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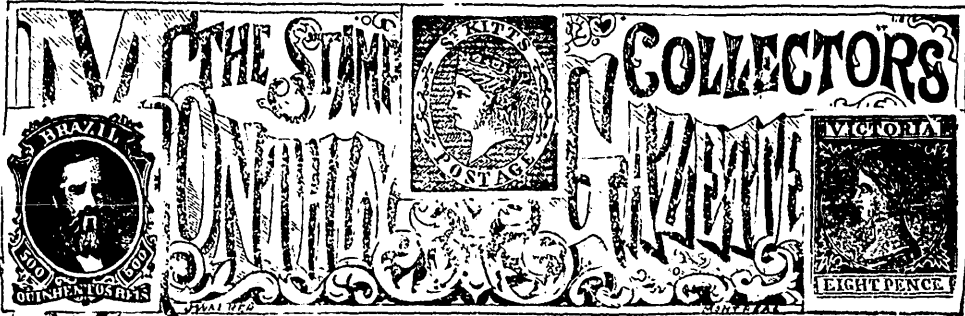
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CHAPTER V.

(Concluded).

The means by which Dr. Bland resolved to destroy his rival, Charles Rivers, were after all much the same as a mere ordinary assassin might have chosen. He resolved many plots in his mind, but none of them seemed suitable for the circumstances of the case; for it was above all things necessary that no shade of suspicion should be cast on him. He determined to poison Charles Rivers but in such a way that it might appear that he had died of disease of the heart, or some such sudden visitation. Being the only medical man in the vicinity, he trusted that if an investigation took place and an inquest were held, that he, being a friend of the family, and altogether above suspicion, would be called on to make the post-mortem examination, and that he could give such evidence as would suit his own purposes. In any case he knew that none of the resident practitioners of the county were sufficiently well up in that branch of medical science to detect the presence of the subtle poison which he intended to use for it was a vegetable extract of his own discovering, of so deadly a character that the person taking it died instantly, and without any of those frightful contortions which make some poisons so terrible in their operation. He determined that on the very first occasion when Charles should visit him he would carry out the dreadful plot which he had been maturing, and for this purpose he had a preparation of this poison made and placed in the bottom of a wine glass whenever the fatal visit should be made. This glass was locked in the wine-closet of his room, and was destined to be the last draught of its victim.

The morning of the wedding day dawned, but Dr. Bland had as yet had no opportunity of carrying out his dark design,—for with wise forethought he determined to use no noticeable

means to bring Charles to his house, knowing that in the course of a few days he would certainly call as was his custom. The wedding passed off as pleasantly as could be desired,—the house was filled with guests—the bridegroom was as is usual all smiles—and the bride all blushes—the old people were sedate and merry—and the young people noisy and mirthful. Dr. Bland was there, and like a cold-hearted hypocrite preserved a pleasant, conventional, outward smile. No one could have suspected that under that specious and smooth surface lurked the cold heart and treacherous soul of an assassin. The world is bad enough and vile enough at all times, yet it is but seldom it has been polluted by the presence of a reptile so vile as Dr. Bland.

About a week after the marriage the opportunity for which Dr. Bland was waiting came. He was sitting in his room as he had sat for days before, waiting the coming of his victim, when he descried him riding towards the house. In a few seconds he was seated beside him in his room.

Dr. Bland was never more cordial in his greeting, or more friendly than he was on this occasion when he was plotting against the life of his guest. He congratulated him on his happiness, and with such an air of sincerity that Charles could not help a feeling of increased regard for him in turn. After some conversation about indifferent topics Dr. Bland said:—

"Come, let us drink the health of your lady, I have some excellent port here which cannot be put to a better use. I generally abstain altogether from wine, you know, but in festival seasons like this, it is quite another matter."

"Well," said Charles, I have no objections. But if there is any virtue in drinking healths mine should be excellent for the remainder of my life."

Dr. Bland went to the closet and took out two glasses and a bottle of port. Raising the glass containing the poison he filled it with wine and laid it on the table beside Charles. Filling another, he set it in front of his own seat. At that instant, strong and firm of purpose as he was, his heart failed him, and he felt that he

must, for an instant, compose himself before he could proceed further without betraying himself by his emotions.

