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. For six years he has done little else than pursue this occupation. He became connected with all the leading dealers in the world and left with them orders to secure rare varicties at any price. He has already expended \$25,000, and has now a collec. tion of about 14,000 stamps. This may include all the "adhesives," as there are but 8000 of them in existence. Occasionally you real, and so do I, of postage-stamp collections containing millions of different stamps. Such things are myths, unless they consist of innumerable duplicates.

Perhaps dealers and advanced collectors consider the collection of M. Ferrari, son of the Duchess of Galatea, the finest collection of postage stamps in the world. It is said to outrank even the famous Rothschild collection. The Ferrari collection is worth \$250,000, and its happy owner employs a welleducated secretary who does nothing whatever but attend to it. This secretary classifies and pastes the stamps, and corresponds with all the leading dealers of the world, endeavoring to obtain what collectors call "unattainables."

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. Hancs is a member, and throwing a stamp on the counter asked whether it was worth anything. This was one of the first stamps issued by the city of Baltimore many years ago, and the bookkeeper said he had found it on a letter of an old correspondent of the firm for which he worked. Apparently the man did not think the stamp would bring more than 50 cents or a dollar. You can judge of his amazement, therefor, when he was offered a sum very far beyond this, and which seemed to him fabulous. He parted with the stamp gladly, and hurried out of the office as if he were afraid the money would be asked back. Several days later this stamp was sold 1or \$260.

One of the most famous collectors of the world is Mr. Tapling, an English member of Parliament. He lives at Dulwich, not far from London. His collection, which is valued at \$200,000, is mounted on cardboard and includes a long list of what connoisseurs call the "unattainables." Dozens and dozens of Mr. Taping's stamps are worth from \$100 to \$150 apiece.

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. This was a stamp which sells readily for \$10. But the lad had never received more than five or six cents apiece for his stamps before, and the dealer was afraid of frightening him at first by mentioning a high value, so he told the boy "it was a mighty good stamp." Then offering \$5 for it, he asked the lad whether he would sell it at that figure. The boy became scared, picked up the stamp, ran away and has never returned. He probably has an idea that it is worth a fabulous sum

family of wild beasts; and much the same is true of the atmosphere. It has been untamed, destructive. It has gamboled idly among the flowers as a zephyr. It has scurried across the prairies and uplands as a breeze, scud-

ded over the waters as a gale, wrecked ships as a tempest, and corkscrewed over the plains, uprooting forests and prostrating houses as a cyclone. Here are motors, powers, energies, forces, absolutely without limitation.

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. But these are nothing. Why, are there not in Chicago scores of pneumatic dynamos from which is distributed condensed air for the running of sewing machines, lathes and other machines now worked by hand and treadle? Why cannot detachable magazines of condensed air be provided by whose agency street cars can be pro pelled, and a light, incombustible motor be provided for bicycles, road wagons and a thousand similar purposes?

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 sundered piece where it belonged, secured a healing "by first intention" and the subsequent restoration of the organ, plus an ugly scar.

Less successful was the replacing of a nose by a young man of Pittsburg many years ago. While engaged in playfully "fencing" with a companion a reckless pass cleanly cut off the young fellow's ose. He had not studied physiology for nothing and, acting upon this knowledge, grabbed the severed organ and clapped it on the bleeding surface it had just quitted. Then his nose was bound firmly on and nature was left to take her course. She did this admirably. When the bandages were removed the two parts were found to be grown together beautifully. Nothing could be nicer, except that the unfortunate young man had put his nose on upside down? The nostrils stood as open to heaven as the flues at the apex of a chimney.

The memories that come dowr 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. During his life, however, he was known to declare that, for purposes of snufftaking, he had the very finest nose in the world, but that to be caught in a heavy shower, without an umbrella, was tantamount to drowning. Those that are suddenly deprived of a nose should be careful to replace it with the perforations down. Human life is made up of trifles, and some of these have power to engender discomfort when it comes to an upside down nose. -Pittsburg Press.

Wild Elephants at Home.

