

Let me illustrate for one moment. I am preparing for a case, that causes me considerable anxious thought. Uncertainty wears the mind sooner than intense study, where the subject is clear. I fix my eyes, unconsciously on these flowers; in an instant I am bounding over the scenes of my boyhood, with all its elasticity coursing through my veins. It is only a moment, perhaps, but that moment revives my weary brain; I return with fresh zeal to my subject. Sometimes that moment decides my case, by giving an impetus to the mind, which no study could bring. Thus it is, Guy; nothing is small in this world, because no one link in life is detached from its fellow. When too much exhausted to benefit my client, or myself longer, I throw away my business, and try some innocent amusement. Lately I have enjoyed stamp collecting very much. I did it at first for my cousin—a dear and lovely girl she is too—though a little *outré*, just enough to make her interesting. She was constantly sending to me to procure her some rare stamps that had taken her fancy. In order to oblige her, I opened a correspondence with several American and Provincial stamp dealers. I found some in St. John, N. B., who keep an extensive stock, of the very best varieties. After a while I got instructed in the business myself,—and now I am as ardent a collector as she is.

Let me advise you, Guy; as you are anxious for initiation into the arena of life to try stamp collecting as a first degree; you can get an album after you arrive in England. Mine is Lallier's, but I think there must be better ones, for there are a number of mistakes in it, which one does not perceive at first. Moens is highly recommended, too, but I have seen none yet that I like so well as Oppen's."

"I should not know how to commence if I had an album," answered Guy.

"You'll soon understand it," was the encouraging reply. "take a few stamp magazines,—but I will write you down some directions, as you will be apt to forget all I have told you without them. You can't have a better beginning than that 'Connell.' I had a great deal of difficulty in getting one for my cousin, I only sent it to her yesterday; as for myself, I haven't got one yet."

After some further conversation on different topics, Guy took his leave, and a day or two after he was taking a different kind of degree—seasickness, on the Atlantic. If, as Dickens says, "it is a satisfaction, to see another undergoing the same horror," Guy Sinclair must have received some comfort, for Mr. Frost was "bemoaning his sad fate," in the next state-room, I suppose sea-sickness is as ancient as the first mariner; but the tutor, did not relish knowledge physically, as his groans testified.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Who was the first post-boy? Cadmus. He carried letters from Phœnicia to Greece.

PRIZE ENIGMA

Composed of 39 letters.

- My 19, 4, 38, 19, 31, 6, 5, 34, 12, 39, 9, 28, 23, 30, 18, is what every collector examines on buying a used stamp.
 " 19, 27, 18, 3, 6, 17, 33, is the name of a dealer in stamps.
 " 37, 18, 36, 20, 29, 8, 10, 19, 13, 32, 17, 18, is a stamp found in the commonest of collections.
 " 7, 29, 35, 21, 12, 32, 25, 18, 18, is a quality usually attributed to young collectors.
 " 26, 2, 14, 1, 6, 10, 18, 17, 11, 19, 30, is what you will say when you can't guess this enigma.
 " 22, 15, 23, 27, 16, 1, 4, is a country that did not issue stamps till within two years.
 My whole is the name of a postal publication.

STELLA MACKAY.

Answer to enigma in our last: "Meelenb Strelitz ein dritte sillb gr—New South Wales postage one penny." Correctly solved by E. A. Craig and D. C. Dawson, St. John, N. B., and L. Case, Peterborough, C. W. In addition to the three packets we offer for the correct solution of the enigma in this month's *Gazette*, our fair contributor offers a prize of a 1d., 2d., and 6d. Ceylon envelope, stamp unused. Here is a chance seldom given to the ingenious.

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