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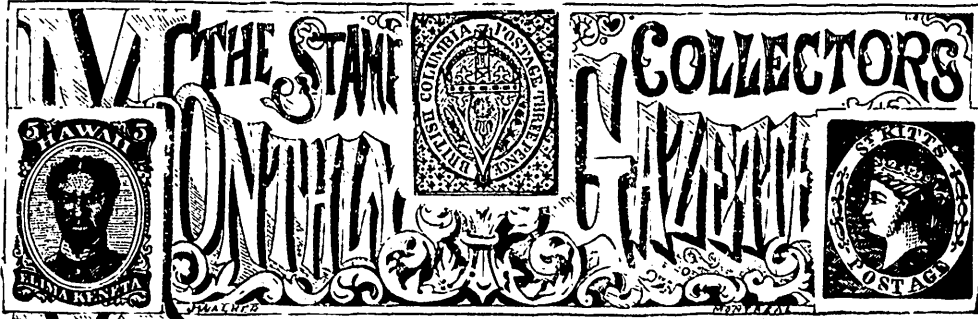
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LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER VIII.

Several days had passed away before Guy found an opportunity of speaking to Miss King concerning her *Connell*, but they were haled on days indeed. He had arrived at his "Mecca" at last, and found an Eden instead of a tomb. There was something in the young girl's manner, which, though he could not quite understand it, was like sunshine creeping into a darkened room, and the buds of hope that he had been unconsciously cherishing were fast bursting into bloom. This bloom might be tainted like the deadly upas as most of hope's blossoms are; but Guy drank their fragrance without a question. He should have remembered the story of the Sicilian Sirens, and taken warning; but no, the incantation was too strong—the refrain too sweet. Let him listen even though his bark is stranded in the end.

The travelling party had resumed its journey, with Mr. Frost and his pupil added to the number. As they were resting at one of those small Italian towns, where nature has done so much, and science so little, Guy joined Miss King on a vine wreathed colonnade; and after a few preliminary observations, said:—

"I think, Miss King, that you were surprised, and perhaps annoyed at my inquiring your name from Mrs. Peppers. I have been anxious ever since to apologise; though, I must say, I had an object in view above mere curiosity."

"There is no occasion for an apology, Mr. Sinclair," replied the young lady indifferently. "the very fact of the dear, old lady's blundering it out before your face was retaliation enough, were I inclined to exact my uttermost due. With your permission, then, we will consider the subject settled forever."

"You are very kind," said Guy, gallantly, "but I must beg your forbearance a moment

longer. I have something in my possession that I think must belong to you; and one reason why I asked your name was that I might return it."

"Something belonging to me, Mr. Sinclair!" exclaimed Miss King in genuine amazement.

Although appraised by Ellis Blair, that Guy Sinclair had found her *Connell*, Harriet had at this moment quite forgotten it.

She possessed, in a remarkable degree, all those subtle instincts that attended the young so faithfully; through their agency she had understood at once that she was not quite a stranger to the young student. But no mental scrutiny had elicited an answer to her question, "where have we met?"

The moment she encountered his glance in her promenade, she felt that the question, which had grown to be a torment, was about to be elucidated; believing that Guy did not know her as Miss Percy, of course she could have no idea that he would mention the Stamp; hence her momentary forgetfulness about it.

While speaking, Guy had taken the *Connell* from his portmanteau and handed it to her saying,—

"It is yours, is it not Miss King?"

Harriet drew back, while returning memory brought a tell-tale glow into her cheeks. She answered evasively, "mine, Mr. Sinclair? How can it possibly be mine? Why it is a New Brunswick *Connell* as sure as can be. Do you think it is genuine? And all the girl's finesse returned as she looked up into her companion's perplexed face. "You have not answered my question yet, Miss King," said Guy very gravely,— "is this Stamp yours?"

"You ought to have been an Inquisitor, Mr. Sinclair," retorted Hattie with assumed petulance, "I do believe that you have been in some of those mysterious councils that one reads about when they are not in Italy. I declare that *Connell* looks like a thumbscrew, or some other horrible instrument of torture, already."

"It may prove one to me," said Guy, seriously.

"I don't understand you, Mr. Sinclair," replied Hattie, gently.