A correspondent on a tour through India says:

The mysterious sound; 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. As the sun rises the full beauty of the forest becomes revealed. On every side are huge trees, some hung with festoons of thin, snake-like creepers; others destitute of leaves, but covered with beautiful tuliplike scarlet flowers; others

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 space with a stuffing made of bread crumbs, melted butter, salt and pepper. Press this well down and skewer the holes, or sew them together. Stand it poin down in a saucepan of such a size tha the largest part of the heart will fit in snugly and keep it from falling over. Cover two-thirds with water and simmer so gently that the water will not boil over the top of the heart, and thus soften the stuffing. Cook for one hour, then lay it in a baking pan and bake a nice brown, basting with butter. Make a sauce by thickening the gravy in the pan, and some of the water in which it was boiled, with flour and seasoning to taste. Serve some sour jelly with it.

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 the right proportion. Have the water as hot as can be comfortably borne. Immerse the feet and throw the water over the legs as far as the knees with the hands. When the water becomes too cool rub briskly with a flash towel. This method, if used night and morning, will cure neuralgia of the feet.

Carpets may be greatly brightened by first sweeping thoroughly and then go ing over them with a clean cloth and clean salt and water. Use a cunful of coarse salt to a large basin of water.

Salt as a tooth powder is better than almost anything that can be bought it keeps the teeth brilliantly white and the gums hard and rosy.

It after having a tooth pulled the mouth is filled with salt and water it will allay the danger of having a hem orriage.

To clean willow furniture, use salt and water. Apply it with a nail brush, scrub well and dry thoroughly.

When broiling steak, throw a little salt on the coal, and the blaze from dripping fat will not annoy.

Damp salt will remove the discolora tion of cups and saucers caused by tea

and careless washing. Brass work can be kept beautifully bright by occasionally rubbing with

salt and vinegar. Wash the mica of the stove doors

with salt and vinegar. Salt in whitewash will make it stick better. - Fruit Grouder.

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 Sc tt, each claiming the ownership to a certain carrier pigeon, which was brought into court in charge of an officer. Justice Miller, in order to settle the ownership beyond question, ordered the pigeon placed in the hands of two disinterested

persons, who took it four miles south of the city and released it. After it had started two chasers were sent up by Kirby, and Scott followed suit by re leasing another pigeon. The pigeon in controversy flow straight to the residence of Scott, and according to the decision of Justice Miller is now Scott's property.

The Champion Pork Eaters.

The Chinese, says Frank Carpentor, 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 allow in the mire on the verv edge of the emperor's palace in Pekin. You see pigs for sale in every market, and the sucking pig is the piece de rosistance at every feast. It is never eaten in the roast, however, but is hashed up into bits and stewed, and this is the case with all the Chinese meats. Small bits are a necessity where the chop-sticks are used, and the result is that most of the Chinese dishes are soups or stews or roasts cut fine.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister at Washington, is studying American literature. Until he left Eng-land 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 dur-ing the past year.

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Infantry has a range of 3800 metres. Infantry has a range of 3800 metres. Infantry has a range of 3800 metres. At present epidemic on this continent, as well as on the continent of Europe, the pre-pursor of Pneumonia and other fatal diseases, is principally a Catarchial inflammation of the Mucous Membrane of the upper air passages. Te commences suddenly, and is generally at-tended with an extremit disgrees of debility, with high fever from the commencements marked pills in the head, shoulder and limbs, and oppression of the othest, sover of up at air of the expectoration, with a loss of the system into the expectoration of the system of the expectoration of the system into the first stages and not allowed to develop in-may be found in Kadway's Heady Relief (and where there is not diarrhea), Kadway's Pills before the applied by the hand. Radway's Pills the applied by the hand. Radway's retring at hight, swallow thirty to soft 'watery's Ready Relief to the bead. If not entirely cured, re-mather the of low of Lin other in similar epi-monia and other fatal diseases. There is no better treatment than this for moring an other fatal diseases. There is no better treatment that his for priving at a cold. They include a substry in the other and other fatal diseases. There is no better treatment that his for priving at a cold. They include a new in the forps without secold. They include a new include the pain the other and other fatal diseases. There is no better treatment that his for priving at a cold. They include a new include the pain the pain of trousers from a pile of driftwood. He

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. Tourists,

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. For sale in 50c. and \$1 bottles by all leading drug-

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THERE are fifty manufactories of imitation butter in Germany. One factory produces daily 6000 pounds from eccoanus. A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years ought to know salt from sugar; real what he says:

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Office, 25 Summit ⁵ We will give \$100 for any case of Catarri that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarr Cure, Taken internally. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. 1997 Sold by Druggists, 75c.