He said hurriedly, "I will bring in some cakes," and immediately left the room. How ardently he wished that Rivers might take one sip of the wine before he returned,—only one that would leave a gulf as wide and deep as Eternity between them!

The table on which the wine was placed was one which Dr. Bland had arranged for himself to read at. When he wished in the course of his reading to consult various books, and for greater convenience, it moved on a pivot in the centre, and could be turned with ease.

Rivers had often noted the peculiar mechanism of this table, and as Dr. Bland was absent for some moments he amused himself by spinning it around on its pivot, thinking as he did so, perhaps, of the late event in his life, or possibly musing on some knotty law point, or quite as likely not thinking of anything in particular.

By the time he had got tired of turning the table, the poisoned glass of wine rested opposite Dr. Bland's own seat. An accident equally trifling frequently spoils the plans of much more astute men than even the astute and wily assassin.

Dr. Bland having recovered from his sudden weakness returned with a plate of cakes in his hand, and found Rivers still alive and the wine untouched. He excused himself for his delay, and sat down opposite Charles. He had acquired such absolute possession of all his faculties, that the most careful observer could not have detected a single trace of emotion either in his countenance, or his manner. He raised the glass without his hand trembling in the slightest degree, at the same time watching Rivers who placed his glass at the same moment to his lips—and in another moment Rivers was horrified to see Dr. Bland stretched on the floor a corpse! The first impulse of Rivers was to raise the dead man from the floor, for he at first supposed he had only fainted, but finding that life was gone, he ran to find some of the domestics. None were there, for Dr. Bland had given them all a fortnight's holiday, that he might carry out his plan of assassination the more readily. Rivers returned to the room where the dead man was, and lifted the glass which had fallen from his hand. It had an odor of something stronger and decidedly different from port wine, and in an instant the first dawning of the true state of the case burst upon his mind. The mystery which hung over past events was removed,—the veil which concealed his undiscovered enemy from him was torn away in the corpse before him. He knew the man who had repeatedly sought his life, and who but for a mere accident would have accomplished his purpose then.

Charles Rivers mounted his horse and galloped to the nearest house, telling its inmates of the death of Dr. Bland, and bidding them send

at once for the coroner. He then hastened at an equally furious pace towards Mr. Alton's, and told them the strange news. In a short time the whole neighbourhood was aroused, and numbers of people were hastening towards the place where the dead man was. So powerful is curiosity that it overcomes the natural repugnance that we feel to gaze on the pallid faces of the dead, and reconciles us to the contemplation of the most repulsive forms of mortality.

It is unnecessary to describe how much every one, especially those best acquainted with the deceased, was shocked at his sudden fate. His brother was placed in an agony of grief, and gazed on the pale face of the dead man with feelings which only a brother can experience. He was, however, forced from the spot on which he appeared to be rivetted, for the coroner was in the room, and before the corpse could be removed it was necessary for the inquest to be held. The result of the inquest fully justified the sagacity of Dr. Bland and his estimate of the surgical knowledge of the medical men in the neighbourhood, for when the result of their investigations was laid before the jury a verdict was returned that he died by the visitation of God.

And here our tale may rest, for there is little to add to what has already been told. Charles Rivers, like an honest true hearted man, kept the dreadful secret in his own breast, or if he breathed it to any human being, he trusted it only to the one who should be the confidante of every man in such matters,—his wife. To have given it further publicity, would only have resulted in breaking the heart of Dr. Bland's noble hearted and excellent brother Edward, who, after a reasonable time had elapsed, was married to Ellen Foster. He, of course, succeeded to all his brother's property.

Dr. Bland was missed by no one more than by the excellent Mrs. Alton who lamented him to the last hour of her life, and spoke of him in terms which a saint might envy. Little the proud woman knew the real character of the man whose tinsel of assumed godliness shone so brightly. But to have undeceived her would have been an unprofitable and unnecessary task. It is better to live and die in ignorance than to acquire knowledge at the expense of all faith in human honesty, and all confidence in human virtue. No one is more to be pitied than the generous open-hearted man who begins life by trusting in all men, and taking them for gold; and who ends it by believing in no man's honesty, and regarding all men as knaves and hypocrites in disguise, and their show of worth as the merest tinsel.

