

To our Agents.

Please preserve our Stamps and Crests from the rays of the sun during this hot spell.

The agents sending us the largest amount of cash for goods or subscription, from date to November 1st. will receive good Album, free. For best exchange Pels a good collection of stamps. No humbug, we mean it.

B.N.R.R. & E.S.T.—We send out no sheets unless deposit is advanced, to partly secure us. We are willing to take duplicates as deposit.

To Correspondents.

☞ All orders to, or correspondence with us, requiring attention should be accompanied with stamp or exchange equivalent.

Our next number will contain a list of recent issues of Stamps and Coins.

A. L. UNATIC.—The law against opening Postal Cards is non est.

O. P. D LDOC.—It does not interest us a cent to know that that Zulu was seen reading an English newspaper.

Has he paid the subscription? or is Cetewayo about to issue Postage Stamps? that is about all we wish to know.

R. Crosse.—English Agency for Dominion Bazaar and all varieties advertised in it, or its supplements, will soon be established in London, orders sent to us direct accompanied by cash or stamps, promptly attended to.

D.O.P.—Yes, will send good value for duplicates. Send stamp for Exchange Circular.

J.G.—Send all your best duplicates. Will send you the sets of current Canada Revenue at 5 per cent. over face value.

D. BOLTON.—Oh! ah, yes, of course, to be sure we will add to the number of its pages and illustrate, without increasing the price, if we get an extra number of subscribers or increase of sales to warrant it.

Our Contemporaries.

We have been pleased to receive from all quarters journals similar to our own, mostly intended for the various branches of Curiosity collectors, and many of them published by boys. The increased number of this class of papers within the last few years has been very rapid, and from their contents we perceive the rising generation is being early instilled with the mania for Curiosities.

Thus it has always been, in newly settled countries people have to work hard to build houses, roads and bridges, break up the land, fight with neighboring provinces, construct machinery, shipping and manufactories, and have little time for literature and the fine arts, but as they become settled and the mantle of antiquity falls over their early history, up springs the Antiquarian. At first regarded as a lunatic, hoarding up old pennies, letters written by the founders of the state, (as if they contained the recipe for elixir vitae!) copies of crumbling epitaphs, (doubtless required as a model for his own) rude portraits and drawings of dilapidated houses, temples and forts, and holding mysterious converse with old grandmothers about the pedigree of their family; then follows the lover of art, with his stately mansion, costly paintings, and elaborately carved furniture; of literature, with his library of books, magazines and periodicals, postage and revenue stamps; of nature, with his collection of minerals, fossils, shells, plants and insects; and of science, with his telescope, micrometer, and study of the wonderful.

At this stage our Dominion has arrived, and let no collector of natural, historical or scientific mementos, be considered engaged in a foolish pursuit, for it is by means of the preservation of a knowledge of the past that we accelerate our progress in civilization, and the collection of any thing that requires study adds to the attractions of home, and to our love of country and distinguishes us from the roving barbarian. An article in one paper says that "about 900 American youths (Canada included) are engaged in the business of Amateur journalism."

We shall be pleased to receive, exchange with, and notice our contemporaries, acknowledge all clippings—by the way, we are indebted this time to the *Curiosity Cabinet*, *Curiosity Hunter*, *Collectors World*, *Journal of Philately*, *Postage Stamp Reporter*, *Ohio Philatelist*, and if we have been so sinful as to omit any, we hope to be duly hauled over the coals, —its just as good as an advertisement.

CURIOSITIES.

The oldest printed book known, is the Mazarin Bible—so called, after the celebrated Cardinal in whose library a copy was found. It bears date in 1456. It is said that a copy of this book is in the possession of a gentleman in New York City, who purchased it in London, at a public sale of a private library, for the moderate sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. He carried off the prize from many noble and wealthy competitors. The first book printed in England, was at London, by Claxton, and it was a work on "Chess." We have a copy of the Life of Christ, illustrated with quaint old style pictures, the Effigies of Jesus Christ, as described by P. Lentulus, the Roman Governor, others representing the Deaths of the Apostles with sketch of each of their lives, it also contains a full page advertisement opposite the title page, more peculiar than that of Roger Giles in our curiosities, quite sensational, so much so, we durst not publish it in these columns. The work was dedicated to Queen Anne, and published in 1724. Offers are requested for it.

CANADA.—A very peculiar essay was struck off for this country some time since; a bast of the Royal Representative in black, on a light drab ground the letters D. A. E. C. on black squares in each corner, *rect., perf.*,—Besides a very peculiar appearance, it possesses the speciality of chemical obliteration to an extent previously unattainable. The essay was first noticed in the *Journal of Philately* last year, and those struck off—sold to a prominent English dealer we have a few specimens, which will soon become rare. 50c. each cash, or \$1.00 exchange.

A specimen of English composition by a schoolmaster of the old style in Devonshire, who had written it as an advertisement for a little shop:—"Roger Giles, Surgin, Parish Clark, and Skulemaster, Groser, and Hundertaker, Respectably informs ladys and gentlemen that he droers teef without waiting a minit, applys laches every hour, blisters on the lowest farms, and visicks for a penny a peace. He sells Godfather's Kordales, kuts korns, bunyons, dokters hosses, clips doukises wance a month, and undertaks to look arter every bodies nays by the ear. Joseharps, penny vissels, brass kanelsticks, fryinpanns, and other mossical hinstuments bat greatly redooeed figers. Young ladys and gentlemen larns their grammar and laugeudej in the purtiest manner, also grate care taken off their morrels and spellin. Also zarmzinging, taching the base via', an' all other zorts of vancey-work, squandris, pokers, weezils, and all country dances tort at home and abroad to perfekshun. Perfumery and zuff in all its branches. As times is cruel bad, i begs to tell ey that i his jist begunned to sell all sorts of stashanary waxe, cox, hens, vouls, pigs, and all other kinds of pountry, blakin-brishes, berrius, coles, skrubbin-brishes, traykel, godly bukes and libris, mise-traps, lrick-dust, whisker-seed, morrel poker-ankerchers, and all sorts of swate maits, including taters, saggases and other garden stuff, bakky, zigars, lamp oyle, tay-kittles, and other in-tozzikatin likkers; a dale of fruit, bats, zongs, hare oyle, pattins, bukkits, grindin stones, and other aitaibles, corn and bunyon, salve and all hardware. i az laid in a large azzortment of trype, dogs' mate, lolipops, ginger-beer, matches, and other pickles, such as hepsom salts, hoysters, Winzer sope, auzetrar. Old rags bort and soll here and nowhere else, zinging burdes keeeped, sich as howles, doukies, paykox, lobster, crickets, also the stock of a celebrated brayder. Agent for selling gutta perker souls. P.S.—I tayches gography, rithmetic, cowstick, gimmnastics and other Chinese tricks."

For pure, unadulterated cheek, the Cincinnati *Commercial* takes the lead, with its "Yankee Doodle pyramid" of champions in which it includes Canada's boy Hanlan:—

Weston (on land).

Hanlan (on water).

Parole (on the turf).

Carver (on the jump—rifle).

Bogardus (on the wing—shot-gun).

American Rifle Team (long range).

Dominion Bazaar Stamp Co. (square dealing).

We have fixed it about "half and half." The base of the thing is good firm and square, anyhow.

A large quantity of assorted North American Stamps from 25c. per 1,000; 25,000 for \$5.00.