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Letters to the Editor

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The Life of Richard Palmer, better pose as an author, and was always litigant, was called by James I, "the known as Dick Turpin, by Henry willing to employ and help financially bold lady of Cheshire". Downes Miles, was published by any literary man or woman in trouble Thomas White of 59, Wych Street, He rescued more than one novelist's London, in 1839, in 40 penny num- humble home from the hands of the Burns' letter brings £630 portrait of Turpin there is provided over Black Bess from Smith and "The Author's Apology" in which employed some other poor author to written by Robert Burns was sold he justifies his choice of a "hero" complete it. When the story was at Sotheby's for £630. against the squeamish taste of the published in book form, he took the inane writers of the "silver fork credit of being its author. When in 1796 he wrote to his brother sayschool." This romance was succeed- you consider that its 254 numbers ing that he had had a week's seaed by Claude Duval, and Jack took five years for publication, a Sheppard (12 numbers)

by the Aldine Company. G. Purk- those old Bohemian days of living ess published Dick Turpin's Ride to from hand to mouth (as evidenced York in 9 numbers in 1839, no by E. Harcourt Burrage in his mined the poet not to go abroad in doubt as a counterblast to Thomas historical small work The Ruin of 1787, was sold for £128. White's publication, and Harrisonn Fleet Street), small wonder that the Ainsworth's Rookwood (which des real writer's or author's names of cribes the famous ride), published in these old sensational romances are 1834. Lloyd did not publish a sep- not known. They, poor devils, did arate romance under the title of not write for fame or recognition Dick Turpin, but included the but simply for their daily bread, and achievements of this "hero" in naturally did not care who had the Gentleman Jack; or Life on the credit of being the authors so long Road, together with Sixteen String as they were paid for their work. Jack and others. This very scarce item of 205 numbers (1,636 pages), was published in 1852, and although I have made the most exhaustive researches possible, I have not discovered who was the author.

It may interest your readers to know that according to the testimony of the late Mr. Thomas Catling (for many years Editor of Lloyd's Weekly News), J. F. Smith (author of Minniegrey, etc.), was the real author of Black Bess, published in penny numbers. Smith's remuneration was £3 10s 0d per week. A large portion was written amid eighteenth century surroundings in the old office of Lloyd's Weckly News. Although Edward Viles is given as the author of Black Bess, he wrote very little, excepting the

titles of the sensational novels pub-In reply to ("J. B." Southampton) lished under his name. He liked to wife Mary (1563-1626), the famous In addition to a frontispiece bailiffs and so in this manner took great many changes would take wife and children if I am taken from I have no record of the editions place during this time, and in their head."

F. J. (London).

MATCH-BOX LABELS.

Forest and ROEDEER described by Mr. Toole as Sweden's latest isssues, were registered in 1911!

E. F. (Stockholm).

POTTERY.

SIR,

The following from The China Collector's Pocket Companion, Sampson Low (1874), will interest your Company and Messrs Geo. Newnes reader.

"GLASS, JOSEPH (Hanley), circa 1671. Coarse Ware, ornamented with Slip. JOHN ADDISON (Stockton).

A Famous Rose Dish.

At a sale of old silver which took place at Messrs. Christie's recently, the famous Delamere rose water dish was procured by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company at £5,800. This Elizabethan piece is in silver gilt and has an enamel shield in the centre bearing the arms of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley (1513-1596), whose

One of the most remarkable letters

Within eleven days of his death bathing and added, "God help my

A copy of the first Edinburgh edition of his poems, which deter-

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DICK TURPIN.

SIR.

The Akline Company commenced a series of the Dick Turpin Library in 1902. This ran to 182 numbers and finished about 1908. It was re-started under the title of Black Bess Library, but only ran to 18 numbers. Since this both the Aldine have issued several reprints. I believe, however, that there was an earlier Aldine series.

J. T. (Dablin).

1/6 A YEAR C.M.

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JOSEPH PARKS,

EDITOR. THE COLLECTOR'S MISCELLANY.

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SEE FRONT PAGE.

THE WORLD OF STAMPS.

No. 8

FRENCH AIR MAILS.

under the control of the "Ministere de l'Air" and "Minstere des Further this company had made Postes," and contracts have been successful attempts for reducing the signed with six big companies to delay in the transport of letters perform the following regular ser- from France to U.S.A. and vice

lines: Paris to London, Paris to famous stamps of the "Ile de besides its forty human inhabitants Marseilles, Lyons to Geneva; Mar- France" which are exceedingly rare. teems with hundreds of seabirds-Frankfort.

following lines: Paris to Constantinople and Paris to Varsovia. The lines connecting France to Africa, about 120 tons. i.e. France to Morocco, France to seilles to Algiers.

The "Societe pour le Developpment de l'Aviation Commerciale "is operating the line connecting Bordeaux to Geneva.

The "Transat" has organised several services connecting:

Warsaw.