She saw that some deeper motive than a de-

sire to return the Stamp was implied in the young man's manner.

"It is easily explained," was the answer. "I found the Stamp and lost my heart at the same time. What could an instrument of torture effect more than that?"

"Oh, is that all? Why hearts are much oftener lost than *Connell* Stamps found, I should imagine."

Harriet laughed. It was a very pleasant laugh, generally,—so, at least Guy thought—but this time there was a sound like "jingling bells" about it that was worse than a thundershower.

"But," she continued, "you have not explained this affair to my satisfaction yet. I can't understand how finding a Stamp could cause so great a loss as one's heart; neither why you imagine it mine."

"I imagine it yours, because I saw you drop it, or rather, I saw it flutter out from your dress, in Broadway, New York, and immediately picked it up. As to your first enquiry: any one who has been so happy as to see Miss King can understand my love better than I can explain it."

"Ah," said Harriet, smilingly, "I see you have been at Court as well as the Inquisition. Do you know Ellis Blair, Mr. Sinclair?"

"Yes; certainly I do."

"Well, I heard through him that Miss Percy had lost and advertised a *Connell* Stamp, and that you had found it."

"Yes; I know Ellis thinks so. I thought so too, till I met you at the inn. I knew at once that the *Connell* belonged to you. Will you take it?"

"No," said Harriet, quickly; "I have good reason to believe that it really does belong to Miss Percy."

"But," remonstrated Guy, "I saw you drop it."

"You may be mistaken," urged the lady; "it is a long time ago, and memory is sometimes deceitful."

"It is impossible for my memory to have betrayed me, even though a life time had passed," answered Guy, earnestly. "There is only one way in which I can solve this difficulty. The wind may have lodged it among your laces; but I am positive that this stamp I now hold, came from your dress into my hands."

"Are you acquainted with Miss Percy, Mr. Sinclair?" asked Harriet, timidly.

"No, Miss King," replied Guy, frigidly; but I had another reason for asking your name. May I tell you what it was?"

"Yes," replied the young girl, softly; "I suppose there can be no objection to your telling me."

"It was because I have loved you deeply since that day I found the Stamp," pleaded the young man. "I have been so isolated all my life—I knew little but what I had learned from books. I had been annoyed by some informa-

tion received that morning, and felt rebellious and miserable,—I hated myself, and all the world. Then you came before my eyes, looking so free and happy, with a gentleman beside you, who hung upon your words in a way that was maddening to a recluse like myself. This stamp came fluttering towards me as you passed; since then it has been my dearest treasure, I have worshipped it because it was the only link that bound me to you. Then I heard, when in Paris, that Miss Percy had lost a *Connell* on that day, and that she was on the Continent. Of course I thought you one and have looked for her everywhere, till now, when my second year has nearly passed, I find how mistaken I have been. Words seem powerless, now, when I wish to convey so much. Can you not encourage me a little, my dear girl?"

"I might encourage you, I dare say," said Hattie, gently, "if it is quite right. You are everything a girl could wish for in a lover; and what goes a great way with people generally, is the only and beloved child of a rich man."

"No, no," exclaimed Guy, warmly, "not beloved; do not say that. I never knew neither sister nor brother, and I have been a stranger to my father all my life. Did not I say I was isolated?"

"Oh, how cruel!" cried Hattie; "you should have been all the world to him—and he seems so good and gentle too."

"Ah! you know my father, then," exclaimed Guy in surprise.

"Of course,—that is, I have seen him several times, and I quite fell in love with him, which is no wonder, I suppose, since he knew my parents, and is my guardian besides. I have been an orphan most of my life."

Her pretty, bright lips grew tremulous, and a tear, which Guy's sad story had brought into her eyes, gathered strength, and sparkled downward till it met the floor.

"But you had other friends to love you," suggested Guy, sympathetically.

"Certainly I had," replied Hattie, naively; but you see I am not at all like you. I was a regular romp; and I took everything into my heart, from the kitten to the old blind gardener. That makes every difference in the world—folks had to love me whether they would or not."

"If you had only taken me in among the rest," murmured Guy, regretfully. "But is it too late now?"

"Oh no, not at all too late—only I can never think of caring the least about you, if it is not honorable every way."

