

## Postal Chat.

✓ POSTAGE LABELS sold at Post Office, St. John, N. B., during the month of November, 1865, \$1295.38.

MR. STENHOUSE, the Postmaster of Salt Lake City, has two wives. He has eight children by his first wife and one by the second. Business in that locality must be good. Our Postmasters seem to think that one wife is quite sufficient.

THE mail-bags that left New York Sunday night (3rd Dec.), for Cleveland, Ohio, was stolen in the depot at Cleveland on the evening of the 4th December, 1865.

THE Postal Revenue of the United Kingdom for the year ending September 30, 1865, was £4,210,000.

THE highest inhabited place on the globe is the post-house of Anconia, in Peru, which is nearly 16,000 feet above the sea.

THE FATTEST MAN IN PARIS.—A German named Elb Levy, the largest man in Paris, has just died at the age of fifty-two. At the time of his death he weighed thirty-seven stone twelve pound, although he had been previously somewhat reduced by illness. For many years he had been engaged in Brussels and Paris as correspondent for German journals, but two years back he abandoned that profession, and became a dealer in postage stamps for collectors.—*London Times*, 10th Nov.

A GENTLEMAN recently received an unpaid letter (for which the postman charged him two-pence—four cents N. B. currency) commencing—"Sir, your letter of yesterday bears upon its face the stamp of falsehood." His answer was brief, and to the purpose—"Sir, I only wish your letter of yesterday bore upon its face a stamp of any kind."

A POPULAR lecture was given the other night by Mr. John Richardson, C. C., in the vestry hall, Bishopsgate street. His subject was, "The Penny Post, with sketches historical and humorous, of the rise and progress of the Post Office from the earliest formation to the present time." He stated that in the last year of the old postal system, the number of letters passing through the post were only 78,000,000 whereas in 1863 they were 642,000,000.—*Home News*.

## THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

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## ENIGMA.

I am composed of 60 letters.  
 My 33, 10, 55, 23, 18, 46, 53, 49, 21, 59, 16, 24, 31, 14, 3, 52, 1, 43, 40, 56, 29, is an inscription on a postage stamp.  
 " 58, 10, 48, 23, 42, 47, 20, 38, is the name of a stamp dealer whose advertisement *does not* appear in this month's *Gazette*.  
 " 4, 51, 35, 23, 37, 10, 60, 45, 16, is the name of a country that has issued but three stamps.  
 " 7, 46, 24, 15, 34, is to be seen on many stamps.  
 " 50, 9, 13, 26, 12, 47, 25, is what no stamp dealer should do.  
 " 24, 2, 57, 6, 23, 46, 32, 8, 11, 54, 18, are two colors mostly used in postage stamps.  
 " 8, 37, 60, 38, 46, 42, 21, 27, 15, 47, 36, 58, 22, 2, 10, 59, 39, 12, 41, 16, 48, 23, 15, 49, 24, 45, 6, is a valuable guide to stamp collectors.  
 " 30, 11, 51, 17, 5, 54, 25, 12, 9, 46, 37, 18, 27, 14, 47, 16, 55, 8, 19, 49, 21, 48, 10, 60, 43, 20, 28, 57, 1, 29, 26, 40, 42, 44, 45, 25, 39, 4, 58, 15, 16, 28, 8, is a country whose stamps all bear the Queen's head.

My whole is an inscription on a postage stamp.

Answer to enigma in our last: "THE POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MANUAL, BY A. C. KLINE."

## ACROSTIC.

- No. 1.—The second initial of a gentleman whose advertisement appears in this month's *Gazette*.
- No. 2.—A distinguished characteristic of the stamps of the States of the Church.
- No. 3.—What collectors should beware of.
- No. 4.—Among which may be classed the "Connell."
- No. 5.—A country which has, or is about to issue a new set of stamps.
- No. 6.—What every collector should be well supplied with, to be successful.
- No. 7.—One of the four letters which are to be found on all the Bergedorf stamps.
- No. 8.—A term applied to the 12d. Canada.
- No. 9.—The colour of one of the higher values of the Cape of Good Hope stamps.
- No. 10.—Practised extensively by some stamp dealers.
- No. 11.—A country whose stamps have lately become obsolete.
- No. 12.—The fate of many a postage stamp.
- No. 13.—What collectors generally are.
- No. 14.—What can almost be said of the United States stamps.
- No. 15.—A country in South America that has lately issued new stamps.
- No. 16.—Almost indispensable to the collector.
- No. 17.—What every stamp possesses.  
 The first letter of each will form the inscription on some of the Italian stamps. N.