



THE COLLECTORS' OWN.

DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Expressly for the Collectors' Own.

THE STAMP COLLECTING BAND.

BY OSWALD G. LUDWIG.

Your name is Legion, ours is Pluck,
and we now ask your support,
And should we have the best of luck,
We expect to hold the Fort.

In our columns we shall advocate
All kinds of postage stamps rare,
From India's shore to Texas State,
And desire to do our share.

Stamps from Persia, stamps from Russia,
Stamps from Asia's barren strand,
Siam, and from Prussia,
As well as from cold Greenland.

From Pacific to Atlantic shore
We shall all nations define—
We've said our say, and can say no more,
So please bear these thoughts in mind.

Stamp Collecting.



While postage stamps are being collected when they are put into the albums, they are examined and studied. The map is consulted to find the country issuing them. The story is opened to find whose portraits are used on them. The Cyclopaedia is brought to get some idea of their value. Some good friend is questioned to find the meaning of the peculiar inscriptions or legends. Little by little, this research goes on until the collector often finds himself, in a manner, getting hints of almost everything of interest going on in the world. If Russia and Turkey

are quarreling over Montenegro he can discuss the troubles. He found it out when examining the Montenegrin stamps in his album. When a young boy is placed on the throne of Spain, the collector's attention is called to that country. Stamps show him the many changes in that unfortunate country, and Amader and Don Carlos and Isabella, and the proud and haughty nation which unveiled a new continent, pass before him like a panorama.

The Centennial is spoken of, our young collector takes out his album, and sees Franklin with his kite, Washington at Yorkton, Perry on Lake Erie, Jefferson and Jackson behind the cotton bales at New Orleans, Louisiana, Scott on the plains of Mexico, and Lincoln with his emancipation proclamation. — *St. Nicholas*.

International Postage Stamp Album.

This is undoubtedly the best Album ever published. It is nearly square, being 9½ by 11½ inches. A feature of this book is that at the beginning of each set of stamps there is a fac simile cut, and, where all the stamps of a set are not the same, other cuts are inserted to show the change of type. It is thus well nigh impossible to place a stamp in the wrong compartment.

In addition to this there are spaces for Coats of Arms, Flags and Photographs. It contains also an engraved map of the world, showing the location of every stamp issuing country, an addition which is of value to both the old and young collector.

The following styles we have for sale:

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| No. 1. Half cloth, | \$1.50 |
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Postage free.

FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS.—Price 25¢ per set.

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The following Prizes will be given for the greatest number of words containing one X and three E's. Example—Experience.

First prize—One dollar cash.

Second prize—Fifty cents worth of stamps.

Third prize—Twenty-five cents worth of stamps.

Fourth prize—A catalogue of stamps of all nations.

Any person wishing prizes consisting of stamps, will please tell us which stamps they would prefer.

Conditions. First. Open to none but subscribers; subscriptions, however, may be sent in with the answers. *Subscribe one! Subscribe all!*

Second. Proper names not allowed.

Third. Only words to be found in an English Dictionary to be used

Fourth. Solutions must be sent in before the first of December, 1876.

Model Love Lettets.

Reduction of Prices.

This letter may be read two different ways, and by so reading will make two distinct letters. As a piece of ingenuity this is unsurpassed. It is just what Agents want.

Papers, retail, one for 3c. stamp; 3 for 5c; to Agents, 8 for 10c; 25 for 25c; 50 for 40c; 100 for 60c., postpaid. Address this office.

Ventriloquism.

This book contains a new and very easy method for learning this art, with numerous examples for practice. The price has been fixed at the very low sum of 10 cents postpaid. Address Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut Street, Syracuse, New York.

