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### NURNBERG TOKENS

THE Street-car tokens of the Nurnberg-Furth Street Railroad, Bavaria, Germany are both interesting and attractive. They are made of aluminium, of octagonal shade, with a common obverse.

Nurnberg and Furth are two large towns in Bavaria, and the railway connects them. The complete set consists of 45 different tokens, each with a different reverse, showing street scenes, fountains, castles, and a portrait of a national character. One of them shows the monument of Albrecht Durer the famous printer, another, the monument of Peter Henlein the inventor of the watch.

Readers desiring a complete set should write to Mr. Rudolf Loos, Geraberg/Thunngia, Ilmenauerstr 43, Germany, enclosing 11/-.

### MAGAZINES RECEIVED

We acknowledge receipt of the following collector's journals:—

Happy Hours, Hobby World, Monthly Air Mail, Collector, (New York,) Peridromophile, Dime Novel Round-up, Midget Monthly Magazine, Collector's and Dealer's Mart Stamp News, Collector, (Franklin,) Ikaros, Mono Posta, Hobbies, Aero News, New England Philatelist, United Philatelist, Courier, Bookworm.

Match-box labels and folders exchanged with collectors anywhere. W. J. Prentice, 18 Moore Street, Elwood, Melbourne, S.3., Australia. 14

### SOUVENIR STAMPS, OR POSTERETTES

BY OLD DOC GREENE

A collector of these pretty little articles naturally likes those commemorating events, expositions, etc., but in a general collection, like postage stamps, one must include the uninteresting with the interesting, or as the old coloured women said, "take de bitter wid de sweet."

My first set was that of about 100, of the Pan-American Exposition, purchased in Buffalo N. Y., in 1901. The sets are fairly easy to keep track of, but when the collection grew larger with many sets and singles, I had difficulty in checking to see what I had. After considerable thought the following classification was evolved. It of course includes the inevitable "Miscellaneous" in which all odds and ends are placed until enough are accumulated to make a class for themselves. When a posterette has a double title like "Exposition and Fair" I place it in the former unless I have two, then it is placed in each class. To distinguish the true sidelines of stamps, tax paid, etc., from posterettes I have divided my list in two main groups, A and B, the latter for the posterettes. It will be noted that a few are duplicated, i.e. in A the Christmas seals are the Red Cross and others issued by various countries, while in B the Christmas seals are those little stickers used on various articles at Christmas time. In A the thrift stamps are those issued by the government during the late war, while in B they advertise those in A.

A—Beer, bowling alley, billiard table, etc., business license tax.

(To be continued)

Match labels, many rare varieties for sale. I also exchange with foreign collectors. Curtis, 120 St. Leonard's Avenue, Hove, Eng. 14

Want Cigar Bands and match labels. Will exchange, all letters answered. L. Weiser, Sch. Haven, Penna, U.S.A. 14

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EDITOR.

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## CIGARETTE CARDS

# CIGARETTE CARD VALUES

BY ALEXANDER S GOODING

THERE are prospects for a very bright future for this most interesting hobby which is now forging steadily ahead. A few of the most prominent collectors are buying up all the early issues obtainable in anticipation of the rising prices. One of them is snapping up all the pre-war and scarce modern issues he can find, and putting them by for ten years as a sound investment.

I have before me as I write, the offer of a choice collection of 39,000 cards for £300. Last year I had the opportunity of purchasing a considerable number for £500. There are at least two collections which couldn't be bought for double this figure, and one man, who has only ten thousand, declares that no amount of money would tempt him to sell.

Remarkable progress has been made during the last ten years. Before the war collecting was confined to a very few countries and then almost invariably amongst the kiddies. Now there are serious collectors in most parts of the world, belonging to every grade of society. In spite of bad times interest is growing, and the number of advanced collectors steadily increases.

Although we may never overtake philately I firmly believe we shall eventually become a very close second, and why not? Consider the wonderful educational matter contained in a few sets of cigarette cards, the study of which would make their owner a walking encyclopedia, whereas all the stamps ever issued would only give one a knowledge of geography. School teachers have been quick to realise the advantages of these little slips of pasteboard, and many are keen collectors.

In attempting a brief history of "stiffeners" as they are called in the trade, I hope to mention most of the more valuable issues and give some idea of the prices they are sold for. To make a good price each card in the set must be in perfect condition, one soiled or damaged card would crab the whole series.

