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BY WAIF. CHAPTER IV.
After the disgust and emmui consequent on a voyage aeross the Atlantic, Guy Sinclair Junr. gazed out at the grey suroky-looking city of Liverpool with a langour belonging to that period of a life-the termination of a sea voyage-and no other-a langour which made hisconfortable apartments at a fashionable hotel almost as unendurable as the state-room he had so gladly quitted. There wasa slight physicalinsufficiency about this young scholar that amounted to very little of itself; but which had been fostered into a positive evil. The black shadow that had loomed up in Mr. Sinclair's life-path had obscured with its pitchy gloom the poormotherless babe, that had now a double claim on his heart. He had shrank with pin ul reserve from eyery thing human and the helpless infaut, that might have softened the grief and opened a new future to the stricken man, was left only to receive the sympathy of hirelings. Thus man in his blind gropins, too often missing the treasures within reach, clutches the baser elements of existence. As time moved on and the shadow grew into a fixture, Guy Sinclair learned to look at it as most of us do, when there is no compromise to be made with fate. So the gulf widened and the boy was an orphan indeed. In a pecuniary view there was no lack, but the little one's joys were never shared by another, and they soon ceased to become joys. Staid respectable women who had out lived the freshness and buogancy of life attended to his wants with scrupulous exactness, The child naturally shy, instinctively felt, as his mental powers develoned, this injudicious treatment, without understanding its cause, grew more reticent and inactive, and turned to his imagination for the attractions children generally find in their dailyamu ements. While ferm boyish games gave strength to his muscular organs there was, plenty of food for the
nervous system; this was where the insuffi iency lay-his muscular and nervous powers were uneaqually ballanced. It is scarcely surprising, then, that he should wonder wearily what there was in life worth clinging to so tenaciously.

After a poor attempt at dining and when Mr. Frost had donned his spectacles and was lost among the leaves of a heavy volume, Guy openeda portable esk, with the intention of notifying his safe arr....i 'in England to Guy Sinclair across the waves. His eye was caught by the hand writing of Ellis Blair on the large envelope containing the fromise Idirect:onsfor atimbrophilic collection. It wasunopened but now he seized it cagerly, for the very sight of his friends* tuady chirueraphy broug't his cbeerful face and carnest eyes betore him with a rush of emotions that was quite new to his sluggish, ingrafted nature.
"Begin with your native land, Gay," he wrute, 'to help and . timulate you I enclose all the unused American stamps I canlay my hands on at so short a notice. These you observe, are the legitimate Post-office impressions, but there are numberless local stamps, that you can easily olitain from American dealers. Below you will find the name and address of several ; also some dealers in New Brunswick to whom you can write for British Provincials. Write your wants in as few words as posisible; they will understand you if you send the money-by looking over the price list, I also enclose, you will be ahle to deternine their value--ilways making allowance, of co arse, for the difference in Americ.un and Poovincial currency. The core epondence in the stamp trade is peculiar, I own, but in vulgar parlance, sou will soon get the hang of it. You may think it less trouble to get these poitals from European dealers, who advertize them, but I would advise you to go to the 'fountain head'. The fact is, I very much doubt if they are all of them attainable. Now I know the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shilling to be exceedingly rare, and the Connell even more so still, indeed it is next to a miracle to get one of the latter at all in the province where they originated. How is it then that foreign
dealers can sell them for less then their price on their own territory? If they do have them they must be reprints, fuc-similes or something of that kind ; and no stamp connoisecur cares to have a doubt thrown upon the individuality of his treasure. You understand me Guy, every stamp has its own separate character, as it were, and when doubt of its genuineness arises, it is like some old history-Rollin for examplewhich we read with a relish. but even the boy just emerging from Mother II ubbard, can'tquite swallow it all.

