

changes the style of her hair in that period, and this loyal people desire to be as faithful as possible in the representation of her fair and frail Majesty.

To meet the demand of collectors, literary gentlemen spend their time in devising albums. Berger Levrault's of Strasbourg is the most popular in Prussia, Vallete's in France, and Oppen's in England. But the best and most universal are the albums of Lallier of Paris, and Moens of Brussels. Lallier's has passed through five editions in English, six in French, four in Spanish, two in German, and one in Portuguese, and Russian, whilst Moen's comes next in the race.

With us Timbrophily is yet in its infancy, and only beginning to be appreciated. A gentleman of my acquaintance has spent years in collecting coins, and has perhaps the most valuable collection of shells in the United States, but up to a short time since, however, never thought it worth while to enter into the list of Philatelists, and gather with his other curiosities the beautiful evidences of civilization and art, and grace his room with a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

In Paris the society of collectors numbered 200 gentlemen, to meet weekly and discuss postal topics. I had the pleasure of an introduction to the club, and many were the questions asked me concerning the Colonial Stamps of North America. The beautiful 12½ cents Stamp of Nova Scotia was the favourite, and received the most praise; the seventeen cent Canadian received considerable attention, some asserting it bore the features of Columbus,—others some Canadian Postmaster, or Colonel of Militia,—others even stretching their imaginations so far as to think it was the immortal *Cornell*—and there were but few who knew it was one of their own brave countrymen, Jacques Cartier.

I would desire to say a word to my friends who denounce collecting as vain and puerile. For myself I know of no study more interesting and instructive and which deserves greater encouragement for young people. It charms them into a taste for geography and history and beautifully reminds them of the advance of civilization in foreign lands. It whispers to us all of the approach of the time when the nations shall be no longer isolated; and these Stamps are the symbols that the fetters of the past are broken forever. Oriental customs are yielding to Christianity when we see Turkey and Egypt stepping into the sunlight; and these miniature engravings herald the day when the sickle and ploughshare will supersede the buckler and the sword. They throw out light upon the nations, and shew the advancement of their people—they acquaint us with their condition in industry, genius and art, and guide our vision to the once dark lands of superstition, and the islands of the sea that now blossom in our albums with sparkling gems of peace and unity.

J. C. WALTERS.

East Saginaw.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 41 letters,
My 41, 28, 7, 31, 16, 36, is what collectors want.

" 35, 3, 22, 11, 39, 27, is a country which has as yet issued no Stamps.

" 6, 35, 23, 13, 4, is a country the most of whose Stamps is high priced.

" 38, 19, 1, 26, 9, 28, 32, 5, 24, is the surname of a Stamp dealer.

" 20, 33, 30, 4, 25, 33, 7, 34, is a city which has issued Stamp.

" 12, 40, 29, is what a lawyer likes.

" 18, 21, 38, 37, is a disagreeable thing.

" 8, 17, is a pronoun.

" 10 14, 15, is a well known name.

" 2, is a vowel also a pronoun in sound.

My whole is the name of the country, value, colour and style of a very high priced Stamp.

Montreal, C. E.

C. J. SCOTT.

(Answer next month).

Answer to enigma in last issue. *Le Collectionneur de timbres Poste, The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser and the Newport Rhode Island Collector's Guide.*

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M. S., and A. C. K., Yarmouth, N. S.

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1. Ssiiceezbgwnhorre, on a Postage Stamp.

2. Dhtttttvceeeessuacir on a Postage Stamp.
(Answers next issue).

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