(continued)

**Exchange.** For 500-1500 postage stamps of the British Empire, not more than 10 copies of each stamp desired, I give 500-1500 stamps of France and Colonies. Damaged copies not accepted. L. Nicolas, 16 rue de Tolbiac, Paris 14

**Wanted** to correspond with any reader, of C.M. who has any old songs. Summerson, Roberttown, Liversedge, Yorks. 14

## TRANSFERS

THE question has been brought up as to what constitutes a transfer collection — an assortment of legitimate forms that have actually been issued with a paid fare, or entire sets of transfers that have never been punched and that have been secured at one time. Does a regularly issued transfer hold more interest for the collector than one that has not been punched or cancelled? Is the regular issued transfer apt to be more valuable than the unpunched form?

We know that philatelists, as a rule, save both used and unused stamps. Transfer collectors should do the same.

Regularly issued transfers are most valuable to a collector when he is specializing in the transfers from his home town.

It is with a certain feeling of satisfaction that a collector recalls events and places of bygone days, when he looks over the old forms from his home town, and a study often reveals how much a city has grown.

Obsolete transfers will always hold the interest of the active collector, but the new issues should also be considered valuable, as no one knows when a so called new issue may become obsolete.

WILLIAM M. NASH

**Wanted** Tramway, omnibus, ferry, pier, and bridge tokens in metal or celluloid. Also cycling, football, cricket and racing badges. Cash or exchange. Herdman, 47 Salisbury Place, Bishop Auckland, Eng. 14

## BOOKPLATES

AMERICAN  
BOOKPLATES

BY MRS. SADIE U. RAYMOND

THE oldest known bookplate discovered in America is that of John Cotton, and the date is 1674. To-day, in 1931, the percentage of book lovers who have an individual plate, is very high. We do not make use of colour in as great a degree as the European countries, but we do co-opt the services of one of our fine artists to make an etching or cut a wood block, after some design of our own.

Many use a special hobby or avocation as a key note, some use idealistic views of their home, or gardens, or fireplaces, and a few use the silhouette portrait. The heraldic type, although used to some extent, is rather in the minority.

Every collector is naturally interested in those plates which were designed by the best-known engravers, and among these are Edwin Davis French, J. Winifred Spence-

ley, Wilbur M. Stone, Edmund H. Garrett, W. F. Hobson, Louis Rhead, Rockwell Kent, Sidney Smith, Charles W. Sherburn, Samuel Holyer, George Wharton Edwards, William Edward Fisher, Elisha Brown Bird, and Bernhardt Wall. In our own city of Rochester we have Norman Kent, whose plate of Dr. Eugene P. Wightman won honourable mention in the 6th. Annual Exhibition of the International Book Plate Association in the wood block print class. Of the very early American engravers there were Nathaniel Hurd, P. R. Maverick, Alex. Anderson, Harry Dawkins, Amos Doolittle, Peter Maverick, and last, but not least, Paul Revere.

Nearly all of our Presidents used a plate, and the George Washington one is much desired, but rarely met with. This is an armorial Chippendale plate, but it has never been established who engraved it. President Roosevelt's is a plain armorial design with mantling. President Taft used as a centre motif his early home, and President Wilson depicts a shelf of books.

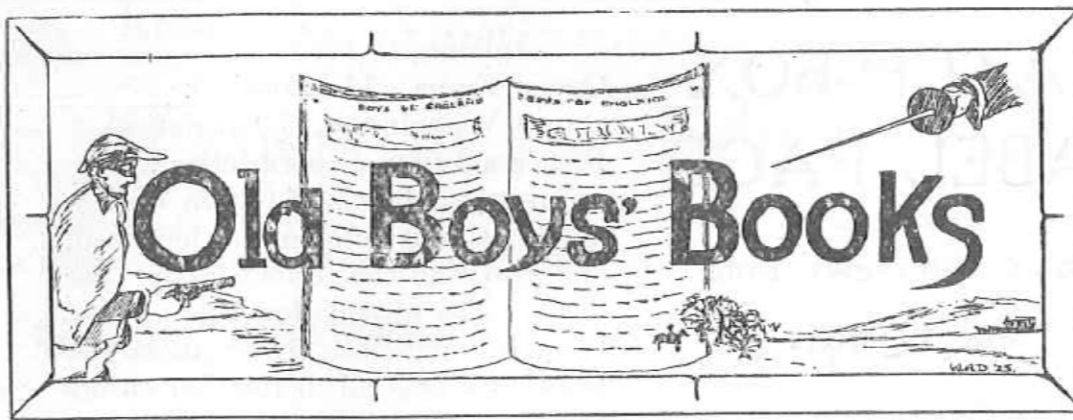
Among the literary lights there is John Erskine with a knight on horseback, George Ade uses a mellow brown print of his home, Edward Penfield shows a plump cat gazing at an open volume, and E. G. Stoddard had a very elaborate plate on pink paper, giving a view of his home, surrounded by scrolls, and below a coat-of-arms, a ship, and a running horse and dog.

