

IN answering advertisements please mention that you saw advertisement in this paper.

A GOOD many collectors think that the cheapest way to obtain a year's subscription to a paper is to write a post card each month for a sample copy, now this kind of thing is not going to work with us, for while we are only too glad to send *one* sample copy to anyone, we keep a *little list* of those to whom we send them, so that when their second application comes, we take no notice of it.

ALL advertisements and other matter must be received by us not later than the 5th of each month, to insure insertion in that month's number.

WE have received from a party residing in this city a rather crude imitation of the 1 shilling, Nova Scotia, which he says was lately sent him by a party in the States. We do not know where the article came from, or who is the enterprising artist. Surely it could not have emanated from S. Allan, Taylor's establishment, but if it did we would say to him, Allan, don't lower your reputation by getting others to make them for you. Do it yourself.

THERE still seems to be quite a number of approval sheet frauds about yet, and we have lately had some very queer experiences. The other day we had a sheet returned to us by a certain party who stated that he had only sold six cents worth, and which hardly paid him for his trouble, on looking to see what was sold we found over \$1.00 of the best stamps taken off, and common Mexican

put in their places. Another sends back one less 38 cents, with a kind little note stating that they are very nice stamps, but does not think that he wants any at present, his letter, however, contains no sign of the 38 cents.

These are a few of the small mean little tricks which have been played on us by some mean persons, who think that because their dishonest actions are so small they will escape any punishment, if, however, they don't soon show up we will make it rather warm for them, their dirty little mean ways of stealing are worse than wholesale robbery, and anyone guilty of such small actions would as the saying is, "rob a church."

WE notice in a late issue of the *New York Graphic* an article on American stamps, in which the writer states that although all the older and rarer issues of stamps are catalogued at high figures, dealers would be very glad to sell them at half the prices quoted.

This may be true in regard to some stamps and some dealers, but not with all. For instance, would anyone go begging for a customer with a one shilling N. S., or N. B., for sale.

WE intend to make our paper a terror to evil doers. Dealers send us your black list.

THE *Texas Philatelist*, a nice little monthly, is to hand. It contains a fair amount of philatelic news and some good advertisements.

THE *Philatelic Magazine*, the January number of which has just reached us, continues as good as ever. We would like to see the February number soon.