After some further observatinns he concluded with a personal warning. "You will wonder, my dear fellow why I urge so trivial an amuement on you; you will perhaps dnubt the soundness of my advice; but there is one thing you will not question. and that is my friendship, you will believe that when I take up the office of Mentor it is because, wishing you well, I think it uecessary. Therefore I urge a change in your lifemarkme, Guy, this is the turbing point in your history, throw away for a time at least, your lexicons and substitute a stamp album-leave abstruse problems to those whose buciness it is to use them, and read Harper, and Chambers if you will, don't let Mr. Frost interfere with you; he is a good man but he is a moral bat. I respect his sincerity - but discatd his dim views of men's social obligations -I distrust the old routine that requires a physical giant to master it. It makes one think of the unfortunate horse doomed to work one of those old fashioned bark mills. But you are no giant, Guy; your constitution could never have been more thin passable, and it has been worn down by study and want of exercise, till it will take an effort nearly equal to the one Mrs. Chicks describes, to clear you of the pulmonary evil which so many young Americins fomder. As for the stamp album, you promised you know, and I'm not afraid you will forget to keep your word-neither do I doubt but what you will find an interest in what you hare undertak; en out of friendship for- Ellis Blair." Guy, was deeply affected with the earnestness of this appeal-a film seemed to have been resting over his life, and was now breaking away, leaving him more aimless and desolate than before. He felt like a man lost on a desert with no reprieve from the burning sky nor the burning sand, with no shadow of an oasis in view. He glanced at the guide and his companion of his youth, still buried among the folios of a past age ; still dreaming over improbable fictions, and the desert grew hotter-the heat more intense. He wondered feebly who was Mrs. Chicksand what the effort he advised was about. He had never read Dieken's, for Mr. Frost would have considered an hour spent in that great man's company, as so much lost time. The vords, " mark me Guy, this is the turning point in your history," secmed to take form and glared at him from out every pattern on the wall paper-peeped from behind vases and
chimney ornaments, and over the tops of pictures and mirrors. Bllis Bhair had not even imagined how near was the erisis in his young friends life, when he peancd that carnest warning-nor could Guy for one mument understand what it had cost his self-constituted mentor to send it. True his mental sight was widely distended, but it takes something more than even mental vision to unlock a strong man's heart. Those who knew this young barrister best, and esteemed him most wondered at the keatific light on his face at this time-a light that might have hovered round the head of a martyr on his way to the stake, but Guy could know nothing of it. But his singular urgency affected him strangely, it may be dangernusly, for after the enervating effects of seasickness. he was ill able to bear exitement of any kind, still less excitement of such a morbid character.
As his father had done years ago, so Guy groped blindly for he knew not what-unlike the former he found a talisman that helped to dispel the blackness that was settling around him. It was a trifle-nothing biat a postage stamp-it was the Connell he had found in Brondwayand it lay carelessly in the bottom of his desk. Youmay smile incredulous reader, but if I should tell you half I mean about the potency of trifies you would look at them reverently as Guy did when he lifted his stamp. It was as a devotee handles his most valucd relic, and he felt it to be "A talisman of hope and memors."
at this moment, for the fresh young face and lithe, graceful figure of the girl he had seen but for a moment came to him like the first faint breath from the far off oasis, with its cool, shady fountain. His oppressed breathing grew regular-his wild imaginations vanished. There was nu longer a weird meaning attatched to the warning of Ellis. Blair, the patterns on the wall lonked dull and expressionless, and he ceased to inguire about Mrs. Chicks and her effort, for the effort was made unconsciously. "She must be a collector, he thought, I will be one too; for yor sake Ellis, becinse I promised, butalso, because it is a link that may one day draw me like a magnatized needle towards her."
The young man's unsophisticated habits had not led him to inquire how much of the oppressiveness of his voyage was attributable to the sudden passion he had conceived for the fair owner of the "Lost," stamp. He registered a resolve in the most sceret corner of his heartglancing as he did so at the unconscious tutor: it was the glance of a gladiator and not that of a dutiful pupil. But Mr. Frost though essentially wrong, had discharged his trust with faithful punctiliousness: his simple instincts did not warn him against over-burdening the growing intellect; he was proud of his pupil-proud of the progress he had made, and he loved him in his own undemonstrative fashion. Guy, partly comprehending the pressure of old habits, felt the emergency of his case, and calledin an unne-
cosary antagonistic to aid him in his struggle for freedom.
Guy Sinclair postponed his paternal epistlewrote another in instead, containing an order, and before another day bad passed he was turning with gentle hands, but wearing a perplexed face, the leaves of a beautifully bound edition of a-Stamp Album.

