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AN EPITAPH.

Here lies the man whose crown was won
By blowing in an empty gun,
And met the girl on Heaven's green
Who lit the fire with kerosene.

—*Rochester Express.*

REVISED ANECDOTES.

When the Danish ascendancy in England seemed well-nigh assured, and the fortunes of Alfred the Great were at their lowest point, the unhappy monarch took refuge in the hut of a neat-herd, whose wife had prepared a batch of cakes for the evening meal. Not recognizing her royal visitor, but being aware that he came from the English camp, the good woman entered into conversation with him, explaining how she had always told them so, and it would never have happened if they had taken her advice. So immersed did she become in the cares of state that she was about to let the cakes burn, but the King, perceiving this, fetched her a sound box of the ear, with the remark, "Old woman, just you attend to those cakes, and leave me to run this kingdom." Her husband and the neighbors, entering at this moment, were so moved at the spectacle that, seizing such arms as they could find, they gathered about the King, and followed him to and all round the field, where luckily his swiftness of foot enabled him to elude their pursuit.

The Caliph of Bagdad, having been cured of a dangerous illness by the subtle skill of his physician, and being apprehensive that the man of science might practice against his life, gave orders for the doctor's decapitation.

The physician having obtained a farewell audience of the Caliph, presented him with a handsome book, and desired that after his death the Caliph would cause his head to be placed in a basin filled with a certain powder, and then turn over the pages of the volume, when he would receive a communication of the highest importance.

The Caliph lost no time in arranging for the experiment, but upon opening the book found that the leaves stuck together. Moistening his finger, the Caliph proceeded to separate the pages—a work of no little difficulty—but to his surprise he found one after another to be blank.

When he had reached the last pages the decapitated head was seen to contract one eye-lid, and in a hollow voice it spoke as follows:

"Commander of the Faithful, each of the leaves was poisoned with a deadly poison, which you

have introduced into your system. This'll teach you not to wet your forefinger the next time you have to turn over the pages of a valuable book!"

King Canute, being desirous of teaching his flattering and insincere courtiers a lesson, caused his throne to be set up on the sea-shore as the tide was coming in, and summoning them to his presence, when he stood surrounded by all his great dignitaries of the kingdom, including the royal headman, asked them if they believed the sea would recognize his authority.

"Believe it?" cried Earl Ealfryd. "There can be no doubt of it. Your Majesty has but to command, and he will be obeyed." And the obsequious courtiers joined in a chorus of "So say we all of us!"

"Very good!" said the King; "now do you, each in your turn, take your stand on the steps of yonder throne, and bid the sea retire."

His behest was obeyed, and courtier after courtier essayed the performance, and was fain to retire baffled, amid the jeering laughter of the populace.

In this manner the time was fully occupied until the hour of flood had passed and the tide was upon the ebb, when the King ascended the throne, and bidding the waves retire, was soon left triumphantly on dry ground, amid the plaudits of his loyal subjects.

"You see, gentlemen," he said, turning to the crestfallen courtiers, "there is all the difference in the world between a regular three-ply all-wool King like myself and a lot of insignificant nincompoops like you. Let this experience teach you humility!"—*From Harper's Monthly.*

THE PHARAOH OF MOSES—After all doubts, it has turned out that it is really Rameses II, the great Rameses of history, the Rameses of Israelitish oppression, whose mummy was lately discovered in Egypt. The doubt came from the fact that the effigy on the coffin did not present his features and that the writing on the covering was of a later style; but on unrolling the wrappings it was found that on an inner one was placed a memorandum to the effect that the ancient coffin had been destroyed, and was replaced when the body was removed, at the time of the twentieth dynasty. By going to Boulag to-day can be seen the face of the very man who is believed to have refused the Hebrews straw in the making of their bricks, and to have ordered their first-born to be slain.

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INTRODUCTORY.

With this issue we present to the public the initial number of THE MONTHLY ECHO, hoping that it will be favorably received.

We most earnestly ask our friends not to despise us because we are small, for we expect to enlarge in proportion to the amount of encouragement we receive.

We shall issue our paper regularly each month, and shall try to make each number as interesting and amusing as possible. The ECHO will contain many interesting features, conspicuous among which will be the "Word Hunt," and "Coin and Stamp Departments." Other interesting departments will be added as soon as increase of space will permit. We wish every one who receives a copy of this paper to consider it as an invitation to subscribe.