THE French Air Mail Lines are (b) France to Africa and South America.

versa. All collectors of air mail The "Air Union" operates five stamps have heard about the now

seilles to Tunisia and Marseilles to If we consider the traffic of the puffins. The "Societe Generale above lines, we find that whilst de Transports Aeriens" has its 200,000 letters were carried by air- Coles Harman, a London business activities limited to the transport planes in 1920, the number had in- man, felt that the islanders needed a by airplanes from Paris to Berlin, creased to nearly 7 millions in 1925. medium of exchange, what could be Paris to Amsterdam and Paris to Since that date, the quantity of more appropriate for that unit than The "Compagnie de Navigation grown to such an extent that the Hence a new set of coins for the Aerienne" is intrusted with the traffic is now given in tons of 1000 coin collector—the one puffin and kilos. In 1927 over 82 tons of half-puffin of Lundy. mail had been carried and in 1930

Senegal (and South America), Mar- been given by the "Aerophile", above bird. The half-puffin is the prosperous industry.

The first postage stamps used in (a) Paris to Berlin, Bagdad and Germany were issued in Bavaria in 1849.

THE LUNDY "PUFFINS."

TO-DAY when man goes to farcorners of the earth like Byrd and Wilkins to claim new lands for their respective governments, one is quite surprised to find such a place close at hand. In the Bristol Channel, close to the British shore, lies an orphan Island so it seems-

Lundy, an island 11 miles long,

When its owner, Mr. Martin letters carried by airplanes has the familiar bird of the islands?

Both of the two coins have the "Aero Postale" is operating the the total weight will amount to profile of the owner, Martin Coles Harman above 1929, shown on ob-The above figures, which have verse, reverse: "Lundy, One Puffin" show that the air mail post is a same except that there is the head of bird only, instead of full bird. L. NICOLAS. Around the edge of the coin in raised letters is "Lundy lights and leads"

For local use there is also a one puffin and a half-puffin stamp.

Mr. Cole may have got into a little trouble at home and paid a few pounds fine for giving his people their monetary system, but he has helped the collector's cause and given us a place which we can complete in our collections with little trouble or expense.

C. N. MILLER.

The first sale of stamps held by Messrs. Sothebys took place in March, 1872, when 275 lots produced £252 17s. 6d.

DEALERS-LOOK OUT FOR

The Miscellany Dealer's Supplement.

DETAILS LATER.

CIGARETTE CARDS.

SOME NEW ZEALAND SETS.

cigarette cards first appeared in The photo set of "Motor Cars" ers sets I have seen, only consist of New Zealand. Many of the sets show in vivid contrast to our colour- English sets of other makers. It cigarette cards first appeared in printing arrangement is altered and ent day, are found in this set. whilst (just to cite two examples), by Ogdens here, is by Players in need no comment. New Zealand, and so on.

Photographs" and Carrera's "Old tiful New Zealand," (beautiful in- Gifts," the nature of which we are

iliar with these sets I will outline Dealing with the ordinary cards seen much of interest up to the Wills. Firstly, "Homeland Events" Racehorses," "New Zealand Birds,"

issued in England are repeated in issues of that series. "Ships and may be as well to mention here that New Zealand, but with a difference Shipping" is another photo set. sets issued by Wills, are far in exin most cases. For one thing the Ships from early times to the pres- cess of any other firm.

Messrs. Players issued "Riders of for "Famous Men," "Famous Wom- often puzzled me why Players have the World" here, it is Messrs. Wills en," "Notable Ships," and "British issued so few sets as compared with in New Zealand also "Whaling" Prime Ministers," four sets which Wills and it is only of late I have

some of the most interesting of in Wills we find "New Zealand present.

A S in England, Messrs. Wills are a photo set dealing with events in "New Zealand Butterflies," "Moths prominent. Looking through football, racing, reviews, flag-days, and Beetles," "Birds, Beasts, and a collection, the glossy photos take and so forth. Then "Scenes of Fishes" (a push-out series), "Warfirst honours.

Maori Life" which takes you back ships," "V.C.s," (actual deeds), It is only a few years ago since to the early days in New Zealand, and "Coaches and Coaching." Play-

Naturally, there are many other Messrs. Carrera's are responsible issues of various makers. It has fathomed the reason. Instead of Some photo sets of Wills are the usual card, they have for some Such sets as De Reszke "Real "New Zealand Footballers," "Beau-time been giving coupons for "Free Staffordshire Figures" are identical deed!) "Units of the British Army" all familiar with. Although I have with English issues.

As many collectors are not fam- day in New Zealand," and "Zoo." are also large ones but I have not

John W. Thornton

The Life and Works of Caxton.

(Continued)

- (28) The Book of the ordre of Chyv- (40) alry; or Knyghthode, translated from the French (assigned to (41) 1484), fol.
- (29) The Book ryal; or he Book for a Kyng, 1484, fol.
- (30) A Book of the noble Historyes of Kyng Arthur and of certen of (43) his Knyghtes, which book was reduced into Englysshe by syr (44) Thomas Malory Knyght, 1485, fol.
- The Lyf of Charles the Grete (45) Kyng of France and Empereur (46) of Rome, 1485, fol.
- (32) Another edition of the same, 1485,
- Thy storye of the noble ryght valyaunt and worthy Knyght Parys and of the fayr Vyenne, the doul-phyns doughter of Vyenneys, tran-
- slated from the French. 1485, fol. (34) The Book of Good Maners. 1486, (50)
- The Doctrinal of Sapyence, trans-
- lated from the French, 1489, fol. (51) (36) The Book of Fayttes of Armes and of Chyvalrye, a translation (52) from the first part of Vegetius de Re Militari, 1489, fol.