"Why should it be dishonorable?" inquired Guy, flushing up quickly.

"I could tell you in a minute, if I thought it would not vex you again. I hope you believe I did not intend to do it before."

"I am quite satisfied about that," said Guy, as he leaned heavily against a pillar. "Tell me what you had to say, will you, please?"

Harriet looked up quickly and was terrified to see how white his face had grown.

"Why don't you speak?" he asked in a low tone.

"Because you frighten me so," she replied vehemently. Guy Sinclair, you need never think of wanting me to be more to you than I am now, for everything I say causes you pain."

"Nothing causes me pain, dear girl, but the thought of a separation from you. Why is it wrong for you to love me?"

Harriet's lashes drooped low as she said disjointedly :-

"I have heard something about an engagement between yourself and another, — the young lady who owns the *Coucell*—and if that is correct, is it right for you to address me?"

"The engagement you refer to, is a myth," said Guy, indignantly. "Miss Percy will not ratify it, neither will I."

"Still I can never come between you and another," Harriet replied in genuine sorrow, for her tender heart revolted at the pain she was inflicting; and she would gladly have acknowledged her ruse, and avowed herself the girl he had repudiated.

"Believe me," expostulated the young man, "that the Antipodes are not further apart than Miss Percy and I."

"Does not your father hold your engagement good?"

"Yes," said Guy, truthfully; "but you seem to forget that this is a personal matter."

"And the young lady—what does she say about it?"

"I don't know—I have never seen her—I never wish to see her. Oh Harriet, what is Miss Percy to you and me?"

"Well," reflected Miss King, "if Miss Percy rejects you, then it is time enough for you to speak to me."

"She never will reject me," exclaimed Guy, "she never will have the opportunity. I tell you I detest her."

"Miss Percy will be in New York in November—for I know her very well—and I am going to tell you Guy Sinclair, that if you look as cross as you do now, she would turn you out of doors if she had the chance."

Guy was astonished. "You know a great many people, don't you?"

"To be sure I do," she said gaily; "why should not I? I have not been under Mr. Frost's care all my life. I know next to nothing about Latin, and no Greek at all, or Hebrew either: while you—well, I should not be surprised if you had been to Hindostan after the very earliest edition of sanscrit."

"You are a great deal wiser than I am," remarked Guy, admiringly.

"I should hope so, indeed," said his tormentor with a merry laugh.

Here the conversation was interrupted, just in time to finish this chapter.

(To be concluded).

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

SWITZERLAND.

1850. Orts Post. Rect. 2½ rappen, white (red shield).

FORGERY, No. 1.

GENUINE.

The Stamp is on perfectly white paper. The black wavy line in the right hand top corner, touches the black line over 'Orts Post' just above the letter 'T.'

FORGED.

The Stamp is on *blue-ink tinged*, rather *dirty* paper. It touches the black line over 'Orts Post,' between 'S' and 'T.'

FORGERY, No. 2.

GENUINE.

The Post Horn is very slightly shaded. The black curved line in the right hand top corner, is divided, and its two ends are curved. The two ends are thin. On unglazed paper.

FORGED.

The Post Horn is very *strongly shaded*. The two ends of the curved line, are pointed, The two ends are thick. On slightly *glazed* paper.

1850. Post Locale. Rect. 2½ rappen, white, (red shield).

FORGERY, No. 1.

GENUINE.

Under '2½' and 'Rp.' is a small curved black line. The line enclosing the white scroll, does not touch the border of the stamp. Black line in the left hand top corner, does not touch the border of the stamp.

FORGED.

There is no line under '2½' and 'Rp.' It *touches* the left hand border of the stamp. Black line *touches* the border of the stamp.

FORGERY, No. 2.

GENUINE.

On unglazed paper. The right and left end of the post-horn are on a level. The post horn is very slightly shaded.

FORGED.

On slightly *glazed* paper. The right end of the post horn is *higher* in level than the left end. The post horn is very *much* shaded.

GENEVA.

The Swiss forgeries (which have had the most extensive circulation of all) present peculiar difficulties to the collector, as being so exact.

