

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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The second auction catalogue of the American Philatelic Co., is a fair sample of the enterprise of that well-known firm.

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We wish to thank Mr. H. Copley for copies of the "Universal Annual," "Hints to Amateur Authors," and "Secrets Worth Knowing."

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To OUR EXCHANGES.—We are making a new exchange book for the New Year. In it we shall place all papers that have hitherto exchanged regularly. We wish to exchange with all papers that are either wholly or partially devoted to Philately or Numismatics, provided such papers are sent regularly. If you receive a copy of this issue, with this notice marked, you will understand that your paper is not on our new list, and should you wish it placed there, it is necessary that you at once forward a copy of your December issue, with an X marked on the wrapper.

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The annual report of the Postmaster General contains many items of interest to the philatelist. During the past year there were 127 new post-offices established, making a grand total of 7,671. An additional 1,478 miles of mail route has been added. About 82,000,000 letters; 16,586,000 postcards; 3,680,000 registered letters passed through the mails within the year. The postal revenue amounted to \$2,960,897; expenditure \$3,533,897. The report of the Dead Letter Office shows that 700,000 letters were returned from Canadian offices; 113,000 from United States offices, and 9,000 from offices in Great Britain. 200,000 were destroyed. 95,000 were returned to foreign countries. 9,500 registered letters were returned to the writers. 3,000 letters of value are still on hand, awaiting claimants. 3,844 letters contained money; 61, bills of exchange; 599, money orders; 435, cheques; 309, drafts, 788, receipts; 378, promissory notes; 17, stock certificates, etc. Every description of merchandise was also represented, of which 100,000 packages are still awaiting claimants.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

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Exchange notices are inserted free, for subscribers. Limit, 50 words.

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We will give other good stamps for United States 1871 issue, 7c, 24c, 90c, and 12c. 1869 issue, 1, 10 and 15 cents.

L. E. SMITH & Co.,
13 Victoria Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Fifty stamps for every philatelic paper sent; duplicates taken. No sample copies.

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I will exchange two hundred latest story books, by prominent authors, in lots to suit, for any useful articles. Send stamp for list of books,

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J. L. Pender, Box 954, Portsmouth, N. H.

I wish to exchange stamps for same, with collectors in all parts of the world. I want sample copies of philatelic papers,

P. H. DAHL, Bleicherstrasse 41,
Uhlenhorst, Hamburg, Germany.

A bracket saw outfit philatelic papers. Write, giving lists, to

C. W. Green, Portsmouth, N. H.

Wanted, by the editor of this paper, J. R. Findlay, the following back issues:

American Philatelist—all vol 1; nos 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, vol 2.

Philatelic Journal of America—nos 1 to 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 38, 41 to 45.

Mann & Kendig's Gazette—first three volumes.

Toronto Philatelic Journal—all first volume.

Philatelic World—volumes 1 & 2

Wanted, a fair collection of stamps, from 500 to 1000 varieties; we will give good exchange in the following—White Farthings, Books, Printing Press.

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The name of the post-office at Gorman, Md., has been changed to Euclid. Now the first problem of Euclid is, Who will get the office?..[Philadelphia Press.