- The Arte and Crafte to knowe (53) well to dye, translated from the
- French, r490, fol.

 The Boke of Encydes, compyled (54)
 by Vyrgyle, translated from the French, 1490, fol,
- The Talis of Cauntyrburye, (no
- Another edition, without date or place, fol.
- Infancia Salvatoris. 4to. The Boke of Consolation of (57) Philosophie, whiche that Boccius made for his comforte and consolacion, (no date nor place.) fol. A collection of Chaucer's and
- Lydgate's minor poems. 4to. The Book of Fame, made by Geffery Chaucer, fol.
- Troylus and Cres-yde. fol. A Book for Travellers. fol.
- The Lyf of St. Katherin of Senis. fol.
- Speculum Vite Christie; or the myrroure of the blessyd Lyf of (61) Jhesus Christe, fol.
- Directorium Sacerdotum : sive Ordinale secundum Usum Sarum (62) Westm. fol.
- The Worke (or Court) of Sapience, composed by John Lydgate, (63)
- A Boke of divers Ghostly Maters, Westm, fol.
- The Curial made by Maystre (64) Alain Charretier, translated from the French, fol.

- The Lyf of our Lady, made by Dan John Lydgate, monke of Burye fol.
- The Lyf of St. Wenefryde, reduced into Englisshe. fol.
 A Lytel Tretise, intytuled or
- named The Lucidarye. 4to.
- Reverendissimi viri dni. Gulielmi Lyndewodi, LLD, et epi Asaphensis constitutiones provinciales Anglicanae. 24mo.
- The Hystorye of Kynge Blanchardyne and Queen Eglantyne his wife. fol.
- The Siege of he noble and invyncyble Cytee of Rhodes. fol.
- Statuta apud Westmonasterium edita, anno primo Regis Ricardi tercii. fel.
- (60) Statutes made in the first, 2nd. and 3rd. Parliaments of Henry VII. fol. (The only fragment of this work known consists of two leaves.)
 - The Accidence, (mentioned in one of the sale catalogues of the library of T. Martin of Palgrave.) The Prouffytable Boke of manes soule, called The Chastysing of
 - Goddes Chyldern, fol Horae etc 12mo., a fragment of eight pages, now in the library bequethed to the Bodleian by the
- late F. Douce, Esq. A fregment of a Ballad, pre-served in a volume of scraps and ballads in the British Museum.

(Conclusion)

TOKENS

Novel Sports and Games Tickets

BY EDW. F. HERDMAN.

N looking over my collection, particular items are beginning to of tokens or tickets - relating to side-line, I recommend collectors aluminium, which did not pass as curshop-keepers, theatres, taverns, "sing-songs," transport, churches, schools —, I was interested to find so many items in it connected with sports and games. Tickets struck in either copper or brass issued to patrons of the "King of Sports"_ horse-racing __ are the oldest. Neweastle, Stockton, Doncaster, York, Lincoln, Newmarket, and other well-known meets are represented. the Grand Stand was built in 1830 series I have briefly dealt with. -exactly one hundred years ago.

Shooting is represented by several tickets. These for the greater part were issued by innkeepers who promoted pigeon shoots. One depicts a sportsman with gun in hand point-

ing to a bird on the wing.

prising landlords of inns and taverns is immune from the faker and profwith a view to attracting custom- iteer, on the other hand, he is not the inn and the proprietor) of the dealers ignore him: he is left entirerespective values of 3d., 4d., and ly to his own resources. 6d., could be bought at the inn bar, and secured the bearer a game and foreign correspondence club, and a drink. Admission to a bowling find that the intelligent foreigner alley, or a game of quoits, slate bag- considers cinema, sport, theatre, and atelle, or fives could be obtained obsolete lottery tickets are what he in the same way Tickets represent- requires. ing all these games are numerous tickets have on the reverse the rep- grows. resentation of a man playing bowls,

ling clubs, too, issued tickets of and Croydon, crude and queerly Bank on July 4, 1829. membership. We reproduce a ticket shaped tickets from Glasgow, North-An interesting ticket, about the size and battered specimens from Mos- running. of a penny, was issued by the Inter- cow (1895), Capetown and New ational Gun and Polo Club of Lon- York.

containing over 8000 varieties, soar; but for a cheap numismatic



One of Chesterfield states that the to go in for the novel and attractive for £30,000, a sum that showed a

The young collector should not confuse the term "ticket" used by me with the innumerable paper or cardboard tickets issued by places of entertainment, trams, street cars, "Ticket" is a numismatic term applied principally to all "coins" struck in metal or a composite substance such as celluloid, or rency. In America, the equivalent to our "Ticket" is "Card." In that country there is a long series of Store Cards struck in copper and

Another numismatic article by Mr. Herdman appears on page 4.