Herschel V. Jones, a famous book collector, used a tiny but charming plate, tooled in gold on blue leather, and showing the torch and victor's wreath. John Quinn, another book lover, used a country road and a fence of rock. Elbert Hubbard, "Fra Elbertus" of Aurora who went down with the Lusitania, had two plates, in both of which his photo appears. Edmund Clarence Stedman shows a design of Pan piping in the sylvan glades, with a shepherd and nymph charm-



A MODERN ENGLISH BOOKPLATE

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## EARLY BOYS' PERIODICALS

BY FRANK JAY

(Continued)

THE next in order was the *Youth's Miscellany*; or, *Monthly Visitor*, in 1823, but it only ran to 3 vols. followed by the *Young Men's Companion*; or *Youth's Instructor*, all of which were 12mo. monthly magazines with a few wood-cut illustrations.

What was practically the first boys' periodical was a publication called *The Boys and Girls' Penny Magazine*, in quarto sheets, 8 pages to a number, printed in double column and published in 1832. The British Museum only possesses Nos. 9, 17, 18, so I cannot give further particulars beyond that No. 9 has a rude coloured picture of the Seven Champions of Christendom, and the general tone is of a semi-religious character. I doubt whether copies of the complete work exist, but it is only an historical item, as being the first penny weekly publication of its kind.

In 1853 the *Young Men's Monthly Magazine* appeared, but only ran to one volume. The next was the *Boys' Own Journal and Youths' Miscellany*, 1856, incorporated with Beeton's *Boys' Own Magazine* in 1857.

Then came the *Boys and Girls' Companion for Leisure Hours*, 1857-59. Afterwards the title was changed to *The Companion for Youth*, but only ran till 1860. In 1858 appeared the *Youths' Instructor*, but it only ran to nine numbers,

and in 1859 the *Boys' Own Times and News of the World*, the first boys newspaper ever published, which ran to twelve numbers, quarto, 8 pages, illustrated with small wood-cuts.

In May, 1856, appeared *Little Englands' Illustrated Newspaper*, published monthly, ending December, 1857, continuing as *Young England's Illustrated Newspaper*, until December 1861; afterwards continued as *Young England*, 1862-65, 4to., 8 pages; afterwards increased to 12 pages, well illustrated with wood-cuts, portraits, views, etc.

In 1865 appeared the *Boys' Companion and British Traveller*, which ran to 35 numbers and became incorporated with the *Boys' Own Reader and Companion*, when that journal first appeared in January, 1866. My copies run to No. 23, June 5, 1866. Whether it was published beyond that date I do not know, for the British Museum has no record after No. 16. It is a fine publication, royal 8vo. 16 pages and contains some good serials, well illustrated, and edited by the Rev. G. D'Arcy Irvine, M.A.

All of the foregoing publications were of a semi-religious or non-sensational order. The contents were for the most part of what may be termed a mild character, wholesome and solid reading, and good practical advice. Their chief supporters were the scholars at the public schools,

and the middle-class youths of the day.

Other publications similar in character, and more widely known, published at this period, were — Beeton's *Boys' Own Magazine*, 8 vols., 1855-62; a new series of this (known also as the *Boys' Own Volume*) 1863-70, *Boys' Annual*, 7 vols., 1870-74, the *Boys' Yearly Book or Boys' Penny Magazine*, 1864-68.

