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EDITORIAL.

After our last number had gone to press, we found, to our chagrin, that the final proofs had not been corrected. This was not our fault, but the fault of the printer. It was the above that caused the few typographical errors that were so prominent in our last number. Another serious defect made itself apparent after our last number was folded and cut: that was, the leaves not being sewn, came apart. Our subscribers will find the above defect remedied this month.

Many improvements will be introduced with our January number: a neat and artistically designed cover and engraved headings for the various departments of the paper. We are at present making arrangements with some of the most able writers to furnish us with some interesting Philatelic fiction, for there is nothing that makes a paper so welcome and readable as some original and spicy fiction from the pen of an able writer. With

our January number we shall begin a very interesting serial story from the pen of one of the most able writers of Philatelic fiction of the present day. Short sketches and stories will also be introduced occasionally. We shall spare neither pains nor expense to make this journal the collectors' favorite, for it is for the collectors' benefit that it is published. Send in your subscription at once, as back numbers are very scarce and cannot be supplied at subscription rates. Nos. 1 and 2 are 5cents; No. 3, 10 cents.

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We see by recent Ottawa papers that Mrs. Hooper, the wife of P. S. of C. president is seriously ill, necessitating her being taken to Florida for the winter. Her illness was further aggravated by the death of her two brothers some time ago. The death of her brothers also settles the dispute over her father's estate, which now passes over to Mrs. Hooper. The estate is a very large one and is worth many thousands of dollars. Mrs. Hooper is also an ardent stamp collector and the possessor of one of the finest collections in Ottawa. We extend our best wishes for her early recovery.

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