In conclusion, we wish our friends, one and all, a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SUBSCRIBE!!! ADVERTISE!!!

When writing to any firm whose advertisement appears in this paper, please say "I saw your advt. in the MONTHLY ECHO."

PUBLISHERS finding this notice marked are invited to exchange papers regularly.

PUZZLERS ALL!!—We shall open a puzzle department in the ECHO, if we receive sufficient support. To secure puzzles we make this offer: For the best batch of five puzzles received before Feb 20th, we will give 50 cents cash. Send in your subscriptions and puzzles at once.

We wish every advertiser to whom this paper is sent to give us a trial advertisement. With our large circulation, it cannot fail to pay.

KOMIKALITIES.

A ship is always called "she," though we have often heard of mail steamers.

How to handle an iron that is red-hot without being burned: wait until it cools.

A young lady calls her beau "Honeysuckle," because he is always hanging over the front fence.

A man had a woman's tooth grafted into his jaw, and now every time he passes a millinery store that tooth fairly aches to drag him up to the window.

A suspicious mother down South placed some nitr-glycerine in her daughter's corset on the evening her fellow was coming. The girl loaned it to the cook, and they had to scrape the old man off the ceiling to get enough to hold an inquest over.

Don't you think my son resembles me?" inquired an apothecary, as he introduced his greasy-faced boy to the witty Dr. H.—"Yes," replied the doctor, pretending to scan the physiognomy of each; "yes, I think I see your liniments in his countenance."

We have received copies of Ayer's Almanac printed in English, French, German, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Spanish, Portuguese, and a few other languages, and shall notice them more at length after we have carefully read each one. The man who stands on the first page of the book with his interior department exposed, as if he had been struck by a shell in the late war, is just as intelligible in the Portuguese tongue as he is in the United States language. We are pleased to observe that the jokes are fresher than usual. Those printed in this Almanac last year were dug up by Dr Schliemann on the site of ancient Troy, while this year were unearthed at the excavations at Pompeii—*Norristown Herald*.

OUR WORD HUNT.

For the largest lists of words made from the word

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we offer the following prizes:—1st One dollar 2nd, Buffon's Natural History, bound in cloth with coloured plates. 3rd, 50 cents. 4th, "Paradise Lost," by Milton, bound in cloth 5th, 25 cents. To the next five, a ten-cent copy of the "Seaside" or "People's Library."

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WORD HUNT,
"Monthly Echo,"

Englishtown, Victoria Co., Nova Scotia.

COIN AND STAMP DEPARTMENT.

We cannot in this issue make this department as interesting as we would wish, not having received any articles for it, but we will do better in our next.

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We have not received many coin or stamp papers lately, but hope to receive a good many before our next issue comes out. Exchange!! Stamp and Coin Dealers, send us your complete catalogue. All such received will be noticed in this department.

NOTES—The Canadian half-cent stamp has been replaced by a little stamp of a smaller design. Color, black.

Mr. T. S. Crayton, Jr., of Anderson, S. C., sold recently a \$500 Confederate note for \$30. It is said to be the only one of that denomination issued by the Confederate government in 1861.

Read G. T. McCombe's "ad." Mr. McCombe is reliable, and all your orders will be promptly filled.

REPLY POST CARDS.—For the convenience of correspondence by post card within the Dominion, a double post card has been prepared and is now ready for issue, which will afford to the original sender of this form of card the means of sending with his communication, a blank prepaid post card to be used in reply. Each half of the double card will bear a one cent postage stamp impressed thereon in prepayment.

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The reply or double post cards will be issued at two cents each, and are to be sold to the public at that rate by postmasters and stamp vendors.

The number of different kinds of postage stamps which have been hitherto issued all over the world, is estimated in round numbers at 6,000. Among them is to be found the effigies of five emperors, eighteen kings, three queens, one grand duke, six princes, one princess, and a great number of presidents, etc. Some of the stamps bear coats of arms and other emblems, as crowns, the papal keys and tiarra, anchors, eagles, lions, horses, stars, serpents, railway trains, horsemen, messengers, etc. The collection preserved in the Museum of the Berlin Post Office included, on July 1, 1879, 4498 specimens of the different stamps. Of these 2462 were from Europe, 441 from Asia, 251 from Africa, 1143 from America, and 201 from Australia.—*Empire City Philatelist.*

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PEARLS.

