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The Postman's Knock.



“EXCELSIOR.”

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, July 1, 1866.

EDITORIAL.

WITH continued prosperity we have much pleasure in presenting No. 3 of our unpretending serial to the timbrophilic public. Stamp collecting continues *in statu quo*, and Dealers are still advertising their wares as heretofore. The publishers of this paper have broken ground in a new enterprise—a Prize Distribution of Postage Stamps, full particulars of which may be gleaned from our advertising columns. This much we say in commendation of it, that it is a *bona fide* transaction; the Prizes are all that they are represented to be, and ocular demonstration of that fact can be had by any person requiring it. The holders of the winning tickets will have their prizes forwarded to them at once, and the names and addresses of such prize-winners will be published in this paper for the information of all concerned. The collections are not composed of the dirty, torn and thumb-ed stamps, so plentiful in the albums of juvenile collectors, but are all genuine Postals, in fine condition. The first Prize includes many of the rare Stamps much in demand among collectors, including old New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Montevideo, Romagna, Italy, &c., and is well worth the sum at which it is valued. We hope that all who wish the oppor-

tunity of getting large lots of Stamps at small prices will at once forward their orders. Speaking of collections reminds us that the Boston Album, having successfully run through two editions, is now coming out in an enlarged and improved style. Mr. M. Bennett, jr., its enterprising publisher, deserves every success, and we cordially give him our good wishes; and if any effort of ours can forward him in his endeavors he has only to ask and it will be granted. We do not write the foregoing as a puff or a paid-for advertisement—no such thing. Mr. Bennett has not asked us for such a one; we give it as our candid opinion, based on the merits of the Album itself, without reference to its compiler. As American collectors, we are in favor of American works when we can, with due regard to the interests of our readers, recommend them; and happy are we to say that as far as we know, Mr. Bennett's Album is not only superior to any other American production, but infinitely better than any European book of the description we have seen.

✍ The Collectors Guide is a new publication issued at Newport, R. I. It is small, neat and comprehensive, and well worthy the support of the collecting fraternity.

NEW STAMPS.

SAINT DOMINGO.—Our esteemed owner of this publication, Mr. Albert C. Killam, writes to us as follows:—"There is a new Stamp for St. Domingo, value 1 real, oblong, with 'Correos' above the shield, and 'Un Real' below it; just above the shield and below the inscription there is the motto, 'Dios Patria Libertad.' The color of the Stamp is the same as that of the other 1 real."

BREMEN.—The 5s. gr. is now yellow green.

SPAIN.—The 2c, 4c, and 12c, are now respectively bright rose, bright blue, and yellow.

ITALY.—There is a new 20 centesimo issued to-day, and the 40c is now violet rose.

PORTUGAL also issues to-day a complete, new set: values, 5, 10, 80, and 120 reis.

BELGIUM issued on the 1st of June a new 1 centime.

NEW ZEALAND.—The rose 4d is now bright yellow.

PERU.—It would appear that these Stamps are now perforated.

DENMARK has issued two huge stamps for use in Railway parcels; one is light brown on white, value 12 skillings to carry 10 pounds; the other is blue on white, value 8 skillings to carry five pounds. These stamps have as much claims on collectors as the Edinburgh and Leith parcel stamps, although we must say we don't care about either of them ourselves; but it is all owing to taste, as the aged female serenely remarked when caressing her bovine friend.

CONFEDERATE STATES.—An esteemed contemporary has favored us with a sight of two unrecorded locals for this defunct country. One hails from Macon, Georgia, printed in black on light green; small square, value 5 cents; the other comes from Petersburg, Virginia, red on white, upright rectangle inscription, *Petersburg, Virginia, Post Office, 5, W. E., Bass P. M.*

UNITED STATES.—On the same authority we note a new local for these States, circular, black impression on greenish paper; device, a pigeon with

letter attached to its wing flying over mountains; inscription, Overton & Co., Letter Express.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We perceive noted a great variety of Railway parcel stamps which we do not deem worthy of reproduction, regarding them as mere feelers for the very bottom of collectorial pockets. We would advise our friends to have nothing to do with them—the more they are encouraged the more they will spread. Turn your attention to legitimate Postage Stamps, and have nothing to do with these many hued imposters—not but that we think them genuine enough; but there are lots of real stamps to see without going into the side shows.

CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, June 8th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock.

SIR,—I have duly received both numbers of your interesting little paper, and am much pleased therewith. Why do you not enlarge and ask a subscription price? I am sure it would be a success and would receive the support of all American Collectors. I write you a line wishing you to caution Collectors from buying stamps from other than responsible dealers. I saw different ads in English Serials of 'marvelously cheap appearance, and the stamps were stated to be genuine. I wrote and received as nice an assortment of those abortions, called fac-similes, as ever you beheld. I think it is a crying shame for decent publications to advertise these rascals, and from their own respectability mislead their readers as to the respectability of the advertisers. It is very disheartening to young collectors to send their money and receive nothing in return for it. Henceforth I am done with such dealers. I am willing to pay a fair and legitimate price for stamps and intend to deal with those who are above the suspicion of such a thing. Collectors, when you see Packages advertised for 6d. containing Lugan, Old Brazil, &c., don't believe it, don't deal with persons who advertise such things: Don't send to parties you know nothing about because their stamps are advertised cheap. Deal only with United States or Colonial Dealers and be willing to pay for what

you buy. There is a standard in every thing, and when you see stamps worth simply 4s. or 5s. put into packets at 6d. or 2s., don't believe it or you will do as I have done—burn your fingers.

Your obt. servt.,

ARMADILLO.

[Armadillo's advice is very salutary and we hope will receive attention from our friends. We thank Armadillo for his wishes; but we have no present intention of enlarging. There is the Gazette Record and Guide to be supported by subscription and that is enough without us.—Ed. P. K.]

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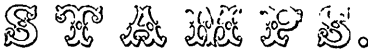
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