SWISS TELEGRAPHS.—A most important feature in the Swiss telegraphic system, is the arrangement between the postal and telegraphic authorities, by which money orders may be sent by telegraph, instead of by post.—*Times*.

Postal Chit-Chat.

MONEY ORDERS.—The amount of orders drawn at the Superintendent's office, St. John, during the month of April, was \$2021.41; paid \$16535.93. Corresponding month last year, drawn, \$1731.77; paid \$13212.61.

Amount of orders drawn at St. John during the three months ending 30th April, \$5947.26; paid \$51842.79; corresponding period last year drawn, \$4816.65; paid \$40419.80.

THE MONEY ORDER SYSTEM IN NOVA SCOTIA.—The amount of orders issued since its establishment was as follows:—

| | |
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| In 1861, | \$67,000 |
| 1862, | 100,000 |
| 1863, | 125,000 |
| 1864, | 246,000 |
| 1865, | 379,000 |
| 1866, | 561,000 |

Shewing that the amount of issues for last year was greater by eight times than in the first year of the system. The money order department had contributed to the revenue \$2,384 during the past year.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of stamps were sold in Boston on the 16th ult., to put on a Western Railroad bond, representing thirty million dollars.

Our attentive correspondent in Concord N. H., sends us some letter back addresses:

"Haste gentle missive on your way
To the abode of Johnnie Slay;
Who lives in Concord, Hampshire state.
With nephews, three and children eight."

Please Mr. Nick,
Just give this same
To the first one that comes
Of the four I shall name:

First is Miss Hattie, whose father owned a mill,
And next is Miss Lizzie, who lives on the hill,
And third is Louisa, that don't live by the sea,
And the last is Miss Julia who is courted by P.

Mrs. Julcar an Lewes,
Reachman For yenear
Box, 966.

(Supposed to be German-English, for Richmond, Virginia).

WATERMARKED NEW SOUTH WALES.—By the last mail we have another vagary of watermark on the present sixpenny stamp. Previous mails brought us copies watermarked 5, they now come watermarked 12, being printed on the paper for the shilling stamp.—*Philatelist*.

THE Bombay papers mention the transmission to England last mail, by letter post, of the celebrated Sancy diamond, through Messrs. Forbes & Co., of Bombay. Although the story of the Sancy diamond is not so remarkable as those of some other historic gems, it is still sufficiently noteworthy. The diamond was found

on the body of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, after his defeat in 1476, by the Swiss. It was purchased in 1479 by the King of Portugal, and ten years later it was sold by him to Nicholas De Baily, Baron De Sancy, from whom it derives its name. The Baron De Sancy sent it as a present to the King of France and the servant who had charge of the gift, being attacked by robbers, proved himself equal to the occasion, and swallowed the diamond. We must assume that his death speedily followed on this act of devotion, for according to the story, the stone was found in his body. It afterwards came into the possession of James II of England, by whom it was sold for £25,000 to Louis XIV. During the French Revolution, the Sancy diamond disappeared, but was afterwards recovered and purchased by Napoleon I, by whom it was afterwards sold to Prince Paul Demidoff. It is valued at from £200,00 to £30,000, is pear shaped, and weighs 53½ carats.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The contract with the Cunard line of Steamers plying between New York and Liverpool, and carrying the mails to and from the Old and New World will expire next year, and immediately after the expiration, the postage on letters either way, will be reduced one half its present exorbitant rate. A book post, between England and America is also to be established.

THE FRENCH POST OFFICE.—The following is told in connection with the *Poste Restante* Department of the Paris Post Office:—

One day a gentleman, who showed great agitation, and dragging by the arm a young lady in a half fainting condition, entered the bureau and asked in a fierce tone if there was a letter for Madame L.—The clerk carefully went over the packet from L pigeon hole, "Nothing for Madame L —." An hour afterward the young lady returned, this time alone, and almost tremblingly approached the counter. The clerk saw her, and before she had time to speak, "Here is your letter, Madame; on no account whatever could I deliver it to any one but yours lf." Madame L——, adds M. Ducamp, has entertained the very highest regard for the *poste restante* ever since.

