

expert wheelmen as carriers. Single letters were carried between Fresno and San Francisco for a fee of 25 cents. A Frank of the Co., was attached to each letter besides the regular 2 cent postage. There are 3 varieties of this B. M. R. Stamp.

In 1774 there were less than 100 Post Offices in the U. S. In 1858 there were 27,977, while at present there are over 68,000.

POINTERS FOR BEGINNERS.

(By Mosy).

Always have a good catalogue close at hand, (Dealers sell them at 50 cents), and never part with a stamp until you know its value. Use good hinges for mounting your stamps, but before doing so, remove all paper from the backs. The best hinges are cheapest in the end, as they will not injure or discolor your treasures. Never paste them flat down with glue. Don't buy an International Album until you have something to put in it. A good Blank Book can be bought at any Book Store for from 25 to 50 cents. If you buy one of these you will never be bothered with those blank spaces and you can arrange the stamps to suit your tastes. Envelope stamps should