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(From *Bric-a-Brac.*)

NOW AND THEN.

"THE PUPPET SHOW AND THE POST-COVERS."

The following amusing skit was published at the time of the issue of the Mulready envelope, which was in those days a subject of satire generally. The moment is appropriate, we think, for the reproduction of the article, which we re-issue from the columns of a contemporary newspaper:—

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—and you, my very pretty little dears,—Here you will see the whole allegorical and pictorial history of her most gracious Majesty's post-covers—and all for the low charge of one penny. For the accommodation of the short-sighted, the figures are magnified beyond the *natral* size, and the history of the same humanly adapted to the very lowest comprehensions. The post-covers, ladies and gentlemen—only one penny, and don't breathe on the glasses!"

"Very faithful, quite extraordinary," mutters an old gentleman in a faded apple-green coat, yellow waistcoat, and drab breeches and gaiters—"a beautiful work," he exclaims, as with eye intent at the lens of the showman's box, and quite unconscious that he is rubbing elbows between a baker and chimney sweep, he gazes on the magnificent Government work of art, and listens, with

gaping ears, to the revealings of the master of the show, who, with extraordinary sagacity, thus interprets the hieroglyphics of the Treasury:—

"Look directly to the centre, and you perceive the figure of Britannia with her shield upon her knee. She has just put up a covey of postmen with the wings of wild geese; naked in the *pictur*, but here, you will perceive, clothed for families. One of the postmen, you will observe, is making for the ear of a camel on the left, having, doubtless, a letter of importance to deliver to that sagacious animal.

"At the foot of Britannia is the British lion, looking as mild as if suckled upon asse's milk, and having not so much as a growl in the whole inside of him. His front paws is benevolently put out of sight, and his terrible tail hangs as limp as a thread-paper!

"The group on the immediate right is considered by Mr. Hume to be very beautiful. Observe that gentleman, without buttons to his coat, shaking hands with a wild Indian. That is the portrait of Mr. Pease, the Quaker, as he appeared after his first motion in the House of Commons.

"The Red Indian as holds Mr. Pease is the famous Chief, cut-and-come-again, of the Splitskull tribe. He and the other wild men are making a bargain with the whites for rum and powder, for which the savages are to give only their

skins. Mr. Pease seems to say that all orders must be post-paid.

"You will observe a dog standing very respectful among the legs of the Indians. He was taken when a puppy from the wife of a general officer in the first American battles; was suckled by a squaw, and is therefore tenderly attached to the Splitskulls. A close observer may perceive that the dog has his own opinions of the Quakers.

"On the extreme right is a majestic man in a broad hat, talking to himself, and as it appears, much delighted with the conversation. Name not known.

"In the centre, a woman with a baby at her breast, supplies a beautiful allegory, which I will not insult your capacities to attempt to describe. Only the back part of the baby is seen, but that is from life.

"A naked Indian that sits, and seemingly says nothing, is a most important figure. You will perceive that his arm affectionately encircles his knee; by which the artist infers that 'all is as right as his leg.'

"A man rolling one cask, and one man hammering at another—making much noise, and doing little work—are portraits from Parliament; to be supplied according to the politics of the beholders.

"A most umbrageous tree—said to be a portrait of the tree of knowledge—springs from the centre of the group, as meaning to shadow forth the blessings of the penny postage.

"Your polite attention is now requested to the group on the left. In the front is a gentleman on his knees writing. Do you see him? That is a fancy portrait of Lord Palmerston, writing a 'commun-

ication' to the innocent Hong merchants in the distance—known by their long tails—and at the moment selling a chest of fine Pekoe to an English trader. The men-of-war, still further in the distance, are sailing for Canton.

"Now particularly observe the man with a heavy load upon his shoulder at the back of his lordship. That is a portrait of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, taken at the happy moment when making up his budget. You see that he is about to get the load upon the back of the elephant in front. Now particularly mark the eye of the elephant as it is cast back upon the Chancellor; being as much as to say, 'What the dickens is he going to put upon me now?' The second elephant evidently shares in the curiosity of his companion.

"Observe that gentleman in earnest conversation with another gentleman, between the elephants, and before the camels. They are talking of the war in China, and other subjects of polite society.

"At the extreme back to the right is a Laplander in his sledge, drawn by a stag. He is on his journey to ship a cargo of ice, having received a large order from Messrs. Gunter, by penny post, for that commodity.

"You are now earnestly requested to consider what has been happily called the domestic parts of this wonderful composition. Observe the group at the right-hand lower corner. A wife is reading a letter in confidence to a female friend—a letter from an absent husband, desiring the partner of his bosom to have prepared on his arrival by the late train hot lamb chops and a dish of sparrow-grass. A little girl (their pledge of mutual love) is eagerly struggling for the letter.

"Now look to the opposite corner. There is the portrait of a venerable old lady of the name of Smith. She is bedridden, ladies and gentleman, and is listening to a letter read by her *nevy*. Mark the figure of Mrs. Smith. She is looking all sorts of gratitude, and her two hands is clasped. The letter is from her grandson, John Smith, reported to have been hanged for burglary and murder; whereas that letter, just received by the penny post, assures the delighted parent that her grandchild is transported for life, for robbing on the highway, with the minor offence of slitting an attorney's nose.

"And that, ladies and gentlemen, and my very pretty little dears, concludes all the whole of the hieroglyphical history of the covers of the penny post. *Vivat Regina, no money returned.*"

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

As it is now pretty certain that a philatelic association is about to be started in Canada, we trust that the mistake which occurred in the A. P. A. will be avoided in regard to an official organ.

