

The Postman's Knock



"EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, May 1, 1866.

INTRODUCTORY.

We have much pleasure in presenting to the timbrophilic public, No. 1 of Vol. 1 of the **POSTMAN'S KNOCK**, and we hope that it will be a success. We presume we can hardly call it a newspaper as we charge nothing for it. It is more in the nature of a Stamp Circular with this distinction that we advertise other persons besides ourselves. We do not issue it for our own personal aggrandizement and are willing to give all American dealers a chance as well as our own firm. The trade must be kept up and we do not want it all to ourselves. We claim no special merit for our publication and expect no great or flattering notices; but we intend to keep our readers posted in all matters concerning Postage Stamps as far as lies in our power. We have no connection with any other publication and shall not take any share in Editorial quarrels which now are or hereafter may be pending. Our simple object is to give a brief synopsis of passing events that we deem will be interesting or valuable information, and for this object we respectfully ask the support of the North American Stamp Collecting fraternity.

Advertisers will oblige by reading through carefully our terms before sending their favors, and the different Stamp periodicals are requested to exchange.

NEW STAMPS.

Lengthy notices of new varieties cannot, from our limited space, be expected; but we will try and make ourselves understood in a few words.

SAINT KITTS.—An English contemporary states he has seen essays for this country. They are printed in four colors, viz.:—Blue, Black, Green and Brown, and resemble in appearance the Postals of St. Lucia, being an oval band containing the words **St. Kitts and POSTAGE.**

PRUSSIA.—There are two new values for this locality, 10 Silb Gr., and 30 Silb Gr. They have a figure in the centre indicating value; are perforated and said to be for use on registered letters.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—There is a new 13c. congenerical to the provisional 1c., 2c. and 5c. of these Islands.

HAMBURG.—The 2½ schilling is changed in color from Dark Chrome to Light Green.

NORWAY presents us with a 3 skg. mauve, same design as present issue.

UNITED STATES.—A value entirely unrepresented in our collection of this country has appeared, viz: 15 cents. It is rectangular in shape, printed in black on white paper, and perforated. The device is the bust of the late President Lincoln in an oval frame, **U. S. POSTAGE** in an arch above, and **FIFTEEN CENTS** below. There is a figure 15 in each of the upper corners, and **U. S.** in the lower, and the spaces between the sides of the stamp are filled with ornamented pillars. It is beautifully engraved, and we pre-