> (To be Continued.)
${ }^{\prime}$ The collecting of Postage Stamps is a fashion not confined to this country, or to a single class; for collections are frequently to be seen in the drawing-room of the luxurious, the study of the enlishtened, and the locker of the school-hoy

The fashion has been ridiculed, as all fashions will be; but if postage stamps are properly studied, collected and arranged, there is no reason why they may not be quite as instructive and entertaining as the colicetion of birds, butterfies, shells, books, engravings coins, or other objects.
The use and charm of collecting any kind of object is to educate the mind and the eye to careful observation, accurate comparison, and just reasovings on the differences and likenesses which they present; and to interest the collector in the design or art shown in their cruation or manufacture, and the history of the country which produces or uses the oljects collected. The postage stamps affurd good objects for all these branches of study, as they are sufficiently different to present broad outlines for their classification, and yet some of the variations are so slight that they require minute examination and comparison to prevent them from being overlooked. The fact of obtaining stamps from so many countries suggests the inquisy, what were the circumstances that induced their adoption, the history of the countries which issue theu, and the understanding why some countries have considered it necessary, in so few yo ars as have passed since they first came into use, to make so many changes in the form or design of the stamp used, while other countric s, like Hollard, have never made the slightest change.

The changes referred to all mark some historical event of importance; such as the accession of a new king, a change in the form of government, or the absorption of a smaller state into some larger one, a change in the currency, or some other revolution. Hence, a collection of postaye stamps may be considered, like a collection of coins, anepitome of the history of Furope and America for the last quarter of a century ; and as they exhibit much variation in design and in execution, they may also be regarded as a collection of works of art on a small scale, showing the style of art of the countries that issue then: while the size of the collection, and the manner in which they are arranged and kep', will show the industry, judgment, neatness, and taste of the collector, who should always bear in mind that every accessory that is showy and
bright takes away from the appearance and interest of the stamps themselves.

The full use of the stamps in teaching geography and history can only be obtained when they are arranged in systematic and chronological order. This has unfortunately not been seen by many compilers of catalogues and collectors, who place their stamps of the different countries alphabetically, thus separating the stamps of neighbouring countries. of the same royal house, the same language, or kind of money, into different parts of their collection. Many of these compilers and collectors have not been consistent with themselves, and arranged their collections partly gengraphically and partly alphabetically; this is even less instructive, and more difficult to consult. as it is not easy to recollest how the -tamps follow each other.-From Dr. Gray's catulogue of Postage Stamps.

St. John, N. B. June 22nd, 1866. To the Elitor of the S. C. M. Gazette.

Sim. With your kind permission, $\&$, hould like to make a few obsenvations, through the medimm of your valuable journal, upon a subject which may not prove altugether uninteresting to the readers of the "Gca.e'te". I purpose, -in view of the great and important national and political changes seemingly about to be beeffected, on thiscontineutand in Europe -to consider the effect which these said changes will probably have upon the interests of the stamp-collecting community.
In the first place, as regards the appreathing union of the 13. N. A. provinces, this will, of course not only necessitate a central government but a general Pose Office and a common and uniform series of postage stamps. Those now in use will be no longer issued, but will in future be classed amongst the obsolete stamps, and will also become hoth rare and more costly. I would therefore strongly advise all who intend to completc their assortment of our provincial stamps to filt up their sets as quickly as possible. At a 'ater period they will cost much more than they do at present-while some varietics may be very difficult to procure at any price. This is the case, even now, with some of the old issues of New Brunswick and the neighbouring provinces.

