

it went back to Hamilton, Ontario, and got back to London, England, in Nov., 1884, and is then lost sight of till July, 1887, when it turns up with the London red postmark on it and a penny stamp.

The following endorsements are written on it, each scored out as another was made :

22 Abchurch Lane.

Toronto, Canada.

Again xl.

Probably London, England.

Try Halifax.

And on the back with the penny stamp, etc., Mrs. Follingsby, 16 Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.

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It is a certain fact that many so-called active and advanced collectors have no idea, or at best a very vague and uncertain one, of the real use of this current and interesting set. The Periodical or Newspaper stamps now in use, are used *solely* for second class matters, that they know, but just how, is the question. Some suppose that the stamps are placed upon the bundle of matter itself, but this is a mistaken idea. They are used in the following manner : There is a special clerk who has charge of the second class matter department. A parcel of periodical matter being brought in, is first weighed, and the requisite amount paid over in cash. Now this clerk has a special book consisting of receipt and stub. He fills out the receipt for the proper amount and places *on the stub* that amount in stamps. When the book is emptied of receipts and consequently the stubs are all filled out, the

book is forwarded to Washington. These books, with the report of the clerk are sent to the Third Ass't Post-Master General at the end of every quarter. The stamps are cancelled and the books either put away for future reference or destroyed. This is the reason that one seldom if ever hears of used specimens. —*Amer. Phil. Record.*

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