Price List of Single Stamps

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Trinidad, 1d., red	\$ 03
*Virgin Islands, 1d., green	06
Greece, 10 80!	03
" 1 2 20!	02
" unpaid, 1, 2I, green,	03

Finland, 1866, 40 pen	02
*Serbia, 1p., yellow	02
Fasmania, 1d., 2d., new issue	01
British Guinea, 2 cent, 1860 issue	03
Japan, 2 sen., yellow	06
New South Wales, 1d., 2d	01
Bermuda, 1d., rose	03
*Chili, 1868, 1d., orange	05
New Zealand, 2d., red	02
South Australia, 1869, 2d., orange	01
Cape of Good Hope, 1d., 4d	01
" " " 6d., lilac	06
Straits Settlements, 2, 8, 30	03
*Newfoundland, 1c., violet	04
Canada, small, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 6c	01
Denmark, 2, 4 sh	01
Nova Scotia, 5c., blue	04
Brazil, 10, 20, 100, 200 reis	02
" 50 reis	04
Spain, 1 peseta, lilac, 1874	08
*Brunswick, 1, 2, 3	01
" $\frac{1}{2}$	02
Great Britain, 1841, 1d, 1870, $\frac{1}{2}$ d	01
*Belgium, 1869, 1, 2c	02
*Maderia, 1871, 5 reis, black,	03
*Agores, " " "	03
Portugal, 4871, 25 reis, rose	02
Egypt, 1867 1p., 1872, 1p., rose	03
Jamaica, $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 3 4, 6d	03
" 1d., blue	02

SETS OF STAMPS.

*Brunswick	Set of 4	05
U. S. Treasury	"	11 10
U. S. Interior	"	10 20
U. S. Justice	"	10 25
Canada, bill stamps	"	6 10
" "	"	10 20
Jamaica, postage	"	6 15
Victoria	"	4 08

*Unused; the rest are used.

All orders must be accompanied by cash in advance.

All stamps warranted genuine.

100 well-assorted foreign postage stamps sent post-paid for \$1.

Use a Centennial Envelope when writing to us and we will return the favor.

Canadian correspondents prepaying their letters with half cent stamps will receive a good foreign stamp free.



Supplement to the "COLLECTORS' OWN."

ERRATA.

We are sorry to say that our printers have made a great many mistakes in this number of our paper, of which we give the two principle ones below:--

On third page, first column, right above our printers' name "Syracuse" is left out of our address.

On third page, second column, at bottom of column, "Ogdensburg" is left out of the address of the Maple City Card Co's advertisement.

We will change printers with our next issue and hope to present a better appearance and with less mistakes.

HARD TO BEAT.

5 ELEGANT VISITING CARDS, no two alike, one name, for only 25 cts. and 3 ct. stamp. 4 packs names, for 85 cts. With one pack for samples you can obtain 20 names per hour easily. Best and prettiest lot of cards for the money ever seen. Sent by return mail. Common cards at unheard-of rates. Agents Wanted. Address, Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N.Y.

CARD AGENTS WANTED.

COLLECTORS' OWN.

NOVEMBER, 1876.

Issued Monthly.

CLARENCE C. DE PUY,
Publisher and Editor.

Terms ten cents per year, postpaid.
Send stamp for specimen copy.
Will exchange with any paper.
A premium will be offered every month, consisting of a good foreign stamp free.
Books will be noticed if a specimen copy be forwarded to us.
Orders should be addressed to Clarence C. De Puy, Proprietor Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut st., New York.

PRINTED BY STEWART BROS., BALTIMORE

DOTS.

We now appear in the shape of a stamp collectors' paper, and we hope that all Philatelists will give us a share of their patronage. As we will do our best to please all.

Every collector should subscribe to this paper, as we will do our best to make it interesting. Only 10 cents per year, and a good foreign postage stamp each month.

We extend our thanks to those amateur collectors and publishers who have sent us their paper regular since the *Advertiser's Own* was discontinued, and we hope that we will be able to return the favor sometime.

The subscribers to the *Advertiser's Own* will receive the *Boy's Standard* until their subscriptions expire.

The May and June number of the *Boy's Standard* was issued a short time ago, they will not issue any July or August numbers. The September number will be out in two or three weeks.

We have received the fifth number of the *Comic Journal*, and can say that it is one of the best if not the best exchange we receive.

The *New England Star* received and fully up to the old standard.

Twenty-five Scroll Cards printed, any name, sent postpaid for only 15c. Address this office.

Advertising Rates.

