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CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

Conducted by William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., ic whom all information respecting new issues, etc., should be sent.

The figures in parenthesis after the names of the countries refer to the number of this paper containing the last previous notice Colors in italics represent the colors of the surcharges. All envelopes unless otherwise stated are on white wove paper. All post cards unless otherwise stated are on buff cardboard.

ADHESIVES.

Antigua —The *Philatelic Record* has been informed by Licutenant Napier, R.N., that he has the unwatermarked 6 penny perforated 11½ all around. The London Society's new work on the West Indian stamps gives it 15 in 1862 and 14½x11½ at a later period.

ANTIQUIA (25).—The same paper also reports a pair of the 5 cent black on yellow of the 1889 issue without vertical perforations between the two stamps and says that the 10 cent also exists in a similar state.

British Honduras (33).—J. W. Scott sends us the first specimens of a couple of new provisionals. The first has a bar across the old numeral of value and a "FIVE' surcharged above. The second is similar but has "15" surcharged above. 5 cents on 3c. on 3p., brown, black. 15 cents on 6c. on 3p/, blue and black, red. We hear that the 6 on 10 cents exists with reversed surcharge in each variety. The Philatelic Monthly also states that a 48 cent stamp is to be issued.

Congo Free State (29).—The *Philatelic World* reports that 2000 of the 15 cent stamps are to be altered into stamps of 5 cents by means of a surcharge.

CYPRUS (23).—The following letter from *Tidning for Frimarksamlare* sheds a little light on the "Postal Surcharge" stamps which we noted some time ago

LARNACA, 16th Sept., 1801.

"The postal and fiscal stamps of Cyprus have never been surcharged 'Postal Surcharge' for use of unpaid or insufficiently paid letters. They were so overprinted or cancelled for the internal working of the department and were never sold over the counter. When one post office owed money to another post office the stamps were sent instead and cancelled with the above words on the way bills." These stamps have since been collected off the way bills and I believe sold by one man at high values."

DIEGO SUAREZ (24).—Not content with the quartet of horribles inflicted upon us last year the authorities have just issued another provisional of native engraving? "A very sad stamp" is a free translation of M. Moens' comment on it. In the center is a female figure holding a sword and leaning upon a shield in a rectangular frame inscribed "Diego-Suarez" at top, "Postes" at sides, and "Republic Francais" at bottom. Just above the latter is another label with "1891" and the numeral of value in a small rectangle above it and between the shield and the figure of the female. There is a rayed sun in the left upper corner behind the figure. Only 3000 were issued of this stamp we are informed by the decree which accompanies it. 5 centimes, black.

French Congo (3)—Four stamps of a similar character have been issued here. They measure 21x26 mm. and are all inscribed "Postes" at the top and "Congo Francais" at

the bottom. The 5 cent stamp has a branch of bananas or plantains in the center, the 10 cent a palm tree, the 15 cent a French flag and the 25 cent a negro's head. 5 (centimes) black, 10 (centimes) black, 15 (centimes) black, 25 (centimes) black.

The 1 centime stamp has been surcharged "Congo Francais 5c. in two lines. They were issued September 2 and only 3000 were issued. The variety with the red surcharge has the letter "c" further away from the numeral than in the other. It is said that only 100 of the red variety were issued. 5 cent on 1c. black on blue, black; 5 cent on 1c. black on blue, red.

GUADELOUPE (29).—The current stamps have all received the surcharge of the name of the colony in small block type. I centime, black on blue; 2 centimes, brown on bistre; 4 centimes, violet on blue; 5 centimes, green on greenish; 10 centimes, black on violet; 15 centimes, blue on bluish; 20 centimes, red on green; 25 centimes, black on rose; 35 centimes, black on orange; 40 centimes, vermilion on bistre; 75 centimes carmine on rose; 1 franc, bronze on green. Also the following of the issues with head of liberty; 30 centimes, brown; 80 centimes, carmine. The following are noted with the error GUADELOUPE; 1 centime, black on blue; 4 centimes, violet on blue; 10 centimes, black on violet; 15 centime, blue on bluish; 40 centimes, vermilion on bistre; 75 centimes, carmine on rose; 30 centimes, brown, (head of liberty); 80 centimes, carmine, (head of liberty); with GUADELOUPE2 centimes, brown on bistre; 5 centimes, green on greenish; 20 centimes, red on green; 25 centimes, black on rose; 35 centimes, black on orange; 1 franc, bronze on green; with GUADELONPE, 20 centimes, red on green; 25 centimes black on rose. This surcharge was authorized by a decree issued August 5th at Basse-Terre.