Four out of the six Geneva Stamps have been

forged. In the five c., port local, the rarest of them, in the forgery the rays are very unequal, extending more to the right hand than to the left, and the top feather of the eagle's wing is curved to the left, and the foot of the eagle does not touch it; whereas in the genuine the wing is curved upwards, and the foot touches it.

DOUBLE STAMP.

10 c., Cantonal Oblong. Composed of two 5c., port local.

Until recently this Stamp has been supposed to be imaginary. The doubt of its authenticity has however been effectually cleared up.

GENUINE.

The 'L' of 'Port Local' touches the bottom of the shield.

FORGED.

The 'L' of 'Port Local' does not touch the bottom of the shield.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NIX, *Montreal, C. E.*—It was through an oversight on our part that your letter and contents were not acknowledged sooner. All was correct therein.

RAPHAEL H., *Algiers*.—The postage from Algiers to New Brunswick, is, we believe, 80 centimes, and not 20, as you put on your letter. Send us 2 fr. and 50 c. in *unused* French Stamps, and we will send the Gazette for one year. Your letter cost us 1 fr. 50 c., which you can also send.

G. L. *New York*.—1. On the first of every month generally, but sometimes a little later. 2. You can ascertain by looking over our advertising columns. 3. Stamps enclosed all right,—thanks. 4. We have none at present.

We should like to hear from W. E. B., Philadelphia A. W. K., Fredonia, N. Y., and G. W., N. Y.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER, 1866.

Now that the Atlantic Cable has been successfully laid, and the Confederation of British America nearly completed, we hope that the time is not far distant when the Postal arrangements of our own and neighbouring provinces will be revised and modified in accordance with the progressive spirit of the age. Our Postal rates are liberal and low compared to what they were in olden times, but much yet remains to be done to meet the growing wants of the people. Compared with Great Britain and the United States, Colonial postage is high and the means of communication far from being as prompt and perfect as it might be. The Penny Postage of the Mother Country marks an era in the interchange of thought. It was one of the greatest reforms of the age, and has been productive of beneficial results to every class in society. While the penny postage of Britain is known and admired by the intelligent of the civilized world, the 3 cent postage of our neighbours across the lines is not less worthy of commendation and imitation. While in Britain a letter is carried from Land's End to John O'Groat's

for one penny, in the United States a letter of similar weight is conveyed with despatch from Calais to San Francisco for 3 cents. Compared with these rates our postage is extremely high. For instance from St. John N. B. to St. John's Newfoundland it is 14 cents, while from this to Great Britain it is 12½ cents, and from here to any village, town or city in the province 5 cents; and from St. Stephen to Calais 10 cents. Then again while a letter is brought from Sarnia to St. John for 5 cents, if dropped in the Post Office and carried from there to the next house it costs 2 for postage and 2 for delivery. We do not think it would be wise to return to the old system of rating by distance. Such sliding scales are cumbrous, intricate, difficult to work, and always unsatisfactory. The sooner obstacles placed in the way of a free interchange of thought whether in regard to domestic relations, friendship, or business, the better it will be for the people generally, free intercourse awakens and cultivates kindly feeling—facilitates business and is an unmistakable sign of unbounded intelligence, enterprise and civilization. We would like therefore to see our postal system assimilated to that of the Mother Country—with free delivery and a uniform rate of say 2 cents without regard to distance but limited of course to the present half ounce weight. A change of this kind would no doubt be universally satisfactory, and a happy inauguration of Confederation. With a change of the sort suggested there would be a decrease in the revenue accruing from this department of the public service, but it would not be continuous. The experience of other places shows that the quickening impetus given to letter writing makes more than amends for the apparent loss the ratio of increase in letters being greater than the reduction in rate. When Sir Rowland Hill first mooted his penny postage measure he was derided by almost everybody, and had to battle with almost every form of obloquy and opposition. With an unwavering faith and invincible resolution, he persevered and finally overcame the jeers and prejudices of his countrymen. The "dream of his boyhood" was realized: and his countrymen have now for many years enjoyed the blessings of cheap postage, yet the evil forebodings of the timid and time serving have not come to pass. The Post Office department in the Mother Country is now more popular and useful as well as more remunerative than ever before—even in the palmiest days of high postage and franking. We hope that the time is near when a similar change will be made in regard to letters in British America, and when the ocean and foreign postage, which in many cases is now so heavy, will be reduced to not more than half its present rate. We earnestly believe were this so, for one letter now carried from one part of British America to another or thence to the United States or Great Britain, *ten* would be mailed giving a much larger yearly revenue than can ever be realized under the present system. Had we the power we would go even farther than what has been suggested

for we would reduce the ocean postage to a penny and thus give the poor and rich alike unrestricted opportunity of communicating with those they love, no matter where or how distant their homes.