To dealers in foreign postage stamps, and printed visiting, acquaintance, and address cards, as follows:

One line seven cents, three lines twenty cents, one inch 70c, two inches \$1.30.

For miscellaneous advertisements:

One line four cents, three lines ten cents, one inch 30c, two inches 55c.

Advertisements charged for by solid nonpareil measurement of eight words to a line.

Advertisements must be paid for in advance.

Elegant Card Cases.

1 for 10c, 3 for 25c, 6 for 40c, 12 for 75c, 50 for \$2.75.

Sent postpaid on receipt of price. Address this office.

Only ten cents per year. Subscribe!

Every one should get a pack of our JACK-ASS CARDS. 100 for 50c, 50 for 25c, 25 for 15c, and 15 for 10c, postpaid. Address, Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut street, Syracuse N. Y.

Twelve transparent cards printed any name and sent post paid for only 15c, or 15 for 25c. Each card contains a scene which is not visible until held towards the light. Address, Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut St. Syracuse, N. Y. Agents Wanted.

Agents wanted. Agents outfit, consisting of over 50 different samples with price list, order slips, &c., and a card case for 20 cts, without card case for 15 cts. Ten samples and price list for 3c. stamp. Elegant card cases 10 cts. each, 3 for 25 cts. Address as above.

Two've elegant glass visiting cards, printed any name and sent postpaid for only 15 cents. Agents wanted. Address this office.

Premium every month. Warranted genuine.

CIRCULATION 1000 COPIES.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

25 May I C U home cards for 13c. G. A. Stacey Lockport, N. Y. Publishers insert the above and this notice for one pack.

50 First-class visiting cards, with your name elegantly printed in a fancy style of type on them for fifteen cents and green stamp. Maple City Card Co., N. Y., box 306.

PRICE LIST

OF

Stamp Packets, etc

Flags of all nations. Beautifully printed in colors, on fine heavy paper for framing, or thin paper for all uses. Sets of 73 for 25 cts.

CENTENNIAL PACKETS.

No. 1. Contains 60 used and unused foreign stamps, including Brunswick, Confederate States, New South Wales, Great Britain, Austria, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, etc. Price 25 cts., post-free 28 cts.

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No. 4. Contains 25 used and unused foreign post stamps, including Italy, Great Britain, Austria, France, German Empire, etc. Price 10 cts., post-free 13 cts.

No. 5. Contains 30 used and unused foreign postage stamps, including Prussia, '50; Queensland, Roman States, '52; Roumania, '66; Russia, Sardinia, etc. Price 25 cts., post-free 28 cts.

No. 6. Contains 10 used and unused foreign postage stamps, including Great Britain, 4 d. rose, Greece, Hamburg, 14 s. violet; Hanover, 56; Holland, '64; Hong Kong, etc. Price 25 cts., postage free 28 cts.

No. 7. Contains 50 used stamps, including Jamaica, Bermuda, South Australia, Dutch Indies, Finland, Cape of Good Hope, Hungary etc. Price 35 cts., post free 38 cts.

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Notice. The above packets do not contain any duplicates.

No. 9. Contains 100 well assorted stamps. Price 10 cts., post-free 13 cts.

No. 10. Contains 50 well assorted stamps. Price 6 cts., postage free 9 cents.

REMEMBER EVERY WORD.

Remember! when ordering any of the ten (10) packets given on the first column of this circular, always write Centennial Packet No. 1, 2, 3, etc., as the case may be.

Remember! all letters of inquiry and orders under 50 cts. must contain 3c. stamp for reply. No post cards answered.

Do not be selfish, but give your friends our address, and if you have one of our circulars to spare, give them the benefit of our low prices.

If you cannot send fractional paper currency, send 1, 2 or 3 cent unused U. S. postage stamps.

All correspondents who send their remittances in Centennial or 2c envelopes will receive a good foreign stamp gratis. This applies to Canadian correspondents who prepay with $\frac{1}{2}$ stamps.

Address all orders, &c., to CLARENCE C. DE PUY, 510 Chestnut Street, Syracuse, N.Y. Proprietor of the Central City Printing Office.

Card Agents Wanted.