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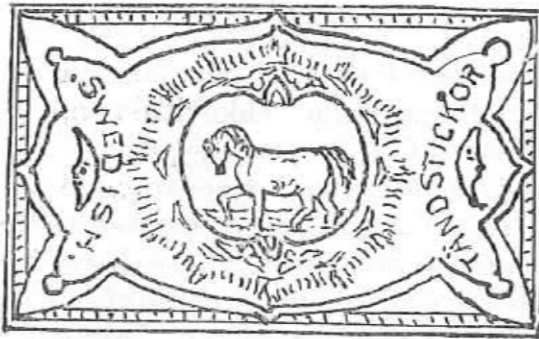
## American Bookplates

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ed by the music. Edwin Markham's plate features a bird carolling merrily on a tree stump, and the comedian Francis Wilson shows a very characteristic design of a court jester. Charles J. Bonaparte, grandson of Jerome Napoleon and Betsy Patterson, and a former Secretary of the Navy, uses a photo of his Southern home, "Bella Vista," and Governor Franklin Roosevelt uses a small scroll and anchor design in blue. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the author of the exquisite poem "The Chambered Nautilus" fitly used a section of this shell, with his motto "Per Ampliora Altiora." Carolyn Wells' plate was designed for her by her friends and represents the Lincoln Imp, a crown symbolic of the title "Princess" lovingly given her by these friends, and the motto "I Wonder Why," indicative of wonderment resulting from a search for knowledge. A. Edward Newton, a devout Johnsonian, uses for one of his plates a reproduction of Samuel Johnson and Oliver Goldsmith near Temple Bar in London. Another plate shows his spacious library at "Oak Knoll" and the motto:

"A little home well filled,  
A little soil well tilled,  
A little wife well willed,  
Are great riches."

The book plate collector has a rich field in which to hunt, and the trophies are worthy of the chase.



Can you date this label?

## MATCH-BOX LABEL PAGE

Notes and News from  
All Quarters

### Old and New Labels

I have had a label sent me from the "backwoods" of Australia, with a request to date it if I can. It is thought to be at least fifty years old, and is printed in red on white.

The matches in the box were of the "stinker" phosphorus variety, very slightly tipped with a red substance for striking on the rough, sandy side of the box.

As some reader may be able to date it accurately, I have drawn a sketch of the label which is reproduced above.

In Russian labels, R.M.S., red and black, has now no "trade mark etc.," at foot. TEMPLEVANE, as usual, can be found 60's; DOUBLE LION is larger, and PARAMOUNT, words, 50, is new.

Still more of the Congress labels are being issued in India, with the same sort of spinning wheels and flags.

Two new ones from Denmark are E.F.A., black on purple, inland label, 5 towers; and a midget one, a white cross on red background, 37.

The VENCEDORES (Crusader), already mentioned, has a counterpart in a larger label. This has castle battlements added. FAMILIA, also from Portugal, shows a family of three by the fireside, red, black on white, is new, and I note that the usual eagle on Portuguese labels is being omitted and that the Crusader replaces it. This new trade mark is on FAMILIA, PAVAO, and also LEO.

A highly glazed set of double-sided labels are in issue at Las Palmas. One side has a medallion in centre with spyx, crescent and star, and at the sides a camel and a lion. On the reverse side is a series of views of Las Palmas. Great care must be taken in removing these labels from the boxes as they blur badly in water.

Algiers is responsible for LE PHENIX. This bird is shown standing on some burning sticks. Word-ing is in French.

S. H. TOOLE

### The Royal Family Labels of Holland

THERE are, in my collection of 30,000 different match-labels, many with portraits of the Royal Family of Holland, in all, 133 different. I commence with King Willem I, and continue with King Willem II, King Willem III, Queen Emma, Queen Wilhelmina, Prince Hendrik, and Princess Juliana.

I have catalogued these labels as follows:

- King Willem I and King Willem II, (11 varieties).
- King Willem III and Queen Emma (2 varieties).
- King Willem III and Queen Wilhelmina, (13 varieties).
- Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Hendrik, (19 varieties).
- Queen Wilhelmina, Prince Hendrik and Princess Juliana, (1 label).
- Queen Wilhelmina and Princess

Juliana, (1 label).  
Queen Emma, (11 varieties).  
Queen Wilhelmina, (70 varieties).  
Princess Juliana, (5 varieties).

There are labels of Queen Wilhelmina with the crown on her head, and also with the crown above her head. The reason for this is, that the labels with the crown above her head were printed before her coronation. A peculiar label (2 varieties) shows Queen Wilhelmina dressed in a Zealand dress and cap. Another nice label depicts her at the age of 15 with her Shetland pony. I think this is the rarest label of the Queen as I have not seen it in any other collection.

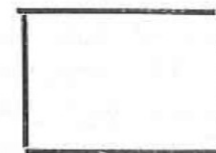
Of the Coronation labels with the portrait of Queen Wilhelmina and the date 1880-1898 I have 4 labels. There are also 4 different labels with the Dutch flag and the announcement, "Kroning's Lucifers, 6 Sept. 1898"

For the birth of Princess Juliana there were 3 labels in different colours. On the left side of the label a portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, on the right a portrait of Prince Hendrik, and in the centre the announcement, "Princess Juliana, 30 April, 1909."

D. A. PIEREN

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### NEW ISSUES

#### FINLAND

LUCKY STRIKE—, red and black on yellow, Colonial striking match, u.s.

## OUR READERS' VIEWS

## Letters to the Editor.

Correspondents are requested to verify all dates, names, places, etc. The Editor cannot be responsible for any inaccuracies which may occur

## CAPTAIN HANDYMAN

SIR,

Re. the enquiry of A.T. in your July-August issue, the author of "Captain Handyman" was Duncan Storm. He may find the other authors in the *Boys' Friend*, as some of the characters mentioned appeared therein.

T.J.H.

LLANGWM.

## COACHMEN'S BUTTONS

SIR,

I have a large collection of coachmen's buttons, which, with the advent of the motor car were rendered obsolete and are now difficult to secure. I wonder if any other of your readers collect them?

C.M.S.

DUNDEE.

## AN OLD COLLECTOR

SIR,

I have now nine albums of match box labels, containing over 7,000. It is now over forty years since I started collecting and I picked up my first labels in the grounds of Crystal Palace, after firework nights I also made a large collection of tobacco wrappers but destroyed them some years ago.

L.V.E.

REIGATE.

## HENDERSON'S PUBLICATIONS

SIR,

The following dates may be of interest to old boys' book collectors.

No. 1 of *Our Young Folk's Weekly Budget* appeared January 2, 1871 price one halfpenny.

"Giantland" commenced June, 1872.

"Tim Pippin" commenced 1873.

"Fairydom; or Dick and Daisy's Adventures among the Elves and Fairies," by Miss S. Holland, commenced January, 1873.

"Marvelland," by S. Holland, commenced 1878.

"Silverspear; or The Magicians of Arabia," commenced 1881.

C.D.S.

LIVERSEDGE.

## MATCH-BOX LABELS

SIR,

Match-box labels are a fascinating hobby and one that grows. I started collecting out of curiosity. I remembered reading of two wealthy people in Anatole France's "Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard," who toured the world searching for them, so I thought I would see how many different kinds I could find. I am very glad now that I did.

A.L.C.

WEYMOUTH.

## BUTTONS

SIR,

Since the death of our son who was in the Army my wife and I have been collecting buttons of all description and have now a wonderful collection. Countless strings of military, naval, municipal, departmental, and buttons of all sizes, material, age and design.

I.B.

LOS ANGELES.

## READERS' QUERIES.

Readers wishing information on any subject are invited to use this column. Queries should be brief however, and on subjects that are of general interest to collectors only.

OLD BOY'S BOOKS—Can any of your correspondents interested in old times boy's tales remember a story of the American Civil War called "Cudjo's Cave," which I can recollect reading in a boy's magazine many years ago. It was the usual one-sided tale in favour of the North, but still a very thrilling, if highly improbable one. I should like to read it again if it could be got.

(S.A.F.—Bankfoot.)

## Miscellaneous Advertisements

½d. a word. See also page 8.

**Wanted:** Fox's Boy's Standard, Boy's Leisure Hour, Boy's Champion Journal, Vol. 7 Boy's Comic Journal, Vols. 37 Boy's of England, also Young Ching-Ching, Green as Grass, The Land of Crimson Snow, That Rascal Jack, The School on the Sea, Cheeky Charlie. Robert Dodds, 3, Garngad Hill, Glasgow. 14

**For Sale** Penny number works, Pierce Egan, G.W.M. Reynolds and others. List for stamp. W. Taylor, 1 Kimberley Road, Stockwell, London, S.W. 9. 14