There is yet another change we hope to see effected when our new Parliament meets in Ottawa. In Canada and Newfoundland newspaper postage is levied. The amount may be small, but it should not be. Knowledge like air should be allowed to circulate freely and no artificial barriers should be set up to check its dissemination or retard its progress among the masses that form the substratum and support of society. The more freely newspapers and similar periodicals are circulated by mail the more intelligent, contented, and happy will our people become. New Brunswick in this respect has shown her wisdom, and we hope that the time will soon come when the example she has thus worthily set will be followed unanimously throughout the broad continent of America. The press is the great educator of the people and if it is politic and wise in states to take charge of the education of youth, it is no less proper and prudent that the teachings of the press should be free and untrammelled. To tax newspapers is to tax education, retard and limit its progress, and inflict on society a grievous wrong.

How dreadfully kind some men are. The other day a small paper reached our office inside of which was this notice marked:—

"All papers giving us a short notice, and sending a marked copy, will receive one in return at our usual rates."

The above rather forcibly reminds us of the sage young gentleman who pleasantly enquired of his Grandmother if she liked candy, and upon being replied to in the affirmative, serenely remarked that if she would enrich his purse with a few cents he would purchase a little of that saccharine substance and cause her to receive a part thereof. The simile is we think perfect. If we review our friend's periodical he will do the same for us—provided we pay him for it. Our modesty forbids our accepting this most magnanimous offer, and our love of justice and fair play will not permit us to take advantage of any one. We would like to see a phrenological chart of the cranium of the young man who penned the observations above; his bump of generosity must be prodigious.

The best organ of that most mysterious body, the Freemasons, we have seen, is the NATIONAL FREEMASON, of New York. It is a large 16 paged weekly, well filled with choice reading-matter is handsomely printed on fine clear paper, and should be in the hands of every member of the Craft. The terms are only \$4.00 a year in advance. Address Ezra L. Stevens, Box 5903 New York City.

A careful perusal of Mr. J. A. Nutter's Advertisement, in another column, is requested.

Next month the serial story "LOST" which was written expressly for our columns, will be concluded; and we have much pleasure in stating, that, on the first of January next, a new and very interesting tale, which shall run through several numbers of the *Gazette*, from the pen of a gifted lady writer, will be commenced. We have on hand a few back numbers containing "LOST," which can be had by applying early. We would also direct the attention of our readers to the instructive and interesting paper on PHILATELIE IN EUROPE, by Mr. J. C. Walters,—a new contributor—in another column, which will be continued several months.

Several items unavoidably held over this No. will appear in our next issue.

Owing to an accident having befallen the press from which the *Gazette* is printed we have had to delay the issue of our paper several days,

In New Brunswick the first issue of Postage Stamps took place in 1851 and the second (with the exception of the two cents), in 1861. In most catalogues 1862 is the date given, but this is an error.

Newly Issued Stamps.

The Fenian *liberators* of Ireland are beginning



to think, we imagine, that their chances of raising an Irish Republic on this quarter of the universe are rather slim. Col. Lynch and his associates who were captured during the recent raid in Canada have been tried, convicted, and sentenced to pay the penalty of their mad folly with their lives. What appears most puzzling to us is that they do not wish to die, they have no desire to allow their illustrious names to be handed down to posterity as martyrs who died for their country. Strange to say they would rather live, robbing and murdering an innocent and unoffending people, than walk majestically to the scaffold and die for committing those deeds which they seem to think so noble and glorious. The most sanguine philatelist who really thought that Fenian stamps would be issued some day has had undoubtedly his mind freed from that thought long ago. But leaving the Fenians to prepare to meet their doom, we will proceed to more agreeable topics. The large and not very handsome engraving above represents the 6 annas Stamp of the East Indies, described in our last impression. The colour is a pale lilac similar to the 3d Ceylon. A new Stamp of an entirely different type has been issued for East India also,—the value is 4 annas and the colour green.