MADAGASCAR (35).—The two high values of the provisional series have a rosy network as a background. I franc, black on yellow; 5 franc, black and violet on lilac. One of M. Moens' correspondents writes that it is almost impossible to obtain the stamps of this place and of Diego Suarez as the officials are in league with an employe on one of the steamers of the Messageries Maritimes who has a relative in the stamp business in Paris. A few of each of the stamps are sent through the mail and the balance sent by this accomplice to Paris from whence the collector is supplied at fancy prices.

Mauritius (35).—By the kindness of Mr. Albert Ray, of Port Louis, we are put in possession of the following facts concerning the recent issues of provisional 2 cent stamps. On the 10th of last September, the supply of 2 cent stamps having run out, the postal authorities surcharged 33,250 of the 38 cents of 1879. These were all bought up the next day by local dealers. On the 12th the same surcharge was applied to the 4 cent rose of 1885, and the stock of 11,921 was entirely sold out by the fourteenth. On the sixteenth were surcharged 3,577 of the 17 cents of 1879 and 46,268 of the 38 cents (on 9p.) of 1878. One hour sufficed to exhaust the stock of the former and two days the latter. The 4 cent rose was once more called into service and up to the time of writing this issue of 50.000 seems to have met the demand. There are errors of each of the above caused by inverted and double surcharges. The 8 cent stamp has just been put in use with Crown C. A. watermark. 8 cents, blue; 2 cents on 38c., violet, black; 2 cents on 4c., rose, black; 2c. on 38c. on 9p. violet, black; 2 cents on 17c. rose, black.

MEXICO Chiapas (29).—The Philatelic Record reports two more of these locals. 1/2 real, black on pale blue; 2 real, black on white; half of 4 reals.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (33).—The color of the 20 cent has been altered to salmon. 20 cent de peso, salmon.

PUERTO RICO (35).—Mr. C. B. Corwin sends us the 1 cent stamp in a new color. It was probably issued at the same time as the 5 cent stamp listed a short time since. Perforate 14. 1 cent de peso, light green.

QUEENSLAND (26).—W. A. H. Connor sends us a six penny of the watermark series

on heavy paper which has very wide margins and seems to be imperforate. He reports other specimens in San Francisco with wider margins than his own.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (35).—The 2½ penny is the latest to be heard of with the new type of "O.S." surcharge. 2½ penny, red and green, black.

SURINAM (35).—The new unpaid letter stamp mentioned last month is similar to the current issue except that the figures are shorter and the word "cents" has been inserted in the lower part of the white circle.

TOBAGO (21).—The 4 pence has been surcharged "2½ pence" in black according to Le Timbre Poste. 2½ pence on 4p., gray, black.

URUGUAY (35).—Another error in the provisional noted last month. Le Timbre Poste

says that the eighth stamp of the third horizontal row is found with the date 1391 instead of 1891.

ZULULAND (34).—The current 2½ penny of Great Britain has been surcharged to fit out this colony with the new value required by the recent change in rates, $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny, violet on blue, black.

ENVELOPES.

BAVARIA.—M. Moens mentions a new size of the 10 pfennig and expresses the opinion that it is one of the printed to order varieties. There is no tress on the flap. Size 149x119mm. 10 pfennig, red.

GREAT BRITAIN (23) .- The Philatelic Reco states that the die used at Somerset House for printing the envelopes sent in by private parties now has the initials "S, H." on the neck.

POST CARDS.

BAVARIA (25).—Le Carte Postale announces that the 5 pfennig now has the vertical undulations for a watermark and that the cards are dated "91." 5 pfennig, green, 91.

GERMANY (35).—The following have not been noted by us before. 5 pfennig, green; 791 b f, 891 a c d m, 991 a b f i, 5x5 pfenning, green; 791 f. 891 f. 991 f.; 10 pfenning, red; 791 b g, 891 c.

ORANGE FREE STATE (35).—Der Philatelist has seen one of the provisional cards which has a 1 penny stamp with the surcharge " ½p." ½p. on 1 penny, black and orange on white.

