

sold at as low a price as a penny can possibly be *rare*. Lastly, let "beginners," whatever their age, be careful to observe whether the stamps which may be offered to them are guaranteed to be genuine; if not, they are almost certain to be forged."


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## The Stamp Collector's Chronicle.

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E have much pleasure in presenting to our friends the second number of the "Chronicle," with an addition of four pages upon our initial number. This enlargement we have found absolutely necessary to make in order to, as far as possible, give our subscribers the quantum and variety promised in our Prospectus. Should we find it advantageous we hope in our third issue to introduce a 24 page Magazine. To ensure this and to place our magazine upon a footing, strong and permanent, it is essential that our subscription list should sum up at least the 2000 supporters that we modestly asked for in our last. This is easily secured if our present subscribers will each and every one of them devote a little of their spare time to our service; we will supply them with sample copies *gratis* for free distribution among their friends and comrades, and will pay them liberally for their time and trouble. To clubbers our terms are the very best—12 copies, 1 year for \$4.00 or 6 copies for \$2.00.

The strong tendency to stamp collecting now engendered in all our colleges and public schools, and gradually budding into flowers needs but some such incentive to foster and cultivate it, as we purpose making our Journal, to give Philately a standing and ingratiation which will be "not for a day, but for all time."

And a very little exertion on the part of our friends generally, will ensure for us a consumption both agreeable to ourselves and beneficial to them. Will you help us get 2000 subscribers?

To our subscribers. We are in receipt of letters from quite a number of our subscribers relative to establishing an exchange list in our columns, and have concluded, should it meet the wishes of a majority, to open one in our next number. Any of our subscribers therefore who may favor the plan, and have duplicates to exchange, will please send in list of same on or before August 15th, in order to ensure insertion in the September issue. Subscribers exchanges inserted gratis, non-subscribers *twenty cents* each insertion, notice not to occupy more than one inch space. We shall be pleased to answer any queries through our columns that our subscribers may wish information upon. Correspondence invited.

Our readers will learn with pleasure that we have secured the services of a gentleman, formerly of this city, but at present resident in Montevideo, as our special agent and reporter in South America, and may rely upon a full and authentic report of all new issues by any of the governments comprising this subjacent territory.

We have again to request of our Foreign Correspondents to be more particular in the prepayment of their letters, circulars, &c. More especially those in Russia, France and Italy; we have now on hand some fifteen or twenty communications from writers in various parts of these territories, which in some cases we CANNOT and in others WILL NOT answer. For the benefit of correspondents generally we will once more repeat our terms: We answer no foreign letters unless they enclose stamps of sufficient value to prepay return postage (those of our regular customers excepted); all letters must be written in either English or French, or cost of translation will be charged; all letters must be fully prepaid, or they will not be taken from the office; and lastly, every packet of stamps sent us must bear the senders address, or we will not be responsible for its receipt.