

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The report of the superintendent of the dead letter office shows a decrease of 48,480 pieces of mail matter, or nearly one per cent., in the number received during the fiscal year of 1891, notwithstanding the postal business of the country has increased nearly eight per cent. the past year, while there was an increase of over seventeen per cent. in undressed letters alone. There was an increase of two hundred and thirty-one thousand letters returned to writers.

The greatest stamp collectors in the world are Phillippe Ferrari, son of the late Duchesse de Galliera, and the Czar, whose collection is said to be worth \$600,000.

The annual sale of English postal cards is about 230,000,000.

It is calculated that during the last twelve months the people of this country have individually and severally put their tongues out over 1,968,341,000 times to moisten the postage stamps for the billions of letters and millions of newspapers, periodicals and parcels that are carried and delivered by the Government. And yet forty-five years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States.

"Uncle Sam" is going to give city people a house letter-box that will make letter-writing easier than ever. But country people will still find social distinction and delight in the giddy excitement of going to the post-office.

Alexander Dumas, pere, used to receive a great number of anonymous letters, but he preferred them to the other kind, as they needed no answers.

There is a prospect that the midnight trains between New York and Boston may have their time quickened by half an hour, so as to facilitate the progress of the mails they carry.

The subjects of Great Britain are the most tremendous patent medicine swallows on the globe. During the past year the revenue derived from the three-half-penny stamp upon patent medicines amounted to \$1,200,000. Licenses for the sale of patent medicines have increased 1,340 in England and 111 in Scotland.

A good story is told in Germany of a letter which was returned to the general post-office with these words written by the postman on the envelope: "The addressee has hanged himself; present address unknown."

WHY HE BOUGHT NO STAMPS.

"Mr. Scribble," said the old millionaire. "Yes, sir," answered his private secretary. "Here are 150 begging letters received yesterday." "Yes, sir." "And you will observe that every one has a two-cent stamp enclosed for a reply." "Yes, sir." "Well, answer them all, evasively on postal cards, and encourage them to write again."

THE MONTREAL WITNESS.

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