

de plume of these swindlers. Our patrons will therefore be cautious with whom they trade in the metropolis of Illinois. We may here say that the gentlemen trading under the title of "Eagle Stamp Co," of Chicago, have no connection whatever with the firm above exposed. Another company which has for years been pushing a large and lucrative trade in forged stamps is that styled

W. L. Terhune & Co., formerly of Boston, Mass., but more recently heiling from Portsmouth, N. H. This firm has gradually worked up a first-class trade in these spurious articles, and now have such an extensive range of customers as to make it remunerate them handsomely to deal in forgeries only. Their lists of sets comprise almost all of the rarer stamps. They offer sets of Mexico, obsolete 5 @ 10c. Newfoundland, 10 @ 25c. Pacific Steam Nav. Co., 8 @ 30c., and other equally valuable stamps, for one genuine specimen of which, the collector would have to pay almost as much as, and sometimes more, than that for which the whole set of counterfeits is offered. The two well known dealers of Boston, F. ELBERT and S. ALLAN TAYLOR, respectively, have obtained such notoriety as to render descent from us unnecessary, enough to say that they may still be found at their old quarters, still plying their old avocation, and dispensing forged labels to any who may favor them with their surplus cash. In our next instalment we shall take our readers across old Ocean and introduce them to some of the notorious swindlers of Europe.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, July 14, 1873.

Dear Sir.—In order that you may have an early supply of our provisional 3d. stamp, I beg to enclose you a consignment, which I hope will prove acceptable. As you will observe, the present emission are only "make-shifts;" what the real half-penny stamps are to be I have had no opportunity of judging. You will please enter my name as a subscriber to the "Chronicle" for one year. * * * * *

T. WEBB.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept., 27, 1873.

F. S. D.—GENTLEMEN,—* * * Stamp collecting has taken a great start and is making good headway in this city. * * * I am very much pleased with your mode of doing business with your agents. In reading a copy of the June "Chronicle" I am surprised to see in the article on "Confederate Locals" that I was the first possessor of a Fredricksburg stamp, as I recognized an abstract from a letter that I wrote to Mr. Petrie, whom I believe is writing the article for your magazine. A friend of mine has sent you his subscription, which I hope arrived safely. Write soon, as I am always greatly pleased to hear from you.

Very truly, N. L. SEGUIN.

Our New Orleans Agent is in error regarding the author of the article on "Confederate Locals." It is written by Mr. Wurtele, late of the *Canadian Philatelist*.—Ed.]

TORONTO, Sept. 1, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—No. 2 of the STAMP COLLECTORS' CHRONICLE duly received. I consider it a great boon to those who are interested in Philately in Canada. * * * Do you give place in your album to the English "Circular Delivery" stamps, or to the 116 Hamburg Locals. Please let me know about these stamps, either by letter or by your "correspondence" column, and greatly oblige,

Yours truly, H. M. G.,
A Boy Collector.

We do not advise the collection of either the "Circular Delivery" or the "Hamburg Locals." True, the latter has as much right to collection as the "American" or any other "Local," but we think should be kept in an Album of their own, and separate from those of Government issue.

THE FRENCH "SPECIMEN" STAMPS.

LA ROCHELLE, Aug. 18, 1873.

F. S. D.—MONSIEURS,—Your favor asking information respecting the "specimen" stamp used by me upon a former letter to you, and noticed in the CHRONICLE for Dec. 1872, was duly received. * * * The stamp was among a lot of *unused* ones I had by me, and I took no particular observance of any peculiarity about it: however, since the receipt of your letter I have made it the subject of enquiry, and learn that it is customary among all countries, when issuing new stamps, to send copies stamped SPECIMEN to the Postal Departments of the various countries, and doubtless the stamp in question has thus casually come into my possession,

Yours, very truly, G. D. BOSSANGE.