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VOL. J. SAINT JOHN, N. B., Mar. 1, 1867. No. 11.

EDITORIAL.

The month of February has slipped by with such a paucity of stamp news that we have not much to say to our readers on this first day of March. We are happy to note that the Stamp Trade has been pretty brisk with the New Brunswick dealers lately, in fact brisker than it has ever been at this season of the year. We notice that Packets seem to be in greater demand than ever. We are glad of it for the Collectors' sake, for there is no way in which he will get as full value for his money as he will in packets, and when parties ask us which is the cheapest method to buy postals we always reply "Try the Excelsior Packets." One singular thing about the American stamp trade is that there is scarcely any sale for Stamps in sets. We cannot fathom the reason of it, but it is so, nevertheless. There is always sale for the smaller values unused, but when you come to put in the whole set and say 'set of so and so, so much,' they don't care for them. A great many collectors appear to go on the idea that if they have one or two of an issue it is all sufficient. Well, we suppose they know best what pleases them; but we do not "see it in that light" at all. For ourselves we would sooner have one complete set than three or four broken ones.

The Monthly Miscellany is the name of a neat little paper published North Strafford, N. H., by G. G. Berry.

NEW STAMPS.

SPAIN leads off with a complete new issue, slightly changed from the 1865 series. It consists of a 20c. brown, 4c blue, 12c orange, 19c light rose, 10c de-esc green, and 20c de-esc lilac.

QUEENSLAND chimes in with a new 5s stamp, old design printed in light rose color.

PORTUGAL has a new 25 reis, lake pink.

CUBA has a provisional stamp, viz., the former $\frac{1}{4}$ real plata t, black on buff with the figures "66" printed on it.

NEVIS.—The 4d Stamp of this Colony is now vermilion.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 8c is now lilac.

GRENADA has changed the color of its 6d stamp to orange red.

ESSAYS.—Various are the humbugs on this line that have arisen in the last month including some for Hanover, San Salvador, Bolivia and the British Empire.

CHRISTMAS PACKETS.

According to appointment, we drew for the winner of the Christmas Packet Prize before going to press. The successful packet is that numbered "19." The holder of this, a person resident in Saint John, refuses to have his name printed, and consequently we cannot do so.

Would our friend at Amherst, N. S., be kind enough to pay up that little balance and save himself trouble and expense under his real name.

REVIEWS.

THE PHILATELIST, Brighton, England, Stafford Smith & Co.

This new Stamp Magazine, has, we presume, by this time, issued its fourth number, but as we have only seen the third, the third we will have to review. And first we would state that we do not usually notice English publications but in this instance we are obliged to break our rule as the Editor of the Philatelist has reviewed our little paper not only once, but twice. The Philatelist contains 16 pages of reading matter and 8 of advertisements. It is well filled and we like its typographical appearance very much. An annual distribution of 75 guineas worth of stamps will be made among the subscribers. We notice, however, that the Editor has been cruelly 'sold' by the Stamp Collectors Record into the belief that there are Essays for the United Provinces of B. N. A. This is too bad, very much, too, bad for our future national pride that we should have it heralded forth that "A. J. Cass, the Champion of Confederation" was to be represented on our stamps. Who or what is "A. J. Cass?" Echo answers "a jackass." Mr. Philatelist don't believe everything you see hereafter or you will be placed among the "Champions of Confederation" by persons of an illiterate turn of mind. In conclusion let us correct you for accrediting the ownership of this paper to Mr. F. A. Hunter which we presume was an unintentional mistake on your part. To American Collectors we say, if you want a well got up tip-top and thorough Stamp paper, subscribe to the Philatelist.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS MAGAZINE, Bath, England, Alfred Smith & Co.

As we have noticed the Philatelist,

we may as well give a passing word to its great rival: The S. C. Magazine, in a great many respects, we consider to be unrivalled. The ability of its editor, the depth of its conclusions, and its clearness of reasoning are not to be surpassed, but then it has too much of the "aut Cæsar aut Nullus" principle. It never acknowledges an error. Probably it thinks it is never wrong; but it has been clearly proved so, and still it retracts not. For instance, it announced that there were Envelope Essays for Nova Scotia. This statement was plainly shown to be false and unfounded, but never a word says the S. C. M. This is the only and the great objection we have to this Magazine, and we are surprised that it should persist in such a course. Throwing this one thing aside, the Stamp Collectors Magazine is the collector's pocket compass and guide through the breakers of forgeries and fictions, and there is no Magazine of any description in the world, we read with more pleasure than it. The subscription is only \$1.00 (gold) per annum, and it is worth five times that amount to any zealous collector.

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