Pearls are perhaps the most valuable of all the offerings of animate nature, and are the results of the efforts of the bivalve to protect itself from injury. A parasite bores into the shell of the pearl bearer, and when felt by the animal it immediately fortifies itself by covering up the spot with its pearly secretion; the parasite pushes on, the oyster piling up until an imperfect pearl attached to the shell is the result. The clear oval pearls are formed in a similar way, only in this case a bit of sand has become lodged in the folds of the creature, and in its efforts to protect itself from the sharp edges, the bit becomes covered, layer by layer, until it assumes naturally an oval shape. This growth of the pearl, as it is incorrectly termed, can be seen by breaking open a \$500 gem, when the macre will be seen in layers, resembling the section of an onion. The Romans were particularly fond of pearls, and, according to Pliny, the wife of Calus Calligula, possessed a collection valued at over \$3,000,000 of our money. Julius Caesar presented a jewel to the mother of Brutus valued at \$250,000, while the pearl drunk by Cleopatra was estimated at \$400,000. Tavernier, the famous traveler, sold a pearl to the Shah of Persia for \$550,000. A \$20,000 pearl was taken from American waters in the time of Phillip II. It was pear-shaped, and was as large as a pigeon's egg. Another, taken from the same locality, is now owned by a lady in Madrid who values it at \$30,000.—N. Y. Evening Post.

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BEECAUSE.

A bee flew out in the sunny air
By a boy so blithe and young,
Who laughed and shouted without a care,
And would not hold his tongue.

The scene then changed. With sob and shriek
The vault of heaven rung,
And homeward flew the bee so meek,
While the small boy held his stung.

AMERICAN FABLES.

THE MAN AND THE MOUSE.

A Man having caught a Mouse in a Trap held him at arm's length and exclaimed :

" Ah! you Rogue! I have you at last! Only the other Night you ate the Hind Pocket out of my pants!"

" True my Friend," replied the Mouse, "but I did you a good turn at the same time. I ate up a Love Letter which your Wife got up an hour before Daylight to look for. But for me you would now be a Baldheaded old Coon."

" Shake!" said the man, as he Drew down his left Eye, and the Mouse shook himself out of the Trap and into his Hole.

THE MISTAKEN TRAMP.

A Tramp, who had not tasted food for twenty-seven days, and who was Anxious to reach Buffalo in time to see his Mother die, knocked at a door, and asked the woman for Heaven's Sake to give him some work whereby he might Earn an Honest Quarter.

" Walk right around to the Back Door," she promptly replied, and in about four Minutes the Tramp was introduced to a Pile of Hickory Wood and a Buck.saw. Then his Heart gladdened, for he meant to steal the Saw and Ax, but as he made for the Alley Fence a 200-pound Dod played with his Coat-Tails and rolled him over the Ash-pile until the women came out and Chided him for his Impulsiveness and said to the Tramp :

" Now you climb! and as you Pursue your weary way through Life's Cold Paths, remember that Truth is Mighty and Honesty is a Big thing on Ice."

THE FOOLISH GOOSE.

A Goose having been placed in a Pen and fed until she could scarcely Breathe happened

to catch sight of a lean old Hen on the Fence, and called out :

" You can now see which of us stands highest in the estimation of our Master. Here I am provided with a Warm Pen and fed until my Crop is bursting, while you have to Roost anywhere and have not an Ounce of Fat under your Feathers."

" That's all right, my Friend," replied the Hen, " but while your Goose will be cooked for Christmas, I shall live to see many Months yet."

IMAGINATION.

Three or four Doctors who had heard a great deal about the Effects of imagination in cases of Disease put up a Job on a Sailor. After he had Lodged for the Night in a certain bed they Conspired to tell him that it had Previously been Occupied by a Small-Pox Patient. Did the bold Tar at once begin to Shake and Tremble and Prostrate himself and develop a Genuine Case of the Disease? Not for Joseph! He at once Shed his Jacket, gave his pants a hitch to Starboard and sailed in and knocked those Doctors Stiffer than Crowbars, and Taught them a Lesson in Physics which they Remembered all their Lives.

