

worth while to examine carefully any old coppers that are sometimes to be found amongst the cents that we use everyday.



As an example,—a copper half penny, with a “ship” on one side, and “ships colonies and commerce” on the reverse. But look closely. If the flag flying at the stern of the ship shows the crosses of the Union Jack, your hopes will be doomed to disappointment, and your half penny worth only a cent or two. On the other hand, if the flag is perfectly plain, then you may obtain as much as \$20 to \$50, for it is



listed in the catalogues at that price. Then, too, the old P. E. Island half penny, with a sheaf of wheat on one side and a plow on the other, is worth from five to twenty-five dollars, according to the perfection of the coin.

The history of the last mentioned coin is worth knowing. At the time when they were coined it seems to have been no offence for anyone to provide him-