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NOTE.

The editor is very sorry that chapter two of "A History of Philately" is not ready for this issue. It is not quite in the shape he would desire and he would rather have it complete for next month than incomplete for this.

**SOME ODDS AND ENDS I
HAVE SEEN.**

BY "YE EDITOR."

In looking over collections you are almost sure to find some curiosity of some kind in nearly all of them.

One I have seen lately was a one cent Canadian embossed envelope with the embossed stamp almost in the centre of the envelope. It was sold in the post office in the regular way, but got into the hands of a collector and has been carefully treasured ever since.

One time I was sending a remittance to an American firm and without thinking enclosed a Canadian postal with a receipt on the back. They returned it and it arrived all right in Toronto.

A rather old curiosity I ran across a short time ago was a wrapper that had been round a newspaper, sent from Victoria, B. C. to Hamilton, Ont., in 1863. At that time all mail from B. C. to any other part of Canada came via San Francisco and thence all rail. A 2½d. pink British Columbia of the 1861 issue had been placed in one corner of the wrapper when it left Victoria, but by some curious coincidence had not been cancelled. Over it were placed three, of the three cent U. S. red 1856 issue, and these were cancelled and post marked, San Francisco. How the wrapper managed to get so many stamps on it, I cannot say, but it was a very interesting philatelic curiosity.

Quite a number of Canada Bill stamps, 3 cent scarlet, are in the possession of different Canadian collectors, that have been used postally. They are not unlike the present 3 cent Canadian and frequently go through the post office without being detected.

Probably the largest as well as the heaviest letter that ever went through any post office in the world, was re-