THE WOLF AND LITTLE RED RIDING-HOOD.

Little Red Riding-hood having made a Cake all by her own self, was sent by her proud and happy Mother to carry it to her Grandmother, Upon her way she encountered a Wolf, who representing himself to the credulous Child as the old Lady's Newfoundland Dog, so won upon her confidence that she disclosed to him the Object of her Mission. " Then," said the crafty Wolf, " I will run on ahead and pull the Bobbin that the Latch may go up." The silly Child, being touched with Gratitude, accepted his services, and gave the Animal a nice big piece of her Cake, and the Wolf perishing miserably of indigestion long before he had reached the old Dame's Cottage, Little Red Riding-hood obtained a new Tippet and Muff from his Skins, and was enabled to soothe her Grandmother's declining Years with comforts purchased with the Bounty paid for his Scalp.

MORAL.—This Fable Shows that Cunning force should never attempt to Take the Cake from Confiding Innocence.

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WE should like every one to subscribe and compete in the Word Hunt. In it we offer you a chance to win many times the subscription price, by taking a little trouble in making up a list. If you are not already a subscriber, don't forget to enclose 4 3ct. stamps with your lists and get the ECHO one year.

WE hope to be able to open our puzzle department in the March number. In the meantime we would like all puzzlers to send us a few puzzles, and if convenient we should also like them to subscribe.

IF we find our efforts are appreciated we shall endeavour to make our department one of the best.

KOMIKALITIES.

What poem does barking your shin remind you of? Graze L-e g, of course.

A New York girl has made \$150,000 by an oil transaction. A can of it blew her rich aunt to kingdom come.

"You are to be hanged," said an Irish judge, when addressing a prisoner, "and I hope it will prove a warning to you."

"How do you get along with your arithmetic?" asked a father of his little boy. "Oh, father!" exclaimed the delighted youngster, "I've ciphered through addition, partition, subtraction, distraction, abomination, justification, hallucination, darnation, and amputation."

The following pithy story is told of Hallen and Rogers—"How do you do, Hallen?" said the poet. "Do what?" said the other. "Why, how do you find yourself?"—"I never lose myself."—"Well, how have you been?"—"Been where?"—"Pshaw! How do you feel?"—"Feel me and see."—"Good morning, Hallam,"—"It's not a good morning." Rogers could say no more.

The Chevalier Taylor, a great man for "order," was once enumerating to some friends a list of the potentates whose orders he wore, when one of them observed that he had not mentioned the King of Prussia, adding, "I suppose, sir, he never gave you an order?"—"You are mistaken, sir," replied the chevalier; "he gave me a most peremptory one to quit his dominion."

The other day a young lady stepped into a well-known establishment, and inquired of a hand-ome young shopman, "Sir, have you any mouse-coloured ladies' gloves?"—"Mouse, coloured ladies, miss?"—"Yes—a sort of grey—just the colour of your drawers," meaning the shop drawers, which were painted grey. "My drawers, miss!" ejaculated the young man, glancing down at his dress; "my drawers, miss! Why I don't wear any!"

Nine different claims to the discovery of America before Columbus are made. They are that the Chinese discovered it in the year 499; that the Northmen visited it in the year 1000; that the Arabs cited it in 1125; that the Welsh got wind of it in 1170; that the Venetians came to it in 1380; that the Portugues set foot on it in 1463; that the Poles trended hither in their daring barks in 1476; that Martin Behaim patted the great continent on the neck in 1433, and then there is another claim made for Cousin, of Dieppe, date not given.

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OUR WORD HUNT.

The word, this month, is
GRADINE,

and for the largest lists of words made from it, we will give the following prizes: 1st. Campbell's Poems, beautifully bound in cloth, with gilt edge, containing 8 illustrations; 2nd. "Boy Life on the Water," cloth and gilt; 3rd. "Five Weeks in a Balloon," by Jules Verne, Splendidly bound; 4th, The Pirate, by Scott; 5th, "Fair Maid of Perth," by Scott, 6th, "Kenilworth," by Scott; 7th, Bonaparte's Oraculum. To the next five, a nice chromo.

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Names of prize-winners will appear in April number.

