

have reached this remote and isolated region; and he never would have been called to account for the absurd statements which he has made.

He finally winds up by coolly assuring his readers that this stamp "having passed through the P. O., it therefore could not be an essay." We think that this is plainly another error, for in one sense of the word, at least, it may very appropriately be called an essay; and it is an essay which, we believe, no Postmaster General or "any other man" in this *obscure* province, will again attempt for some time to come.

We wonder if the "obscure" genius of the *Record* sees the point.

### Postal Chat-Chat.

*Motto for a Postage Stamp.*—"A penny for your thoughts."

*High Treason at the Post Office.*—Punching the Queen's head.—*Fun.*

WHY are gentlemen's love letters so liable to go astray? Because they are always mis(s) directed.

WHY is a postage stamp like a school-master? Because one sticks with a lick, and the other licks with a stick.

ON DIT.—That the United States is going to have a new set of stamps.

Those of our readers who have not complete sets of the above country's stamps, will do well to get them as soon as possible, for soon the present issue will become rare, especially the higher values of the U. S. adhesives and envelopes. They are withdrawing their stamps very fast. The 12 and 40 cent envelopes have been called in.

We have just received the ninth annual report of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending 1864. Want of space prevents us giving a more extended notice of its contents. It says, the amount of postage stamps sold during the year was \$22,216.83, an increase of \$7,663,97½ upon that of the previous year. The number of letters posted was 794,125, and the number received for delivery, 850,423. The number of newspapers received for delivery was 1,766,544, and the number posted, 2,059,627.

THERE are Stamps now selling purporting to be the new issue Egyptian, they are printed green ink on yellow paper, the center contains a view of the Pyramids, in each corner is a triangle containing the figur 3; inscription at top "Porteio" at bottom "Aspers"—*The Stamp Collectors Journal.*

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