• A veteran United States mail carrier named Jacob Graft, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-nine years, died at Belford, Pa., on the first of December last. The deceased had been a resident of Somerset County, for upwards of sixty years. He was the first man that carried a mail from Philadelphia to Pittsburg by this route, carrying it on horseback from point to point, and consuming about two weeks in making a trip.

The clerks of the New York post office have collected a sufficient sum of money to purchase five hundred bushels of corn for the suffering poor of the South.

DUCKS AND DRAKES.—The "Ladies' window" clerk at one of our post offices, hearing the usual "rap rap" which announced the presence of an applicant for a letter, on going to the window, found there a Mr. *Drake*. "Next window, if you please Mr. *Drake*,—this department is exclusively for *Ducks*."

OLD EBONY, in an article descriptive of *American women and children* discloses to the "shuddering" contemplation of the "respectable parents" of Europe this dreadful picture of the dangerous confidence which American fathers and mothers seem to place in the honor of their daughters:—

The unmarried girl of nineteen or twenty, living with her father and mother, has as much freedom of locomotion, companionship, amusement, as her brother of the same age. She accepts invitations and pays visits on her own account, and does not think it at all necessary to ask permission of her elders. Sometimes she has the privilege of the latch key if she stays out late at the theatre. Still oftener she has the privilege, if she chooses to exercise it, of her own private box or pigeon-hole at the post-office of the town where she resides, where she can have her letters addressed, and whither by a "Ladies' Entrance," where no profane male can intrude, she can resort when she pleases and unlock her box from the outside, and take away her letters without observation. The merchants, bankers, and lawyers of the town, for a small annual payment, have their private letter-boxes, and why not she? To young women at the susceptible age, only half educated, and whose favourite reading is the trashy novels that are reprinted from the English penny papers, or that appear for the first time in American periodicals of the same character—novels in which there cannot be too much love, or bigamy, or murder, for the prevalent taste of a class—the post-office system offers a facility for clandestine correspondence, which no respectable father or mother on the European side of the Atlantic would think of without a shudder, if it were proposed to give our young women a similar privilege. The young unmarried girls of Europe living with their parents, can, if they earnestly set about it, carry on a secret correspondence with persons of the other sex, but they cannot do it easily. They must take the neighbouring pastrycook or stationer into their confidence; but in America the confidence of no third party is necessary. If a boy can receive letters, why not a girl? The *demos* is of no sex; and the young and old, men and women, fathers, mothers, and children, are all mashed and brazen in one mortar of republican equality.

POSTMAN'S POETRY.—In England, letters are carried in the rural districts by what are known as "country-walking postmen." One of them, Edward Capern, "the Wayside Poet," who is mentioned in Elihu Burritt's recent work descriptive of a pedestrian journey through

England, thus describes the joys of a carrier's life:—

"O! the postman's is as blessed a life
As any one's, I trow,
If leaping the stile o'er many a mile
Can blessedness bestow.

"If tearing your way through a tangled wood,
Or dragging your limbs through a lawn;
If wading knee deep through an angry flood,
Or a plough'd field newly sown,—

"If sweating big drops 'neath a burning sun,
And shiv'ring mid sleet and snow;
If drenched to the skin, with rain, be fun,
And can a joy bestow;

"If toiling away through a weary week,
(No six days work, but seven)
Without one holy hour to seek
A resting place in heaven:

"If hearing the bells ring Sabbath chimes.
Who bid us all repair
To church (as in the olden times)
And bend the knee in prayer;

"If in these bells he hears a voice—
'To thy delivery!'
God says to every soul 'rejoice,'
But, postman, not to thee.

"Oh, the postman's is a blessed life!
And sighing heavily,
'Ha, ha, he'll say, alack a-day!
Where's Britain's piety?'

"Heigho! I come and go
Through the muck and miry slough:
Heigho! I come and go,
Heavy at heart and weary O!

"Heigho! Heigho!
Does any one pray for the postman? No!
No! no! no! no!
Or he would not be robbed of his Sabbath so!

It is gratifying to know that this poetical complaint led to an amelioration of his condition by his official superiors, who increased his pay of ten shillings and six-pence per week, and relieved him from his Sunday labors.

LETTER ADDRESSES.

A letter arrived at the Post office in Chicago, a short time since, bearing the following address
Mr. George T. Pugh
tuke twaie, Percy County
Elen Wouise.