TRINIDAD.—Two new Stamps, 1 shilling purple and 4d. blue have appeared.

RUSSIA.—The 30 kop Envelope formerly pink is now bright red.

URUGUAY.—Some months ago we informed our readers of the contemplated issue of Envelope Stamps for Montevideo. One of the series (the 5c.) has been kindly sent us by a friend in London. In nearly every respect it closely resembles the present 5c. adhesive, except that it is circular instead of rectangular. A few other differences are perceptible but almost too trifling for enumeration. The colours of the envelopes are also identical with the adhesives being 5c. blue, 10c. green, 15c. yellow, and 20c. rose. The 10c. adhesive is now perforated and it is to be hoped its *emfreses* will be dealt with in the same manner soon.

MEXICO.—A Correspondent in a *Post-script* mentions the fact that he has seen three new Stamps of this unfortunate empire, and thus describes them:—"Head of King to the left in an oval border, IMPERIO MEXICANO at top, CORREOS below, value in figures at sides. The stamps are lithographed, printed in color, on white paper, and unperforated. The colors are 7 cents *brown*, 25 cents, *orange*, and 50 cents *green*."

LUBECK.—Mons. J. B. Moens the great European Stamp authority has in his possession two of the first issue of this State, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch. printed on starred paper, the existence of which was not generally known before.

MOLDO WALLACHIA.—Three new postals, design head of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern to the left in an oval within a rectangular frame, POSTA ROMANA at top, value below in letters, figure denoting value in four corners. The *Gazette* for July last, had an engraving of the 5 par, but the head was turned the other way, whether our engraving was taken from an essay or whether this last set which we have just described is a separate issue, it does not lie in our power to say at present; we received the Stamp from which our illustration was made from a highly honorable gentleman.

DANUBIAN COMPANY.—It is rumoured that a new Stamp for this company has been issued, value 10 soldi, lilac, similar to 17 soldi previously described in the *Gazette*.

FRANCE.—Two new Stamps are expected, 30c. and 5 francs.

ST. VINCENT.—A 1 Shilling label, colour purple black has just made its appearance for this Island, and also a 4d. blue identical in design with the 1d. and 6d. which have been the only representations of this Island since the introduction of Stamps.

NEW GRENADA.—The 5 cent stamp is now printed in lemon chrome yellow.

FIELD POST.—These envelopes will soon become quite popular with the Germans. Prussia and Oldenburg have commenced their use.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN.—A new adhesive envelope just issued, 2 sch, violet.

Postal Chat-Chat.

MONEY ORDERS.—The following is a comparative statement of Money Order transactions at the Post Office, St. John, in the years 1865 and 1866.

	Paid	Drawn
October, 1865—	\$13741.48	\$1244.71
1866—	20659.14	1512.80

During the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1865, drawn \$4917.04; 1866, \$4878.57; paid during quarter ending Oct. 31, 1865, \$39915.39; during same period, 1866, \$53601.52.

The weight of the Mails passing through the New York Post Office daily is about twenty-five tons.

Four millions of dollars were transmitted through the United States Mails by postal money orders during the last fiscal year, as against one million three hundred thousand the year before.

On the 1st October the whole of the Hanoverian Stamps, retired from the postal service, and those of Prussia replaced them. We may also state that those of Schleswig and Holstein, and also the Venetian series will be superseded by those of Prussia; this is in consequence of the late War which gave to Prussia such an extension of territory.—*Collector's Circular*.

In the New York *Journal of Commerce* of Oct 5th 1866 is an article of nearly a column in length on Stamp Collecting. In the course of which the writer says:

"The collection of Postage Stamps, however, finds its justification in reasons, perhaps, quite as good as those assigned in any other line. With few exceptions the collection of these is pursued by the youth of both sexes. There are now upward of ten thousand boys and girls busily engaged in this business, and could a comparison be made between these and an equal number of other children in the same condition of life, it would be found that the knowledge of geography of nations, governments, style and value of money, &c., &c., preserved by the collectors, considerably exceeded that of the others. Not that all pursue this subject with this intention, or for this knowledge. Many only follow their inclination; but the habit of collecting and arranging the Stamps under each appropriate head familiarizes their minds with the geographical position of those countries represented by the Stamps. In fact the Postage Stamp takes the place of the blocks and puzzles so familiar to former generations."

