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ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, AUGUST 1, 1865.

[PRICE 5 CTS.]

✓ The "Record" blunders again.

The editor of the *Record* will excuse us if we decline to continue a controversy with him about the celebrated "Connell" stamp. We respect ourselves and have no desire to reduce the *Gazette* to the level of the *Record*, which stands pre-eminent among stamp journals for what is commonly known as "biling-gate." In this particular line our cotemporary is an adept. Indeed, it flows so freely from his pen that one could almost imagine it to be his mother tongue; but he may as well keep cool until the "dog days" are over, and when he again essays to enlighten his readers on matters connected with New Brunswick, we hope that he will be more successful. We are seriously sorry that he should have taken amiss our well-meant correction of his extraordinary article on the "Connell." We did it in kindness, and in our innocence thought that our friend would be pleased to know the facts. But we fear we have formed a wrong estimate of his character. Our efforts in his behalf appear to have had quite an opposite effect on his temper, and like a naughty, self-willed boy, he begins to bluster and call hard names. For our friend's sake, we are sorry for this. It is very unbecoming, and not at all what one has a right to expect from the learned editor of the *Record*. Our desire is to live at peace with all men, but silly displays of child-like petulance will not deter us from exposing error. We will not be frightened from the discharge of our duty to our readers, and we hope that our cotemporary will bear with us while we point out another extraordinary mistake he has made respecting New Brunswick. In his last issue he says, "one egregious blunder (a wilful one we feel certain,) the same writer makes, viz.: regarding the silver coins of New Brunswick,—No such coins have ever appeared." This is certainly audaciously cool. "No such coins have ever appeared!" Oh fie, brother *Record*, fie; that you should be caught napping in this way. We really blush for the corps editorial, but will not retort by saying that "we feel certain" that this is a "wilful" mis-statement, for in our charity we can readily believe that it was honestly made in ignorance, and that somebody has hoaxed our friend most cruelly. New Brunswick without a silver coinage! Prodigious!! Had it been said that New Brunswickers were

sometimes without a dime, there would have been truth in the statement, for we have known our worthy selves deficient at times of small change to take to church; but then that would be different from saying that no silver coins have ever appeared in New Brunswick. Now for the information of the *Record*, (for withal we have a great respect for him,) we repeat that our "obscure" province, notwithstanding its loyalty and love for postage stamps, has yet a specie currency, and that *five, ten, and twenty cent silver pieces* are important parts thereof. Should our friend still doubt what we say, for a *quid pro quo* we will cheerfully send him one of each as a curiosity—which, no doubt, it would be in the sanctum of the *Record*, where stamps, we fear, are more plentiful than specie. This would surely convince him of our truthfulness, and also that some wag had made him the victim of a cruel joke, in making him gravely inform his readers that New Brunswick had no silver coin. Friend, thee has our sympathy, and if thee desire it, thee will have specimens of our silver coinage also; but thee will do wise to restrain thy temper in future.

Postal Chat-Chat.

Pleathe thir give uth a buthineh card?

Why are the genuine Connell Stamp like Policemen? Because they are not often to be found.

Why are some of the Government Officials like some of its Postage Stamps? Because they are *poor sticks*.

Take away my first letter, take away my second letter, take away all my letters and I am still the same. The Postman.

The Post Office Department is now self supporting. Its profits for the last six months of 1864 were \$732,230.69 and for the first six months of this year will be much larger.—*Semi-Weekly Wisconsin* of July 14, 1865.

A NOVEL POSTAL PACKET.—A Highland man who had been enjoying the fair, presented himself at the local Post Office, and requested to know. 'Hoo much ye wud tak' to carry him to Grangemouth and back? On being told twopence an ounce, with an advice to try the railways as the cheapest, he walked off quite dumbfounded.—*Greenock Advertiser*.

Newly Issued Stamps.

WURTEMBERG.—We give below an engraving of the neu-Kreuzer envelope, of Wurtemberg, the color of which is green.



✓ LOCAL STAMPS OF DRESDEN.—There are five varieties in all of these stamps, three adhesives and two envelopes. The former are 3 pfg. (green,) 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow); the latter are 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow). They are used as follows:—

In Dresden, the last clearing out of the letter boxes, (which are placed all over the city like in New York,) occurs at 6 o'clock, P. M. After that hour letters are not taken till the next morning. The Dresden Express Co. takes letters from the houses to the Railway station, but they must be pre-paid by the Company's stamps. The letter boxes are closed at six, and the stamps to be used on letters are sent to the box at the Railway station after that hour.

