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HOLSTEIN greets us with a new 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling stamp: inscription HERZOGTH HOLSTEIN; printed in deep Violet with a colored inscription.

The Stamp Collectors Monthly Gazette is now one year old. Since its commencement it has enlarged its size and greatly improved its appearance. If we would presume to advise we would suggest that records of Editorial differences are not interesting to the general reader, and useless controversy is far from edifying. With this one drawback we cannot too highly commend the enterprise and ability of its Editor, who at great expense gets the latest information up to the hour of going to press—who pays for expensive engravings and who employs a lady authoress to write him what we consider a first class story—"Waif" (the *non de plume* of the "layde fayre,") is probably about the most talented authoress in the Province as her various writings testify.

We call attention to the advertisement of W. F. Moses, Yarmouth, N. S., who is a prompt and honorable dealer. Also, be kind enough to peruse the notices of Albert C. Killam of the same place. Mr. Killam owns one half of this monthly, and deserves credit for his advanced views in going into a gratuitous paper as this is, it being borne in mind that an affair of this kind costs a great deal more money than advertising in all the stamp papers of the day would. We hope that an increased business will repay Mr. K. for his kindness to his customers and to stamp collectors.

The Mercury, is the name of a paper devoted to timbrophily which was advertised to commence on May 15th. We have not yet seen it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Jan. 29th, 1866.

Editor Postmans's Knock:

Allow me to call the attention of your readers to the following stamp new to the many catalogues in existence but not new in point of issue. I allude to the Adams & Co. Express of this city which failed some years ago. The stamp in question is rectangular, having for its centre the head of Haskell, the manager of the concern. Over the head are the words "Adams & Co." and in each of the four corners, as well as on either side of the head, is the value 25 cts. This stamp was used to prepay letters between this city and New York and has long since been out of use.

I know of but *three* being in existence and all are in the hands of collectors here.

I give this information hoping it may prove of value to your numerous readers whose good will and regard I wish to secure, and to promote this UTILE DULCE amusement, and am

Yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

The following address was written on a letter posted at the Saint John Office last January:—

I make this deposit,
For John Byron Cossett,
Of Digby, N. S.—

Through the sleet and through the snow
This envelope must go;
(Though the sailor wet his jacket)
By the next out going packet.

We would feel obliged to Mr. A. B. Mason, of Chicago, if he would send us a complete file of his Journal. Also, to Mr. Olcott for a full set of the "Curiosity Shop."

Send for The Excelsior Stamp Association Price List, which, with one Foreign Stamp, will be mailed to any address, on receipt of 10 cents.

Could any of our readers favor us with a copy of "The Canada Stamp Collectors Record."