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BLACK MOUNTAIN.

Montenegro is one of the least known of the stamp-issuing countries. Its domain is not very extensive, comprising but two thousand square miles, its inhabitants numbering about two millions. The proper name is Czernogora, (Black Mountain), Montenegro being an Italian translation.

Up to the year 1878 there were no towns in Montenegro, the capital, Cetting, consisting of a collection of one hundred houses of a poor sort. After the Russo-Turkish war, the independence of Montenegro was recognized, and a slice of territory bordering on the Adriatic was added, giving them a solitary seaport.

In this newly acquired territory there are several towns, the largest containing 7,500 people. The people are very ignorant, hold education in contempt and very few of them can read or write. There are but three or four schools in the whole country. Up to 1871 there was not a single newspaper published within its borders. There is very little commerce and the people are poor. They are a brave and hardy race, however, and have many times waged war with their most powerful neighbors and not always to their disadvantage.

Montenegro is very mountainous, in fact, it is nearly all mountains, so that the land is, to a great extent, unfit for agriculture.

Postage stamps were introduced in 1874, consisting of seven values, viz., 2 soldi (or novtch), yellow; 3, green; 5, red; 10, blue; 15, brown; 25, lilac. They bear the bust of the Hosfodar, Nicholas 1st, within a wreath. The value is at the bottom and an inscription in the native language at the top and on each side. Used specimens are rarely met with, but when it is considered how poor and ignorant the people are, and that few, even among the priests, can write, it is not to be wondered at; probably a vast number of these never saw or heard of a postage stamp.

ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING.

Judging from the numerous articles which have been written concerning the advantages to be gained from stamp collecting, the subject would seem to be exhausted and that nothing remains to be said. If such were the case, there are good reasons for keeping the arguments, so often advanced, before the philatelic fraternity, to encourage the older members and enlighten the latest accession to our ranks. The votaries of philately are almost universally intelligent, well bred boys, for no others could have inclination for such a pursuit or diversion. They have, too, those qualities so necessary for success in any enterprise—energy and persistence.

Given collectors of these qualifica-

tions, it is easy to see to what extent the pursuit of their hobby will increase their knowledge of the location, extent, kind of government, history and general characteristics of the countries of the world, information which will be of the greatest value to them in after life. There is no risk in saying that collectors of the kind referred to far excel in accurate knowledge of the world, all boys who have had only the advantages of even the best schools. The latter have as a rule only vague notions of the existence of many of the most remote and least known parts of the globe and of their form of government, political relations, etc., while the former must from the very nature of their favorite amusement, become familiar with all these things.

Is there no reason for inferring that the boys now engaged in collecting stamps, will in a few years, be amongst our most energetic, intelligent and consequently most successful business men?

[From *Collector's Aid.*]

THE MORESNET JOKE.

No doubt most of our readers would like to hear about this celebrated Philatelic joke so we publish it below,

Mon. Moons had noticed that a certain Philatelic journal, published in Paris, habitually cribbed from the Timbre-Post without the slightest acknowledgement. He determined to set a trap. In the Timbre-Post published on the 1st of April 1867, appeared a letter signed by J. E. Neom (which is of course, the name of M. Meon reversed) wherein the writer describes and illustrates a series of four

postage stamps, supposed to be issued by the Commune of Moresnet. After dwelling in a serio-comic strain upon the history and resources of Moresnet he gives the names of the printers of the stamps as Messrs De Visch and Livra. The unfortunate journalist for whom the trap was laid did not see that De Visch is the Flemish for Poisson, that Liva is simply Avil spelled backwards, while Passon d, Avil is, as most people are aware, the French equivalent for April Fool! In the next number of his paper, he not only swallowed the Moresnet stamps, but priced them for the benefit of his customers. in the Timbre Post of May, 1867. M. Moerns, after indulging in a hearty chuckle at the expense of his victim, explained the joke for the benefit of those whose dullness had prevented them seeing it.—*E. S. Tero.*

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TWO SISTER SOCIETIES.

One year ago the great American Philatelic Association first came into prominence, created by several energetic gentlemen, and on the 2nd Monday in August the 1st year's convention will be held in Chicago.

We do not wish to be hostile to the interest of our American friends but we can't help thinking that a great deal more prudence and careful legislation might have been exercised. We are aware that it is well enough to detect a fault when after it is committed, and acting in accordance, we wish to be charitable in our article. So much has been written regarding the doings of the A. P. A. that any intelligent reader by this time has

formed his private opinion as to what is wrong and right, but suffice to say that we should like to see this convention inspired by the purest intentions, and the solid business conducted in a gentlemanly manner, so as to leave no room for any future controversy. In this same month a sister to the A. P. A. was born, and is to be christened the C. P. A. Now, this event we consider to Canadian philatelists only second to that of the Queen's Jubilee. Both American and Canadian philatelists will naturally watch these two societies with great interest, and we are pleased that the Canadian Association are in excellent hands for a start. Much good will be the outcome of each, more so as it always makes two or more to effect competition. Being Canadians we of course lean in favor of our side, and all collectors should not tarry a moment in sending along their names and subscription to the Secretary. In conclusion we will say to the gentlemen of the C. P. A., act prudent and wise, don't let anything but the success of the Association move you to decision.

You have already before you a fair idea of how it should be conducted, and by an active effort of the collectors of Canada on the behalf of new Association, we predict before long a Philatelic Association in Canada founded on a model scale.

THE Collector's Figaro for July is before us and we admire the manly and independent stand it takes regarding fair play. Every one must admit the Figaro is well gotten up and supplies its readers with fresh and readable items, in fact it is well managed in spite of its youthful editor.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC
ASSOCIATION.