Get some Model Love Letters.

Twenty-five envelopes like this sent post-paid for 15 cents or 15 for 10 cts. Address, Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut St. Syracuse, N. Y.

If You Don't Catch Him in 10 Days



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STEWART BROS.

146 Baltimore St., } BALTIMORE.
28 North Street, }

Orders by mail to 93 Alsquith street, Balto., promptly attended to.

We are the printing of amateur and professional newspapers a specialty. Send for estimate.

Letters requiring an answer must contain a three cent stamp, otherwise they will receive no attention.

Refer to this issue of this paper as a specimen of our work.

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VOL. I.

Syracuse, N. Y. Dec. 15, 1876

NO. 2.

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U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS HOW THEY ARE MADE.

EVERY United States postage stamp in use is made in New York. The contract was held by the American Bank Note Company from July 1, 1861 until the same day in 1873. That was for three terms of four years each. The Continental Bank Note Company at that time offering to do it for one half the amount required by the other company, the contract was awarded to them. The office of the Continental is at the corner of Greenwich and Liberty Streets, but as it was desirable to have the postage stamps made in a perfectly fire-proof building, the fifth story of the Equitable Life Insurance Building, at the corner of Broadway and Cedar Street, was rented by the company for that purpose.

The office here is for the use of Mr. Daniel M. Boyd, the government agent, and Mr. Chas. F. Steele the agent and superintendent appointed by the company.

The facts given in regard to the making of the stamps were procured from Mr. Henry Bowen, Mr. Boyd's assistant.

Two passenger elevators run to the top of the building, and upon leaving them, the only entrance to the postage stamp rooms is by means of a door which is constantly kept locked and guarded by a janitor who always sets inside to answer the bell which is just outside.

On the right-hand side are the office and printing room, and away to the left, at the front of the building are the other rooms used in making the stamps.

In printing, steel plates are used, on which 200 stamps are engraved. Two men are kept hard at work covering them with the colored inks and passing them to a man and girl, who are equally busy at printing them with large rolling hand-presses. Three of these little squads are employed all the time, although ten presses can be put into use in case of necessity, after the small sheets of paper, upon which the 200 stamps are engraved, have dried sufficiently, they are sent into another room and gummed. The gum used for this purpose is a peculiar composition, made of the powder of dried potatoes and other vegetables mixed with water which is better than any other kind, for instance, gum arabic, which cracks the paper badly.

The paper is also of a peculiar texture, somewhat similar to that for bank notes. After having been again dried, this time on little rocks, which are formed by steam-power, for about an hour, they are put between sheets of pasteboard, and pressed in hydraulic presses capable of applying a weight of 200 tons. The next thing is to cut the sheets in half; each sheet, of course when cut, contains a hundred stamps. This is done by a girl with a large pair of shears, cutting by hand being preferred to that of machinery, which method would destroy too many stamps. They are then passed to two other squads, who, in as many operations, perforate the sheets between the stamps. Next they are pressed once more, and then packed and labelled, and stowed away in another room, preparatory to being put in mail bags for dispatching to fulfil orders.

COLLECTORS OWN.

DECEMBER 15, 1876.

ISSUED MONTHLY.

CLARENCE C. DEPUY, PUBLISHER &
EDITOR.**TERMS**

Ten cents per year, post paid.
Send Stamp for specimen copy
Will exchange with any paper.
A good foreign stamp is given each month
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Books will be noticed if a specimen copy
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Address all communications,

CENTRAL CITY PRINTING OFFICE,

510 Chestnut St. Syracuse N. Y.

CLARENCE C. DEPUY, Prop'r

PRINTED BY JAS. WADSWORTH JR. NEW YORK.

DOTS.

Once more we come before you, with a
new printer, and we hope our paper presents
a better appearance, with less mistakes.

We offer a very large assortment of Cards,
Card Packets, Stamp Packets, Stamp Al-
bums and other novelties which you will
find just the thing for Holiday presents.

The reason we do not print the COLLECT-
ORS' OWN is because card printing occupies
most of our time. It is our intention to
make card printing a specialty.

Every person should use printed envelo-
pes as they save a great deal of time. See
adv. in another column.

