

The Postman's Knock.

Cyrus McGowan, P. M. at Knoxville, Illinois, had an awful falling in the way of pocketing the contents of registered letters. The authorities found him out, and Cyrus has retired from public life, and lives in a secluded state in "marble (or some other kind of stone) walls."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. H. F., *Lansingburgh, N. Y.*—By reading this paper you will see that we had no time to reply to your favor, and you will also perceive where to direct your letters.

A. Y., *Fordham, N. Y.*—We were obliged to pay 10c gold for your letter, which swallowed up the scrip enclosed. Prepay all letters in future. See reply to C. H. F.

D. B. V., *Middletown, Ohio.*—See answer to A. Y. as to full prepayment. A price list will cost you 15 cents. Mr. Craig's new catalogue for 1870, you can only procure by writing to his California address. Mr. C. will probably be established in San Francisco by April 15th. Read advts.

A. C. B., *Fort McPherson, Nebraska*, and others.—Dealers now-a-days, do not give away their price lists; the reason for this is that there are numberless collectors who collect *price lists only*; and if the pamphlets were given away, as they used to be, would write about once a month for the latest edition of the same. The books, though small, cost a considerable sum to print and the various stamp merchants soon became tired of such unprofitable customers. Any collector who is too stingy to pay for a catalogue, will be too mean to expend any money with the person issuing it, and consequently a price is now charged. A. C. B. must not deem this personal, as it is evident from the tone of his letter that he was not aware that what he required had to be paid for; but as we have disposed of the business, we have no other way of informing him why no list was sent him.

G. F. H., *Poultney, Vt.*—See answer to C. H. F.

C. V. R., *Amsterdam, Holland.*—Letter duly received this morning, (March 11.)

S. T., *Augusta, Me.*—Scott's American Album is decidedly the best for you to procure: it is bound in two styles, at \$5.00 and \$6.00, and is taken as a whole, superior to any imported article. Every American Collector should patronize the home made book, and encourage domestic enterprise.

Canandaigua, N. Y.—There are two packets awaiting the time when you will send your name; your letter was unsigned.

J. R. C., *Brookline, Mass.*—There are no new Canadian stamps, excepting the 3 cents red, reduced in size. Although our contemporaries do speak of a complete new issue, they do not name the values; and the P. O. Officials are not aware of any others than the one we name. The 12j and 15c., the former of which is now *entirely*, and the latter *almost* useless, will not probably be re-produced, but there will likely be a new lot of values, viz.: 5, 8, 10 and 20 cents. The reason of the reduction in size is not as our N. Y. friend supposes, just because he "said so," but because the Bank Note Company's building have been totally destroyed by fire, and the plates of the now current issue destroyed. This circumstance necessitated the re-engraving, and when the work had to be done, it was resolved then, that there might as well be a change.

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