The 2 paras Maldo-Wallachia is now printed in orange.

OWING to the haste in which we were obliged to correct the proof of our paper last month, some typographical mistakes were unfortunately overlooked.

Correspondence.

We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.—ED. GAZETTE.

FORGED STAMPS.

(To the Editor of *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*.)

STR,—In my opinion the most contemptible criminals in the world are the counterfeiters, forgers, and their associates. We may sometimes feel a slight admiration for the bold robber who demands our money, knowing as he does at the same time that he not only runs the risk of his personal liberty, but also of his life; but for the mean, skulking thief, who is guilty of forgery and counterfeiting, I have no feeling but that of utter contempt. The only individual who is lower in the social scale than the forger, is he who knowingly vends and sells counterfeit stamps and forgeries.

I much regret that it is my duty to warn the stamp collector's of New Brunswick to be on the lookout for these light-fingered gentry, as it has come to my knowledge that forged stamps have been sold for genuine in this city by some unprincipled dealers. And it is my intention

(with your permission,) to describe a few of these monthly, gleaned for this purpose from the best English and American authorities to be found.

THE GREEK STAMPS.

These stamps are exceedingly good imitations, and some have even the value printed on the backs of them, as are on the genuine stamps.

GENUINE

1. Dots round the head of Mercury are eighty-eight in number, all of one size, and very evenly and regularly executed

2. White circle round the dots, is of the same thickness and perfectly distinct throughout.

3. Groundwork is composed of thin wavy vertical lines, with dots at equal distance between them.

4. Lettering and Greek border are thin and neat.

5. Post-mark is composed of a diamond shaped figure of black dots, with one or two figures in the centre

FORGED

1. Dots round the head are irregularly done, and in some places indistinct; they are seventy-five in number.

2. White circle round the dots is very thin, and sometimes indistinct; tho' in some the circle is perfect, yet in all it is very much thinner than in the genuine stamp.

3. Groundwork is composed of wavy lines, but only occasional dots between them, and between some of the lines the dots are altogether omitted.

4. Lettering and border are rather blotched and of variable thickness.

5. Postmark of dots only no figures.

Hoping that the above description (which I have taken from a very reliable source,) will enable the collectors who have stamps of Greece to discover whether they are genuine or not, I take much pleasure in subscribing myself

S. B. A.

New Publications.

THE "STAMP ARGUS" St. John N. B. Craig and Melvin.

The first No. of this new magazine devoted to the interests of Stamp Collectors and dealers, made its appearance on the 15th ultimo. It is to be published every month. No. 1. contains a variety of matter interesting to the Stamp Collecting fraternity. We wish our younger brother every success, and hope that it will live long enough to assist us on our journey through the *Timbrophilic* World.

THE 'STAMP COLLECTORS MANUAL' 3d Edition, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. A. C. Kline.

The third edition of this valuable little work has just reached us in time for review. It is the most complete Catalogue of the different varieties of postage stamps we have ever seen, and as such we hope that every collector on this side of the Atlantic at least, will procure a copy. The price is only 50 cts in Greenbacks. A valuable money table is appended to help the collector in valuing his stamps, together with many other improvements. On the title page are the fac-similes of five different United States stamps that have never been in use. Taking it on the whole it is about the best guide to the stamp collector published.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. C. K. *Yarmouth, N. S.*.—We received your letter with the stamps for one year's subscription to the "Gazette" for which you have our thanks.

G. A. *Fredericton, N. B.*.—Your enquiry not having any direct bearing on the Stamp question, we cannot answer it, our columns being devoted entirely to this subject.

J. M. Jr., *Kingston, K. C. N. B.*.—We cannot inform you which of our advertisers is the best one to deal with as they are all trustworthy and strictly honest. As to your second question "which is the cheapest?" we would say send to each for his price lists and then you will see for yourself.

S. P. F., *Wolverhampton, England.*.—Thanks for your kind wishes and we will strive to make our magazine as acceptable as it ever has been. We have not yet appointed an agent at *Wolverhampton*, who can supply you with the "Gazette," but we will do so at an early day.