After a long time had been spent in endeavouring to decipher it, this result was arrived at,
George T. Pugh,
Dequouí,
Perry County
Illinois.

Speed, speed ye to Memphis, in old Tennessee,
Where there is a friend who is waiting for thee;
He is not an old resident, but a new comer,
And ever subscribes himself BURLI T. PLUMER,
But maybe 'twere well that the mail men should
know

I'd have this to reach E. S. BURRILL & Co. :
And further, to make this direction complete,
Their number is 201 on Main street

"In the State of Mianesota there is a Town so
pretty

That they have christened it 'Garden City.'
Now this is the place for this message to go,
But the name of the country I really don't know.
Still, in hopes that John Wilson 'twill reach
without fail,

We will send it afloat in Uncle Sam's Mail."

"P. M. of Garden Prairie Illinois.
Please hand this to the 'Porter boys,'
For sister 'Lib,' who feels so nice
Since she has captured Mr. Tice."

With only three cents, my expenses to pay,
I have started out on a journey to-day,
If the P. Ms. are kind, and hurry me through,
Capt. Frank, I will soon have a welcome
from you.

I am going to Oil City, State of Pa.,
Please hurry me on without any delay.
It is Saturday night, almost eleven,
Put me in box One Hundred Thirty Seven.

"Go, little missive, in pursuit
Of Samuel Haynes, the sweet 'galoot,'
In Franklin City, Keystone State,
He does reside, or did of late,
And if, by chance, he does neglect you,
Come back to me, and I'll protect you."

To St. John's—speed away! Speed away!
Linger not, rest not, night nor day,
Till you're clasped in the cordial hand
Of the fairest, best maid in all the land:
For tho' you search long, you'll go many a
mile o'er

You find such a girl as my friend, *Rosy Tyler*.
Lizzie Swegles, moreover, in this has a share,
She's bonny blue eyes and superb golden hair;
With a step most blithe and figure *petite*,
She'll challenge ye all for another as neat.
Now my message—your part is easily found,
If you will only remember for where you are
bound,—

To St. John's hie away, as fast as you can.
'Tis in Clinton County, the State's Michigan.

The following address, on a letter from *London*
(intended for "Mrs. Howard, South High-
land St., opposite Hall St."), shows how "the
ruling passion" for H-dropping is sometimes
developed in a very queer way by the good folks
in the "[H] old country."

Mrs. Oward,
2 South Island St.,
Opposite All St.,
— Mass.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S
Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY, 1867.

With this number the STAMP COLLECTOR'S
MONTHLY GAZETTE closes its career. For
two years it has gone forth regularly, freight-
ed with timbrophilic information for the benefit
of its numerous readers; but it will do so no
more. Its race is run. To many this will cause
surprise and dis-appointment, but it is inevitable:
new enterprises require all our spare time, and
to continue the *Gazette* would be unjust to our-
selves and to our patrons.

Of the reasons which induced the publication
of the *Gazette* it is needless now to say anything.
Its success in every respect exceeded our ex-
pectations, and though it may be small compar-
ed with magazines devoted to other pursuits,
yet, with the exception of the *Stamp Collector's*
Magazine and the *Philatelist*, both published in
England, it has for a long time past been the
largest in the world. Of its merits as a maga-
zine devoted to a novel speciality, it is not meet
that we should give an opinion,—of these its
readers and contemporaries must be the judges.

Our constant desire was to place before our
readers the latest and most reliable information
on stamp affairs, and save collectors as far as
possible from the roguery of unprincipled deal-
ers. From first to last we have opposed and
exposed faithfully and fearlessly the forgers and
venders of fictitious stamps, though many
dodges have been tried to buy our silence or our
support. In doing so, the *Gazette* incurred the
enmity of fraudulent dealers, but such did not
disturb its equanimity or retard its progress.
Philatelists loved it all the more for its honesty
and efforts in their behalf, and gave it in conse-
quence a generous and hearty support, exceed-
ing far the most sanguine expectations of its
projector, and exemplifying in a striking manner
the truth of the trite old adage, "honesty's
the best policy." In this feature, we think,
the *Gazette* will be remembered by its friends
and patrons.