The following is a complete list of members of the C. P. A. received by Secretary, Mr. John R. Hooper, Ottawa, with the numbers given to each, according to date of receipt of the 25c. initiation fee :—

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- 26.—Chas. G. Woodworth, Box 2003, Denver, Col.
- 27.—Williston Brown, P. O. Departm't, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Besides the above members the Secretary has received between twenty and thirty applications unaccompanied by the entrance fee of 25 cents. The annual dues will be decided by vote when the election of officers takes place. Foreign members who wish to become attached pay a fee of 50 cents, and a low special annual due will be paid by them in consideration of their acting as correspondents for the Society. It is to be hoped that every philatelist in Canada will join, and there is nothing to prevent us having a membership of one hundred. The Secretary has written 352 letters on the subject to collectors and answered 192 communications, besides publishing notices in twelve philatelic journals.

The following suggestions have been received by the Society *pro tem*, and will be looked into by the Executive Committee when elected :—

A parchment roll of their original or charter-members or founders of the Association should be among the properties of the Association.

Each member should be required on receiving notification of his admission to the Association, to furnish the Librarian

with his photograph and address card, and an album should be among the properties of the Association in charge of the Librarian, in which these photos and cards are to be kept.

Each member should have an official number on the entry books, and also on his card of membership, so that if at any time it should be required to communicate anything concerning him, his number can be referred to very simply.

I think it should be distinctly set forth that ladies may become members of the Association. This is the case with a number of these societies that I know, and ladies make very useful members.

The cards of membership should be specially engraved and carefully designed for the purpose. If thought best a small fee may be charged each member for his card to defray the cost thereof. Having once procured the plate it will be easy at any time to print off as many as are required.

There should be provision for honorary members as is the case in Austria, Germany, and other foreign countries having live societies. Among such honorary members might properly be the Governor-General, the Post-Master General and for the time being Presidents of affiliated foreign societies, etc.

Provision ought also to be made for corresponding members in different foreign countries who would keep the Society posted as to all changes that occur abroad. I have myself had the honor to be elected a corresponding member of a number of Philatelic Societies in other countries.

Membership in the Association should define the age of members joining—say

not less than 18—so as to bar boys who are likely to tire of it.

Branch Societies should submit the regulations that they wish to adopt, or any changes therein that they may propose from time to time to the Executive Committee for approval, to see that they do not conflict with this constitution, and the respective Provincial Vice-Presidents should be charged with a general supervision of these branches, receiving a report of names, ages, character, etc., of proposed members thereof.

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It has been decided to start the C. P.
A. Count us in.

ODD NOTES.

STAMP collecting is unlike that of money collecting, the more you get collected of the former the harder it is to advance, whereas, regarding the latter the more you acquire the quicker it accumulates.

THE new issue of Siam is to hand and we consider them very pretty. The values are respectively 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 and 24 atts. In the centre a front view of the king in oval frame is represented, with two octagon spaces below. The space to the right gives the value in English, whereas the one to the left that in Siamese. They are all printed in two different colours, the varieties being as follows: rose and green, blue and green, light brown and green, yellow and green, rose and violet, and blue and violet.

WE received some time ago a letter prepaid with French Guiana surcharged stamps, but up to the time of going to press we have no information regarding same. Who can tell us all about it?

WE have quite a curiosity on hand in the shape of an envelope, which we mailed some time ago to a party in Samarang, Java. The party not being found, the letter was returned and it is amusing to see all the different postmarks. Both the face and back of envelope is literally covered, and the original address is hardly perceptible.

In July issue we omitted to thank Mr. J. Hassell for his kind consideration in sending us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge.

MR. J. HASSELL has kindly sent us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge. It is stated that the regular 1c. has run out and the 7c. has been surcharged in black **1 CENT** with rough type.

A WELL known stamp dealer in this city thought he had a big haul, a short time ago, when a correspondent stated that he had a lot of Nova Scotia stamps and American stamped envelopes entire. As the price was suitable the package duly arrived, but imagine the look of the dealer when he found the N. S. stamps to be the common 3c. Canada, which were used in Nova Scotia, and the American envelopes were "*stamped*" with the 2c. adhesive.

It is stated that dust rose from the "*stamps*" of the dealer, while his tongue was not idle.

MR. HART has a novel way of attracting attention to his shoe store. We noticed in the south window about 100 varieties of post cards. Part of his collection, among which are Siam, Japan, Iceland, Mauritius, Gold Coast, Tasmania, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Sandwich Islands reply, &c., we also noticed a Canada reply card with the head in the left corner. This error is not seen very often. Mr. H. states that he will exhibit a collection of coins on the 22nd and 23rd of Aug. He also showed us an envelope he received from Belleville, Ont. about the 1st of May. The letter was registered and the fee prepaid by two 1c. stamps. That office appears to have run short of the 2c. Reg. about that time.

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Most of the American papers are late this month.

THE king of Roumania is an active collector.

THE Collectors Review is in our humble opinion a good one and is destined to be a first class journal.

WE have received the new ½d. Gibraltar, surcharged specimen in black, also the 10 & 16c. Labuan, all of them have the gum on the back.

WE are in receipt of a letter posted in Constantinople, and prepaid by a regular French stamp without surcharge. Is this in order, or has it slipped through the mail by a fluke.

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A CLERK at the Columbia Post Office the other day was saluted by an old fellow outside who said he wanted to send off a letter. "All right," said the genial purveyor of stamps, two cents, please." "I've only got one cent," said the old man, "just put that on and let the letter go slow."—*Columbia* (S. C.) Register.

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