HIGHLANDERS LETTER POSTING.—Queer scenes are to be seen at the post office at Wick, especially on Saturday evenings, when hundreds of letters are posted by the Highland fisherman. When the penny postage was first established, our then worthy postmaster, Mr. Craig, had many a hard night's work among the Highlanders, who illustrated their priggish character by endeavouring to beat down the postage to a half-penny, alleging that the letter was a little one, and that the Highland post-master never charged more than a half-penny. From the out stations beyond the daily delivery they would come, and while one would ask if there was a letter for him, he would answer to the interrogatory as to his name, "Och, ye'll see it on the back of the letter," and on the name being at last communicated, and the information given that there was no letter for him, Donald often put the poser: "Do you think she will be the morn?" Donald has learned by experience, however; but at present it generally requires four Highlanders to complete the *modus operandi* of posting a letter. One brings it to the office, wrapped up in a piece of paper; a second precedes him and buys a Stamp: handing the Stamp to a third, he after various licks and manipulations, gets Her Majesty's head affixed to the letter; and the fourth, after looking into the slit with considerable suspicion, cautiously lets it drop, and the whole four finish the performance by peeping down the slit to see that all is well with their missive. This may be seen almost daily, and especially on Saturday evenings.

NOVEL POST OFFICE.—Some days since, an individual, evidently somewhat deranged in his mind, and whose mania lies in the direction of letter writing to all sorts of persons, imaginary and otherwise, was observed on the Durham Terrace to take from his pocket a large number of letters, some of which he sealed and addressed on the spot, and after taking off his coat and enveloping the letters in it, to push the whole into the mouth of the Russian cannon on the Terrace. He then left, apparently satisfied that they would be forwarded to their respective destinations.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

CURIOUS LETTER ADDRESS.

Under guard of the "Hero" this paper please send,
 He "tickets it" through, and will closely attend;
 With "Uncle Sam's aid," it shall go safely there,
 By rail, boat, or stage, sent to "A. King's" care;
 To North Sanford, Broome Co., N. Y., with due speed,
 For "Miss Mary King," to open and read.

A letter to "the prettiest girl in Detroit" is waiting a claimant in the Post Office in that city.

A chap inquired at the Post Office in Eric, the other day, for a letter for "Enery Hogden." He was told that there was none. "Look ere," he replied, a little angrily, you've hexamined a hodd letter for my name. It don't commence with a haitch! It begins with a ho! Look in the ole that's got the ho's!"

CONTRIBUTED.

(For the *Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*.)

✓ PHILATELIE IN EUROPE.

A short time since the writer had the good fortune to spend a few months on the Continent where every gentleman of literary tastes is a devout enthusiast in the collection of those miniature gems of art, commonly called Postage Stamps. But there not only do the sterner sex grasp you by the button hole and beg the personal favor of remembrance when the American mail arrives, but the more winning voices of the fairer community confidentially whisper a tender word of friendship to secure a new addition to the ever treasured album; and school boys neglect their studies and willingly undergo the tortures of scholastic punishment, to eat the solitary meal of bread and water—with a relish, sweetened with the sugared consolation of having secured a *Newfoundland* *red* during the stolen minute, and that a *Cunell* would be worth a week's thrashing if it would only secure one!

As here by some it is treated as an intellectual amusement, by others it is treated with the sober earnestness of a literary pursuit; and others interest themselves for the sake of its pleasing novelty, all, however, centering in the great topic of the parlor and the fireside.

Authors and writers of note could not refrain from bringing their cherished favourite before the lovers of art and literature and from mixing timbrophily with heroes and heroics—as in the case of the play of Euripides then being performed in the Parisian theatres, Paris, the Prince, is rusticiating awhile as a shepherd, and cannot understand the reason why Calchas has not received a letter sent by Venus, when at length it comes brought by a carrier dove. The Prince, impatient at the length of time it takes Calchas to inform him of its contents, petulantly demands haste, when he explains the delay by remarking he is endeavouring to secure the Postage Stamp for the collection of the Empress Hermione, which called forth the applause of several hundred collectors present.

