devoid of said numerals."

The paragraph as it appeared in our Feb'y No. reads:

"FRANCE.—We have to warn collectors against what we believe to be a mere imposition. Most of the values contain a numeral with arms (consisting of shield surmounted by crown) below. In some the numeral is lacking. They come perforated and unperforated, and have a very coarse appearance."

We cannot think the "Philatelist's" misrepresentation of it other than wilful.

LITERARY ENCOMIUMS.

—We have just finished reading *Tim, the Fox*, and consider it a splendid story, of the first and only experiences of an amateur detective, which are very exciting and interesting. It also contains another short sketch entitled, *Duke*. Price 25 cents. Address Red Cross, 143 Grand Street., N. Y. City.

—*The Young American's Monthly* has started on its second year after a very successful first year. Flemington, N. J.

—*The Philadelphia Monthly* has been changed to *The American Boy's Monthly*. It has improved wonderfully.

—The first number of the *New Planet*, San Francisco, Cal., presents a very neat appearance.

—Two new amateur papers have been started in this city, *The Packet*, and the *Amateur Herald*.

—*The Boy's Journal*, Germantown, Pa., has consolidated with *The Press*.

—But, —We have forgotten the *Comet*. Well, may its tail be long in the land.

AUTOGRAPH GEMS.

The following is a copy of a letter from Genl. John Morrin Scott. His letters are rarely met with, especially of this date:

Village of Fishkill, 1st May, 1779.

½ after 5 o'clock.

Sir—Mr. Candonet, assistant Deputy Quarter Master, is just arrived from King's Ferry. His accounts are as follows. At 8 o'clock this morning the enemy's shipping appeared in sight at King's Ferry. About 9 o'clock the heavy shipping come to an anchor at Teller's point. The Gallies, Sloops of war, tenders, etc., drifted up as far as Haverstraw. The flat bottom boats have been very busy in passing between the ships and the shore; about ¼ past 11 o'clock a signal from a large ship. He then left King's Ferry and at about two miles distance from it, heard a heavy firing,

which lasted till after 12 o'clock. He landed at Peekskill. As he passed thro', he saw 10 or 12 Light Horse coming on the road, leading from Crumpond to Peekskill. He has been informed by General McDougall's Aid that they were of the enemy. He says he is informed that the principal force of the enemy are at Crumpond. I wish for a body of the militia to be immediately ordered into the passes.

Be assured, Sir, that I am ready to endeavor to execute any order. By my advice joined by Colonel Malcoln the alarm guns have been fired here.

I am, sir,

With great respect,

Your most obedt servt

JNO. MORRIN SCOTT.

His Excellency the Govr.

Their vessels about 40.

Spirited command here is absolutely necessary.

Written for THE COLLECTOR.

The Origin of Posts and Post Offices.

BY "TARIA TOPAN."

[Continued from the March number.]

In England the Post office was established in the 17th century, although Postmasters (?) were in existence some time before this date. Their duties consisted in keeping post-horses in readiness for any exigency. Charles I. founded letter offices for England and Scotland in 1635, but they were confined to a few of the principal roads. The rate of postage on letters of any weight was 2½ pence per mile! It was not successful and fell into disuse immediately upon the breaking out of the civil war. At length a weekly post for transmission to all parts of the kingdom was instituted in 1649 by Mr. Edward Prideaux, Atty Genl. of the Commonwealth. The history of the advance in this country, from the post coaches to its present magnitude, is too well known to need repetition. In closing this article on the mode by which our ancestors corresponded I will quote the following from "Senior's Political Economy"—"Nearly the same exertions that are necessary to send a single letter from Liverpool to New York will send 5000. If every man were to effect the transmission of his own correspondence, the whole life of an eminent merchant might be passed in traveling without his being able to deliver all the letters which the P. O. forwards him in a single evening. The labor of a few individuals, devoted exclusively to the forwarding of letters, produces results which all the inhabitants of Europe could not effect, each person acting singly."

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