But the *Gazette* will not only be remember-
ed for its exposures of dishonest dealers, but
also for its monthly records of new and
genuine issues of stamps in every quarter of the
globe. In this it was always up to time,—sel-
dom or never behind any of its contem poraries,
and sometimes in advance of them all. This was
due to its extensive foreign correspondence, the
benefit of which was always freely given to its
many readers and patrons. The information
thus obtained was sometimes used by pirates
of the press without recognition or acknowl-
gment, but though this at times somewhat
annoyed us, yet it did no permanent injury,
and now that we are about to bid our contem-

poraries a long adieu we cheerfully forgive all such offenders.

The success of the *Gazette* stimulated rivalry. Other papers sprang into existence, but few of them lived long, and of the many in this and other cities in America that claimed attention and support subsequent to our *debut*, one only now remains viz., the "*The Postman's Knock*" published also in this city for gratuitous circulation; and to such of our friends who still take an interest in stamp affairs we would say send and get this *reliable* periodical.

In thinking over the past, we cannot bid goodbye to the English periodicals named above (viz., the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and the *Philatelist*) without making acknowledgment of the honorable way in which they have acted uniformly towards the *Gazette*: and to such of our readers as desire to be well informed on the stamp and postal affairs of the world, we earnestly recommend these journals as worthy of their confidence and support. The publishing price of the former is one dollar per annum, and of the latter seventy five cents.

To the Press, also, of Saint John and other cities in Europe and America, we tender our warmest thanks for the many friendly notices with which they favored us from time to time. This kindness will ever be remembered with gratitude.

We also take this opportunity of thanking publicly Messrs W. D. Atlee and E. Clark of London, and E. S. Gibbons, of Plymouth, England, M. Moens of Brussels, P. Mahe, and M. A. Maury, of Paris, Zschiesche & Koder of Leipzig, M. Carl, of Geneva, J. G. Topali, of Messina, Italy, R. Schloff, of St. Petersburg, Russia, and others. Mr. Nutter of Montreal, must also be acknowledged as a particular friend who took a warm interest in the *Gazette*, and was indefatigable in trying to promote its interests.

Those of our subscribers whose term is not expired will have the balance due to them refunded either in cash, or stamps, as they may desire. Parties indebted to the *Gazette* will oblige greatly by remitting immediately; and those whom we owe will please send along their bills at once and get paid.

FRIENDS AND PATRONS,—GOOD-BYE!

Since our present Post Master General has been in office he has bestowed many benefits on our citizens. The improvements he has made in the several Post Offices throughout the province, and the zeal and activity he displays whilst fulfilling the obligations of his office, show that he is determined "no stone shall be left unturned" for the proper performance of his duty. Since the retirement of the Hon. Chas. Connell, the Post Master Generalship of this province was but imperfectly filled, until the present incumbent Hon. John McMillan entered the arena. Not only has he instituted numerous changes in relation to the arrival and

departure of the mails, removed the inland postage on pamphlets to publishers, etc, reduced the postage on newspapers to foreign countries, and given further facilities to the Money Order office in transacting its rapidly increasing business, but he has also made arrangements with the Post Master General of the neighbouring Republic for the introduction of the registration system between the two countries. This latter act of the P. M. G. is what the lamented Artemus Ward would call a "sweet boon."

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—We have received from the editor, Thos. N. Burrows, Esq., No 10 of volume 15 of the above serial. It is a well printed magazine of some 24 pages of reading matter, chiefly educational, and about the same number of advertising pages. The information afforded to the students, relative to the progress of the principal schools in the United States is considerable, and the *critiques* on the latest books of the day are written in a fair and impartial style. The terms are \$1.00 a year, in advance.

THE CHURCH MAGAZINE published in this city by Mr. W. M. Wright, in entering upon its third volume, is greatly enlarged, illustrated, and otherwise improved. The price is only 75 cents per annum. It is in the interests of the Church of England.

PRIZE PUZZLES IN OUR LAST.—The answer to the Enigma that appeared in last month's *Gazette* is "*Ceylon Postage, one shilling and nine pence, and Cape of Good Hope Postage four pence.*" R. C., *Syracuse, N. Y.*, received the 50 cent packet for solving it correctly. "*Nax's*" answer came too late as did also several other correspondents' solutions.

