

refer to the American journals, do so in neither a very courteous nor gentlemanly manner. That magnanimity of thought and feeling should prevail among all Philatelists, is to our mind absolutely necessary to ensure for our science a foremost standing among the many pastimes devised for the recreation of the youth of the present era. The able support this paper has received is fully exemplified in the handsome edition emitted by the London branch, and edited by Mr. Turner. The large and increasing trade done in the English market by Messrs. Scott necessitated this step, and we beg to congratulate these gentlemen upon having secured the service of such a competent editor, if we may judge from the twelve numbers so far emitted under his supervision. What reasons the English press is so "down on," to use a current phrase, Mr. Scott for, we do not know, but we do know that in all our transactions with that gentleman we have ever been treated generously and honorably. In the prospectus of the new series the editor announces his intention of in future regulating its size by the amount of really valuable and useful articles on hand, and excluding all Review of exchanges, abuse of other papers, etc. A very sensible idea, we think, and one that would, to a certain degree, bear copying by the Philatelic press generally. There is at present an instructive monogram *en passant* through its columns; what actual benefit this is to the philatelist, and why it should be published to the exclusion of other and, we think, more valuable papers, our perspective faculties are at fault in discerning; however, mayhap by the light of future days, our obscured vision may become clearer, and our views of the matter modify somewhat, until such a time we shall endeavor to keep our pages free from such intricate matter, and insert that only which comes within the comprehension of our youngest collector.

Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger, Hamburg. The last number of this journal for the deceased year has reached us. It is a thoroughly German magazine, quarto size, and is emitted monthly. The number before us contains, as a supplement, a report of the session of the Philatelic Congress at Lubeck. Beside a list of new issues, now old to our subscribers, this magazine contains nothing select, and we presume is more an advertisement journal than aught else. The agents are Messrs. H. Wernick & Co., London.

Philatdische Beriche, Rudolphsheim, Vienna. This is a four-page pamphlet, issued by S. F. Friedman. Two pages are devoted to philatelic matter, and the other two, to advertisements. We wish for our Austrian *confreere* a support which will soon necessitate an enlargement of the present size, and the devoting of the whole magazine to Timbrophily.

The Curiosity Hunter, Rockford, Ill., D. A. K. Andrus. The rapidity with which each succeeding number of this magazine has doubled its size, until from the four-page issue of September last, it has now attained the very respectable size of 16 pages, gives striking proof of the energy of young America, whenever he makes up his mind to do a thing. Some time ago our esteemed personal friend, the editor, admonished us to bear in mind the motto, which should be that of every youth, Richelieu's: "In the bright vocabulary of youth there should be no such word as fail," and most energetically has he endeavored, and successfully, to illustrate it. As its title implies, it is devoted to the interest of collectors in general, treating on algæ, shells, eggs, birds, coins, stamps, and all the other etceteras, which go to make up the cabinet of a curiosity collector; and is a most valuable and indispensable guide to their study and collection. We recommend it to all our patrons, and will gladly receive subscriptions at publishers' price, \$1.00 per year, p. p.

The Index is a popular journal, edited and published by David W. Jagger, Newburg, N. Y. In it we find several articles of value to philatelists, and a liberal share of dealers' advertisements.

The School Casket is a handsome eight-page monthly, quarto size, conducted by the scholars of the high schools in this city, and is decidedly a credit to the scholars and to the publishers. The necessity of such an organ, for the development of the literary abilities of young New Brunswick, has been a want long felt, and now that it has been supplied, it is to be hoped that the scholars, one and all, will individually use their best efforts to aid and sustain this valuable paper, both by contributing to its columns, and subscribing liberally for it. Who knows but that they may one day, through its instruction and guidance, become as famed writers as our world-renowned town folks, May Agnes Fleming, James DeMille, Kate Seaforth, etc.

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