Luoking southward to the republic or empire of Mexico, (which ever it is,) we see a couple of governments, and three or four wou'd-je rulers, fighting and scheming to outain control of that unhappy conntry. Should the Franco-Austrian party succeed in placing Masmilian upon the throne, anew issue of stamps may be expected.

A war of great magnitude appears to be inevitable on the continent of Europe, it is hard to siy what changes it may effect, one thing is petty certain, however, viz, that the Ottoman Empire will suffer a pretty considerable cutting up. Turkey in Europe will probably share the fate of poor Poland; Turkey in Asia cannot
long exist alone, and then the stamps of the defunct empire will become both scarce and valuable.

In Australia a movement has been set on foot to unite the several colonies under one government, should this be done the same effects will be produced as in the calse of the B. N. A. provinces, as far as stamps are concerned., I would advise the readurs of the "Gazette" to complete their sets of the above mentioned stamps, as well as all others which are likely to become rare and costly. By attending to this at once a collection might be made, by almost any one, which would be worth, in a year or t.wo, three or four times th original cost.

Hoping that these few remiriks and suggesstions may be worth, at least, the space which they occupy in your columns.

I remain yours \&c.
Collector.
THE STAMP COLIECTOR'S
 SAINT JOHN, N. B., JULY, 1866.

Not the least interesting feature in the juvenile life of the last ten or fifteen years has been its many manifestations of curiosity gathering. Each in its turn has been followed with ardour. as each youth was emulous to outstrip his fellows in the number, variety, or rarity of his specimens of what happened to be the fraak of the time. While the fever lasted it was the absorbing subject of thought in solitude, and conversation in company. It is only a very few years since the collecting of rare stones was in vogue; and many a weary mile have we known enthusiastic classmates travel in search of some. thing worthy of being alded to what they were pleased to term their "Cabinet." Under proper guidance this spinited seouring of the country for its "stone records" might have been brought to the aid of science ; but nnfortunately the teachers of those days were like too many of the present time, either lacked the capacity, the desernment, or the knowledge requisita for this Without a guide or instructor to show them how to read and learn the story which every little sleell and pebble had to tell, their zeal gradually cooled and ultimately expired. But healthy youth cannot remain inactive. He will labour for the pleasure of excitement alone, if for nothing else. The "rock veriod" was followed by "Coin collecting." Here was a new field for enterprize, and every old box till, and trunk was rumaged by the young numismatillogical for rare and obsolete coins. This amusement, in theatre parlance, had a "long run," but latterly to the great grief of many antique Aunts was laid aside for-what, reader, do you think? For nothing less than Boun yothering! Then it ras that every ficld and farm and greenhouse ard gard?n were ransacked for new varieties of beans. We
huve seen a kind hearted seeduan surrounded with an importunate band of urchins begying for beans as if each was a precimusstone. Many who did not "know beans", before, were now made thoroughly aequainted with all theirpeculiarities, and many bean gardens were to be seen in many strange places. This, too, faded, and then caune the collecting of crests and seals. If the real could not be had, a wax impression could; but as this required time and tact and talent for successful mamipulation, it was soon given up for something that could be more etsily followed. And then we had an illustration of "extremes" mecting," even in juvenile fancy. Crests were laid aside for Cards. How any sensible youth could erer devote time to the nonsensical practice of "card collecting" we could never understand, but yet it was the case, howevor absurd it may now appear.
Such collections might be of use to an aspiring "printers, devil" but to no one else. This subject howevor was soon exhausted, and then came Stemp Collecting. This latter differs from all the others. It is more congenial to the youthful mind-is more instructive and more likely to remain in vogue than any of its predecessors. When a boy gets a new stamp he is of course desirous to know all about it. Is it from Italy or Irance, Honolulu or China, Japan or India, he turns to his geography and learns the history, the trade, the commerce and degree or civilization of the place from whence this last stianger has come. Thus is it that stamp collecting ministers not only to the inate curiosity of youth but is an important aid in teaching him general geographical knowledge. It is therefore we think most likely to endure, and should be encouraged by parents and teachers.