The A. P. A. found that it was a great mistake in running a paper solely as the organ of the Association, and paying for it out of the funds, and have now rectified their error by choosing one of the regular philatelic journals to represent them, and as every one knows the A. P. A. would not have done this if they had not found that it was too expensive maintaining a paper, therefore we hope that the members of the C. P. A. will consider this and choose one of the papers

now in Canada to represent them. We ourselves would like to become the official journal, and if it was decided in our favor we would do all things to promote the society.

WE sincerely regret the incorrect statement we made in our June number regarding Messrs. Edwards, Peake & Co. of Chicago, having supplied counterfeit stamps. The report being furnished to us through an unreliable party, and we admit that our editor should have exercised more judgment, or at least withheld it until it was confirmed. Messrs E. P. & Co. are gentlemen in every sense of the word and we trust that whatever injury our incorrect statement has caused them they will reap the just confidence and benefit in the future which they are worthy of. Messrs E. P. & Co. will please accept this our apology assuring them of our best intentions.

WE understand that the "Useful Instructor" will be known hereafter as the "Canada Stamp and Coin Journal." Good, brother Finlay, rather an improvement, we wish you good speed.

THE new Provisional Danish West India stamps are not likely to become a drug on the market, as the postmaster will not sell them to all comers except in small lots. Hang on to what you have of them.

BRIC-A-BRAC for June says:

The very latest thing in forgeries.

Germany maintains its unenviable reputation as the Fatherland of Forgery. The latest reproduction is a facsimile of the new English stamp. I have lately

seen some artistic imitations of the 5d. and 9d. stamps, the colour as well as the dies being reproduced with remarkable fidelity. The colour of the specimens I have seen are a tone lighter than those of the Post Office issue, (as opposed to the irregular issue in question), but there would be no difficulty in deepening the colours of the forgeries, or by steeping the English stamp in water they can be reduced to the exact complexion of the counterfeits. While these dies are allowed to be used, it is possible, even probable, that large supplies should find their way into this country, there to be disposed of as genuine stamps. Until this block business is stopped, the Post Office is in danger of losing large sums of money. Some of the imitations simply defy detection by any but an expert.

MR. THEO LARSEN informed us a few days ago that he intended to take a trip to New Brunswick this summer.

Good enough, and we hope that apart from applying all his time to recreation that he will have an eye to philatelic interests, and not forgetting that there are still a great many old trunks in existence in which may be found both "Connell Heads" and 1 shilling stamps. If friend Larsen comes across such, we will ask to be allowed to "Sit-on-the-fence-love-to-see-you-pass-by."

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EVERY man in this world has some particular aim (providing he has any ambition at all) both as to business and also with regard to recreation, and consequently we find in every day life one trying to outdo the other. This great competition for fame is not only attained through practice, but also through the different channels of literature. In order to reach nearest to perfection it necessarily follows that one must strive to get the best literature bearing upon ones special study. This theory holds good with regard to postage stamps collecting as well as to any other persuasion, and as we are engaged in the entertaining of our stamp collecting friends, it is with this regard we principally propose to deal. Six months ago we caused the first number of the Halifax Philatelist to

appear, and in making our *debut* we promised our friends good value for the return of their support which promise we have tried to redeem to the best of our ability. We have managed to treat our patrons with fresh and spicy news at each issue, and as we have on hand several congratulatory letters from gentlemen of "Stamp Standing" we really feel as though we have performed our duty very satisfactory. Now for the future we intend to make our paper more attractive than heretofore as we have secured the services of several able writers who are well up in philatelic matters, This being the case we ask for the continued support of our old friends and as we are aware that several hundreds both collectors and dealers are to be found alone in the lower provinces of Canada, we shall take it as a favor if they would avail themselves of our columns. A year's subscription from one and an inch advertisement from another will greatly add to our comfort. We have made no money out of the publication but we are not disappointed, as we did not expect to do so but merely intended to help the stamp collectors of Canada, who, if they will in return give us their support, will have in time one of the first philatelic papers in America.

As usual this time of the year when we have such magnificent weather, with not too great heat in the day and the loveliest evenings imaginable, it is quite natural that the majority of collectors lay aside their "hobby" and seek some diversity out doors where noble nature extends her friendly hand and bids one a fair welcome. We ourselves feel it rather a hardship to spend our spare time in the house wasting ink and paper,

and many a time we are inclined to give our work a hoist for a few days, but then all at once it dawns on our minds that we have an obligation to fulfil and a polite request is handed us from our printer for our MSS. Oh! horror, yes, come to collect ourselves we really find that the time has stolen a march on us and that we must knuckle right down to work. With an automatic movement we reach for our scissors, but only to find that in our absence some one has either taken the lend of them, or what is worse, probably intended to play a joke on us. Baffled in this instance we have no other choice left us but to write up some original matter, whereas, if we only had our scissors back, oh how we would feel like using them. Now if we only had something sensational to relate, but of course we are not in that line of business, but stick to our subject, it is all about stamps, yes stamps, stamps, collectors away from home, no letters arriving, sultry evening; ice all melted in our pitcher, oil low in our lamp, getting fidgetty, restless, in fact all up in a heap, so we will just carry out our first intention that of giving it a hoist.

A CONTEMPORARY says:

A horse pulled the plug out of a bung-hole and slaked his thirst. As the horse could not have slaked his thirst without pulling the plug out of the bung-hole of the barrel, there is nothing extraordinary in the occurrence. Now, if the horse had pulled the barrel out of the bung-hole and slacked his thirst with the plug, or if the barrel had pulled the bung-hole out of the plug and slaked his thirst with the horse, or if the bung-hole had pulled the thirst out of the horse, and slaked

the plug with the barrel, or if the barrel had pulled the horse out of the bung-hole and plugged his thirst with the slake there might have been cause for an argument about it. But none of these things seems to have occurred.

MR. A. LIEBETMAN, Austria, writes:

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