

The "Record" will blunder.

We thought after the information so generously furnished to the *Record* in our August number, that that paper would have had the good breeding to acknowledge its errors, and perhaps thank us for our kind offices, but we have been disappointed. Our friend has neither had the manners nor the manliness to do the one or the other, but still persists in asserting, what he now knows to be false, viz. :—that New Brunswick has no silver coinage of its own; and meanly seeks by petty quibbling and ribald nonsense, to conceal from his readers the real question at issue. In our August number we said that New Brunswick had a silver currency of its own, and we offered, for a *quid pro quo*, to give our cotemporary ocular demonstration of the truth of what we then said, did he still continue to doubt. But our offer has not been accepted! Why not?

To show the *Record*, however, that it uttered something worse than arrant nonsense when it said "that *New Brunswick* silver coins are as scarce as the visits of angels," we now send without a *quid pro quo*, specimens of "*New Brunswick* silver coins," which we hope its editor will examine carefully, and when he has done so, no doubt he will have the candour to say to his readers, "in ignorance we have told you an untruth, and in ignorance impugned the veracity, and grievously wronged our brother of the *St. John Gazette*, for all of which we now humbly pray to be forgiven, for to err is human, &c." And to alleviate, to some extent, the pang which this confession may cause, we hereby frankly offer him our forgiveness. In doing so, however, we would just hint that the editor of a stamp collector's journal should not be given to fibbing, for this is a very naughty practice; he should try to conduct himself like a gentleman, for this is commendable at all times; and above all, he should ever bear in mind that "fancy slang," and profane allusions to scripture, neither shew a writer to be witty nor clever. Vulgarity is not ability. But having by ocular proof convinced the *Record* that New Brunswick has a silver coinage of its own, here our controversy must forever end. So mote it be.

✓ Postal Chat-Chat.

WHAT Country employing Stamps denotes a feeling of Cold? Chili

WHY is a sheet of perforated postage stamps like distant relations? Because they are but slightly connected.

CHARLES A. STODDART, a clerk in the Boston Post Office, has been arrested on two complaints of stealing letters containing money, and placed under \$3000 bonds in each case for his appearance at the September term of the District Court.

A PACKAGE recently passed through the New York Post Office, mailed at San Francisco, and bound for Dresden, Prussia, the pre paid postage on which amounted to \$172.40. It consisted of valuable papers enclosed in a tin cylinder.

USEFUL INVENTION.—Christian Dexheimer, stamping clerk in the Post Office, has invented an apparatus for stamping letters which must come into general use. It consists of a cast iron frame about a foot square, in which are enclosed a pad in a circular metal cup, and an India rubber cushion. The advantages of it, are, it is compact and portable; can be placed anywhere, on a table, stand or counter; gives a perfect impression, so that the date and name of place can always be read. The Assistant Postmaster at Washington gives it the highest recommendation.—Every post office and bank will have it as soon as its merits are known.—*Semi-Weekly Wisconsin*.

THE mania for collecting postage stamps has raged as violently in France, as in England, if not more so. It is confidently affirmed that some traders who procured stamps from the English colonies, and other distant countries, have realised from £4,000 to £6,000, and that they are still making money. The French have a saying, "*Il n'y a pas de sot métier*," and this stamp selling proves it. Of itself it seems wonderful silly; but consider the profits to those who carry it on!—*Malvern Advertiser*.

ROBBING A POST BOY.—From the *London Times* of October 3d 1798:—"The post boy carrying the mail from Bromley to Seven-Oaks last night, was stopped about two miles from Farnborough, between the hours of ten and eleven, by a single highwayman, who presented a horse-pistol, and demanded the mail, which the boy gave him. He offered the robber half a guinea, but he declined taking it." The report then goes on to state that a reward of £200 will be given for the apprehension of the highwayman.

✓ WE learn from a new work on forged stamps that the 12½ cents blue stamp of this Province has been Counterfeited. The writer says, "The engraver of this forgery evidently worked from a description, and I cannot congratulate him on his success. The steamship has no paddles, but is apparently propelled by a screw. The colour is also much fainter than the genuine one." Concerning forgeries of the "*Connell Essay*" the same book says, "There are two imitations of this stamp, one of which is beautifully printed on India paper, and it may be detected by putting a drop of water on the stamp, when it will run as on blotting paper. The other imitation is a French photograph, which may be detected in the same way as the 1kr. black, *Bavaria*—viz., by applying cyanuret of potassium to the engraving. If photographed it will instantly remove the impression, leaving the paper white; whereas if the Stamp