

comes to hand handsomely illustrated, and containing beside editorial chit-chat, a paper superscribed "What is stamp collecting," which, by the way, uses some very forcible arguments in favor of encouraging the prosecution of this favorite pastime among young folks who may evince a desire for its study. We have also in this number a Review of 1872, by C. H. Coster, of New York. Published by the American Stamp Co., Meriden, Conn. Among our amateur exchanges we have *The Home Journal*, a neat monthly paper, devoted to the requirements of the little ones at home. Its motto: Truth, Right and Temperance. We wish it every success.

The Little Men.—An interesting, semi-monthly journal, also for the young folks. The two numbers before us contain quite a variety of choice reading, and should meet with good support from young America. The title was suggested by Mrs. Alcott's renowned work of the same name. Next before us is the *Corn City's Compliments*, Toledo, Ohio. This little paper has reached the second number of its second volume, a fact which speaks more for the success of the paper and the enterprise of its editor, than anything we can say. We are pleased to read an editorial on "Personalities," in which the writer justly denounces this now too common resort of editors to malign and injure each other in the eyes of the public and benefit (?) their own cause. The initial numbers of the *Crescent City Amateur* and *The Collector's Review*, also late issues of *Leisure Moments*, are received. The *Young Cadet* is one of our handsomest and highest toned exchanges, its stories are first-class, its editorials good, and its size 30 pages. Terms: \$1.00 per year. Poughkeepsie, New York.

The latest addition to amateur literature in the lower Provinces is *The Island Hero*, published at Summerside, P. E. Island, which made its debut the first of May. Although but a small space is as yet devoted to the culture of Philately, we gladly welcome it to our table, and wish for it a long and prosperous career. *The Star Stamp Quarterly*, Reading, Pa., the first number of which is just come to hand, promises to be a valuable addition to our ranks. We observe a well written article adverse to the collection of entire envelopes or news wrappers. It contains 8 pages, and is published by the "Star Stamp Company."

"N. B." In *Our Review* in future we shall notice only those journals interested in stamp

collecting, we shall still, however, be pleased to exchange with the others.

Abolition of the Franking Privilege.

THE United States Congress has passed a bill to repeal the franking privilege, by an overwhelming vote. Not only Congressmen, but the President, Cabinet Ministers and Department officials of every grade will, after the first of July next, be obliged to put stamps on their letters like other people. No provision is made in the bill for the free transmission of public documents or official communications. The *Springfield Republican* gives these reasons for the abolition of the Franking Privilege: "Much of the credit for the rooting up of the Franking abuse is due to Postmaster-General Creswell, Senator Ramsay, and General Farnsworth. More is due to Horace Greeley, who brought in the bill for the purpose, 25 years ago, and whose paper has never ceased to utter sound doctrine and make converts. But the biggest factors in the result were the sharp fit of Congressional virtue and the new deference to public opinion superinduced by what some of our stupider party journals still persist in speaking of as a 'campaign slander.' The cry of 'campaign,' like the bass drum in a country band, has covered a multitude of sins, but recent disclosures have materially impaired its efficacy."

The Postal Cards.

A very general complaint has been made to the Post Office Department, relative to the non-delivery of the postal-cards and the inferior quality of the work. The requisitions thus far made on the department amount to twenty-two millions, and only eight millions have been delivered. The department has declined, as has been stated, to receive the later instalments, on account of the inferior quality of the cardboard. The Postmaster General was unaided, to-day, as to what he should do to improve the supply.—*Boston Herald*.