

POSTAGE STAMPS.

A Few of the Most Famous Collections in Existence.

Enormous Prices Paid for the Rare Specimens.

Six years ago a business man in this city, says the Philadelphia News, who had plenty of money, determined to collect a magnificent assortment of foreign postage stamps.

Perhaps dealers and advanced collectors consider the collection of M. Ferrari, son of the Duchess of Galatae, the finest collection of postage stamps in the world.

The stamp dealers frequently obtain specimens of rare stamps in queer ways. Not long ago a bookkeeper employed by a Philadelphia merchant entered the firm of which Mr. Hanes is a member.

One of the most famous collectors of the world is Mr. Taping, an English member of Parliament. He lives at Dulwich, not far from London.

Several weeks ago a very small boy who has been selling stamps at intervals to a local dealer called upon him with a United States stamp—I think it was one of the old "eighty cents"—and asked how much it was worth.

Utilizing the Air. The atmosphere is employed to a considerable extent, but not to the one-millionth part that it should be.

It is time that something be done with this pervading and potent energy. Until within a few years lightning, from the very creation, was permitted to roam in a savage state.

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family of wild beasts; and much the same is true of the atmosphere. It has been untamed, destructive. It has gambled idly among the flowers as a zephyr.

In some cities in the old world a limited use is made of the air. It carries parcels from point to point; it takes the letter dropped into the street postal box, and in a jiffy delivers it to a central station.

A Nose Upside Down. The presence of mind shown by an Ohio physician saved a man a nose. That useful member was severed by a fall upon a sharp corner, and the attendant M. D., by promptly placing the severed piece where it belonged, secured a healing "by first intention"

Less successful was the replacing of a nose by a young man of Pittsburgh many years ago. While engaged in playfully "fencing" with a companion a reckless pass cleanly cut off the young fellow's nose.

The memories that come down through a vista of thirty years, since this sad affair took place, are a trifle misty and unreliable as to the subsequent career of the man with the inverted nose. He is believed to be dead.

Wild Elephants at Home. A correspondent on a tour through India says: The mysterious sounds of night give place to the voices of the awakening birds, the crow of the jungle-cock, the shrill screams of flocks of parrots flashing like meteors through the air, and the varied notes of many others hidden from our sight.

Wild pig, deer and peacock run across our path; and on the road in front I see what is apparently the familiar barndoor cock scrapping as vigorously as if he were in the farmyard at home, although he is in his native wilds.

A Mother-in-Law's Paradise. "Among the Putes," says the Virginia City Enterprise, "it is always the father-in-law that makes the trouble. Every married Pute is always glad of a visit from his mother-in-law. He welcomes her with his broadest grin.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

BAKED CALF'S HEART

Is a very cheap and economical dish, and savors strongly of venison. Wash the heart well in cold water, letting it stand half an hour in the second water. Remove the tubes and fill the spaces with a stuffing made of bread crumbs, melted butter, salt and pepper.

EXCELLENCE OF SALT.

If the feet are tired or painful after long standing, great relief can be had by bathing them in salt and water. A handful of salt to a gallon of water is the right proportion.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness.

A Great Surprise. Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits and that any druggist is authorized by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy to give you a sample bottle free?

There are fifty manufacturing of imitation butter in Germany. One factory produces daily 6000 pounds from cocoanuts.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says: TOLEDO, O., Jan. 10, 1887. Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co., Gentlemen—I have used the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience, have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with as much confidence of success as can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you.

Wash the mica of the stove door with salt and vinegar.

Salt in white wash will make it stick better.—Fruit Grader.

A Pigeon Decides a Law Case. A novel decision was rendered by Justice Miller in a suit before him between John B. Kirby and John Scott, each claiming the ownership to a certain carrier pigeon, which was brought into court in charge of an officer.

The Champion Pork Eaters. The Chinese, says Frank Carpenter, are the greatest pork eaters of the world. The pigs are the scavengers of the city, and they root their way into every quarter, and turn up the ground and wallow in the mire on the very edge of the emperor's palace in Peking.

The Standard. "I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla as having passed above the grade of what are commonly called patent or proprietary medicines," said a well-known physician recently. "It is fully entitled to be considered a standard medicine, and has won this position by its undoubted merit and by the many remarkable cures it has effected. For an alternative and tonic it has never been equaled, and physicians are glad to have their patients take so reliable and trustworthy a medicine."

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Ely's Cream Balm. WILL CURE CATARRH. Price 50 Cents. Apply Balm into each nostril. ELY BROS., 54 Warren St., N. Y.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister at Washington, is studying American literature. Until he left England he paid little attention to our men of letters, but now he is going over the ground thoroughly.

Not a single sentence of death was passed by the Vienna criminal court during the past year.

The new rifle adopted by the German infantry has a range of 3800 metres.

La Grippe. At present epidemic on this continent, as well as on the continent of Europe, the precursor of Pneumonia and other fatal diseases, is principally a Catarrhal inflammation of the Mucous Membrane of the upper air passages.

The disease must be driven out of the system in the first stages and not allowed to develop into others of a more serious nature, which may become fatal. To do this the most simple agent may be found in Radway's Ready Relief (and where there is no diarrhoea), Radway's Pills.

There is no better treatment than this for driving out the disease. Physicians are not always within call. It is jeopardizing human life to be without such potent remedies as Radway's.

A SCAVENGER of Los Angeles picked up a pair of trousers from a pile of driftwood. He found \$15 in the pockets and a silver watch.

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THE HEAVY END OF A MATCH.

"Mary," said Farmer Flint, at the breakfast-table, as he asked for a second cup of coffee. "I've made a discovery." "Well, Cyrus, you're about the last one I'd suspect of such a thing; but what is it?" "I've found that the heavy end of a match is its light end," responded Cyrus, with a grin that would have adorned a skull.

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