The late Mr. D. E. Wetherfield collected over 220 grandfather clocks, which, at his death, were sold big profit on the original outlay.

Street Car Transfers

THE possibilities of Tram and Bus Ticket collecting are endless and I am just finding out a few The skittle alley, once so popular of them. Among the advantages but now practically a game of the (or perhaps disadvantages), of this past, was also chiefly run by enter- hobby, is that whereas the collector ers. Tickets (bearing the names of catered for; stamp and antique

He will probably subscribe to a

He later becomes a bit of a polyin my collection, and are from all glot, and having separated the parts of the country. Some of the wheat from the tares, his collection

Among the gems of my collection are ancient-looking specimens from

But it is singular that I do not vivid, brilliantly coloured, and, in possess one item relating to football. many cases, artistically designed being displayed on them in vividence of transport tokens tickets of the East, (especially Jap-colours. is popular at present, and prices for anese and Manchurian), to the neat

but soberly hued specimens of this country and the United States, the latter country being very extravagant in paper, some of these tickets or transfers, as they are called, being as large as 18 inches by 6.

As a contrast some Quebec and Montreal specimens are not much larger than a postage stamp!

Early Buses.

Until about 1860, no tickets were issued on buses, the conductor, or cad as he was called, paying in to his employer what he thought constituted to that gentleman a fair return for his invested capital. A strike took place on the introduction of tickets.

The first omnibus started in Paris, on March 8, 1672, but the innovation was premature, and they were discontinued in 1678. They were revived in 1828.

The first London omnibus started Golf, gun, polo, cricket and cyc- Birkenhead, Derry (sic), Chester from the Yorkshire Stingo to the

These vehicles soon multiplied belonging to the Basford Golf Club. ampton and London. Disreputable and in1831 there were about ninety

Some of the most bizarre looking tickets in my collection are from Los don and Brighton, to its members. What a contrast we find in the Angeles-hearts, diamonds, and innumerable geometrical designs

CECIL. B. GEESON.

COINS AND CURIOS

COUNTERS

By EDW. F. HERDMAN.

and certainly not the least interest- all parts, at home and abroad. ing, is collecting card counters. We But the most prolific of all card do not here refer to the counters counters is the one in gilt brass formerly, and probably still used in known as the Spade-Ace-Guinea gambling saloons and casinos, but type. It is always turning up. On to the more popular whist and kind- countless occasions people have red games of skill.

used by card players for at least 200 confiding that they had found it and years, and my collection of numis- thought it was a genuine gold guinea, matic curiosities contains over 30 needless to say I soon disillusioned card counters, some of which are them. really artistic, and most of them show the purpose for which they purport to be an imitation of a were turned out. I have specimens George III spade guinea, and they in copper, bronze and brass, and one had an immense circulation until is silver-plated. The types vary, 1850. In later years their circusome having on the obverse a bust lation was revived, and the counters of Queen Anne, George III, George found their way into children's IV or Queen Victoria. All are "lucky packets" struck from well-executed dies.

a rose and a serpent intertwined these pieces can be ignored. with the words "Wisdom and Pleasure." Still another shows a display of cards. A neat counter was issued by Ralph Heaton and Son, of Birmingham (England), in 1851.

America and Germany are represented by curious specimens, the former showing on reverse a goldminer in the act of digging up a nugget of great size. This piece is dated 1849. Another curious American counter is inscribed "Boston Whist," and gives an explanation of the game in tabular form.

The well known medal, "To Our Hanover," originally intended as political satire, was eventually used as a card counter. The Prince of Wales' model half-sovereign, issued matches to Australia.

TTACHED to the more serious in 1848 as a numismatic curiosity, study of Numismatics are was later adopted as a counter, and many sidelines which, although of it, like the "To Our Hanover" type, little instrinsic value, are full of must have been issued in very large interest. One of these side-studies, quantities for specimens turn up in

brought specimens to me and sol-Counters, or jetons, have been icited my opinion thereon, after

These particular card counters

There are several varieties of this The reverses are decidedly int- counter, the rarest, if we may use Some depict a lady this term, bearing on the reverse others a gentleman_sitting at a the words "The Good Old Days." table in the act of playing a card On the commoner types the reverses with the inscription-"Keep your show Birmingham to be their source temper." Another bears a crown of origin: WCB ET DGI within a laurel wreath One shows REX FD BIRM. The date on

Match Factories in Australia.

Impressed with the possibilities of the Australian market, the Swedish Match Company has decided to establish two match factories in Australia this year.

The company has arranged to send to Australia a staff of experts to establish one factory in West Australia and the other either in £6,771. He left all to his widow. Victoria or New South Wales.

The Victorian Government Railways are issuing a series of book

Russia has exported 20 000 chests of

Art Discovery in London.