TYRONE.—Your ode to a Postage Stamp is respectfully declined. Try again and you might do better next time.

R. Y., *Charlottetown.*.—Accept our thanks for the stamps sent by mail. They make a very pretty set.

G. E. S. and others.—We find that it is utterly impossible for us to answer all questions that may be asked us by letter, and that is the reason we have adopted this mode of replying to Correspondents. In some cases we cannot print our answers as it might cause offence to those parties who prefer a written answer. We would therefore say that all who desire a reply must send a stamp for return postage otherwise we shall reply to it through the columns of the "Gazette."

**Several letters stand over to be answered in our next

[FROM THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE.]

MEMOIRS OF A NOVA SCOTIAN POSTAGE STAMP.

[CONCLUDED.]

At last, he made up his mind to let a young Parisian have me for a franc and a half. I then visited the French capital. Many a time I crossed the Seine to go from the gardens of the Luxembourg to the gardens of the Tuilleries, and from the Tuilleries to the Luxembourg again—the great stamp exchangers of Paris. I wondered many times at the collectors of that city; every one wanted me, but I was still the property of the same owner. During all this time the stamp mania spread far and wide: it went on increasing, and strange to say, I lost value every day; for as fast as fresh collectors sprang up in Europe, fresh stamps came from America. Numbers of stamps were sent from Nova Scotia; and instead of being worth a franc and a half, I could scarcely be sold for fifty centimes.

My new owner turned me out for a new specimen, and I then found my way back to whence I came, that is to say, to Havre, where I now am, in a pretty good collection.

In the Havre collection where I was first located, I was on the same page as the elegant stamps of New Brunswick, which have this peculiarity, that two only of them bear a similar impression. You might tell me that those of Canada are much the same, since the five stamps are of five different designs; those of Naples and Rome, too, might be instanced as presenting still more variety. That is true; but in the Roman as well as the Neapolitan stamps it is

only the arrangement of the pattern of the stamp that differs; whilst amongst those of which I have been speaking, one represents a railway; another, Queen Victoria; a third, a steamer; the 17 cents, a youth in a Scotch dress. I know that there are likewise the private offices of America; but those impressions are so numerous and so varied that my master made a separate collection of them, and I very seldom saw them: however, they are well worth the trouble of collecting, for they are said to be very pretty.

At the ignorant Mons. Edw. R.—'s I once heard a remark from him that showed the man up famously. 'I think there are stamps from Tobago,' said one of his friends to him. 'What are you chattering about?' replied he quickly. 'Tobago! Tobago! Did you ever hear of a country called Tobago?' His reply had no need of comment, so his friend made no answer.

At the dealer's I saw a mean trick. He was a forger of false stamps, and I often saw him fabricating francs of the French Empire. This was his method; he took some specimens of the French empire 80 c. deep carmine, and some 1 francs of the republic; he cut off the value of those stamps, and pasted under the emperor's effigy the little band which he had taken from the bottom of the republic stamp. In this manner he had an individual with the effigy of Napoleon III., and having as indication of value, 1 franc. Unfortunately for him, he had not remarked that the value of the 1 franc of the republic is marked 1 FR., whilst that of the franc of the empire is indicated 1 F. It was from this circumstance that his fraud was discovered; for his francs of the empire possessed two r's too many, since the value is twice repeated.

In one of my journeys to Rouen I noticed a very whimsical prejudice. Some collectors will not admit a stamp whose place is not prepared in M. Lallier's album. They have probably never read his preface, and do not understand the meaning of the blank pages at the end of the book. They do not believe in new issues. However, in the album in question there is no place for the 2 centimes French: they can scarcely pronounce this stamp fictitious, as they can buy it themselves at the post-offices.

Mons. E. C.—, a young fellow of Havre, who comes sometimes to see the collection in which I am placed, and who has a fine one of his own—according to his own account, for no one has ever seen it—has a peculiar fancy, not less extraordinary than that of the Rouen collectors. He will not admit into his collection any of the rarer European stamps, nor any transmarine stamp, new, because he says that these stamps are all fictitious when they are new. This opinion could be easily refuted; but for my part I shall not give myself the trouble of doing it, and desire one thing only, which is, never to be turned out of the collection of LEON CHANDELLER.

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