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THE U. S. ocean mail contract will not be decided until the return of the Postmaster-General from Washington.

WILLIAM M. PUNSHON was almost a monomanac in collecting autographs. He left about 1,500, comprising those of the most famous persons in the world.

BATCHELDER'S new 32 page catalogue of postage stamps is to hand. It presents a fine appearance, and prices are unusually low.

WE beg to call attention to the advertisement of W. J. Parrish in another column. His 25c. packet of U. S. stamps,

containing 50 varieties are of special value. It contains the 1870—3c. grilled, special delivery, 2c. P.O. envelope, a Plimpton envelope, etc.

It is stated that the Atlantic mail contract, now held by the Allans, and for the renewal of which the Allans, Dominion line, Canada Atlantic Company, and Anderson & Co. tendered, will certainly go to Anderson & Co., the representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL McLELLAN says the Parcels' Post Treaty with the States will go into effect February 1st. The rates are not yet fixed. He says regarding the rumor that the Government would impose postage on newspapers that the Government are considering how to stop the abuse of postal privileges by advertising agents and others who send posters and flysheets through the mails as newspapers. Exactly how to attack this abuse the Government has not decided.

A WOMAN died in Washington last week from the effects of poison in the ink used in printing greenbacks. She was employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as an assistant to a pressman, and, while handling sheets of bills with the fresh green ink upon them, inhaled the poisonous matter and acquired a disease from which she never recovered.

THE cheapest way to paper a room is to use postage stamps obtained from all your friends. It only requires 33.542 to paper a small room. An expeditious way is to advertise for a genteel governess, or a dry goods clerk (salary \$2,000 a year), and you will have sufficient stamps to paper your largest room, and a closet to spare.