A remarkable art discovery was made recently in the private office of the Town Clerk of Westminster. Two pictures had been hanging there for some time, and the Town Clerk came to the conclusion that they were 450 years old, and were referred to in an inventory, made in 1830, of St. Martin's Parish Prop-

The entry in the inventory reads: "Little Martyrdom's in 2 black frames. Supposed to be by Old Franks, by others of the School Hemmelinck [?Hans Memlinc] or Van Eyck, presented to this parish by Alexndr Geckie in 1684.'

Dr. Friedlander, the Director of Kaiser Friedrich Museum, Berlin, is of opinion that the pictures were painted about 1480, probably at Brussels, by a follower of Roger van der Weyden.

Britain's Pinhead Coinage

Many are the criticisms passed about such small coins as the farthing and the threepenny piece, but we should have real reason to criticise if we still had to use the coinage adopted soon after the Roman evacuation of Britain.

The Britons became so poor that the smallest copper coin left by the Romans was of little use because of its too great value. So to obviate the difficulty, very minute specimens were struck, the smallest being about one-eighth of an inch in diameter.

Examples of this minute coinage recently discovered in Gloucestershire, after examination under a magnifying glass, were found to be copied from the coins of the Roman Emperor, Constantius II.

Dr. Bridges, the Poet Laureate, who died in April, aged 85, left £6,928, with net personalty

An average of 40,000 arrests a year are made by postal inspectors in the United States, and during the past five years they have secured 13,552 convictions for offences against the postal laws.

MATCH-BOX LABELS.

HOW TO GET A

BY our own mistakes we learn I have seen some surprising lab-better. I put a fine gilt Czecho els. They were of the same delabel in very hot water, to get the signs as the solo brands (Czecho), wood away, and found the gilt was but these are all marked "Made in away, too! So the lesson is well Austria." There were a whole serlearnt and in future all gilt labels ies of DANCING LADY, some of the

found these :__

a narrow label beside the other.

ish centre, one 54 m.m., wide and shirt, black pants; (4) red shirt, others 52 m.m. between frame. yellow pants; (5) red shirt, pink Do not forget that in these two pants; (6) blue shirt, red pants, red labels the last "S" in "Cross" has a frame; (7) blue shirt, red pants, pointed end to it at the foot. In blue frame; and (8) blue shirt, red foot is cut square across and "C's" ature label. This design was used etc. rounded as noted in our last as long as forty years ago. issue. These are about 54 m.m. wide. An error occurred in my last lot

will have a longer time in cold water. MAHARAJAS, fifteen in fact, also the Do you ever go over your accum- VICEREGAL PAIR. Others I noticed ulation of duplicates? I did and were TROLLEY CAR, PIPE, BATTLEAXE, KEY, SOLO, EARL ROBERTS and GAUHAR Hussar, Esthonia, square letter- Jan. This last lady seems to be ing in Esthonia, one 34 m m. between depicted on several labels in several upright frame (the common one) and countries. How many of the CHINAanother 32 m.m. only. I found only MAN, Sweden, have you? Here are two of the latter and it appears quite eight of them. The Chinaman is wearing (1) yellow shirt, red pants; Also BLUE CROSS, Norway, brown- (2) green shirt, red pants; (3) red the new one just out the end at pants, red frame, which is a min-

of notes. After the first ATTONIA, all the others marked as such, are really un-named.

A few new labels are PETER PAN, Finland; HERCULES, Finland, with a round o in "strong" and snake quite green, GREEN HAT, Finland; BILLIKIN, Poland, a "thumbs up" mascot; shamrock, Russia, in black and green; SALAMANDER, Germany (and a funny animal it is); ARCH in Poland; PELICAN in Esth-GREEN POINT, Russia (a match point); and RED LIGHT, Russia (a danger signal).

Spain gives us a pictorial label and it is also put on envelopes. It is an advertisement really of the "Barcelona Internaconal Expos-icion, 1929." I have spelt it as printed on the label. It shows a lady with outstretched arms, a very blue sea and some sort of craft on

Recent labels of Austria I have seen, if I had not known they were printed by the Solo factory of Czecho, who have a branch at Vienna, I should have placed Austria first in the production of interesting labels I am now quite undecided which gets the medal.

Shiva, one of these Austrian ones is a picture. But, the goddess should have more clothes on! Another the GOLDEN RAND shows the Cape portion of South Africa, and is in gilt and black on pink paper. Quite a novelty. Others have no wording on them at all.

What a set the Maharajas make. Here are fifteen of them. H.H. of Bikanir, Alwar, Patiala, Nabha, Dhurbunga, Udaipur, Travancore, Gwalior, Jhalawar, Baroda, Sikkim, Bhownuger, Kolhapur, and Murshidabad. All fine glossy labels in gilt. I know these are in circulation as some I have found on boxes, so I presume all are to be found.

A recent find of mine is a collection of a 1000 which were guaranteed to me to be over forty-five years old. I did not need the guarantee when I saw them. These finds are open to every collector to get if they haunt second-hand book shops and dealers and make their

(Continued on page 6, column 3)



Northern Transport Tokens.

ren.

the fare box."

The fare boxes were of brass and about 9 inches deep.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Tramways have, at present, three round vulcanite tokens in cirulation for public use, of the values of 1d., 1d., and 11d., each in a different colour. These bear the city coat of arms on one side, and the value on the other.

