

STRAY HUMOR.

Old lady (sharply to boy in drug store)—"I've been waiting for some time to be waited on, boy."
 Boy (meekly)—"Yes'm; wot kin I do for ye."
 Old lady—"I want a 2 cent stamp."
 Boy (anxious to please)—"Yes'm. Will you have it licked?"

Proprietor (of grocery store to boy)—"Well, James, did you make any sales while I was out!"
 Boy (proudly)—"I sold 25 2-cent postage stamps."

Proprietor (hopefully)—"Oh well 50 cents is not so bad. Did you put the money in the drawer?"

Boy—"No sir. The lady had 'em charged."

Shrill feminine voice—"What is the cause of the delay of the mails, Mr. Stamp?"

Postmaster (absently)—"Your age, I suppose, same as usual, Miss Sophronia."

Why is a woman's character like a postage stamp? Because one black mark will ruin it.

The Columbian issue are not favorites if we may judge by the following comments: "Don't forget to put the envelope on the stamp when mailing a Columbian." "Write your letter on the stamp and send that." "Good cheat protectors." "Make first class wall paper." "Who can lick them all at once," etc., etc.

Why can't the postage stamp learn the alphabet? Because its always getting stuck on a letter.

Miss Langham—"You Americans use the name of George Washington very frequently, do you not?"

Mr. De Yank—Yes, indeed. Why George Washington has been on every one's tongue since postage stamps were invented."

People sometimes hear odd things on the street cars, observes the *Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*.
 The other day a sweet young thing in seal furs said to a sweet young thing in dark green: "Alice, is it true that the Columbian stamps will not be used after this year?"

"That is what I understand," replied the sweet young thing in dark green.

"I'm so sorry."

"Why?"

"You know Frank Simson, don't you?"

"Of course. He went away to college last September."

"Well, we correspond with each other. Did you know that?"

"No; isn't that nice!"

"Yes, but mamma permitted the correspondence only on the condition that she reads the letters. We are so young, you know, and she is dreadfully afraid we'll write love letters to each other."

"What have the Columbian stamps to do with it?"

"Just this. We write all our love messages on the envelopes and paste the stamps over them. The stamps are easily soaked off, you know. You would be surprised to know how much we can put under a Columbian stamp, when we write a real small hand."

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