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New Brunswick has the honor of having produced the rarest stamp in the world, viz: The "Connell." as it is universally called. Now, this stamp is not an essay in any sense of that much-abused word; the circumstances are as follows: In the year 1861, the Hon. Charles Connell, a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benevolence, was the Postmaster-General of the Province of New Brunswick. Soon after entering on his official duties, Mr. Connell discovered that the postage stamps of the province were susceptible of improvement, and to that end, employed the famous American Bank Note Company to execute a set of stamps in lieu of the labels hitherto used. Mr. Connell furnished the designs, the idea of which was certainly original, and which speaks for the excellent taste of that gentleman to the present day; for the stamps of New Brunswick are unsurpassed in point of elegance and neatness by any stamp in Christendom. Mr. Connell's idea was the sensible one of putting a different design on each stamp, and to that end, a steam-engine on the 1c., a head of Her Majesty of England on the 10c., a steamboat (indicating European postage) on the 12c., a portrait of the possible future Monarch of England on the 17c., and his own portrait on the 5c.

The stamps arrived, and were issued to the public; but, alas! unfortunate Mr. Connell had, in the eyes of Her Majesty's lieges of New Brunswick, committed a frightful crime. That he, a mortal created man, a descendant of Adam and Eve, should dare to engrave his honest countenance on a similar piece of paper to that on which the majesty of that broad domain on which the sun never sets, was depicted! A mass-meeting presided over by a political opponent of Connell was instantly called, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign, but Mr. Connell dashed the reins of the post-office department back in the face of the governor, and retired at once and forever, from the political arena.

The stamp was only used one day, and a number having passed through the post-office, it therefore could not be an essay.—*Selected.*

**INVENTOR OF THE ADHESIVE STAMP.**

For many years stamp collectors regarded Rowland Hill as the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

Mr. Hill was not the inventor, but this honor is due to Mr. James Chalmers, of Dundee, Scotland.

The sons of these two gentlemen, Mr. Pearson Hill and Mr. Patrick Chalmers,

have each urged the claims of their respected fathers, placing before the public books and pamphlets containing their arguments which have reflected great credit upon their desire for justice.

The decision of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, whose editors carefully investigated the claims of each, resulted favorably to the Chalmers' claim.

There is now no doubt but that Mr. James Chalmers was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and he has received due recognition as such.

In the February number of this magazine, the article by Mr. John K. Tiffany ably treats the subject, and in conclusion says: "It would be well, perhaps, for stamp collectors to change their patron saint, and with this great English authority (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*) accord the invention of their hobby to its real inventor, James Chalmers."—*Philatelic Journal of America.*

**Melange.**

Why is courting a girl like running a newspaper? Because first it starts as a weekly, then becomes a tri-weekly and lastly merges into a daily.

A Boston artist painted an orange-peel on the sidewalk so natural that six fat men slipped down on it.

The poet who wrote "man wants but little here below" lived many years ago. Man, in these days, wants all he can get.

Don't call a large, strong sinewy man a prevaricator. If you are sure he is a prevaricator, hire another man to break the news to him.

An Irish magistrate asked a prisoner if he was married. "No," replied the man. "Then," said his worship, amid peals of laughter, "it's a good thing for your wife."

A letter addressed to a party in "Father, Mich.," was sent to a post office expert, and he forwarded it to Paw Paw, Mich. He guessed right.—*Burlington Free Press.*

"Volapuk," the "universal" language, is read, written, and spoken by 10,000 persons on the continent of Europe; only half a dozen in America are able to speak it.

A stamped envelope for letters and packages was used in Paris by a private company as early as 1758.

Almost the only character inscribed on Oriental Coins is the Arabic, variously modified.



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Now, we hope to receive a great many answers to the prize questions, so send at once and try your best to win one of the prizes offered. Names of winners will be published in the September issue.

Puzzlers will kindly send original contributions for our regular puzzle department, which we will begin next issue.

**WHAT OF THE FUTURE.**

(From Bishop's Monthly Circular.)

In reviewing the progress stamp collecting has made in the past thirty years, the thought naturally arises: what of the future?

It was about the year 1854 that the first collection of stamps became known. Probably there were persons even before that who had gathered together such specimens as they could find, but not before the time referred to had there been, so far as is known, any systematic effort made to get a collection of all the stamps existing throughout the world.

Collections at that early day no doubt gratified their owners as much as the elaborate ones formed nowadays do their happy possessors. But the meager assortment of olden times, and the hap-hazard manner in which they were arranged, would create a smile from even the smallest collector now.

Before 1860 persons had begun to deal in stamps, and efforts were made to catalogue all the varieties in a systematic manner. The difficulties in the way of the pioneer dealers and collectors can hardly be imagined by those of the present generation. A quarter of a century ago stamps which are now almost priceless were comparatively common, and were exchanged for an ordinary German or French. The writer well remembers when the type-set stamps of British Guiana, issue of 1862, went begging for buyers at fifty cents apiece; when the vermilion shilling of Newfoundland was thought dear at \$2.50, and when \$25.00 was considered a fabulous price for stamps which are now eagerly snapped up at three or four times that amount. Almost any one with an experience of three or four years only, can name stamps which have risen in price from one, two and five cents, to ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, and even into the dollars. If this has been the result in such a short time, what will the great majority of stamps, which are now obsolete, be worth fifty years hence? This seems a light question at first, but to those who have studied the subject through an

experience of many years, it is one of exceeding interest. Man is a selfish animal, and every generation has to take care of itself, so we need not to trouble ourselves about the difficulties the collector of the future will have, but it is interesting to think of these things, and, judging by the past, it is comforting for the collector of to-day to realize how much easier it is for him to make up his collection than it will be for one who comes half a century hence, and to think what can be got now for such money, will then command four or five times the amount. There is an end to the supply of stamps of all kinds, and many who are now living will see the green three cent stamp which we have just discarded, command a respectable price. L. W. DURBIN.

The accusations of conscience evidence the omniscience and holiness of God, the terror of conscience, the justice of God, the approbation of conscience, the goodness of God.—*Charnock.*

Number itself importeth not much in armies where the people are of weak courage, for, as Virgil says, it never troubles a wolf how many the sheep be.—*Lord Bacon.*

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Observing persons move slowly, their heads move alternately from side to side while they occasionally stop and turn around.

Careful persons lift their feet high and place them down slowly; pick up some little construction and place it down quickly by the side of the road.

Calculating persons generally walk with their hands in their pockets and their heads slightly inclined.

Modest persons generally step softly for fear of being observed.

Timid persons often step off the sidewalk on meeting another, and always go around a stone instead of stepping over it.

Wide-awake persons, 'toe-out,' and have a long swing to their arms, while their hands move about miscellaneously.

Careless persons are forever stubbing their toes.

Lazy persons scrape about loosely with their heels, and are first on one side of the sidewalk and then on the other.

Very strong-minded persons place their toes directly in front of them, and have a kind of stamp movement.

Unstable persons walk fast and slow by turns.

One-idea persons toe in.

Cross persons are apt to knock their knees together.

Good-natured persons snap their finger and thumb together every few steps.

The number of collectors of postage stamps throughout the world will probably reach three quarters of a million (750,000). Of these the United States leads the list in number, having about 200,000.

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