There are square ones specially for postmen in uniform, of the val-

ues of 1d. and 11d.

At Sunderland and South Shields, tokens are current, but are only available for the municipal staff. A brass ferry token comes from Sunderland, bearing on one side "Ferry Token" and "Sunderland," with its coat of arms, on the other. A special one at South Shields, for the use of postmen only, is lettered "G.P.O."

The Tynemouth Electric Tramways had tokens for the use of the municipal staff a few years ago, but they are not now issued.

An oval brass token, long obsolete, from Darlington, bears the inscription, "Darlington Street Railroad Co. Limited." On the other words, "Train's Patent."

The transporter ferry at Middlesbrough has two brass tokens, a round one lettered "Middlesbrough" Clarence."

The POETS' BOX

The finest collection of old ballads and other literary curios in Scotland, besides a stock of all kinds of literature.

OVERGATE, DUNDEE, ANGUS Curzon fetched £42,357.

Hunting Horn Found.

When in the Exmoor district some time ago, Mr. C. H. Crews, a Devonshire gentleman, found a Nail-THE Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tram- sea ribbed glass hunting horn. ways Company (which ceased Describing his find in a letter to when the Municipal Electric trams the Sunday Times, Mr. Crews said started on June 16, 1901), issued the horn is of beautiful flint metal, two brass tokens, one for ordinary quite perfect, measuring 171 in. long use, and the other for school child- and the base or trumpet end $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide, the stem part being beautifully On one side of each is the in-fluted and similar in appearance to scription: "This must be paid into many of the old English drinkingglasses.

Preserving an Ancient Bridge.

Action by Somerset County Council has ensured the preservation of Tarr Steps, the ancient stone bridge spanning the river Barle, near the Exmoor village of Hawk-

Archæologists speak of Tarr Steps as one of the finest known examples of prehistoric bridge building. The bridge is on the line of an ancient built in the Bronze Age.

The bridge, 180 feet long, consistspiers of piled up boulders.

the Royal United Service Museum, Whitehall, by sending as a gift an interesting curio which had been in her own collection for some time.

It is a beautiful tortoiseshell and side is a horse-drawn tram, and the silver snuff box, commemorative Duke of Wellington set in the lid.

Her Majesty a year ago presented case, showing on one side Napoleon's gium. JAS. S. WOOD, tomb, and on the other the house in which he lived at St. Helena.

> Gainsborough's "Portrait of Lady Impey," was sold for 4,000 guineas at Messrs. Christie's. Pictures among the heirlooms of the late Marquis-

Collector Who Spent £10.000 a Year.

The collection of the late Mr. C. H. T. Hawkins, of Portland-place, has already real sed nearly a quarter of a million pounds, and many objects are still unsold.

During the last 25 years of his. life he never spent less than £10,000 a year on his hobby and gathered together over 1,000 jewelled snuff boxes, 800 miniatures, and wonderful porcelain, pictures and books. As a side-line, he collected over 800 unset diamonds and other precious stones, which at the sale realised over £20,000.

Match-Box Labels.

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wants known. This book has "Match Box Album," printed on it and consists of about sixty pages in a stiff cover. Leaves are spaced for eight labels on one side of page British trackway, and is considered only. In it, the Holland labels are by several authorities to have been all called "Netherlands," and the Belgian ones are mostly "Flanders" Very few of the Japanese have of stone slabs about seven feet long, titles, but what struck me most y and nearly four feet wide, built on was that the colouring in many cases were as good as it is to-day.

Humorous labels are many. One is a very fat lady riding on a turtle Queen's Gift to Museum. in a lake. Another, a tiger doing The Queen showed her interest in the slack wire feat up a chain! Others are a monkey handing down fruit from a tree to his friends below, and a Jap being mobbed by storks. Robinson Crusoe and his dog was also amongst them.

The forbears of many we know of the Battle of Waterloo, with a to-day, too. RISING SUN (Belg.); silver coin bearing the head of the PEARL (Syria), the English one we know, but in a frame; DANCING FOXES (Belg.) in red, also blue, but and a square one, lettered "Port to the museum a rare ivory card foxes are very thin; ZEBRA, in Bel-

> One titled THE JUNGLE needs describing. Printed in many colours it shows a hunter shooting a lion. The lion's head, though, is four times too big in comparison with the hunter, and the flowers so large that they must be some extinct species.

> > H. S. TOOLE.

