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Thanking our friends for their generous support and good wishes, and hoping to still merit the same, we beg to remain the public's obedient servant.

"Truth is not libel"—What is truth?

I have seen articles in the Mohawk Standard for May and in the Collectors Standard for June last, reflecting on Henry Hechler in regard to his dealings with C. E. Fraser. M. D., respecting Halifax Steam Ferry Tokens.

In the first place it seems curious that as soon as Mr. Hechler threatened the Mohawk Standard with a libel suit it changed its name, and its proprietor announced that he had disposed of all the stock, etc., that he could sell. Perhaps he hoped thus to avoid the penalty for the glaring injustice and utterly false charges against a man, who has occupied a prominent position among stamp and coin dealers throughout the world for many years and whose honor and probity are everywhere acknowledged.

Fraser charges that the coins sold to him by Mr. Hechler were resurikes or—in plain words—forgeries. He had a written guarantee from Mr. Hechler of their genuine character. If he were right and knew anything of honor or of business why did he not proceed under that guarantee to recover damages for misrepresentation instead of resorting to the pages of an obscure sheet such as the Standard is?

In a conversation with Mr. Hechler, some months ago he informed me about the transaction with Fraser and stated that he could not arrive at any settlement with him and that Fraser would not even return the goods. When he found that Fraser would not pay for them, he demanded their return but the doctor was not gentleman enough to do this. Instead he got up a flimsy story in the Standard to cover fraudulent and dishonorable game.

I think that Mr. Hechler has taken the right course in exposing Fraser as a fraud so as to stop his opportunities for swindling other dealers.

I know that Hechler's work is as good as a bond and he is now determined to sift this matter to the bottom and to prove to the world's collectors, who is right in this controversy.

I have seen affidavits that he has in his possession that necessarily remove any doubt that there could be of these tokens, as they prove how and whence they came into his possession. Also his own affidavit that all he ever sold or offered for sale were obtained from the same source.