PUTTIALLA.—There seems to be some uncertainty among the postal officials as to the correct spelling of the names of some of these native states. The envelopes from this state recently appeared with "Patiala" and now we hear of the ¼ anna card with a similar surcharge. According to Hunter's Imperial Gazetteer this is the officially recognized form and we suppose we ought to change our catalogue, etc., accordingly. \frac{1}{4} anna, brown, black

Servia (24).—The 5 para cards are now printed entirely in green. Size 144x 95 mm. 5 paras, green on rose; 5x5 paras green on rose.

SWITZERLAND (22).—We take the following list of these cards from Le Carte Postale. 5 centimes, black, IV, 91.-3,624,000; 5 centimes, black, VII, 91.-3,144,000; 5x5 centimes, black, I, 91.-120,000; 10 centimes, carmine, VI, 91.-1,200,000; 1010 centimes, carmine, VII, 90-48,000.

LETTER CARDS.

PARAGUAY.—The cards that were announced some time ago as being in preparation are now in use. They are 142x86 mm. and have a stamp of the current adhesive type. The inscriptions are in two lines and read "Republica del Paraguay" and "Carta-Tarajeta Postal." 2 centavos, red on yellow; 3 centavos, blue on yellow.

THE Post Office for November received by us. Mr. Gemmel is indeed a hustler. It is wonderful how quick this paper has risen to a prominent place among philatelic journals.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, December 15, 1801.

To the Members of the C. P. A.

I have nothing special to report this month. The following is:

THE LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.—No. 263, F. S. Scammel¹, 15, 17 and 19 Smythe St., St. John, N. B.; No. 264, W. A. Buchanan, Norwood, Ont.

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T. S. CLARK, Sec.-Treas,

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I have received since last report 21 filled sheets valued at \$216.43. These have been made up into books and placed on circuits. I regret to say that I cannot supply the demand for books and would urge the members to look up their duplicates and put them on Exchange Sheets, and if of the better class, they will find a ready sale at good prices.

I will send out the quarterly statements on Jan. 1, 92, and shall expect prompt settlements.

H. F. KETCHESON, Ex-Supt.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I regret to say that although nearly 4 months has elapsed since the elections, Mr. Hooper does not seem to realize that he has to hand over the books of the Library. No doubt, as he seems very anxious that the Philatelic Society of Canada should succeed, even going so far as to tell a lot of falsehoods about the C. P. A., he intends keeping those books for a new library that he will donate to the P. S. of C., but in this he may find very soon that he has made a mistake which will be nothing new for him. As it seems very hard to get a settlement from some of the office holders of last year, members can readily see where the trouble is, and that some self-styled upholders of the By-laws, who are ready to make lots of fuss over nothing, are now acting entirely contrary to them, which they would certainly not do if the C. P. A. was incorporated, as in that case the trouble would be settled in a minute. As it is, it may take a little longer.

but they will certainly find at their own expense, that it pays better in the end to act as honest men and gentlemen.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following: Capt. E. F., Wurtele, 10 pieces; Mr. C. C. Morency, 37 pieces; A. E. Labelle, 55 pieces; American Philatelist, Nov. No.; Essex Co. Philatelist, Oct. No.; Total 104 pieces. Yours truly,

A. E. LABELLE, Librarian, C. P. A.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12th, 91.

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Special Notice.—Several hundred subscriptions expire with this number. If this notice is marked with an x in blue you are one of them, and if you wish to renew at the present rate, 25c., your subscription must reach us before Jan. 1st, 1892. After that date the price will be 5oc. per year. Send along your renewals at once to H. F. Ketcheson, Peterboro, Ont.

THE date of Clark's Auction Sale has been changed from Dec. 25, 91, to Jan. 1, 92, at St. Lawrence Hotel, Montreal. Bids are coming in rapidly and Mr. Clark informs us that success is assured.

We have received the Oct. number of Vindin's Philatelist Monthly, published in Sydney, New South Wales. This Journal comes to hand as regularly as the month and is always filled with interesting Stamp Notes, from the Australian Colonies.

We have just received a copy of Gremmel's new price list for 1892. It contains prices of many hundreds of sets and packets and should be in the hands of every buyer of stamps. Send for a copy to H. Gremmel, So Nassau St., New York City.

