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EDITORIAL.

No Need for Apology.

It had been our intention to issue a 32-page Christmas number, containing 16 pp. of reading matter and 16 pp. of advertisements, but our printer was unable to issue a number of that size *on time*, owing to a large number of previous contracts. As a result, the only resource left for us was to issue a number of this size; and rather than disappoint our subscribers by failing to give them the amount of reading matter promised, we have left out six pages of advertisements in order to make room for the large amount of MSS. on hand, and to give our subscribers a suitable holiday issue. A large number of advertisements are necessarily left out. The publisher's ads. will reappear on next month's cover. We have an unusual amount of interesting matter for our next issue; don't miss it by any means!

Our Personal Column.

This department was inaugurated recently, and is evidently appreciated by our readers. We wish it to be a glowing success, and at all times will be pleased to have our subscribers and patrons send us *short* personal items about themselves for publication, and in this way aid us in making this department an interesting feature. Let us hear from you.

Various Matters.

The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement.—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue: back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each—no discount.

A Liberal Premium Offer.

We are very anxious to add another thousand subscribers to our subscription list before the close of the present year. In order to do this, we offer the following inducement to all who subscribe before December 31st next: To any person who forwards us 25 cents for one year's subscription to this magazine, with 3 cents extra for postage and mailing, we will send any one of the following Premiums ABSOLUTELY FREE: 1000 of the best gummed hinges; 100 varieties of foreign stamps; 25 blank approval sheets, or 100 U.S. revenue stamps. It is to your interest to take advantage of this liberal premium offer. This paper alone is worth the price. The premiums are forwarded only when the extra postage is sent. Favor us with your subscription. Present subscribers wishing to take advantage of this offer may do so, having their subscription extended one year.

Wants.

A writer in the November *American Philatelist*, complains of the want of a first-class catalogue of U.S. proprietary stamps. He says: "Three distinct classes of stamps are uncereemoniously grouped together under the misleading and vague title of 'match and medicine stamps.' He also goes on to complain of the careless manner in which these stamps are classified. We have never thought much of these stamps, which are *little more* than private labels; but we, notwithstanding, noticed the manner of cataloguing as extremely careless. Fruit, perfume and medicine stamps are listed under the head of medicine stamps.

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