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TORONTO, NOVEMBER, 1885.

Mr. George A. Lowe, chief editor of this journal, and manager of the Toronto Philatelic Co., sailed on the 24th ult. for England to purchase stock for his winter trade. He will return about December 21st with a stock equal to that of any dealer in America.

Our exchange column has been discontinued.

We have received No. 1 of the *Philatelic Magazine*. It presents a very good appearance.

We were obliged to leave out our list of new issues last month, owing to a rush of ads. on going to press.

We receive no stamps in exchange for ads. except current unused stamps of the lowest denomination, which we will accept at face value.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, 151 Franklin street and 89 Delancey street, New York, is our authorized agent to receive advertisements and subscriptions.

Mr. A. R. Stewart, of Derculich, Scotland, complains that Mr. M. D. Batchelder, of St. Louis, has swindled him out of stamps to the value of \$20.08.

Stamp and coin dealers will find the "T. P. J." an excellent advertising medium. It is the only monthly stamp paper published in Canada, the circulation being 1,000 copies monthly, which is sent to hundreds of collectors that other papers fail to reach.

Through the kindness of the author, Dr. Joseph Leroux, we have received a copy of "The Collectors' Vade Mecum." This valuable work, printed in the English and French languages, is a book

which has long been used by collectors and dealers of stamps and coins.

We have received the following papers up to date, publishers please accept our thanks:—The *Hermes*, *Gen*, *Alert*, *Orient*, *Ornithologist*, *Philatelic World*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Foreign Stamp Collector's News*, *Curiosity News*, *Collectors' Library Table*, *New England Philatelist*, *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*, *New York Collector*, *Southern Geologist*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Butler's Philatelic Observer*, *Carson Philatelist*, *Tidings from Nature*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Empire State Philatelist*, *Agassiz Journal*, *Michigan Philatelist*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Philatelic Magazine*.

* * * Publishers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of their paper, and we shall be happy to do the same in return.

NOTES.

More than 60,000 stamps are found every year loose in the letter-boxes of the United Kingdom.

According to a New York coin collector a complete collection of American cents is cheap at \$500.

The silver United States dollar of 1804 has realized the following prices: \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000.

Some people think the injunction on the face of the postal card should be "postmasters will read only this side."

Some person dropped a check in a letter box in London without an envelope, while another wrote a letter on the back of a postage stamp and posted it.

To keep postage-stamps in the pocket or memorandum book without sticking, a post-office clerk advises people to rub the sticky side over the hair two or three times. The oil of the hair coats the mucilage and prevents it from sticking.

The ex-postmaster of Baltimore has been presented with a bronze clock, a punch bowl and ladle, and a gold-headed cane. A valuable coincidence, as he can tell by the clock when he is tarrying too long at the punch bowl, and the cane may be useful if he forgets to look at the clock.

Letters bearing several stamps are most easily robbed of valuables. The stamps are removed, a slit made, and the hole covered again by the stamps. For letters containing money and bearing more than one stamp the French government advises that the stamps be placed an eighth of an inch apart.

An inhabitant of Liverpool, influenced either by curiosity or by economy, wrote last year a letter containing 26 words on the back of a penny stamp. It was duly delivered, as was a second letter of the same kind. When an attempt was made with a half-penny stamp, the despatch became liable to a charge of a penny, as an insufficiently prepaid letter.

On some of the German postal cards is a printed formula designed to save time in imparting news transmissible by this medium. It runs as follows: "Only a few lines to-day," then follow five lines, on which to write, then "God be thanked, I am in good health and hope to hear that you are also. The weather is—: write soon and give my love to all. In haste," and here follows the signature. There is even place reserved for postscript.

An ordinance of Louis XIV. issued in February, 1670, by which the coinage of twelfth and fourth crowns for "the islands and mainland of America" was decreed. This ordinance specifies that the obverse shall be similar to the French issues of the same denominations, while the reverse shall bear the legend, "Gloriam regni tui dicent," etc. By the same authority we are able to state that the *Gloriam Regni*, $\frac{1}{4}$ Crown, is not in the French national collection.

In Japan the postman wears a uniform that consists of a suit of blue cloth, a wide, butterbowl hat, and straw shoes. The mailbag swings under his arm, or is pushed along in a little two-wheeled cart. He is always running or trotting along. In Japan men do nearly all the work that horses do elsewhere; so you see the Japanese postman hasten along from station to station, traveling on a quick run mile after mile, up hill, down dale, never stopping until he reaches the place where another postman, is waiting to receive the mail and run on with it in his turn. So the mail