That comical sheet the Rochester N. $\cdot$ H. Intclligencer for July has just reached our office. Terms only 20 cents a year in advance, address Edwin Fernald, Rochester, N. H., for further particulars.

An attentive pervsal of our advertiṣing pages is requested. Anything may now be procured, from a bird's egg to a Meclenburg $i$ sch.

A mutilated letter mailed at Fort Erie, Canada, and addressed to a person at New Glasgow Pictou County, was received at the Halifax Post Office. Upon the corer was written "this letter was damaged in this office by a bullet from a Fenian musket."

Henry A. Stoneall, who was recently indicted before the United States District Court of New Jerey, on a charge of opening two letters while agent on the Postal car between New York and Washington, was released from trial at the present session of the court. His pardon was issued before conviction, and even before the case had come to trial.

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Bramimm.-The 1 centime stamp of Belgium
 which te here engrave, was issuad June 1st. It is perforated and grey in colour. The name ff the country, it will be noticed, is still omitted.

Brazila and Peru.-A correspondent says: "I have only time to write that for certain the new stamps so long talkedabout for Brazil are about ready, for issue, and made by the American Bank Note Co., also new stamps for Peru. Stamps of Brazil, head in centre, colours, green black and purple.

Peru, arms in centre, colour green."
Honolulu.-A new postal just out, head of king in centre of an oval, figure 5 in upper corners. hawair at top mima kenema in smaller letters at bottom, perforated, colour, dark blue. We notice his Majesty's hair is parted in the middle.

France.-Various new designs of envelopes have been offered to the Frencli government, a description of one we here add. An elongated oval, at the top of which is a crown; directly un lerneath, is an eagle within as shicld. In the centre of the stamp the head of Napoleon III crowned with laurels, to the left is visible. At the bottom is a plate with 00 c ; at this place the value is to be inserted. mampe friveais at left oval border an trmane post at right side, colour green.

Victoria.-A correspondent informs a contemporary that the 10 d for this Island has been changed from green to brownish red.
Moldo Wadraciria.-The new Moldo Wal-
 1 representation of the 5p. we here subjoin.

Dresden.-This month the Express company here intend issuing 5 more new stamps.

New Zealand.-4d rose is now ycllow.
Bremin -5 sgr is now a brilliant yellowish green.

Spain.-2c. is now bright rose, 4c. bright blue and 12 c . yellow

Itais. The new 20c. will be issued to day40 c , is now violet rose.

Portugal. The new series will comprise $\overline{5}$, 10,80 , and 120 reis.
Denmark.-A mammoth Railway packet label
has appeared. Large rectangular, in centre is an oval with 10 pound, round which in a border is de s Jhiland ske jeide, bayer., crown at the top (resembling five castles) 12 skilling below, 10 in four corners. Brown on white, perforated.

Another value 8 skillings to carry 5 Ht blue is out.

St. Domingo. - A new stamp, in the centre a shield containing arms, over which at top is correo, value in words below, "Diosputria Libertud"' directly under inseription - value 1 real, colour green.

Findand.-The red and green stamp, noticed last issue ; of this country is issued by a company ; the letter boxes are visited five times Aaily and on Sunday once, the inscription "staDS Poss", is in Swedish and " KAUPUNGINposr"" in Fimish, the value is also denoted in both linguages.

Brimsi Hoxderas.-1 shilling islightgreen now.

## Zostal Cilit-Chat.

Money Orders drawn at the Post Office St. John, in June $\$ 2 y 09.81$, being an increase of 1331.32 over the amount drawn in June 1865. Money Orders paid \$1501.01, an increase of $\$ 2231.16$ over the same month last year.

