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Hints to Collectors.

To be collected only genuine stamps in good condition, forgeries should not be placed in the album.

Before being stuck in the album, the stamps,

ought to be cleaned, by putting them on water, the printed side upwards, thus removing the adhesive paper; after having cleaned the stamp, dry it between sheets of blotting paper. Now the stamp is ready for the album. In order to be able to take the stamps easily out of it again, e. g. if to be placed in another book, or if put in a wrong place, it must not be stuck on, as was formerly the fashion, with gum, but small hinges of gummed paper must be used, about 3 inch and 1/2 inch wide, stick the one half on the

Germany Notes

Quite recently a Berlin house advertised that it was sending a representative round the world who, for a trifling sum, would send cards from the towns he touched at to customers. Another Berlin firm takes a person's photo and while he waits prints the same on cards. Of late a further development has taken place. Germany's most prominent artists have been invited to produce designs for the backs of cards, and for which sums are paid. Cards with designs of Professor Menzel the well known painter of historical scenes from the life of Frederick the Great, and by Professor Paul Meyerheim. Germany's greatest animal painter, have come on the market, and though each costs nearly one shilling, they have a great sale.

Professor Meyerheim's represents a bear holding in one paw the tricolor and in the other a bouquet of flowers which he is presenting to the

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We wish to inform our readers that, with the January number, this paper will be greatly improved in style, size and reading matter.

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Geo. E. Mueller,

Berlin, Ont.

Russian doubleheaded eagle. The latter holds in each beak a sealed letter, and the Russian Government is evidently concerned as to what the contents of these letters may be. A telegram from St. Petersburg recently announced that the censor forbids the circulation of the card throughout Russian dominions.

Germany is soon to have postal agencies on Caroline Islands in the Pacific Ocean, having acquired title to these islands by purchase from Spain. The first agencies will probably be established at Yap and Konape. A special issue of stamps bearing the surcharge of "Carolinen Inseln." In two lines diagonally across the face of the stamp is being prepared in Berlin.

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