

"Now look to the opposite corner. There is the portrait of a venerable old lady of the name of Smith. She is bedridden, ladies and gentleman, and is listening to a letter read by her *nevy*. Mark the figure of Mrs. Smith. She is looking all sorts of gratitude, and her two hands is clasped. The letter is from her grandson, John Smith, reported to have been hanged for burglary and murder; whereas that letter, just received by the penny post, assures the delighted parent that her grandchild is transported for life, for robbing on the highway, with the minor offence of slitting an attorney's nose.

"And that, ladies and gentlemen, and my very pretty little dears, concludes all the whole of the hieroglyphical history of the covers of the penny post. *Vivat Regina*, no money returned."

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

As it is now pretty certain that a philatelic association is about to be started in Canada, we trust that the mistake which occurred in the A. P. A. will be avoided in regard to an official organ.

The A. P. A. found that it was a great mistake in running a paper solely as the organ of the Association, and paying for it out of the funds, and have now rectified their error by choosing one of the regular philatelic journals to represent them, and as every one knows the A. P. A. would not have done this if they had not found that it was too expensive maintaining a paper, therefore we hope that the members of the C. P. A. will consider this and choose one of the papers

now in Canada to represent them. We ourselves would like to become the official journal, and if it was decided in our favor we would do all things to promote the society.

We sincerely regret the incorrect statement we made in our June number regarding Messrs. Edwards, Peake & Co. of Chicago, having supplied counterfeit stamps. The report being furnished to us through an unreliable party, and we admit that our editor should have exercised more judgment, or at least withheld it until it was confirmed. Messrs E. P. & Co. are gentlemen in every sense of the word and we trust that whatever injury our incorrect statement has caused them they will reap the just confidence and benefit in the future which they are worthy of. Messrs E. P. & Co. will please accept this our apology assuring them of our best intentions.

We understand that the "Useful Instructor" will be known hereafter as the "Canada Stamp and Coin Journal." Good, brother Finlay, rather an improvement, we wish you good speed.

THE new Provisional Danish West India stamps are not likely to become a drug on the market, as the postmaster will not sell them to all comers except in small lots. Hang on to what you have of them.

BRIC-A-BRAC for June says:

The very latest thing in forgeries.

Germany maintains its unenviable reputation as the Fatherland of Forgery. The latest reproduction is a facsimile of the new English stamp. I have lately