

# THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

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## EDITORIAL.

We have to express our cordial thanks to those friends who so kindly remembered us on our appeal "To our Patrons." Most of the amounts yet received are small but they make a fair total. Several gentlemen sent us stamps which, next to money, are quite acceptable. Several, we presume, will yet send us something. Thanks, kind thanks, to all. We wish to ask a favor of our friends, which is to send us a list of all the Stamp Collectors they know of and their P. O. address, that we may disseminate the Postman's Knock as widely as possible. Will all be kind enough to advise us in this particular? We respectfully solicit advertisements. If we had a few more we could enlarge to our old size. At least all dealers could send us cash enough to have their names inserted in our "Collectors' Directory," which we commence in this number. If we only could be assisted to enlarge we would be able to make the paper so much more interesting. We have lots of tit-bits that we cannot publish and all for want of room. Then come forward dealers to our aid, and let us next month gladden all collectors eyes with a double sized Postman's Knock!

Fair priced Stamps are in good demand at present, more especially Australian, while North American obsolete Colonials are in good demand from the European market; but the prices offered are too small; consequently exportation has almost ceased.

## NEW STAMPS.

SHANGHAI.—There is a new issue nearly similar to the last.

MONTEVIDEO has issued a 1 centesimo stamp, also two official Envelopes.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—These Islands join the philatelic ranks with a new issue consisting of two Stamps, a 1d. and 5d.

SERVIA.—The 1 and 2 paras noted last month are obsolete and others reign in their stead.

ITALY has a new 20c stamp.

LUXEMBURG.—The 37c is now bistré.

QUEENSLAND sports a new 4d.

CYLON comes forth with a 3d.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Essays have turned up. They are most probably bogus.

The collection of Essays by Timbrophilists appears to be, to use an Americanism, "thoroughly played out." There is no demand for them and consequently no sales. This, we think, is the right way to use them. They are almost invariably imposters, manufactured by some enterprising dealer and "made to sell." We notice in a transatlantic paper the statement that there are 700 varieties of one kind of these proofs; they are for Holland, if we remember right. Isn't that proposterous. All we have to say to collectors is, "exclude them all from your books."

Collectors would do well to buy in a stock of North American Colonials, as we are now sure of having Confederation, and the present issue will then at once become obsolete.

We have appointed Mr. J. C. Johnson, of San Francisco, our California Agent Price Lists, Pickets, &c., may be ordered through him.