The answers to Transpositions are, 1. *Correos poste franco colon Chile.* 2. *The Confederate States of America, postage ten cents.*

Answer to Cryptograph. "*Whoso solveth this specimen of secret writing, the same shall receive an unused ten cent New Brunswick stamp for his pains.*"

The Transpositions and Cryptograph had no solvers.

Newly Issued Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Shortly, from this Republic, will be issued an adhesive stamp of a new value, viz., 20 cents. It is intended to be used chiefly for Registered letters.

MORESNET.—Some years ago a coloured individual hailing from "Africa's burning clime" was describing to a noted geographer a small place near the coast of Africa. The man versed in descriptions of the earth, denied that there was such a place at all; and taking from his bookcase an atlas, that was warranted to con-

tain the name of every place in the world, desired the Ethiopian to point it out on the map. Sambo, after looking some time for it, but in vain, remarked, "dat it was not dar now, but would be in about a week."

The above story will apply to this case, for who ever heard of the "Republic of Moresnet?" None, until now, we are certain; and were it not for stamp collecting, many years would elapse, we trow, ere the world would know that there is such a republic. Well, this country has issued four stamps—rather a good beginning—and the engraver and designer deserve credit for their very neat and elegant work. The design is, within a rectangular frame is a circle, over which the Cap of Liberty appears, containing the arms, consisting of a Lion in a pugilistic attitude, towards left side, and an Eagle gracefully sitting or standing (we know not which) on that somewhat popular instrument of music—the jews-harp; the circular band going round the whole, has the inscription: *Commune Libre de Moresnet*, below on a wavy scroll is *Postes*: figure denoting value, in four corners. 10 centimes lilac, green, 20c. orange, red, 12½c. red, 25c., blue. Colored impression on white paper, watermarked with Cap of Liberty, perforated. This "republic"—which for aught we know, may be a "goak"—is situated between Belgium and Prussia.

BELGIUM.—Two more new stamps are expected, 6 and 8 centimes.

FRANCE.—As we announced last month, France is commencing to issue her new set of stamps, of the same design as present 2 and 4 cents. The one before us is the 30c., and the colour is olive brown. It looks well.

GUATEMALA.—Essays for this republic are out.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

The writer of an article in the *Philatelist* entitled "American Philatelic Literature," after giving a very concise account of this subject, broaches the idea that a list of English and Continental publications might be interesting to collectors.

Taking advantage of this idea, we intend to lay before our readers a complete catalogue of the Philatelic literature of England, and the continent. This list being compiled by an English dealer having (with one or two exceptions) all the works mentioned in the list, in his own library, may be taken as authentic.

We shall first give the periodicals, then catalogues, albums, &c., commencing with England.

The Stamp Collector's Review has the honor of being the leader of stamp magazines. The first number (which with the second was entitled *The Monthly Advertiser*) was published on 15th Dec., 1862 by Edward Moore & Co., at Liverpool, and continued by them until June 1863, when they dissolved partnership. Nine-

teen numbers issued. First volume contained 148 pages.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine made its appearance about two months after the last named, namely, on 1st February 1863. It being the standard magazine for collectors reading the English language, a description is unnecessary. The first volume being out of print fetches a high price.

The Liverpool Stamp Advertiser was started May 1st, 1863, under the management of Mr. F. G. Jones. Its fourth number changed its name to *Liverpool and Newport*, its editors being Stamp & Co. of Newport, and date of issue altered to 15th. In May 1864 it was incorporated with the *Newcastle & Gateshead Stamp Advertiser & Review*. The publication ceased the month after (June), in its fourteenth number. Vol. contains 116 pages.

The Stamp Collector's Journal was the title of a paper issued by E. C. Hall & Co., of Hartlepool in July 1863. 8 pages; only one number published.

The International Postage Stamp Review, published by M. Welfare of London, in 1863, on 1st and 15th of the month. From August 1st to September 1st, inclusive; issued on large paper from Sept. 15th to Dec.; same size as *S. C. Magazine*, 8 pages each number, of which there were six in new, and three in old series.

Once-A-Month was the title of a rather large sheet of four pages commenced by Gloyd, Alley & Gloyd, at Manchester in September 1863; after five issues a new series appeared same size as *S. C. Magazine*, on 15th March 1864, No 2 being put forth 1st May. After reaching nine numbers it ceased. 16 pages each.

