

What is that sticketh closer than a brother? A postage stamp, (when the mucilage is good.)

N. B.—The above is entirely original by a friend of ours and the copy right is secured. We might state that as it is well known that great natures cannot stand some shocks that the mental labor incident to the production of the above con, has told on the young man so severely that he is not expected to live. Poor fellow!

Foreign Stamp Magazines approve of the idea of collecting whole Envelopes instead of merely clipping the stamp from the corner. This appears to be the Continental custom, and we, ourselves, deem it the best; but what album is there that allows room for whole Envelopes? That's the drawback. Evidently to meet this view a new kind of album is required.

Philatelists resident in Foreign Countries will be kind enough to take notice that if they wish this paper they will have to send us 2s. stg. worth of unused Stamps of low values to pay for it for one year. We really cannot afford to print it, give it away, and pay heavy postage besides.

The Prince Edward's Island Essays, mentioned in our new stamps as bogus, are as we say This we have direct. We expect full official information in a few days, and will publish it (if received) in our next.

There appears to be three varieties of the Nova Scotia 3d stamp, viz:—Light blue on white, black-blue on white, and blue on blue paper. The two latter kinds are rather rarer than the others.

The Excelsior Stamp Association wants Colonials of all kinds in exchange for Foreign Stamps.

We are extremely sorry to notice the great numbers of forged Stamps sold on this Continent. We are sorry as we believe "fac-similes" too have done stamp collecting a great injury; but this much we will say, that in one sense of the thing, collectors can only blame themselves if they *must* have the rarest stamps known for 3 or 4 cents. They cannot expect them to be genuine. We have lost a great many customers because they thought our prices too high; but they will find out, in the long run, that it is better to buy undoubtedly genuine stamps at fair market rates, than to rush head-long into the purchase of undoubted forgeries at next to nothing. We tried an experiment (involving a great loss) with one of our friends who was always complaining. We marked him a lot of stamps at *one-half* the price charged by the cheapest European price list we had and he returned them as "too dear." After that we thought he had better trade with some one else. We sell none but genuine stamps and we cannot sell them at fac-simile prices.

We have heard that the "Collectors Guide" sleeps with its fathers. We are extremely sorry for it as it was a fine little paper and really deserved well of the collectorial public. Perhaps it will be revived. We would like to see this accomplished.

We would particularly call the attention of our friends to our Christmas Packets, they are really good. We wish all to try one while there is yet a chance, for we have a good many now unsold.

A certain Wisconsin gentleman (?) who is indebted to us had better liquidate such debt at once or we will publish him in a way not relished by honest persons. A word to the wise is sufficient.