We offer 12 cents a dozen for used Cen-
tennial Envelopes, cut large and square, in
exchange.

Advertisers will find this a splendid medium
as we send out 1,000 copies each month
among boys and girls throughout the U. S.
and Canadas.

ADVERTISING RATES

To dealers in foreign postage stamps, and
printed visiting, acquaintance and address
cards, as follows;—

Per line.....	\$.07	One inch.....	70
3 lines.....	20	Two inches....	1.25

For Miscellaneous advertisements;—

Per line.....	.04	1 inch.....	30
3 lines.....	10	2 inches.....	55

☞ Advertisements charged by Solid Non-
pareil Measurement of eight words to a line
or twelve lines to an inch,

Advertisements **MUST** be paid in ad-
vance.

Circulation 1,000 copies.

ADVERTISEMENTS.**Foreign Postage Stamps.**

N. F. SEEBECK, P. O. Box 4926,
NEW YORK CITY.

Constantly has on hand a large and finely assorted
stock of genuine U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps
and American and Foreign Stamp Albums at very
low prices.

Just published the First edition of the Descriptive
Price Catalogue of all known adhesive stamps samp-
ed envelopes and post cards issued from 1818-1876
in the U. S. & Foreign Countries with prices (great-
ly reduced) at which used and unused specimens
can be obtained of the publisher and will be sent
post free to any address for 10c together with a price
list of cheap sets of stamps Packets and American
& Foreign Stamp Albums which we offer lower than
they can be imported direct from the publishers.

Our large Foreign Correspondence and special
bargains for cash enables us to offer Foreign Stamps
at Wholesale or Retail at lower prices than any other
dealer.

ONE TRIAL SOLICITED.

Satisfaction guaranteed in every case or money re-
funded. Our motto; Small profits and quick sales.
All kinds of U. S. & Foreign Stamps bought.

ESTABLISHED 1870.

LOOK We have now completed a very fine
edition of our Catalogue of all known
adhesive stamps, stamped envelopes, and
post cards from 1818-1876 in the U. S. &
Foreign Countries with prices greatly reduced.
Price 10c. Postpaid. Address this Of-
fice.

10 Foreign Postage stamps Free. send three
cent stamp for postage.

Wm. Leckie & Co.

Chicago Ill.

Editors insert this and the above for 20c.

NOW OUT. "My Silver Wed-
ding." Price 10cts. Address John R. Reed Amateur
Publishers Canton, Ohio. Send for price list free.

Cards printed at cheap rates. Ed's insert the
above and this for one book.

STAMPS! Great reductions in prices
of stamps and stamp al-
bums literally *Given Away*. Circulars with full
particulars *free* or with 8 used and unused stamps
3c. Geo. H. Richmond, Northfield, Vt.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

CIRCULATION 1,000 COPIES

Dead Letters.

In 1884, 12,500,000 letters were sold by the U. S. Dead Letter Office for old paper. Over \$3,000,000 in cash was found in a part of these letters, but as they had no name signed to them, the money could not be returned to the writers, and so they lost it. If the Return Cards had been printed on their Envelopes, every letter, and all this money, would have been returned to the writers. The Post Office Department recommends all persons to have their Return Cards on their Envelopes. We will mail you 100 good Envelopes with your name and address printed in the corner for 75 cts. 50 for 40 cts. 25 for 25 cts. White or Buff Envelopes, with or without Comical Cut as you may choose. Only a little more than the envelopes would cost blank. Address CENTRAL CITY PRINTING OFFICE, 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N. Y.

DO YOU want a genuine, wide-awake and independent amateur paper? Then send 25 cents immediately to The Boy's Standard, Syracuse, N. Y., and receive it for a whole year free post paid. Remember every new subscriber gets a Model Love Letter. Boy's advertise in the Boy's Standard, for it is devoted to your interests, and is read by more than 1,000 boys and girls over the U. S. and Canada. Amateurs advertisements will be inserted at the amazingly low rate of 1 line 5 cts., $\frac{1}{2}$ inch 20 cts., 1 inch 35c., 2 inches 50 cts., 3 inches \$1.00. for further information address The Boy's Standard, Syracuse, N. Y.