We hope that the competition this month will be very lively. Every one who receives a copy of this paper will please consider it as an invitation to compete in our *word hunt*. If a fair number compete this month, we will increase both the value and the number of our prizes in the next competition.

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TRINIDAD.—6d., green surcharged. 1d. with pen, Set of 7 in preparation; 1d stamps are now cut in two obliquely, and used as ½d.

CANADA.—The new Canadian Reply Post Cards are out. They are very neat in design. Collectors when sending in their subscriptions may enclose a two cent stamp extra for which we will send one of these Post Cards, unused and post paid.

THE FIRST U. S. POSTAGE STAMP.—It is believed that the first postage stamp used in this country was one designed by Hon. E. A. Mitchell, Postmaster of New Haven, in the year 1847. It did not differ much in size and form from the present Government stamp, but was of a brown color, was printed on ordinary paper and contained the words, "Paid, New-Haven Post-Office, 5 cents. E. A. Mitchell, P. M." Mr. Mitchell had them printed for the use and convenience of citizens of New Haven who had complained to him of the delay sometimes occasioned by their being unable to prepay letters except in Office hours. The stamps were sold by the postmaster and accepted in prepayment when affixed. A high price is put upon specimens of this stamp by collectors, and the present postmaster at New Haven has frequent applications for them.

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TRIED FRIENDS.

Said a thief to a wit, "There's no knowing one's friends,
Until they've been tried and found steady."
Said the wit to the thief, "All yours, I presume,
Have been tried and found guilty already."

FARMING IN DAKOTA.

"Yes, sir," resumed the Dakota man, as the crowd of agriculturists drew back from the bar and seated themselves around a little table, "yes, sir, we do things on a rather sizable scale. I've seen a man on one of our big farms start out in the spring and plow a straight furrow until fall. Then he turned round and harvested back."

"Carry his grub with him?" asked a Brooklyn farmer, who raises cabbage on the outskirts.

"No, sir. They follow him up with a steam hotel and have relays of men to change plows for him. We have some big farms up there, gentlemen. A friend of mine owned one on which he had to give a mortgage, and I pledge you my word, the mortgage was due on one end before they could get it recorded at the other. You see it was laid off in counties.

There was a murmur of astonishment, and the Dakota man continued:

"I got a letter from a man who lives in my orchard, just before I left home, and it had been three weeks getting to the dwelling-house, though it traveled day and night."

"Distances are pretty wide up there, ain't they?" inquired a New Utrecht agriculturist.

"Reasonably, reasonably," replied the Dakota man; "and the worst of it is, it breaks up families so. Two years ago I saw a whole family prostrated with grief, women yelling, children howling and dogs barking. One of my men had his camp truck packed on seven four-mule teams, and he was around bidding everybody good-bye."

"Where was he going?" asked a Gravesend man.

"He was going half way across the farm to feed the pigs," replied the Dakota man.

"Did he ever get back to his family?"

"It isn't time for him yet," returned the Dakota gentleman. "Up there we send young married couples to milk the cows and their children bring home the milk."

"I understand you have fine mines up that way," ventured a Jamaica turnip planter.

"Yes, but we only use the quartz for fencing," said the Dakota man, testing the blade of his knife with his thumb, preparatory to whetting it on his boot. "It don't pay to crush it, because we can make more money on wheat. I put in 8000 townships in wheat last spring."

"How many acres would that be?"

"We don't count by acres. We count by townships and counties. My yield was \$68,000,000 on wheat alone, and I'm thinking of breaking up from 80 to 100 more counties next season."

"How do you get the help for such extensive operations?" asked the New Utrecht man.

"Oh, labor is cheap," replied the Dakota man. "You can get all you want for from \$20 to \$47 a day. In fact I never paid over \$38."

"Is land cheap?"

"No, land is high. Not that it costs anything, for it don't; but under the laws of the territory you have got to take so much or none. I was in luck. Had a friend at Yankton who got a bill through the legislature allowing me to take 420,000 square miles, which is the smallest farm there, though it is—"

"Look here," said the barkeeper, as the eastern husbandmen strolled out in a bunch to consider the last statement, "Is all this thing you've been telling true?"

"Certainly," responded the western man; "at least it is a modification of what I saw in a Dakota paper that was wrapped around a pair of shoes last night. I didn't dare put it as strong as the paper did for no one would believe it. You can slate that last round of drinks and I'll pay in the morning. I live right here on Myrtle avenue."

