

The interest now manifested in Chinese stamps should serve to bring out much new information concerning them. The status of the issue has pretty well established. As these stamps are in such demand, it would be well to look out for counterfeits, which of some issues have already been manufactured. Most of the treaty port original issues are so crudely engraved, and the designs are so simple that forging is no hard task here.

Do you know what those characters on the stamps of China mean? Translated into English the characters on the right mean, "Started from this country;" and those on the opposite side, "To be delivered to whom addressed."

Pan American stamps. The set of stamps to commemorate the Buffalo exposition will be placed on sale about May 1st., and the various postmasters will probably be required to return their unsold stock about October 1st.

Although the time of sale is limited, the stamps will always be available for postage.

The regular series of stamps will remain on sale and will be supplied to all stamp users who do not ask for the pretty ones.

The set consists of six values, viz; 1-cent, 2-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, 8-cent and 10-cent. The stamps will be printed in two colors. The centre of all the values will be in black, and the frame of each stamp will be in

the color of the corresponding value of the regular set. While the stamps will be larger than the current set, they will not equal the Columbians and Omahas in size.

There are about 500 species of land shells found in the United States.

Many of them are beautiful but they are not equal to the land shells of England. So many of the English shells are beautifully barbed and colored.

"We often see people in their leisure hours, wasting their time away in frivolous pursuits, when in the way of collecting and studying the objects of nature, which are scattered in such profusion on every side—they might add to their education by the perusal of "nature's story book." A collection once started may not advance as fast towards completion as we might wish it to, but even imperfect as it may be, it will always be a collection of souvenirs of the present as well as relics of the past."

Ten thousand beetles have been classified and described, and new additions are constantly being made.

Single tusks of the mammoth are found weighing over 200 pounds, and a tooth in a certain cabinet weighs fourteen pounds.

Spring is not far away. You should decide to collect natural science specimens, Indian relics and curios of all kinds.

Spend your spare time rambling over hill and dale, along creeks and through the woods. You will enjoy it.