100,000 Sold in three months, and still they go!

JACK-ASS CARDS.

Everybody buys them.

100 sent post paid for only 50 cts., 50 for 25 cts., 25 for 15 cts. and 15 for 10 cts. Sample and terms to agents free. Just the thing for agents. Address Central City Printing Office 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N. Y.

RICH, RARE AND RACY!

French Transparent Visiting Cards, new designs. 50,000 sold in one month. 25 designs in all. Look at our prices, 100 one name 75 cts., 50 for 40 cts., 25 for 25 cts. and 12 for 15 cts. Agents Wanted, Address Central City Printing Office, 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N. Y. CARD AGENTS WANTED.

NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED. Dr. Brown's Receipts or information for the million, a neatly bound book containing over 5,000 of the most valuable receipts, sent to any address for 25 cents. Address C. A. Schuackenberg & Bro., 189 Second St. New York.

25 FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS, no two alike, sent postpaid for only 10 cents. Send 3 ct. stamp and receive circulars with five (5) Foreign stamps. Address, Central City Printing Office, No. 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N. Y.

WANTED!

Centennial Envelope stamps, Watch, Medicine, Beer, Tobacco, Revenue and U. S. Document also 2 ct. envelopes red or vermilion, 7, 12, 24, 30 & 90 postage adhesive current issues also all values of old issues adhesive and envelopes, also rare foreign postage stamps. Envelope stamps must be cut large and square, adhesive must be in perfect condition. We give 1ct each for Centennial envelopes red and green in exchange for anything we have for sale, other stamps to be sent on approval and we will state what will give for them by return mail. All letters must contain a 3ct stamp for postage. Address this office.

FOR SALE, a printing office complete cost \$60.00 will sell for \$40.00 Cash. Address for list of material to this office. Also a \$32.00 Novelty new for \$17.00 Cash.

WANTED Copies of Amateur Papers with lowest advertising rates. Address Jacob C. Lombard, 156 North St. Auburn, N. Y.

PRINTING PRESSES.

Columbian, Cixton, Young America, Centennial, Pearl, Diamond, Oilfield, Novelty, Novellette, Cottage &c, also all kinds of printing material sold at the Lowest Manufacturer's Prices. Printing Outfits a specialty. Prices of Presses from \$2 to \$350. Outfits from \$5 upwards. Catalogues of Type, Presses &c. 10cts each, circulars sent for stamp. Address, Clarence C. DePuy Manufacturer's Agent, 510 Chestnut St., Syracuse, N. Y.

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1 for	\$.10	6 for	\$.40
3 for	\$.25	12 for	\$.75
50 for			\$ 2.75

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ST. LUCAS
TIFFANY
NEW YORK

Collectors' Own.

CLARENCE C. DEPUY,
PROPRIETOR.

Syracuse, N.Y., Jan. 15, 1877.

VOLUME I.
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Written for the COLLECTORS' OWN.

AN ALBUM.

BY "KENO."

One beautiful day
 In the month of May,
 My Dollie climbed upon my knee;
 Said she "Dear papa,
 And you, dear mama,
 I've something to show you, just see!"
 And she took from a nook
 Of her dress, a small book,
 "Dear papa, 'tis an album," said she.
 I gazed in surprise,
 In my darling's bright eyes.
 An album! what could she have in it?
 To surprise me she hoped.
 And the pages then opened,
 Ah! stamps of all nations were in it
 Next day at my leisure,
 To add to her pleasure
 An Index I made, and placed in it.

Selected.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.---A substitute for the postal card is being considered by the Dominion Post-office Department. It is a stamped sheet, note-paper size, with gummed edge, to serve as both paper and envelope, and will cost two cents.

HONG KONG.---Specimens of the 30 ct., mauve, are coming over, surcharged 28 cts.

JAPAN.---A new postal card is before us---5 rins, orange on white card.

GREAT BRITAIN.---Sends forth an eight pence stamp similar in design to the 2½ pence lately issued; color, bright orange; to be used in lieu of the nine and ten penny labels.

