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The Postman's Knock.



"EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, June 1, 1866.

EDITORIAL.

WE have much pleasure in informing our friends that our little paper has been very well received by the good wishers of Timbrophily, and that we will be likely to continue its publication so long as it is as welcome as was our first number. Stamp collecting on this Continent is greatly on the increase and we hope to its circle continually extending. True, a great many of the little boys who used to besiege the Post Office and pester every out comer with their 'Please sir, give me that stamp,' have fallen out of the ranks, and gone back to their proper sphere of amusement—marbles and base-ball. True, a great many persons who collect'd because it was fashionable and a fashionable mania, have tired of the pursuit and are now paying their most exclusive and languid attention to something better suited to the turn of their frivolous minds; but for every one of such useless soldiers our armies lose we receive two earnest collectors, gentlemen and ladies, who gather stamps for the love of it—as the antiquary gathers relics of by-gone days—persons who take pride in their pursuit and are determined to follow it on. Then three cheers for Stamp collecting! the model amusement of the 19th century—an amusement that instructs while it gratifies, and is useful while it gives pleasure.

NEW STAMPS.

HAMBURG presents us with a new set of envelopes, at present composed of seven varieties. They are similar in design to the current adhesive postals of this free city, excepting that the four corners are cut off, making them octagonal in shape. The colors of these new comers are identical with their twin values in the adhesives, as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling black, $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch. mauve, $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch. pink, 2 sch. orange, 3 sch. blue, 4 sch. green, 7 sch. magenta. Three values used in the adhesives ($1\frac{1}{2}$ sch., $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch. and 9 sch.,) are unrepresented, in the new galaxy, but we presume they will not be long withheld. Hamburg has also a new adhesive to be noticed this month—a $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch. pink.

SWEDEN offers her contribution in the shape of two new stamps, respectively valued at 17 and 20 öre. In design they are said to resemble the brown 3 öre stamp. The 17 is lilac in color, and the 20 scarlet.

HAYTI struggles on in the upward path of civilization and brings as token a medio real stamp, color light green; design, similar to the real previously in use.

FINLAND has a new postal, value 10 pennia, printed in red and green on white paper.

NORTH GERMANY enlarges her list by a black $\frac{1}{2}$ silb gr.; same type as the higher values of the present issue.

TURKEY has a new local stamp, value $3\frac{1}{2}$ paras.

CUBA, ever ready, sends a new issue of four specimens: same design as the 1864 issue, but bearing the value in

centisimos as follows: 5c. lilac, 10c. blue, 20c. green, 40c. rose, with their date 1866. They are unperforated.

VICTORIA.—The English journals have been for a length of time crying out for a new 6d. stamp for this colony, and now that they have got it we hope they are satisfied. The great prayed-for is of the same type as the new 10d., and is printed in blue on white paper. We do not know what effect the displacement of the 'hideous' superseded will make on the English Stock Exchange, but we might state for the benefit of our trans-Atlantic brethren that the current of affairs among the afternoon gatherers at Chubb's corner is unruffled by this mighty event, and it is hoped that it will make no special difference in the great Confederation scheme.

BERMUDA claims the credit of a new 2d. blue stamp.

BRAZIL.—The P. O. authorities of this Empire are going to have new postals, essays for that purpose having been printed by some of the N. Y. Bank companies. The arms of the country and the head of the Emperor are represented—so says the S. C. Record.

“The height of meanness” is exemplified by certain persons who have sent to us for Stamps on approval and returned them to us unpaid—leaving us the disagreeable alternatives of losing our stamps or paying postage on them. The man who would do such a thing would suck the eggs from under a setting hen. Such a man reminds us of the miserly character who would not allow persons to sit down on his stone steps for fear they would wear them out—also, of the individual who used to save his toe-nail pairings and boil them for oil. If a certain gentleman living in Chicago does not take the above very delicate hint and send us what it cost us to take his letter out of the Office we will unhesitatingly print his name next month. The person of whom we speak had the audacity besides to send us a letter to give to a person whom he

dare not offend—absolutely making us foot up other peoples postage. The sum involved is small but the impudence is unbearable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Feb. 20th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock :

Some months since the Stamp Collectors Magazine published a cut of a so called Sandwich Island 13 cent stamp and stating that the owner had received it from the British Consul at Honolulu.

I do not wish to doubt this assertion or the truth of it, yet am compelled to make the following statement:

A gentleman who has for many years been postmaster at Honolulu, and well versed in postal matters assured me, while in this city recently on being shown the cut of the above Stamp, that no such stamp was ever in existence or used by that government. He did not think that it was an essay either, as there was no occasion for any change in the postal department. Besides this I have written to parties in the Islands who, one and all, assure me that no such stamp ever existed. Regretting to detract from the value of the possessors stamp,

I am, yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

United States local stamps we consider a complete and unmitigated humbug from beginning to end. The prolific manner in which they are increasing will lead to their entire exclusion from all respectable albums before long.

A few weekly papers who deemed us worthy of rank on their exchange lists—we especially are obliged to—as also to those serials who gave us notices.

Read carefully all our advertisements.

If the European dealers were a little more liberal in their business transactions with the Traders on this side of the Atlantic it would do no harm. But at present their principle seems to be to write out to persons here and get them to send stamps or money and make no returns. This sort of thing is contemptible in the extreme and must be stopped or we will be down on a few of them—"like a thousand of brick."

Colonial Collectors!

TAKE notice that the Excelsior Stamp Association take all sorts of Colonials in exchange for Foreign Stamps. Send for list of what we allow for them—it cannot fail to give satisfaction.

The Excelsior Stamp Association

WOULD call the attention of collectors to their Excelsior Packets—the finest ever issued on this Continent. Our 5c. packet contains 10 varieties of used Stamps; our 10c. packet contains 20 varieties of used Stamps; our 25c. packet contains 40 varieties of used Stamps; our 30c. packet of obsolete Stamps contains 25 varieties; our 25c. packet of Colonials contains 20 varieties; our 40c. packet of mixed Stamps contains 100; our \$2.50 packet of mixed Continentals contains 1,000; our \$1.00 packet of mixed used and unused Colonials contains unused Stamps of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, together with a 3d. N. B., 3d. N. S., and a great many others, the best ever offered to collectors. All these packets and a great many others will be mailed on receipt of price. All you have to do is to send the list of what Stamps you want, and we will mark their prices and return you the list or send the Stamps on approval. The above prices are all U. S. CURRENCY. All Stamps sold by us are warranted genuine.

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Collectors will bear in mind that the above are marked in UNITED STATES' CURRENCY.

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