OLD BOYS' BOOKS

AN EARLY COLOURED BOYS' PERIODICAL

old Boys of the Empire. They were came dull, I thought, after "The finely done. I bought the first Master of the Sword" and "From number of that paper with a hard- School to Battlefield" had finished. come-by 13d, only to find that the I was then thankful to drop the colours had missed in the press and paper in favour of Ching Ching's were 1 inch out of alinement. I Own. Now that was the boy's paper, know now that such mistakes are who was streets ahead of most of for farmers. much-prized by collectors.

those days a manuscript issue tion which has enabled me to write as a publisher. He published a few and when contributions dropped off scores of books for boys. He printed ten cent handbooks, but these did I cut out the smaller B.O.E. illust- poems and stories of mine in his not satisfy him and in the early rations and pasted them in, weaving C.C.O. Best for Boys before I sixties he brought out the first them and signing them with other several nice prizes. boys' names, lest it should be guessed whole of the paper myself!

the coloured illustrations have lost height of fame, but I never achieved edition are very expensive. their exquisite bouquet. I loved the the ambition of winning a cup. smell of colour-oils used in printing. to me to ask John o' London's are vastly different from serials_ them. This was the reply I got:

head of the firm of Leighton Brothers at first established in Lamb's Conduit Street, and later in Drucy Lane. From this firm came the colour prints first published by the "Illustrated London News" in 1855, and the plates in Ingram's "Illustrated Almanack" (1857-"Pictorial Beauties of Nature" (Ward Lock), "Gems of English Art of this Century" (Routledge), and Boyle's "Beauty and the Beast." Examples of their colour work were given in "Specimens of Colour Printing." Leighton closed his colour printing works towards the end of the eighties.

The B.O.E. serials were never a

HAVE all my life been fascinated spot on the Boy's Comic Journals, by the coloured pictures in the or the Boys of England. They bewas a bit disappointed then, but I thanks to E. Harcourt Burrage, his contemporaries in literary style.

To me, that is more than half the of the Miscellany know that E. H. charm of a coloured picture to-day. Burrage's son, A. Harcourt Burrage, Edwin J. Brett announced that the is the author of a few books for Leighton Brothers were his colour-boys, published by Nelson, chiefly? printers, so in later life it occurred Of course the books he and I write Weekly for information concerning we are not allowed to be "bluggy" and we bar fat boys and pantomime 'George C. Leighton (1826-95) was masters. You'll say that they can't be as good as the old bloods! Well, never mind: whenever I can I bring in Sweeney Todd, and Jack Sheppard and Dick Turpin. In my first book of all, that is "Forge of Foxen-85). Among works illustrated in colour by, "published by Blackie's at 5/- (in by this firm were Barnard's "Landscape and Water-colour Painting," "Pictorial Resulting of Nature" (West). Hood and his Merry Men as a side issue. I had had plenty of practice previously with 1d, 2d, 3d, and 4d boy's books for Hendersons, Lloyds, and the Amalgamated Press, wherein I could let myself go more, as they liked a bit of melodrama.

R. A. H. GOODYEAR.

U.S.A Dime Novels

Beadle's Dime Novels were first published in the sixties. Each issue contained from 96 to 110 pages, yellow covers, and were 4 by 61 inches in size.

The publisher, Erastus Beadle, was born in Pierstown(?), New York on September 11, 1821. He was one of the early pioneers, but he had a business mind and turned from pioneering to flour bag printing.

He made wood blocks for this purpose, and with a supply of these he toured the country, marking bags

With the money he acquired by I edited a school magazine in I owe to him much of the inspirathis method, he started in business little romances of my own round entered my teens, and gave me Beadle Dime Novel_ "Malaeska; or the Indian Wife of the White What became of my Ching Ching Hunter." This story was written that I was writing practically the Medal, I shall never know. The by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens and was Ching Ching Cup was always exhib- so popular that it has been reprinted The greatest drawback to my ited in the window of the winner's many times. It is now exceedingly prized volume of the B.O.E. is that newsagent, and I thought that the scarce, and copies of the original

> Many other volumes-including I wonder how many fellow-readers "Old Grizzly Adams," "Seth Jones," "California Joe" are worth 50 dols. each, and some day will be priceless.

> > Beadle published other series besides the Dime Novels, such as Beadle's New Dime Novels, Pocket Novels, Dime Library, Half-dime Library, Popular Library, American Tales, Youth's Casket, Boys' Library, Beadle's Weekly, Banner Weekly and Pocket Library.

> > Dime Novels were also published by the following contemporary publinhers: Munro, De Witt, Orrum & Co., Irwin Beadle, Champion, Elliot Thomas and Talbot, Richmond, and others.

I am at present negotiating for a novel of a series which has been unknown previously to me: Soldiers and Sailor's Half Dime Tales. This is an exceedingly scarce item which I hope to add to my collection.

RALPH F. CUMMINGS.

AN OLD SCOTTISH BALLARD WRITER

BY LOWDEN MACARTNEY.

THE "Poet" M'Gonagall was perhaps the best known of all Scottish "worthies." We are not concerned, however, with his verses—for themselves but rather with his broadsides. These are becoming exceedingly rare and, naturally, are expensive. Collectors should never miss an opportunity to acquire them if at all reasonably priced.

NE of the things that go to make a man great is uniqueness. He must in some way be totally unlike anybody else in the world. The "Poet" M'Gonagall did most certainly possess this qualification. Not only did he excel in the peculiar form of writing with which he clothed his ideas, but no one ever succeeded in successfully copying his style. Rhythm and measure, have been considered from time immemorial as essential to the making of good verse, but rhythm and measure were cast aside when this bard took up his pen.