Not only does the pursuit rage in London and Paris, but it stretches through Germany and Spain; and in Madrid some of the finest collections I have ever seen are the property of my Spanish friend. A collection of a Spanish lady cost over \$1000. The Spanish Stamps alone would almost fill an album, and numbered over 300 varieties. Perhaps, my readers will be surprised to learn that the reason why a new set of Stamps is issued yearly is because the Queen

changes the style of her hair in that period, and this loyal people desire to be as faithful as possible in the representation of her fair and frail Majesty.

To meet the demand of collectors, literary gentlemen spend their time in devising albums. Berger Levrault's of Strasbourg is the most popular in Prussia, Vallete's in France, and Oppen's in England. But the best and most universal are the albums of Lallier of Paris, and Moens of Brussels. Lallier's has passed through five editions in English, six in French, four in Spanish, two in German, and one in Portuguese, and Russian, whilst Moen's comes next in the race.

With us Timbrophily is yet in its infancy, and only beginning to be appreciated. A gentleman of my acquaintance has spent years in collecting coins, and has perhaps the most valuable collection of shells in the United States, but up to a short time since, however, never thought it worth while to enter into the list of Philatelists, and gather with his other curiosities the beautiful evidences of civilization and art, and grace his room with a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

In Paris the society of collectors numbered 200 gentlemen, to meet weekly and discuss postal topics. I had the pleasure of an introduction to the club, and many were the questions asked me concerning the Colonial Stamps of North America. The beautiful 12½ cents Stamp of Nova Scotia was the favourite, and received the most praise; the seventeen cent Canadian received considerable attention, some asserting it bore the features of Columbus,—others some Canadian Postmaster, or Colonel of Militia,—others even stretching their imaginations so far as to think it was the immortal *Cornell*—and there were but few who knew it was one of their own brave countrymen, Jacques Cartier.

I would desire to say a word to my friends who denounce collecting as vain and puerile. For myself I know of no study more interesting and instructive and which deserves greater encouragement for young people. It charms them into a taste for geography and history and beautifully reminds them of the advance of civilization in foreign lands. It whispers to us all of the approach of the time when the nations shall be no longer isolated; and these Stamps are the symbols that the fetters of the past are broken forever. Oriental customs are yielding to Christianity when we see Turkey and Egypt stepping into the sunlight; and these miniature engravings herald the day when the sickle and ploughshare will supersede the buckler and the sword. They throw out light upon the nations, and shew the advancement of their people—they acquaint us with their condition in industry, genius and art, and guide our vision to the once dark lands of superstition, and the islands of the sea that now blossom in our albums with sparkling gems of peace and unity.

J. C. WALTERS.

East Saginaw.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 41 letters,
My 41, 28, 7, 31, 16, 36, is what collectors want.

" 35, 3, 22, 11, 39, 27, is a country which has as yet issued no Stamps.

" 6, 35, 23, 13, 4, is a country the most of whose Stamps is high priced.

" 38, 19, 1, 26, 9, 23, 32, 5, 24, is the surname of a Stamp dealer.

" 20, 33, 30, 4, 25, 33, 7, 34, is a city which has issued Stamps.

" 12, 40, 29, is what a lawyer likes.

" 18, 21, 38, 37, is a disagreeable thing.

" 8, 17, is a pronoun.

" 10 14, 15, is a well known name.

" 2, is a vowel also a pronoun in sound.

My whole is the name of the country, value, colour and style of a very high priced Stamp.

Montreal, C. E.

C. J. SCOTT.

(Answer next month).

Answer to enigma in last issue. *Le Collectionneur de timbres Poste, The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser and the Newport Rhode Island Collector's Guide.*

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1. Ssiiceezbgwnhorre, on a Postage Stamp.

2. Dhhtttttvceceessuacir on a Postage Stamp.

(Answers next issue).

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A. 27	5th	"	E. 27	15th	"
A. 40	6th	"	A. 12	16th	"
D. 24	7th	"	A. 9	17th	"
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