The London Oul states that it is probable that measures will shortly be taken to place all the electric telegraph lines in Great Britain in the hands of the Post Office, with a view to the establishment of a low and uniform rate of charge for telegraph despatches.

The penny postage system in England hasin-crea-ed the making of steel pens. In 24 years $12($ tons of steel made into 200.000 .000 pens was thourht to be enormous. Now there are a number of houses which make $20.000 .000,30$. 000.000 and even 50.000 .000 pens a year, at such cheap rates that a gross may be bought for fourpence.
The Postage on drop letters in Montreal Canada, is but one cent while here it is two cents.

Post Office Boxes are now placed in different parts of the city of Montreal C. E., which are visited four times a day, and their contents transferred to the General Post Office. The hours of clearing them out are, 10.30 A. M., 1.30 P. M., 6. P. M., and 9. P. M. On Sunday once; at $9 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$.
$\because$ From the Canadian P. M. G's report for 1865 we learn that the number of miles of annual mail travel is $6,350,000$. Number of letters by Yost per annum, $12,000,000$. Postal Revenue $\$ 834,000$, total expenditure, $\$ 857,000$. This included Railway mail services, as well as ocean mail service. The Mails are now carried regularly on 1,931 miles of railway route.

The postal revenue of the year has been as follows;-Net revenue collected, $\$ 834,1096$.
73. The chief sources of revenue were on letters prepaid by stamp, $\$ 383,001$; do, do. in money, or sent unpaid, $\$ 355,000$; on Canadian newspapers, including newspaper stamps, $\$ 70$,000 ; on U. S. newspapers delivered in Canada, $\$ 2,000$; miscellaneous letter boxes, box rent, \&c., $\$ 6.000$; total $\$ 834,000$.

The postage on letters passing ketween Canada and the United States was for this year $\$ 323,277.63$. Of this amount, fifty-cight and three quarters per cent was collected in the United States, and forty-one inind a quarter per cent in Canada. This correspondence has more than doubled in amount during the last ten years, the aggregate collection in 1850 having only been $\$ 145,377$ as compared with $\$ 323,276$ in 1865. There 5000 persons employed in the Post Office Department.
$\sqrt{ }$ The New York Eteniug Post in speaking of the amount of business done at the Post Office in that city says:-
" Persons who have given this subject much attention assert with confidence their reasons for believing that in less then a century from this time, the city of New York representing America, and being in the shortest path of travel and commerce between Europe and Asia, will be the postal centre of the world."

All who have ever visited New York will remember having seen attached to almost every lamp post an iron box with an aperture at the top tor the reception of letters. Many will no doubt be very much surprised when we tell them how much business is done at these places alone. letters collected from lamp post boxes in 1863, 1,550.303, in 1S65, 2,671,043., onew papers in 1863, 1 182.727 . 1865 408.484. Total collection by carriers in 1863, 1,734,030., in 1865, 3,079,527. Letters delivered from lamp post boxes in 1863, 1,999, 913 , in 1865, $3,379,798$, newspapers \&c., (1863) 124,5S7 (1865) 299,307. Total deliveries by carriers (1863) 2, 124,500 (1865) 3.679,105. Box departmen7; Letters delivered in the quarter ending Dec., 31st, 1862 3,225,509, (1865) $5,275,640$.
It should be observed that the rast number of letters dec., sent directly to the Post Office, is not included in these statements.

A magnificent new Post Office is about to be erected in New York.
" Now Girls " said Mrs. Partington, the other day, to her neices, "You must get husbands as soon as possible, or they will be murdered."
"Why so, Aunt ?"
"Why, I see by the papers that we've got almost fifteen thousand post offices, and nearly all of 'em dispatches a mail every day. The Lord have mercy on us poor widows!" and the old lady stepped quietly to her looking-glass, to put on her new cap.