M'Gonagall honoured Dundee by fixing his residence there, although his wandering proclivities often took him far afield, and in the city of jute and marmalade he was for many years a familiar figure.

He was a strange, weird, drab figure, and suggested more than anything else a broken down actor. He wore his hair long and sheltered it with a wide rimmed hat. His clothes were always shabby, and even in summer he refused to discard his overcoat. Dignity and long skirts are considered inseparable, and a poet is ruined if he is not dignified.

M'Gonagal published a dozen broadsides dealing with shipwrecks, and other moving accidents by "flood and field." Nor did he confine his attention to his own country or even to Europe. In the Spring of 1887, when the great inundation of the Yellow River occurred in China, the "poet's" muse winged her way to that flowery land and brooded over the event, resulting in the usual penny sheet.

devastations, the bard, nothing daunted, went into battle, and with his pen, most valorously slew his tens of thousands.

He sang "The Horrors of Majuba"; he preserved in verse an inimitable account of "The Capture of Lucknow"; he made unforgettable in incomparable lines the glories of "Tel-el-Kebir" and "El Teb"; and saw to it that the Generals concerned in these last affairs should receive free copies of the "poems."

Whatever unreasonable critics might think or say regarding the quality of his work, there could be no doubt about its quantity. He was certainly an industrious writer, for the "poems" fairly poured from

In this respect his screed on the Battle of Waterloo is his masterpiece, being the longest of his battle pieces. It comprises twenty-seven stanzas, each with four lines of indefinite length.

Soon after this he celebrated the Battle of the Alma and the capture of Lucknow; then, returning to Napoleonic times, button-holed the public concerning the fights of Alexandria and the Nile.

Besides these excursions, he ventured from time to time into the realm of light fiction, in competition with the publishers of boys' romances, for we find among his works titles such as "Jack o' the Cudgel," and "Grip of the Bloody Hand," as well as stories in a milder tone—" The Little Match Girl" and "Bill Bowls the Sailor," and others.

Occasionally our bard condescended to touch on some political topic. When no flood, storm, earthquake Among others he issued a "poem" or shipwreck was forthcoming in on the Great Franchise Demonstraorder that he might celebrate their tion of 1884, and, the same year,

one on what he terms Women's Suffrage.

From political questions to social problems is a short step, and M'Gonagall took it. "The Sorrows of the Blind" engaged his sympathetic attention. Lost children and foundlings brought, if not tears from his eyes, at least ink from his pen.

One of M'Gonagall's elegies commemorates the death and burial of Lord Tennyson. Now, this is rather surprising, for he made no secret of his contempt in which he held almost all other poets. He had once, when being complimented by certain of his admirers, who assured him he had not his equal in all the world, modestly admitted the truth of this, but claimed one exception.

"I bow the knee," he said, "to Shakespeare, but to no other poet living or dead !"

Consequently it was a matter of some wonder when the Tennyson broadside appeared, but this unbending of the great man to notice the passing of a contemporary (though inferior) wooer of the Muse may have been due to mere good nature, or it may have been due simply to the fact that Tennyson had died; for, since he was a prominent figure, and a peer, M'Gonagall was bound to be on his track.

(To be continued.)

Ivar Kreuger, the Swedish match king, doesn't use matches, though he is an inveterate smoker. Kreuger surprised his friends during a recent visit to Copenhagen, by carrying a cigarette lighter invented by a onearmed war veteran for one-armed people

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WE wish to thank all those readers who sent us messages of congratulation on the appearance of the new Miscellany. the many promises of help in the shape of contributions and subscrib-

We are negotiating with a military antiquarian for a series of articles on the badges and buttons of the British Army. We hope to publish the first article in the next

We shall be glad to receive news items from readers on all collector's subjects: sale prices, finds, new issues, etc.

Advertisers should note that nearly two thousand copies of the last Miscellany were sent out to subscribers and prospective subscribers. Viewed in this light our "NEW LIGHT ON AN OLD advertising rates are ridiculously low Moreover, the paper is bought to be read, and not a word is missed from cover to cover. Advertisers will be interested to hear that our overseas circulation is also increasing.

New Match-Box Labels

Here is a list of new labels put was printed.

CROWN 60, blue and red on white, slogan type, as usual, ave. added. o.s CROWN 60. do. but smaller lettering. FEDERAL 60, red and black on yellow as usual, ave. added.

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OLD BOYS' BOOKS

SUBJECT."

Mr. J. J. Wilson in his interesting article might have included The Bloody Register a collection of the most remarkable murders and THE EDITOR 1764, published in 4 vols, 1764. Writer."

The Old Maid, 1754; The Devil, 20 numbers, 1755; One Pennyworth of Pigsmeat, or Sermons for on the market since our last issue the Swinish Multitude, 1793-95; High Life in London, Dec. 1827 to Jan. 1828; The Penny Paper for the People, 1830-31; Paul Pry, 1830-31; Cobbett's Penny Trash, 1831 (3 numbers only). I could name several others of equally ghastly nature, with lurid features and illustrations.

FRANK JAY

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Wanted. Match-box labels, will ex-

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