CURIOUS FACTS.

The key of a safe in a railroad office at Joliet, Ill., was lost, and, there being no honest locksmith in town of sufficient skill, a well known bank burglar was employed to pick the lock.

A Southern paper says that a gentleman of its State has been presented with a curiosity. It is an ordinary walnut which either grew around a nugget of gold or the nugget grew in it. At any rate the gold is there, deeply imbedded in the kernel.

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WE have not received sufficient encouragement to warrant us in opening a puzzle department in this number. The 50ct. prize offer in the January number for the best batch of 5 puzzles is awarded to "Tom A. Hawk," Lawrenceville, Ohio. We want every puzzler to send us their subscription and a few puzzles for our department which we shall open as soon as we possibly can.

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Our January competition was not as lively as we would like it to be. The prizes were awarded as follows:—

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HOW HE SAVED THE TRAIN.

The usual crowd of autumn liars were gathered in the store, occupying all the grocery seats—the only gross receipts that the proprietor took no pride in—when a little, bleary-eyed, weazen-faced individual sneaked in by the back door and slunk into a dark corner.

"That's him," said the ungrammatical bummer with a green patch over his left eye.

"Who is it?" asked several at once.

"Why, the chap who saved a train from being wrecked," was the reply.

"Come, tell us about it," they demanded, as the small man crouched into the darkness, as if unwilling that his heroic deed should be brought out under the glare of the blazing kerosene lamp.

After much persuasion, reinforced by a stiff horn of applejack, he began:

"It was just such a night as this—bright and clear—and I was going home down the track, when, right before me, across the rails, lay a great beam. There it was. Pale and ghastly as a lifeless body, and, light as it appeared, I had not the power to move it. A sudden rumble and roar told me that the night express was thundering down, and soon would reach the fatal spot. Nearer and nearer it approached, till, just as the cow-catcher was about lifting me, I sprang aside, placed myself between the obstruction and the track, and the train flew on unharmed."

The silence was so dense for a moment, that one might have heard a dew drop. Presently somebody said:

"What did you do with the beam?"

"I didn't touch it," he replied, "but it touched me."

"Well," persisted the questioner, "if you couldn't lift it and didn't touch it, how in thunder did the train get over it?"

"Why, don't you see?" said the sad-faced man, as he arose from his seat and sidled toward the door. "The obstruction was a moonbeam, and I jumped so that the shadow of my body took its place, and—"

Bang! flew a ham against the door; and if it had struck the body of the retreating hero, there would have been a much bigger grease spot frescoed on the panel of the door.

"HASN'T IT, GEORGE?"

There is quite a good joke now going the rounds at Vallejo, Cal., says the *Wheatland Graphic*. A young lady visiting there is sweet on a certain young journalist. One morning the pair started out for a long ramble over in the Contra Costa hills. Being gone all day they returned in the evening completely worn out and fatigued. The young lady and gentleman were met by a party of their friends soon after their return, and were asked as to what kind of time they had. Now the young lady has a very unhandy habit of proving any assertion she may make by appealing to any friend that she happens to have with her at the time. So, as usual, away she went and answered the inquiry as follows:—"Oh, we had a fine time. But climbing over rocks and bushes has made me black and blue all over, hasn't it, George?" (appealing to the young man who had gone out with her). George said emphatically that he'd be hanged if he knew anything about it, and now the young couple get no rest from the chaffing of their friends.
— *Texas Siftings*.

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"I am glad to meet you, sir," said the governor. "Just sit down a moment until I attend to a little matter of business." The man took a seat and the governor went into an adjoining room and after a moment called:

"Colonel."

"Yes, sir," said the gentleman arising.

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The prizes offered in our February number were awarded as follows:

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The above are the number of correct words sent in by each competitor. We hope every one to whom a copy of the Echo is sent this month, will compete in the Word Hunt. It costs nothing to try, and if you use a little care in making up your lists, you will be almost sure of winning one of the prizes. Now, see what you can do in making up a list on the word—*Mineral*—and be sure address your list to

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

Costa Rica—A new stamp, value 10 centavos, has just been issued, color orange.