EDWARDS, PEAKE & Co's 22nd price list of single stamps lies before us and after carefully inspecting same would say that their prices are remarkably low. Send them a post curd with your name and address and receive a copy. Address Edwards, Peeke & Co, 2728 Calumet ave., Chicago, Ill.

"THE Cosmopolitan" is the name of the new stamp album just issued by H. F. Ketcheson and copyrighted by him in Canada and the United States. It has but to be seen to be appreciated. It is especially adapted for Collectors of shades, perforations, etc., as well as Collectors of Revenue stamps. The design is entirely new, and this album will certainly replace all others with advanced Collectors. See advertisement on another page for prices, etc.

THE Worcester Philatelist is a neat little Journal published at Worcester, Mass. by the Philatelic Association of that city. From what we know of the members of this Association we believe there are more ardent business-like collectors in it, than any association of the kind in existence. This little Journal is published not for money, but for the benefit of the Association. Anyone can receive it regularly by sending 12c. for one year's postage. Address 883 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

CORRESPONDENCE.

QUEBEC, 1st December, 1891.

A NEW POSTAL DEVICE.—The Post Master General of the United States is about to establish a scheme for collecting letters, papers, etc., from house to house.

In October last a circular was issued calling upon the inventors of the country to devise a suitable letter box for attaching to each citizen's door in every city and town in the Union. The object given was to save postman's time in waiting for an answer to the bell, etc.

Requirement was made that the receptacle should be cheap, neat in appearance, simple of operation, secure against thieves, and so constructed that its contents should be protected against rain, snow, sleet and dust. The mail to be accessible at the same time to the postman and the recipient. In answer four hundred models were submitted, none proving satisfactory, a second circular was issued and ten hundred and thirty five models submitted, of this number one was recommended and can be described as follows:—It resembles an ordinary lamp-post letter box on a small scale. It is attached to the front door and is ornamental.

The postman thrusts the letters into the box from beneath and they are retained in such a manner that it is impossible to withdraw them.

They can only be taken out from above by the householder who has a key for that purpose. It is not necessary to open the box every time that it is desired to ascertain if it contains anything. There is a spring at the bottom which yields readily to a touch if the box is empty, otherwise supposing that even a postal card is inside, it is immovable. Suppose that the intended recipient is inside the door, he is not obliged to go outside in order to investigate, for a little knob projects through the door panel which he has merely to pull in order to inform himself on this point, if it fails to yield there is a letter otherwise there is none. The receptacle also delivers letters to the carrier for posting. Letters, etc., are dropped in through a slot in the top of the box. To do this he has to lift into view a little target bearing a red disk two inches in diameter and the target cannot be shut down again so long as anything remains in that com-The postman can see the exposed red disk very easily from across the street. It says "Here is mail to collect." He opens a side door and takes out the letters. The whole device only costs \$1.10. Each householder will be expected to buy his own.

One result is likely to be a cutting down of the force of letter carriers in every city, it being estimated that one half of the present number could do the work if everybody adopted the system.

POSTAL INFORMATION.—Under the above heading I propose to contribute monthly such information as may appear of interest and to be compiled from the most authentic sources. I will be pleased to receive the opinions of the readers of THE DOMINION PHILATELIST as to whether they approve of the suggestion herein made.

POSTAL SERVICE OF BRAZIL.—The postal service of Brazil had its beginning in 1808, when the Portuguese court established itself in Rio de Janeiro, and for many years afterward was quite limited in its scope and efficiency. In 1844 the

distribution of letters was begun at Rio de Janeiro and the other larger cities. In 1878 the costly general post office was built in Rio de Janeiro, and the service has gone on improving up to the present time when, in efficiency, it compares favorably with that of the most civilized states. The general administration has its seat at the capital, and throughout the country there exists nineteen subordinace administrations and more than 2,000 postal agencies, with a personnel of more than 6,000 employes.

The service has generally been carried on with an annual deficit, indeed it may be said that in no single year, for which statistics exist, have the receipts exceeded the expenditures. In 1866-'67 the former were \$273,500, and the latter \$346,000; in 1876-'77 \$546,000 against \$745,000, and in 1886-'87, counting 18 months, owing to a change in the fiscal year, \$1,532,000, against \$1,662,500. The number of money orders issued in 1866-'67 was 33 to the amount of about \$1,000; in 1876-'77, \$1,850, for the sum of \$52,500, and in 1886-'87 the total amount of the same was \$856,000.

