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## Holland's New Stamps.

BY EAST.

On August 1st a complete new set of stamps as issued in Holland, the newspaper stamps of 1, 2, 2½ having numeral of value in the centre, the higher values ranging from 3c to 5 florins, bearing a new portrait of Queen Wilhelmina with value in lower corners,

## Philately vs. Courting.

In the back parlor the youngster was entertaining a few friends and getting possession of their best duplicates in exchange for the latest cargo of Seebecks. Stamp matters in general were, of course, under discussion.

In the front parlor big sister was entertaining her best beau. The gas was turned down, but the young man was mentally execrating the fashion which had caused the door between the two rooms to be removed and an unsubstantial portiere substituted.

To an observer it would have seemed as if the sofa was suddenly growing shorter — by hitches. Then the low tones of the young man, intended for her ears alone, might have been heard. For some months he had been on the ragged edge

of asking the all-important question, and having finally nerved himself for the ordeal, was bound to have it over with as soon as possible. Said he:

"My own dear; precious—"

"Codfish!" came in extra loud tones from the other room. The boys were discussing the stamps of Newfoundland, but the young man didn't know it. Not much disconcerted, he continued:

Darling. For a long time I have felt an aching void in my—"

"Interior." Johnnie had just received a lot of unused specimens from a Washington dealer.

"Heart; which I feel that nothing can fill except—"

"Pineapple." One of the boys had been examining the watermark on a Jamaican.

"Your own dear self," the young man hurriedly continued. I assure you that I care nothing for your—"

"Revenues." The word was just what the young man wanted, and he accept it.

"I feel whenever I gaze upon your beautiful countenance—"

"Face idiotic. Nose crooked. Ear prominent. The boys reading from a catalogue the description of die differences in the U. S. envelopes.

"And your perfect form—"

"Back of h<sup>u</sup> rather broad. Chin slopes

considerably. Has no side whiskers." The boys were still on the envelopes. The young man was getting rather nervous, but he struggled bravely on.

"I know that I would not give you up for—"

"A twenty-five cent bond." The boys had shifted to revenues.

"Anything in the world. To be with you I would give up—"

"Playing cards."

"Anything." He snapped it out emphatically. The young man was beginning to get heated. Big sister was undecided whether to laugh or to cry. He had reached his climax.

"Now, dear will you consent to be—"

"Partly perforated."

"Mine! I am able to support you and clothe you in—"

"Old paper."

"Er—the best. As to my personal habits, you know that they are good, and I never drink anything stronger than—"

"Deep claret." The rise on prices of dues was occupying the attention of the back parlor.

"Water, or perhaps—"

"Perry Davis' Pain Killer." Johnnie was now talking medicine stamps. The young man was growing desperate.

"Coffee. And if you will only accept me we will live in a—"

"Post office," Some of the boys had got

back to departments again."

"New house which I have recently built out in Maplewood. I can promise you that our married life will be nothing if not harmonious, and that between us there shall be nothing but—

"War."

That settled it. The young man suddenly remembered that it was getting late, and Johnny is now wondering why big sister has taken such an aversion to his stamp collection. He is also wondering why she let such a good catch slip through her fingers.

Eastern Philatelist

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## *Editorials.*

The Berlin correspondent of the ERA said in his report that on one page of our first issue eight different kinds of type were used. This is false. Put on your spectacles Bro. Gillar or take another course at the Public School and you may learn to count after all.

Bro. Stone another writer of the ERA talked very hard things about the imperfectness of our DEBUT number. I wonder if he was always perfect at his first trial.

However we thank the above two wise characters for the cheap ads they gave us, and if the subscriptions keep rushing in as they have been, we hope they will continue inserting ads at such low rates.

Among the philatelic papers we have received are — The Philatelic Chronicle, a new paper edited and published by H. E. Williams from Charlotte, Mich. It is pretty good for No. 1 and we wish them success.

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**Berlin, Ont.**



## ADVANTAGES OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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Thus far we have advocated some of the influences of stamp collecting. A closer acquaintance with the album will be found to convey insight in the modern arts. Engraving, including stereology, electrotypy, the differences between the process and all engraving and lithographing colour printing, duplicating by still processes, and all the attendant branches of postage stamp reproductions are brought before the stamp collector. Paper making; the differences between laid, wove and other varieties, are also learned and in many ways, too numerous for further explanation here. the stamp collector in the exercise of his propensities, is on the royal road to knowledge.

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