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REMITTANCES — Unused current stamps of Canada or the United States taken in payment of account for subscriptions and advertisements under \$1. This sum and larger amounts may be remitted in bank notes or by postal note, post office or express money order.

RETURN POSTAGE should be enclosed in all letters enquiring for information other than of general interest and requiring a personal reply. This will insure our attention and a cheerful reply.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—In notifying us of any change of address subscribers should be sure to give their old address as well as new address.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES with this issue if a (X) appears in the margin opposite this paragraph. The paper is not abruptly discontinued on the expiration of subscriptions, unless expressly so ordered. We shall highly appreciate an early renewal from you, or an order to have your paper discontinued.

Ourselves.

It is well known that advertising is the life of trade, and it is equally true that it is the "bread of life." to all papers, and especially stamp magazines. Without strong advertising patronage papers of the present day cannot exist. The Stamp Reporter, for example, is sold at much less than the cost of printing. In fact, at the present time we are doing our work gratis, and sometimes have to chip in a little to make up. Now this state of affairs may do for awhile, but our readers will see that if our finances are not increased we will not be able to intro-

duce any new features, such as illustrations, etc. All that is required, however, is a few more regular advertisers and a fair number of new subscribers. Our advertising rates are low and advertisements pay. These two facts ought to be substantial enough to merit a trial advertisement for next week's issue from the most doubting advertiser. You may have tried others at greater cost, but do not despair, there is still hope in the advertising columns of this paper. Try for yourself.

We are indeed encouraged by the complimentary letters we have received since the appearance of first number as a Weekly. It is indeed gratifying for us to know that our efforts have been a success. It will be our earnest endeavor to add new features each week. A very welcome compliment just at present would be a year's subscription from each one of our readers.

In compiling our "News in Brief" and "Notes of Interest," we generally take the bulk of the matter from other journals. Therefore, if any of ye editors find a wee bit of your notes missing and they accidentally turn up in the columns of this paper, we hope they will not let their wrath get the better of them, as no offence is meant by ye editor.

We're in need of a few good original articles on philatelic subjects for our next issue.

If you are a stamp dealer and receive this number as a specimen copy, it is a request for your advertisement for our next number. Look up our present rates and send at once.

We mail a large number of copies of this issue to collectors who are, at present, non-subscribers. Kindly remember it costs but fifty cents to receive 52 numbers of this paper.

We have obtained access to several old volumes of the Philatelic Journal of America, Eastern Philatelist and the Postoffice. For the benefit of our readers who doubtless will not have the same privilege as ourselves, we will reprint what we consider the best of articles, notes, etc.

Some of our readers have taken exceptions to criticisms of things, published in this paper over the signature of other parties other than the editor. We will state that we do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed over other signatures, and the fact of their being admitted to our columns is no evidence of our concurrence.

The columns of this paper are always open to its readers for the free discussion of any matter of public interest.

Why is it that so many otherwise reliable stamp dealers are so slack about paying advertising bills? Nearly all the papers complain of several delinquent advertising, and while the S. R. is not so badly imposed upon as many of its contemporaries, we have a few who are not so prompt in attending to their advertising accounts as we wish they were. There are several who will see their names in print next week, if a remittance is not forthcoming very soon.

Friend collector, who may receive a sample copy of this magazine, do you not consider it well worth the small sum of fifty cents? Then favor us with your subscription.

Notes of Interest.

The three greatest luxuries of philately are a neat collection, a whole envelope, and a fellow collector to dispute with.

Now is the time to buy your stamps before the raise. Scott & Co., report an extra large demand for cheap albums and catalogues.

Gum Arabic dissolved in warm water makes the best coating for homemade hinges. Five cents worth of gum arabic and one pint of luke warm water makes a fine solution.

There were 18,281 three dollar Columbian stamps issued, and but one plate each was used for the higher.

The number of stamps shipped to Havana on December 23rd, 1898, surcharged on current U. S. stamps was as follows:

1,000,000 1c de peso on 1c green.
4,000,000 2 1-2c de peso on 2c rose.
4,000,000 5c de peso on 5c blue.
400,000 10c de peso on 10c brown.

Many collectors will pass by specimens of stamps with imprints attached, as being of no extra value, but such stamps are eagerly sought for, and the imprint adds considerable to the price.

A Few of Our Premiums.

given to every new yearly subscriber, providing a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent.

1. Special delivery stamp, unused.
2. 10c numeral issue, unused.
3. 2c Xmas stamp, unused.
4. Scott's supplement to 58th.
5. 2c letter card (surcharged).
6. 15 var. Canadian stamps.

Send 50c. Money Order.

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