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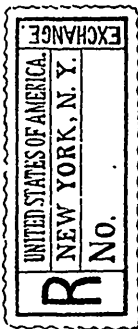
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ODDLY-ADDRESSED LETTERS.

COLLECTED BY THE EDITOR.



MANY oddly-addressed letters daily pass through the post-office. As anything relating to correspondence and the mail is always of interest to the philatelist, I have made a collection of such odd addresses as have come to my knowledge, and shall present a few whenever space will admit.

Several of the rhyming kind are somewhat remarkable for the poetical skill displayed by the writers.

A clever example is given in the following, addressed to Sir Walter Scott during one of his visits to London.

Sir Walter Scott, in London or elsewhere;
He needs not ask, whose wide-extended fame
Is spread about our earth, like light and air,
A local habitation for his name.

Charles Dibden, the naval song-writer sent a letter to Mr. Hay, bearing the following address :

Postman, take this sheet away,
And carry it to Mr. Hay ;
And, whether you ride mare or colt on,
Stop at the Theatre, Bolton.
In what county, you inquire,
Merely mention Lancashire.

A letter addressed as follows was mailed in one of the provinces, and was duly delivered in London :

Where London's column pointing to the skies,
Like a tall bully, lifts its head and lies,
There dwells a citizen of sol r fame—
A plain, good man—and Balaam is his name.

The letter was delivered, without delay, to a Mr. Balaam, a fishmonger, near the monument.

Turning from poetry to prose, we find the following

vague direction :

Mr. —, Travelling Band, one of the Four playing in the street, Persha (Pershire), Worcestershire. Please find him, if possible.

Another envelope bore the following :

This is for the young girl that wears spectacles, who minds two babies, 11 Sheriff Street, off Prince Edwin Street, Liverpool.

J. Wilson Hyde, in his book, "The Royal Mail," says that two letters, directed as follows, were duly delivered :

To my sister Jean, Up the Cannongate, down a close, Edinburgh. She has a wooden leg.

The other was addressed :

My pear Aunt Sue as lives in the Cottage by the Wood near the New Forrest.

"In the latter case," says Mr. Hyde, "the letter had to feel its way about for a day or two, but 'Aunt Sue' was found living in a cottage near Lyndhurst."

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—A Russian peasant named Levotchko has just discovered, it is reported, an immense treasure trove in the village of Starogrodki, in the Governership of Tchernigow. The peasant lived upon land forming part of the estate of Prince Ostersky, whose ancestors were p'undered and expelled from their possessions by the Tartars, and there is little doubt expressed but that the treasure and other articles found date from this period. The discovery includes, besides many precious articles and manuscripts, several boxes filled with ancient coins of fine gold. The total value of the find is given at \$8,500,000, two-thirds of which go to the State and one-third to Levotchko, whose share will amount to approximately \$3,000,000.

—Mr. Robt. A. Sheldon, Mobile, Alabama, has sent us a circular announcing a new paper, the "Alabama Philatelist." It will be the only stamp paper in the Gulf States, and should prove a success.

—The "Philatelic Herald" has resumed publication. It now halls from Freeport, Maine, with Geo. P. Coffin as chief editor ; L. E. Curtis and John Lunt being associates.