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Hong Kong.

On the Eastern coast of Asia, about 75 miles from Canton, lies the small Island of *Hong Kong*. The inhabitants (about 190,000) are mainly Chinese and British Merchants. It is the chief Naval and Military Station of Gt. Britain on this coast, having been ceded to them in 1841.

The first Stamps of this place were issued in 1862. They ranged in value from 2 to 96 cents. All the stamps from this Island, are of the same design. There are over fifty in all, but very few varieties except in watermarks, and these with perhaps an occasional inverted one consist only of Crown and C. C. and Crown and C. A. In 1865 all the values were issued watermarked C. and C. C. Among these we may mention 96 cent yellow-brown and the 4 cent and 96 cent perforated 12½. Among

the many provisionals of this colony there are only 3 which are hard to obtain, 16 cent on 18 cent—1877 and 20 cent on 30 cent and \$1.00 on 96 cent—1890 without Chinese characters. A1 interesting stamp is the Jubilee Issue of 1891. It is now quite scarce.

As to the native inscriptions on the sides of these stamps I cannot say much as I never studied Chinese, but have been informed that the characters at the left indicate the value while those on the right read 'Hong Kong.'

PACIS.

The Difference.

What is the difference between a lady and a postage stamp? One is female and the other a mail-fee.

Why is a boy and a postage stamp alike? Because both are licked and stuck in the corner.

"The only difference I can see between a postage stamp and a Donkey" said an Irishman describing it to his mate "is that the one you stick with a lick and the other you lick with a stick."

(SELECTED BY MOSY).

TWO OLD-TIME LOVE LETTERS.

In an old book, dated 1820, there is the following curious love epistle. It affords an admirable play upon words:

"MADAM :— Most worthy of admiration! After consideration and much meditation on the great reputation you possess in the nation, I have a strong inclination to become your relation." On your approbation of the declaration, I shall make preparation to remove by situation to a more convenient station to profess my admiration; and if such oblation is worthy of observation and can obtain consideration, it will be an aggrandization beyond all calculation of the joy and exultation of yours,

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variation in each respective signification. Now, without disputation, your laborious application in so tedious an occupation deserves commendation and thinking imitation a sufficient gratification, I am without hesitation, yours,

MARY MODERATION."

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(REV. P. S. MOXOM).

By the By.

The citizens of Japanese towns have their mail delivered 5 to 10 times each day. Even those living far out in the country have their letters brought to the door at least once a day.

It is said that the current Canadian stamps except the $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 8c., 20c. and 50c. are to be found on laid paper.

Montreal boasts of having had the first Phil. paper published in America.

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At last, Canada has a Collectors Society which promises fair to prosper, viz: The Dominion Phil. Ass'n.

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The writer is specializing in the above stamps. He takes no stock in reprints, surcharges, foreign revenues and the like. The collector who does not specialize, will never have the satisfaction of seeing his collection complete. Take one country or

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