Buy our Foreign Stamp Catalogue.

PERSIA.---The *Leipzig Magazine* announces a new type for this country. The portrait of the Shah appears in a circle, below which are the lion and sword, the symbols of Persia. The values are: 1 shahi, black on lilac: 3 s., black on green: 5 s., black on rose: 10 s., black on blue.

INDIA.---A new value is in active use, 9 pies, lilac. The design is similar to those already in use. Another new value has appeared---12 annas, red brown.

ANTIOQUIA.---The 1 centavo is now printed, black on white.

Flags of all Nations, beautifully printed in colors, on fine heavy paper for framing, or thin paper for albums. Set of 73 for 25 cts.

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POSTAGE FREE.

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U. S. Postage Stamps.

Concluded from last month.

Four times a year the different post-offices send an order for the number of stamps they expect to have occasion to use during the coming three months. Of course, if they run out during that time, they are privileged to send for more. The office in New York is supplied differently. Twice a month an order is sent for about 500,000 of various denominations.---*Philatelist*, March, 1873.

THE END.

OUR PUZZLE.

Square Word:---A country; to frighten; a girl's name; wrong; active.

PRIZES.

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Egypt, 1p., 1867, 1p., 1872	2	4
Finland,	3	6
Greece,	5	9
German Empire,	10	10
„ Confederation,	5	7
<i>Heligoland</i> ,	3	6
Holland,	6	5
India,	4	4
Italy,	10	12
Jamaica,	4	8
Roumania,	2	5
Russia,	3	4
Spain,	10	15
United States, adhesive,	22	25
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No. 4.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

UNITED STATES:---New devices for postage stamps are now talked of, as the contract for supplying them is about to be relet. The color of the three cent stamp will be changed, they being difficult to cancel. There will also be an improvement in the adhesive compound used. With the new preparation the stamp, once moistened and placed upon the envelope, cannot be removed. This method seems likely to prove a check upon dishonest messenger boys and others, who now gain quite an income by removing stamps from their employers' letters, for which they always find a ready sale.

CUBA:---This island now can boast of a set of stamps for its exclusive use. On the first of January the design issued last year was altered by having the word **ULTRAMAR** and date changed to **CUBA, 1877**. The values remain the same but the colors are violet, blue-green, black and light brown respectively.

PORTO RICO:---A set similar to that for Cuba described above but with **PTORICO, 1877**, instead of **CUBA, 1877**, is announced us. The values and colors are 12½c. de p., green, 25c. de p., black, 50c. de p., brown, and 1 peseta, lilac.

VICTORIA:---1 shilling, this stamp was first used for the mail of the 5th of October last being issued the day previous. *The P.* announces that the provisionál 8p. as well as the normal 9p. will soon be discontinued. The new card is considerably smaller than its predecessor and of a much lighter tint of buff. The frame is also of a different pattern.

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VOLUME I.
No. 5.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

U. S. THREE CENT STAMP.

By about the middle of next May the public will have seen the last of the present three cent stamps, and begin to get accustomed to something red, or possibly a new tint. The best and fastest color known; the three-cent green, has proved a plager for stamp-washers, who take off the oily cancellation without acid or alkali, and set the stamp afloat again.

So far, the Department has found no way out of the difficulty, and a long series of experiments just completed has resulted in nothing more than the assurance that green is the poorest of stamp colors. At the time it was adopted no other nation used it as its unit of letter postage, and, with its disuse, the common stamps the world over will run to reds and browns.

With the change of color, May 1st, there will be a change in design. The medallion head of Washington will be relieved by an open space of white, and the scroll work will have a different pattern. Altogether, the new stamp will bear some resemblance to a stamp of sixteen years ago, which most people have forggotten. The white background is adopted in the hope that any attempt to wash the stamp will leave this part irretrievably soiled.

Some other changes in the stamps are likely to follow the making of a contract, May 1, and a new head is likely to be introduced in the shape of a medallion of Liberty--one step toward bringing more similarity between the designs of coins and stamps. There is some intention of putting this design on the five-cent stamp, used mostly for foreign postage.

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