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PRIZES.

We offer the following prizes for philatelic articles:

For the best article of 200 words or more, we will give 50 cents worth of stamps, the winner's selection from our approval sheets.

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All articles must be sent in before 1st May, so that we can publish the winning articles in our May number.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Antioquia.—The 1 centavo is now violet.

Bahamas.—Four new stamps have appeared: 1 penny, rose; 4 penny, yellow; 5 shillings, green, and £1, brown. They are similar in design to the 1 shilling.

Barbados.—Is about to issue now registration envelopes.

Belgium.—A 25 centime, blue, has been issued. The color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

Brazil.—Has issued a 50 reis postal card.

Canada.—The reply post card now has the stamp impressed on the left hand corner.

Ceylon.—The 2 cent stamp is now green, and the 2½ cent, brown.

Chili.—A 3c. postal card has been issued, red on grey.

Cyprus.—We have received specimens of the 1 piastre revenue stamp used as postage.

Cuba.—The 2½c. has been changed to bistre.

Gambia.—The *Monthly* states that a ½ penny reply card has been issued.

Gold Coast.—The 2 penny stamp has been changed from green to grey.

Great Britain.—We hear that the ½ penny stamp is to be reduced in size.

Malta.—The new stamps are as follows: ½ penny, green, 1 penny, carmine; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny, blue; 4 penny, brown, and 1 shilling, violet.

Natal.—Has issued a ½ penny postal card.

Norway.—The color of the 5 ore has been changed to sea-green.

Shanghai.—The 20 cash is now green, and the 60 violet.

St. Kitts.—Has issued a provisional 4 penny on 6 penny.

Sweden.—We have received one of the new issue, viz.: the 10 ore, bearing the profile of the King to left; the color is carmine.

Trinidad.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed to grey.

United States of Colombia.—A 50 centavo stamp has been issued, the color is claret.

Victoria.—The 2 shilling stamp-duty is being used for postage.

A MANITOBA POSTMASTER.

From a Lake Winnipeg Letter.

The population around us chiefly consists of half-breeds and Indians, with a sprinkling of English settlers. They are most hospitable, but extremely rough, dirty and uncivilized. Our post-office is four miles away, and we can send off and also fetch letters once a week. Let me describe the interior of this postoffice one day when I had occasion to call there. The postmaster is a very rough Canadian; his wife is a half-breed, a tall, handsome woman. When we drove up she was out of doors in the snow chopping firewood. Her lord and master was sitting in his only down stairs room, with his feet on the stove and a pipe in his mouth. In the same room, which was bare of carpet or curtain, and contained the family bed, were three children, a boy aged 7, swearing lustily; a girl about 5, sucking her fingers, who began to howl as soon as I spoke, and a baby of 2 years, seated in a frying pan on the floor, engaged in carefully wrapping up his bare feet in a dish cloth. Their mother followed us into the house and, promptly seizing the handle of the pan, proceeded to eject the baby and to wipe out the pan with the afore-mentioned cloth. Next she broke about a dozen eggs into the pan, fried them and, having made tea and produced her solitary teaspoon, she invited my husband and myself to partake, or as she phrased it, to "sit in" with a family. It is needless to add that, after what I had just witnessed, I declined the hospitality as graciously as I know how. This is my nearest female neighbor.

Counterfeit silver dollars of 1882 are circulating largely in Boston.