## $f$ FORGLED SCAMPS <br> yRom

" How to Detect forged stamis,"
bY THOMAS DALTON, ESQ.
MODENA.
Inscrintion: Poste Distense, eagle under crown, 5 c. treen, 9 c. b. g. violet, 10 c. rose, 10 c. brown, 15 c. yellow 15 c. violct, 25 c. primrose, 40 c. blue, l lira white.

## Grnuine.

The claws of the eagle are both alike, and have only three toes.
The letters of cent are short and thick.
The ormaments at the right and left hand borders curl round at the ends.
Printed on unglazed paper.
The above are poor imitations and I could namemany more differences, but those mentioned will suffice. The above stamps are also forged a second time, and appear to be better executed, so that I append description.

## Genuine.

The crown does not touch the head of the eagle.
The tail of eagle does not touch the legs.
The eagle is properly shaped, and the teathers are neatly imitated.

Foraed.
The crown touches the head of eagle.

The tail touches the legs.
The eagle is badly shaped, especially about the neck, which is too thick, and the feathers are blotchy.

## MEXICO.

## 185\%.-2 reals green on white paper.

Genuine.
The name of the issuing State is printed in black on the right side of the stamp.
The background is composed of lines slose together.

The ornaments at The ornaments at sides are neatly done. 1 sides are badly done.
Same issuc. - $\frac{1}{2}$ roalblue, 1 rl. ycllow, 2 rs. green 4 rs. red, 8 rs. violct.

1861 issuc.- Black impression on coloured paper, $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{rl} ., 1 \mathrm{rl} ., 2 \mathrm{rs},. 4 \mathrm{rs}$ red on ycllow, 8 rs. Green on brown, and several more of the same design, but fuctitious colours. In all 20 varietics.

The colouring of the above imitations is extremely poor and thin, and the lettering very indistinct and irregular. The top inscription is Mclico instead of Mcoico. They are in fact, so poorly esecuted that it is utterly impossible for theim to victimize collectors.

## CORRTLINTAS.

I hear of the Corrientes stamp being forged, but I have not yot had an opportunity of secing a copy, I understand, however, that the imitations are much better exceuted than the gennine, and that there is a great dissimilarity in the paper. I merely mention this to put collectors on their guard against this fuc-simile, but if they should see two enpies of this stamp unlike each other, they need not conclude that one of them is forged or vice versen, as the genuine stamps are printed in plates of eight, and all of them are slightly different in design.

## PRIZE RNIGMA.

I am composed of 68 letters.
My $52,22,63$, 45, $56,65,10,18,68,42,24,61$, $29,13,16,57,49$, was the name of a stamp periodical.
${ }^{*} 1,2,3,36,50,9,65,62,55,59,5,12,28,8$, $43,23,53,65,41$, is the name of a postal publication.
" $58,14,40,4,32,55,37,9,65,4 S, 36,7,29$, $44,58,31,1547,55,60,65,9,30,3410$ is another.
" $33,210,42,48,61,59,38,58,43,4,62,67$, $14,28,5,21,41,24,66,9,60,23,16,15$, $19,58,45,53,31,32,16$, can always be found in the Gazette.
" $55,22,46,39,28$, form a very useful collection.
" $11,48,33,27,47,40,54,35,16,24,66,9$, 28, are now collected by many.
" $6,5,49,7,17,26,57,23,4,40,67,10$, has issiel many stamps.
" $43,27,64,61,66,42,25,54,26,58,22,51$ $16,29,53,52,32,47$, have always been found in the Gazette.
My whole is a stamp publication now defunct.
SQuire Jinis.
(Answer next month.)
Answer to enigma in last month's GazcteThe Samit John Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette of New Brunswick.
The following received prizes for correct ans-wers.-D. C. D., E. A. C., and Stella Mackay, St. John, and R. I. L. Providence R. Island.

We offer for correct solution to this month's enigma, (by subscribers only.) 1st prize, 80 lepta Greece; and 1 Centime French Colonies, and 2 kr . Austria; 3d 10 centimes, France; 4th 5 reis, Portugal. All unused and warranted genuine.

