

"I wright these fue lines to ask you if you would be so kind as to tell me if there is such a person living in England.

She was living at Birmingham last Rtmmas—this his mi sister and brother-in-law—they hant in Birmingham now, let this letter go to every general post-office there is."



Among other letters are some requesting information concerning property:

"United States.

"Will you do me the kind favor as you are the post master and able to know as I judge of. It is this, give me the full name and address of any 'Mac——' that you know of in England, or in Scotland, or Ireland, or Wales, or in India, or at or in any other country that you may know of, with their full names and correct address so that I can write to them myself. If you have any pamphlet with the names of parties who have died and left money send as I want such information."

A farmer in the country wants a postmaster as go-between in a little business matter and pens him a few lines to the following effect:

"John — acting as a Farmer here would be very much obliged to the Postmaster if he would be so good as to name a suitable party at — to whom he might sell a 30 stone pig of good quality well—for he understands it is the best place to sell. The pig is now quite ready for killing."

A Frenchman, with hat in hand, and all ready to propose, merely wants to know as a preliminary whether the lady he has in view is still alive:

"A Monsicur le Directeur la Poste de Londres.

"J'ai cinquante trois ans. Veuillez etre assez bon de me faire réponse pour me donner des resultats sur l'existence de Madame — ? Si parfois elle était toujours veuve je voudrais lui faire la proposition de lui demander sa main d'après que j'éa aurais des nouvelles. En attendant, Monsieur votre réponse."

The next specimen is from a person out of employment: