

now have simply to stamp our letter, drop it into some street corner letter-box, and after that our great postal system takes control of it, and it is forwarded with the quickest possible dispatch until it is finally delivered either into the hands of or to the house of the party to whom it is directed. It is truly wonderful to note what a great system our postal service is, and how accurately and correctly all letters are delivered. Time certainly works wonders, and we may yet see many more astonishing improvements made in this already great system.

However, let us watch and wait, who knows what the future may bring forth.

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### NOTES.

Any one sending us four subscriptions will receive this JOURNAL free for one year.

We have received a copy of the Constitution of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

The Spanish stamps, with round holes punched through them, indicate that they have been used on telegraph service.

The next meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Society will be held at 76 Baldwin street on Friday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m.

The United States superintendent of foreign mails has decided that the department cannot enter into the parcel post arrangement proposed by England and Germany in the absence of legislative authority.

Great Britain buys her postal card supply from Germany, the last order given the successful bidder being 150,000,000 cards.

Mr. Lyman H. Low has sent us a catalogue of the Balmauno Collection. The sale of this collection will take place on 10th and 11th June.

There were only 200 of the 2c. brown Canada bill stamps struck off, and only about three-fourths of this number were used; this accounts for their rarity.

Mr. Henry Hechler, publisher of the *Philatelic Courier*, and Captain of the 63rd Rifles of Halifax, has gone to the Northwest Territory to assist in suppressing the rebellion.

One of the greatest curiosities in Japan is the wonderful and almost indistinguishable variety of coins that are used daily, it requiring in some instances 1,000 pieces to make a dollar.

The new English postmaster-general, having gone down to his office and let himself in with a latchkey, was promptly arrested by a detective and held until identified as a non-dynamiter.

A solid silver balustrade, which has stood in one of the Mexican churches since the time of Cortez, was torn down not long ago and taken to the mint and coined, producing 60,000 silver dollars.

There is great convenience in the 25 cent shinplaster that is used to be in circulation. Though they are still to be "called in," those few that are used are eagerly sought for, and are used in the transmission of small sums, though the post. Besides, the government has need of money; and this form of coin is one that falls very easily on the people. By all means let the shinplasters come out again.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—New England Philatelist, El Filotelico (San Domingo), Philateliista (Brazil), Pine and Palmetto, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Philatelic Herald, Our American Youth, Tidings from Nature, Capital City Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, American Journal of Philately, The Philatelist, The Museum, The Collector, The Exchange, Craughton's Occasional, Philatelic Observer, Philatelic Globe, The Hermes, California Philatelist.

The following are the names of the successful competitors for the prize competition advertised in our March and April numbers:—First prize, Mr. C. E. Swope, Louisville; second prize, H. A. Mallin, Girard; third prize, Mr. F. H. Best, Toronto.

The *World* suggests that soldiers at the front be allowed to send their letters east free of postage provided the envelopes be franked by their commanding officer. This is a small boon, but the convenience in camp will be great, and our volunteers who sacrifice so much for the country deserve every consideration. We are satisfied that Mr. Carling will adopt the idea the moment he reads this paragraph.

The stamp collectors of this city held a meeting at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co. on the 24th ulto. for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society. The meeting, after being addressed by Mr. McMinn, Mr. Best, and several other prominent men of this city, adjourned until 8th May, when the following officers were duly elected:—Captain Gamble Geddes, A.D.C., President; Mr. F. H. Best, Vice-President; Mr. H. Morell, Secretary; Mr. T. J. McMinn, Treasurer.

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We have received many letters like the above, which we would publish had we the space.

### NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

*Brazil.*—The color of the 10 reis has been changed from black to orange.

*Ceylon.*—Has issued a large number of provisionals.

*Italy.*—Is about to issue four new stamps for parcels post.

*Lagos.*—The 1 penny is now rose; the 2 penny, grey; the 4 penny, lilac, and the 6 penny, olive.