United States—A local stamp has appeared from Cincinnati. The design is, a postman with his mail bag, distributing letters. At the top is "Cincinnati," at the bottom "City Delivery" and underneath "64 W. 3rd St." Value, 1 cent. Color, rose.

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Mr. John M. Hubbard, Publisher of the "Granite State Philatelist" has removed from Lake Village to Laconia, N. H. Mr. W. G. Karpe, Proprietor of the "Philatelists' Journal," has removed from Plymouth, Wis., to Los Angeles, Cal. The N. E. Card Co. have removed from Woonsocket, R. I., to New York City. Their new address is 75 and 77 Nassau St.

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NEW ISSUES.

Ceylon—The 2½ rupee stamp has been surcharged "40 cents" and the 2-cent card "12 cents."

Cyprus—The one half piastre is issued in yellow.

Grenada—A new series appeared some time ago: 1½ penny, green; 1 penny, rose; ½ pence, blue; 4 pence, grey; 6 pence, lilac; 1 shilling, violet.

Norway—Two new stamps have lately been issued having the same design as the 2 ore. They are 5 ore, rose, and 8 ore, grey.

Tasmania—A new stamped envelope, value, 2 pence is now in issue.

Tobago—The 6-pence stamp has been surcharged "2½ pence" in black.

U. S. of Colombia—A new series has lately appeared as follows: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, red; 2½ centavos, violet; 5 centavos, blue; 10 centavos, orange; 20 centavos, brown; 1 peso, lilac.

NOTES.

When answering advertisements which appear in this issue, please mention the "MONTHLY ECHO."

We have also some splendid specimens of N. S. and Nfld. stamps to dispose of. If you need any write us.

In the late exhibition of stamps held in Vienna, four hundred and fifteen varieties of Persian stamps were displayed.

The government of the Sandwich Islands has applied for, and been granted permission to have its silver coined at the San Francisco mint.

The early Prince Edward Island stamps were engraved by Charles Whiting of London, and were authorized by George Dundas, Esq., Lieutenant Governor in 1860. They were issued January 1, 1861.

There are two distinct dies of the latest engraved 10 cent Confederate stamp, and collectors by examining their specimens

will notice the difference in the shape of the neck and the arrangement of the hair in the portrait. There is also a variety with an engraved line drawn around the margin of the stamp.

The presence of some recognition of God on American coinage was first suggested to the director of the mint twenty-two years ago by a foreign missionary, who told him that he was perpetually being asked by Moslems if Americans did not worship the women on their coins, and, if not, why they did not recognize their Gbd, then.

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SIAM has issued a new set of stamps. Values: 1-16 fyang, blue; 1-8 fyang, carmine; 1-4 fyang, vermilion; 1 salyng, yellow. A postal card, value 1-8 fyang, has also been issued.

BELGIUM.—We have just received the 25c and 50c values of the new series. They both have the portrait of Leopold, and are very neat in design. Color, 25c., blue; 50c., lilac.

CASHMERE has a new postcard, red on white, value 1-4 anna.

ST VINCENT—A 6d., green, and a 1s., vermilion, stamp has appeared.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2-cent envelope is the prettiest and neatest that has yet appeared. There are altogether 9 varieties of color of paper and size.

Our American Contemporaries.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* for December lies on our table. It contains 16 pages of very interesting matter. It enters upon its 3rd volume with the January number.

The *Bayonne Philatelist* is a neat 4 page stamp paper from Bergen Pt., N. J.

Would the publishers of the *Granite State Philatelist*, *Union Exchange List*, *Stamp World* and *Curiosity Collector* kindly exchange with us, and if convenient, send back numbers.

The *Western Collector* is an exceedingly minute paper from Sacramento, Cal.

We hope all the new papers that are to come out this month will exchange with us.

We would respectfully request all stamp dealers and publishers to send us a copy of their catalogue, or other publication. All such will be reviewed in this department.

Our British Contemporaries.

By our London Correspondent.

The *Philatelic Referee* for July—the last number received—contains 12 large pages, and is well gotten up and full of interesting matter. It is only a wonder that the publishers take such pains on a publication that is gratis, and every dealer should give them an advertise-

ment, if only to encourage them in their endeavours to promote Philately.

The October number of the *Universal Philatelic Magazine* is the latest we have received. It contains 8 pages and is full of news.