The number of letters forwarded in 1880-'81 was 11,578,740, and the number received 8,811,257; in 1886-'87, 32,233,686 and 23,336,420 respectively. Brazil has been for some years a member of the Postal Union.

The maritime postal service is conducted by steamship companies paid by the Government, and receiving special favors in the way of facilities for entry discharge, and clearance. Among these companies are six English. four French one Italian and one American. Among the special facilities enjoyed by the mail steamers are immediate despatch of loading or unloading, even on holidays; permission to keep on board, duty free, provisions and ship's supplies, or the balance of the cargo without seal, the substitution for manifests of simple lists of freight received in the ports entered, exemption of the captains from responsibility for re-shipment or re-exportation of registered packages, destined for the southern ports of Brazil or the River Plata. The steamers may leave Brazilian ports at any hour, day or night, after compliance with police regulations of the port, and the agents of the line are responsible for the fines incurred by the Captains. Passengers can go ashore the same day the steamer arrives, up to 7 p.m.

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Brazil has postal treaties or conventions with Great Britain, France, The United States, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Peru, Argentine and other countries. It is also a member of the Universal Postal Union.

MR. T. S. CLARK'S AUCTION SALE.—Mr. Clark is deserving of the thanks of the Philatelists for his enterprise in getting up an auction sale such as outlined in his catalogue, and I trust that the result may be such as to permit of his holding another at a later date.

The catalogue is neatly and well got up and the stamps chronicled are well worth the study of parties in search of good stamps.

Jan. 1, 92, is the date fixed for the sale, to be held in Montreal.

A NEW CANADIAN POSTAL GUIDE.—The postal authorities are issuing a new postal guide which it is supposed will be of much more value to merchants than the present guides. The foreign mail and postal table has been changed and a table inserted wherein the principle articles transmitted by mail are mentioned, together with the rates, not only to Canada and the United States but to all

countries having postal communication with Canada. A table is also inserted of the office hours of the employees, and there is a table of the letter carrier's system and the hours the street boxes are visited.

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

STAMP COLLECTING IN ITALY.

CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER NUMBER.

By the Author of "The Fight at Dame Europa's School."

My plunge in the Aterno was a grand success, and I verily believe that if my young friends had been provided with the ortodox bathing drawers, dressing gowns, shrouds, hosen and hats, without which no foreigner will commit his sacred person to the waves, some of them would have followed my excellent example. I suggested that they should borrow divers moist garments from the washerwomen, or bind pocket handkerchiefs together to make themselves aprons; I even offered to wrap up one little fellow in an uncut Daily News which I happened to have in my pocket, nobly sacrificing the delight of devouring it over my dinner in the evening. He was evidently longing to jump in, and splash about in the shallows; but the thought that perchance some loose fish or roving swallow might catch a sight of his undraped skin was altogether too shocking, and his courage failed him. As I tore off my things and threw them in a heap upon the grass, I devoutly thanked the goodness and the grace which on my birth had smiled, and had made me free to enjoy the untold luxury of a swim in cool fresh water, unfettered by swaddling clothes. Of all the creepy, shivery, floppy sensations that any man ever endured, surely the creepiest comes upon him at the moment when he emerges from his bath, not free to shake off the trickling drops and bathe himself anew in sun and wind, but encumbered with the clammy embrace

of cold saturated flannels. At such a price as this the bath itself is not worth having. My palpable enjoyment of the whole proceeding had, at any rate, the effect of kindling a certain amount of enthusiasm. All the lads declared that before another day had passed they would equip themselves in coats of mail, and dare the waters to do their worst. If I would only stay a month and teach them all to swim! One youth, the son of a timber merchant, vowed that he would get his father to build a bathing shed by the river-side before another week was over. Another, whose people did a brisk business in the hosiery line, promised to have the shop front hung entirely with bathing drawers for the remainder of the summer. A third had a rich uncle, who should certainly be coaxed into buying him a boat, by means of which he could fish any schoolfellow out of the water who might happen to be drowning. The poor despised Aterno was coming to honour, and stood some chance at last of being put to a nobler use than the rinsing out of frowsy linen.

