

ALVIN AND SAMUEL POST.

CANADA.

and samples of merchandise, not exceeding 24 ounces in weight, when posted in Canada for places within Canada or Newfoundland, must be prepaid by postage stamp at the rate of one cent per 4 ounces weight, and put up in such manner as to admit of inspection. Goods sent in an execution of an order, however small the quantity may be, or articles sent by one private individual to another not being actually Trade Patterns or Samples, are not admissible as such.

UNITED STATES.

Patterns and samples of merchandise posted for places in the United States will continue to be subject to the special rate of 10 cents each prepaid by postage stamp, and must not exceed 8 ounces in weight.

BEAR THIS IN MIND.

Register all valuable letters, and use sealing wax for letters containing money. Transmit money by money orders. Make complaints and inquiries in writing. Preserve and request correspondents to preserve envelopes of mis nt or delayed letters.

HAVEN'T A FRIEND IN TOWN.

As he was ascending the pulpit-steps, one of the elders buttonholed him to whisper an additional caution:

"The liquor dealer has just come into church, and he gives us a lift sometimes. I wish you would be particular not to allude to the whiskey business or the temperance question."

The young minister, getting frightened to see the moral ground thus steadily narrowing before him, enquired:

"Whom or what shall I preach against then?"

The elder's reply came with an air of triumph:

"Preach against the Mormons; they haven't got a friend in town!"

They were very fond of each other, and had been engaged; but they quarrelled, and were too proud to make it up. He called a few days ago at her father's house, to see the old gentleman on business, of course. She was at the door. Said he: "Ah, Miss Blank, I believe; is your father in?" "No, sir," she replied, "pa is not in at present. Did you wish to see him personally?" "Yes," was the bluff response, feeling she was yielding, "on very particular personal business," and he turned proudly to go away. "I beg your pardon," she called after him, as he struck the lower step, "but who shall I say called?" He never smiled again. This was too cruel.

An American girl who marries an Italian marquis gets on very well until his serene highness begins to spend all her money and talk of "her father, ze shopkeepaire." Then she fires up and gives a little Fourth of July.

MAY.—We have been pained on reading the numerous deaths which have occurred even in rural districts from that dreaded disease "Diphtheria." It may not afford pleasure to read, but it is nevertheless a duty to write what we judge to be the chief promoters of this fearful scourge. A careful examination of the house and its surroundings where death has done his work reveals the fact, that offensive matter lodged in secret places was the cause of social calamity. It has been well said "that many a house with a fine front has a faulty kitchen drain". Typhoid and other fevers, as well as diphtheria, can be traced to the want of proper care in carrying off the wastes of the dwelling. Every farm house should be well ventilated, and the entire premises kept scrupulously clean.