The National Stamp Express, published in London by R. Evans & Co., in January 1864, but in August "was no more." Seven numbers issued. Volume contained 46 pages.

Newcastle & Gateshead Stamp Advertiser & Review, published by John Burrell & Co., Shieldfield, on 1st January, 1864. After three numbers it ceased, being incorporated with the *Liverpool & Newport Stamp Advertiser*. Volume of 22 pages.

London & New York Stamp Collector's Review. Two numbers as described in *Philatelist*.

Weymouth Stamp & Crest Advertiser. We have a number of this magazine dated Dec., 1863, in which mention is made of "our last number," so we conclude there was a previous issue, although we have not seen one. In February the size was reduced to crown 8vo., the last being published in May. This magazine now changed its title, and appeared as *The Stamp Collector's Miscellany* in July 1864, until May following, when it concluded its volume with the eleventh number. This and the preceding magazine were issued by D. Dean in Weymouth, and contained 224 pages.

Northumberland & Durham Stamp Advertiser, published by D. James & Co., in Newcastle upon Tyne. No. 1 issued February 1864;

in June the right of publishing transferred to R. Chambers of Gateshead, discontinued in November; ten issues. Volume contains 72 pages.

The British & Foreign Stamp & Coin Advertiser, a gratis paper, published by A. J. Johns, in Manchester, from May to December 1864.—8 numbers; vol. contains 40 pages.

The North of England Stamp Review, was issued as a gratis magazine in July and August 1864, the new series at 1d. appearing in Sept., and ceasing at its third number. Vol. of 32 pages, published by Thomas Dalston & Co., of Barnard Castle.

Universal Stamp Gazette, published by C. H. Howard, London. Same size as *S. C. Magazine*; one number only published of 24 pages, on 15th September, 1864.

The Collector's Herald, a magazine devoted to fishing, &c., in addition to stamp collecting, was first issued in January 1865, by J. Cheesman, at Hull, continuing monthly until May, when after an interval No. 6 appeared, January, 1866. In May, however, the tenth and last number was issued; volume contains 98 pages. In June a small 4-paged circular was issued which was to be continued until November when the *Herald* was again to appear, but it never did so.

The Liverpool Stamp Collector's Journal published by J. C. Wroe, in Liverpool, from April to June 1865 inclusive. Three numbers of eight pages, each.

The Stamp Collector's Pocket Companion, a small paged book issued its first and only number in April 1865, having for its publishers Thorpe & Burns, of Manchester.

Stamp Collector's Examiner, published by A. Parsons & Co., in Leamington, same size as *Stamp Collector's Miscellany*, 24 pages, May 1865. After an interval of a month a new series was issued, one size larger than *S. C. Magazine*, No. 2 in August being the last printed. 16 pages each.

The Bath Stamp & Coin Gazette, & Advertiser.—The only issue was on 1st June 1865, published by C. G. Lansley & Co., of Bath, same size as *S. C. Magazine*, 8 pages.

W. D. Atlee's Stamp Circular, was published by the London house of this firm, on blue circular paper. First issued in Sept. 1865. Now published occasionally.

The Curiosity Collector's Magazine published at Burlington, by the Amateur Association in October and November 1865, each number containing 14 pages. The Association also published the *Amateur* in January 1866; but this can scarcely be called a postal magazine.

Industria & Co's., Monthly Circular, a four paged sheet same size as *S. C. Magazine*, issued monthly from December 1865, to November 1866 inclusive, by the firm whose name it bears at present.

The Boy's Agency Circular, published by W. Lader, at Horsham, Sussex, at the low charge of 1d. each. The only two numbers ap-

peared in March, and May 1866, 8 pages each: size same as *S. C. Miscellany*.

The Boy's Telegram, same size as last named, but on tinted paper, and having 8 pages, was published on Sept. 15th 1866, by Froud & Musgrave, London.

Stamp Courier & Curiosity Advertiser, published by Abbs & Fryer, at Dewsbury, in October 1866; larger size than *Gazette*; one issue of 8 pages only.

The last accession to philatelic literature is the *Philatelist*, which began its (let us hope) successful career on 1st Dec. last.

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