JUDGE GRESHAM says that the standard of excellence in the legal profession is not as high as it was twenty-five years ago.

high as it was twenty-five years ago. Kissed Another Man's Wife. "You scoundrel," yelled young Jacob Green, At his good neighbor, Brown-"You kissed my wife upon the street-I ought to knock you down." "That's where you'ro wrong," good Brown re-plied, In accents mild and meek; "I kissed her, that I've not denied, But kissed her, that d'ue not denied, But kissed her, that d'ue not denied, But kissed her on the check-and 1 did it because she looked so handsomo-the very poture of beauty and health. What is the secret of it?" "Well," replied Green, "since you ask it, I will tell you; she uses Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I accept your pology. Good night." "Favorite Prescrip-tion" is the only remedy for the delicate de-pingements and weaknesses of delinate do y drukt at and a positive quarantee of guide treturned. For billousness, sick headache, indigestion

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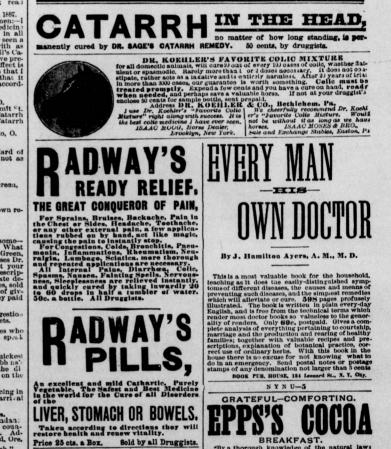
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THE HEAVY END OF A MATCH.

"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 heave and of



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Utilizing the Air.

The atmosphere is employed to a considerable extent, but not to the onemillionth part that it should be. It is used for respiratory purposes, for the driving of sailing ships, for the throwing of dynamite projectiles in the Zalinski gun, for the turning of some windmills and a few other purposes, but with respect to its quantity, its strength, its pliability, its ease of harnessing and handling, it is doing absolutely nothing.

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. It was a brutish creature, frightening human beings and rending rocks and forests from pure excess of vigor and lack of something useful to do. Modern science gave some attention to this cavorting, brilliant, rending, roaring, blinding phenomenon, and speedily discovcred that it was no howling, angry demon, as was supposed by earlier ages, but an available, powerful energy which could be haltered, broken to harness and made to work with the steadiness of a plough horse.

For thousands of centuries ol ectricity was simply a member of an untamed | seeds or pinenuts.

blaze of crimson foliage.

Wild pig, deer and peacock run across our path; and on the road in front I see what is apparently the familiar barndoor cock scraping as vigorously as if he were in the farmyard at home, although he is in his native wilds. The most startling spectacle is, however, when, after much crashing of branches has been heard, a herd of a dozen wild elephants crosses the path about fifty yards ahead, deigning to notice their captive brother only by a disdainful glance and flourish of their trunks.

A Mother-in-Law's Paradise.

"Among the Piutes," says the Vir-ginia City Enterprise, "it is always the father-in-law that makes the trouble. Every married Piute is always glad of a visit from his mother -in-law. He wel-comes her with his broadest grin. The arrival of the mother -in -law gives him a double team, where before he had only one animal. He hails her appearance with delight and piling a jackass-load of wood upon her willing old back, sends her into town with his wife (similarly packed) to peddle out the fuel and bring back to him a supply of money for his favorite game of poker. The Piute father-in-law is of no use as a wood-packer, nor will he gather grass

Cedar and locust each make posts of great durability when set in the ground

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