## PRIZE ENIGMA, No. 2.

Stema Mackay having succeeded in solving C. W. I's "hard" enigma, sends in the following, which speaks for itself. She thinks she can solve any enimma that Edipus can makewill he try it? Our columns are open to him for the trial.
Respectfully dedicated by the Authoress to $\mathbf{C}$. W. L. of San Friancisco and Tinipus of Boston.

## PRIKE ENIGMA.

1 aun composed of 97 letters.
My 13, 94, 50, $23,87,77,48,64$, is a New Brunswick river.
" $4,76,20,8,93,2(1,72,97,58,65$, is a New Brunswick River
" $3,86,20,10,38,84,30,43,68,82,27,11$, $25,92,57,61,33$, is a New Brunswick vi'lage.
" $79,29,5.4,78,91,20,20,12,23,51,16$, is a New Brunswick river.
" $5, \$ 3,49,10.19,6,1.60,67,9685,47,74$, is a New Brunswick Stamp Ye aler.
" $75.9,11,89,46,88,69,64,95.62,31, .18$,
" 78, 52, 80, is an English Stamp Dealer.
" 65, 35, 26, 58, 8, 93, 77, 50, 92, 24, 40, 39. is what C. W. L. and Edipus rill beafter they have puzzled over this enigma three weeks.
" $4,52,2,28,25,15,44,34,59,48,93,17$, is the title of an English nobleman.
6 $97,21,8,37,47,51.63,1854,7 S, 74,35$, 20), is pictured on a Postage Stamp.
" $56,41,96,62,35,4 \overline{4}, 68,92,23,59,42,72$, 68 , 49, is also figured on a postage stamp.
" $36,91,73,66,50,77,78,70,22$, 71,15 , is the name of a battlefield.
" $32,6,53,94,87,34$, is a river in Great Britain.
My whole is the name and residence of a person who is said to have a fine collection of postage stamps.

Stella Mackay.
Th answer to C. W. L's Enigma, is "J.B. Moeus Galerie Bortier, seyen Brussels.

## TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Bmaaucrgi, in use among Stamp Collectors.
2. Neaaassstg, inscription on a newspáper stamp.
3. Willlleeeusaaiddnnmdfobiu, the pride of the Stamp Collector.
4. Iocerrrttnma, common expression among Stamp Dealers.
(Answer next issue.)
Answers to Transpositions in our last. 1. $K u$ post couvert drei lercuzer. 2. Blotting stamp paper.
5. Shanghai L. P. O. tivo candareens. 4. correos porte franco.

The 3 rd and 4 th, only were answered correctly, the others proving too difficult for our readers. D. C. Dawson, St. John, sot the prize for No. 4, and S. L., Brooklyn, N. Y. for No. 3. We announce the following rewards for the first four this month: No. 1, a new Belgium; no. 2 a Turkish 5 ; no. 3, a New Grenada 1 cent rose; No. 4, Fe. La Guaria.-Second; No. 1, 3 ore Sweden; No.- 2. Hanover 1 g envelope; nò. 3 Meclenburg $\frac{1}{2}$, vermilion; No. 4, Brunsrvick $\frac{1}{3}$, black, new. No answers will be received after the 26 th inst.

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G. P. P., Bridurfourn, N'.S.-The ${ }^{1}$ ² ngr. orange Siaxon envelope iror noticed anomg tho newly issucd stamps, in No. 4. of Vol. 1.
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(7. E., Deiroit. Mirh.-The stamps ordered have been sent to your mdress.
W. P., Burlinoton I't.-We have repeatedly stated that we do not jurchase Enigmus, but will be happy to roceive any.

Germania, $\boldsymbol{N}_{.} Y_{0}-$ You have our kindest thanks for the interest you take in the (iazette, and for your suggestion which we regrot to say cannot this issue be acted ujon.
J. A. S.. Concord N. II.-An answer to our letter of tho 26th, A pril last is requested.
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