The *East Anglian Philatelist* is a new venture. No. 1 (October) contains 4 pages, two of which are filled with advts. True, the price is only ½d., but when compared with the *Philatelic Referee*, even this low price seems very dear.

The *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News* is another new candidate for favor. The first number, published in October, contains 8 pages in colored wrapper.

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Written for the Monthly Echo.]

WHAT SHALL WE COLLECT?

OR,

A Few Words to Young Collectors.

BY B. W., LONDON, ENG.

The first word of advice, I would give a young collector is not to collect everything. Surely there is enough to collect if you take the stamps of Europe only, or America, or any other division you like.

Perhaps one of the most interesting would be Great Britain and her possessions, and I am sure it would be sufficient occupation for you to form a complete collection of these, and quite sufficient outlay for your pocket. It would also be of more satisfaction for yourself, as you could thus attain something like a complete collection instead of the common stamps of every country, and there would be this further advantage, that if ever you wanted to sell your collection, you would get a much better price for it.

Thus, for instance, a complete set of Canadian stamps would be worth much more than an ordinary collection of, say 500 stamps, as most dealers would be glad to supply 500 stamps, all different, for 6s., but not one would sell a complete set of Canadian stamps for that price.

The young collector may argue, that this is very well, but that it would cost more to collect in this way. Here he is wrong, for if he buys the stamps singly, they would cost 1d. each or 40s. for the 500, for it must be remembered that the majority of beginners cannot afford to pay 5s. or 6s. down.

My advice is, do not purchase six separate stamps at a penny each but save that sixpence, for a stamp that is rare. Now having mentioned Canada, let us look into the value, number, etc., of these stamps. The catalogue now before me, mentions nearly 100 varieties including

envelopes, postcards, and different shades, and the prices before the issue of 1859, vary from 2s. to 20s. each. Now would it not be much better to spend your money, in completing a set like this, than to have 3 or 4 stamps of 100 different countries.

Of course, though I have taken Canada as an example, it is not to be supposed that the stamps of all countries are as difficult to obtain. Thus, a complete set of the stamps of Great Britain, may be collected at a very small outlay with the exception of two or three scarce varieties.

At all events, let the beginner try a collection of this sort; he can easily increase it afterwards if he is not satisfied.

Most Philatelic writers seem to think that forgeries are a great curse to philately; of course, we are better without them, but I cannot understand how it is that so many collectors are "taken in." How seldom, if ever, do we meet with a forgery which cannot be detected at a glance.

To guard against buying forgeries, all you have to do is to study your specimens, and when purchasing, if you have a doubt as to the genuineness of any stamp, take the advice of some more advanced collector, whom you will always find willing to advise and assist a beginner.

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BOOK NOTICES.

We have received stamp catalogue and sample packet from Mr. W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Illinois. His pockets are indeed very cheap.

Mr. W. v. d. Wetttern's wholesale catalogue has been received. Mr. Wetttern's stamps are very cheap, and all persons interested should give him a trial. His address is—176 Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md.

We have also received catalogues from G. B. Calman, 299 Pearl St., New York city, and from Stanley & Wadsworth, Cazenorea, N. Y.

The "American Boys," published by M. D. Batchelder, Middlebury, Vt. has come to hand. It is a very interesting paper.

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BRAZIL.—This country has lately issued 3 letter cards all of a light blue color. They are 50 reis, for local use, red, 100 reis for use in the empire, blue, and 200 reis for foreign service, green. A 50 cent stamp, color, blue, is also in use.

ICELAND.—The 5, 8, and 10 ore cards have all been issued in double form. They are printed with the same design as the single cards.

PERU.—The 1 centavo, green, and 2 centavos, vermilion have been surcharged with a triangle containing a star. They are also used with the horse shoe surcharge. Stamps surcharged with the Chilean arms are no longer in use in this country.

SURINAM.—There has been issued a double 5 cent card, color violet on green.

NOTES.

The current issue U. S. two-cent stamps cost the Government nine cents per sheet of 1000 stamps.

The most important and valuable stamp collection in the world belongs to the son of the Duchess of Galliera. Though it is yet incomplete, the stamps contained in it have cost \$300,000.

The money current in Tonquin is made of the poorest kind of tin. The coins are perforated and generally strung on a thread. For a dollar one receives more of them than can be easily carried.

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