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CONCEPT.

A little dog barked at the big, round moon,
That smiled in the evening sky.
And the neighbours smote him with rocks
and : boon;
But still he continued his rageful tune,
And he barked till his throat was dry.

The little dog bounced like a rubber ball,
For his anger quite drove him wild;
And he said, "I'm a terror, although I am
small,
And I dare you, you impudent fellow, to
fall;"
But the moon only smiled and smiled.

Then the little dog barked at a terrible rate;
But he challenged the moon in vain,
For as calmly and slow as the workings of
fate,
The moon moved along in a manner sedate,
And smiled at the dog in disdain.

But soon 'neath a hill that obstructed the
west,
The moon sank out of his sight,
And it smiled as it slowly dropped under
the crest;
But the little dog said, as he lay down to
rest:
"Well, I scared it away, all right."
—Selected.

How happy compositors would be if copy
sent in for printers was only plainly written
and properly punctuated.

RANDOM SHOTS.

BY CRESCENE.

There is likely to be a postal note system
or an issue of fractional currency in the
neighboring Republic soon.

The Canada 2c purple current is appear-
ing in two distinct shades. Most collectors
are overlooking this in their wild chases af-
ter "lavenders" and 3c envelopes. The 2c
U. S. current also appears in shades.

The color of the 2c Newfoundland cur-
rent is not carmine, but orange-red, at
least Edmund L. Smiley says so in the
Eastern Philatelist. Just here let me ask,
would it not be a good idea to have a color
chart printed in the back of the standard
catalogue and album?

The following companies are using pri-
vate proprietaries of the affixed denomina-
tions:

Lumman & Kemp, $\frac{1}{2}$ green.
Lumman & Kemp, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ brown.
Lumman & Kemp, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ blue.
Centaur Co., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ black.
Piso Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ blue.
Radway Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ blue.
Branco Bros., 4c black.
Johnson & Johnson, $\frac{1}{2}$ red.
Chas. H. Fletcher, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ red.
Haslpietter & Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ red.

I understand that the above concerns will
not sell any of these stamps to collectors.