

A copy of the 10c, 1893 Belgium Sunday stamp has been seen with the coupon at the top of the stamp.

Finland's stamps are now obsolete the regular Russian stamps having superseded them.

It is expected that one of the values of the Pan-American set, will picture Niagara Falls.

Ceylon has issued a new stamp. Its value is 12c; color, olive-green and carmine.

New postal cards have appeared from Rhodesia.

A new set of stamps has recently appeared from Argentine.

C. E. A. Holmes of Montreal reports that a collector of that city recently had a copy of the rare 12d Canada stolen. This stamp is catalogued at \$500 00.

Battle-Axe Hollow, Ont.

January 10th, 1900.

Dear Mister Editor:

Yew will mebbe be raither sirprised tew heer from me but that's neither heer nor thar. I jest want yew tew say in your paper that eny feller what cums araound my farm hed better watch out. If he is after stamps he may git hurt. I genly allus hes my axe with me and if he cums when I aint raound I hev a good dawg what'll tend tew him. One time one of your stamp men cum araound with a nice story as how he'd tell me haow tew clear sum money. I listened tew him and let him hav some of my stamps fer a dollar and next day I red in the Toronto Globe as how he had made a great find of over tew hundred \$ \$ worth of old stamps out tew my place. I'm layin' fer the next feller and rite this tew warn eny who thinks of giving me a call.

Yours trooly,

REUBEN GREEN.

Gleanings.

GATHERED FROM THE PHILATELIC FIELD

It is said that Pigeons have been used as mail carriers for over seven hundred years.

Over \$50 00 worth of prizes have been offered to members of the D.P.A. to induce them to secure new members.

Berlin has 12 D.P.A. members of the while Montreal has only 8. Montreal is a city, with about 35 times the population of Berlin.

Our local contemporary the Philatelic Advocate has issued in its January number the largest single number of any stamp paper published in Canada.

"Swap" is the name of a new stamp paper hailing from Rochester. It is devoted principally to stamp exchanging.

New stamps for the German Empire are in readiness and will be put into circulation as soon as the old issue is used up.

Germany's new stamps consist of the following values besides those heretofore in use: 1, 2, 3, and 5 marks. The new design depicts Germania clad in armor and the crown of the empire adorns her head. A special stamp for the empire's colonies will picture "Germany at Sea."

The past year has seen two failures in stamp concerns in England, viz: The Harry Hilekes Co. and Theodor Buhl and Co.

Q. and A.

Q.—What is philatelic rot?

A.—The kind of stuff being written by such Boers as Dietz of the Virginia Philatelist and J. L. K. of the Philatelic Bulletin.

Q.—Is Dietz an authority on the Boer question?

A.—He claims to have read up the entire trouble but if he did he must have got it entirely from Boer sources.

Q.—What do you think of Mr. Dietz?

A.—I think he is a good Philatelic editor but when he begins to prate about the Boer war he makes a dunkey of himself.

Q.—Is the League of Canadian Philatelists still in existence?

A.—It is not dead but sleeping.

Q.—What about the P.S. of A.?

A.—It exists only on paper.

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