"I know what I'll do!" exclaimed a youngster in the shrillest of trebles. "I will sell my stamps and buy a boat and bathing costume and a fishing rod; and I will come down here every Sunday and Thursday, and spend the whole day on the river, and bring my dinner with me, that I will.

"And I will sell the two black and white puppies my aunt gave me on my birthday," cried another. "They are worth an awful lot—she told me so. Who will buy my puppies?"

"Bother your puppies!" said a small boy with disdain. I have got a lovely blue and red parrot with a green tuft and a yellow tail. He talks Neapolitan, and he swore so dreadfully at the Bishop the other day, that mamma had him put out of the room. How much will anyone give me for my parrot?"

"Parrots, indeed!" said another, wedging himself into a front row. "Who would have a horrid, screeching parrot? I have got a monkey that wears knickerbockers, and always puts them on himself, and shaves every Saturday evening. The other day when I came home from school I missed him, and hunted for him all over the house, and found him at last in the kitchen shelling peas. Directly he saw me he swallowed the peas and threw the pods at the cook's head, and bolted out of the window, laughing like a hyena. Who will buy my monkey?"

And so they formed themselves into a sort of open-air Exchange Mart, and went on bargaining and squabbling and gestulating in a state of such wild uproar as to drown even the yells of the washerwomen behind the distant bushes. For this I was truly thankful, and as I knew pretty well what Italian excitement was worth, I let them scream, and went on quietly swimming. Anybody who was travelling in Italy for the first time would have looked out for a general scrimmage, in the course of which one or more of the unhappy youths would have had to be picked up wounded and carried home. But it all meant nothing. They shook their little fists in each other's faces, and wagged their forefinger in front of each other's eyes, and stood up on tip-toe one against another, nose to nose; and then, just when the fury was at its height, and the battle ought—to have begun, there came a sudden lull, and somebody said something funny, and all the others laughed, and they were just as good-friends as ever. There is absolutely no limit to Italian patience and good-nature.

By this time I was half dressed, and the boys all came round me and stared with renewed interest at the mad Englishman who, alone, and unprotected by defensive armour, had braved the dangers of their torrent. Was it very hard to swim? Was the water very cold? Had the crabs bitten my toes? And then I was made referee in the cases recently under dispute, and was requested to decide which was worth most, a parrot, a monkey, an album with 250 stamps, or a pair of puppies. It did not appear that much business had yet been done and the odds were distinctly against the various properties changing hands. The questions were all asked at once, and, having but one tongue, I was unable to give complete satisfaction in my replies.

Our way back to the city lay through a long and narrow lane, not winding between lofty hedgerows, as in dear old England, but straight as a line for nearly half a mile and bounded by nothing more picturesque than a stone wall on one side and a ditch half full of water on the other. It was entered from the river-bank by a pathway through the meadows, but there appeared to be no other outlet until the extreme end of the lane was reached, just under the foot of the hill on which stood the town. A few dozen yards within the entrance, reclining his back against the wall, sat a youth with an open book upon his knees, which he was evidently studying with especial interest.

"That is Scaramucci," cried one of my young companions, "and he has got his Album. I wonder why upon earth he brought it out here."

"And who might Scaramucci be?" I enquired.

"Why, that fellow who wanted you to buy his triangular Leitmeritz yesterday afternoon. He is awfully savage with you, and he vows he will have revenge He declares that you grossly insulted him. I should not like to repeat all the pretty names he called you and your countrymen."

"We shall make an effort to survive it," I replied, with becoming resignation. "I really had no intention of offending the young man, but I will give him a few of my duplicates, and pacify him. I have never yet made an enemy in Italy, and who knows but that this day week, I may be teaching my friend Scaramucci to swim?"

The gentleman in question did not seem disposed to grant me any such opportunity just at present. He had no sooner become aware of our approach than he hastily shut his Album, wrapped it up in a sheet of brown paper that lay by his side, and tied it round with a piece of string. He then hurried off with the book under his arm, and made his way as fast as possible towards the end of the lane.

"Ah, you see," remarked one of the boys, "he is determined not to make friends. He is a bad tempered fellow, is Scaramucci. He never forgives anybody who has once offended him."

"He won't be putting a knife into me, I hope," said I in a tone of anxiety. "It would be unromantic to come to so tragical an end for the sake of a forged postage stamp.

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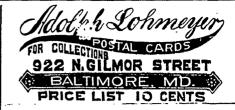
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