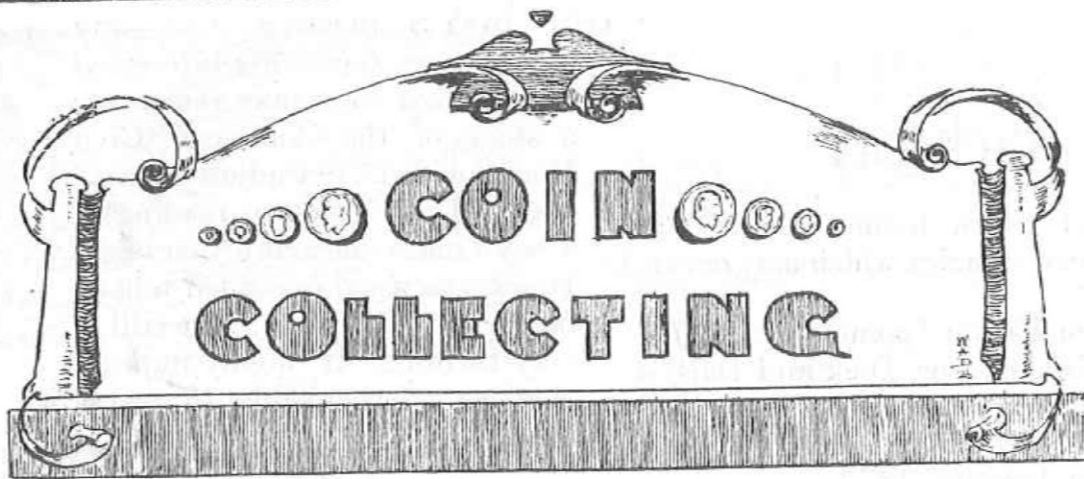
**For Sale, what offers?** Vols. 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, Brett's Boy's Comic Journal published 1889-92. Fine complete serials including two of Justyn Lambe's historical romances, "The Outlaw King" and "The Miser of Shoreditch." Quarterly Vol. Ching-Ching's Own, published 1891. First 13 No's. Tom Wildrake's Schooldays, bound, and Harcourt Burrage's Broad Arrow Jack, bound, Harris, 19 Mt. Pleasant, Dowlais. Glam. 14

**Wanted** Captain Macheath, School on the Sea, Boys of England, Vol. 55, Dark Deeds of Old London, Brave Boy of Basilisk, Blueskin, Ching-Ching Mystery, Ching-Ching on the Trail. Exchange or cash. J. Wise, 53 King Edward Building, Islington, London, N. 7. 14

**For Sale** Boys of England, Vols. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 49, 50. Meredith, 35 Station Road, Folkestone. 14

**Back Numbers** of Sexton Blakes for sale. Owen, 47 St. Luke's Road, Westbourne Park, London. 14

**Wanted** Young Men of Gt. Britain, 103 and 104. James Madison, 465 S. Detroit Street, Los Angeles, Cal, U.S.A. 14



## Co-Operative Checks & Tokens

BY JOSEPH PARKS

A novel and interesting sideline for the numismatist is the collection of the checks and tokens issued by the various Co-operative Societies scattered throughout the whole of the British Isles. The entire history of the Co-operative movement can be traced through a representative collection of these tokens. The metal checks, whose place has now been taken by paper tickets, were issued originally

bronze, zinc, aluminium, lead, and often in tin. The sizes, shapes and designs were almost as numerous as the values. The most striking example is the Co-operator's farthing, issued by the Worcester Co-operative Society.



to serve as a means of claiming dividends, and were collected each quarter. Abuse, in their being bought and sold eventually to their abolition. The values were numerous and ranged from as low as one farthing, to as high as £5. They were struck in copper, brass,



A feature of the early tin varieties was the curious names chosen by some of the branches, but owing to the effect of rust upon this metal they are difficult to secure in cabinet condition. Often a single die served for a series, the values being punched in afterwards. A few



issues are, I believe, still in use in one or two villages in the counties of Durham and Northumberland.

In addition to these store checks there were also others issued for several purposes. Dundee issued

a set for various weights of coal, struck in tin; so to did Kenning Park, but in celluloid. Lochwinock has a set of different coloured tokens and one in tortoiseshell used solely for bread. Gloucester issued one for a soup kitchen and Dundee a variety for a Fishing Association. Warrington struck a medalet in 1910-11 to celebrate their jubilee, and there were many others issued by divers branches for various purposes.



The bulk of present-day Co-operative Society tokens are issued for the supply of milk and are usually in aluminium, celluloid or brass. These are mostly only for 1/2 and 1 pint, but some, including Middlesbrough, have a special issue for bottled milk. A few of the various tokens are illustrated to give a slight idea of the variety to be obtained.

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# AT THE SIGN OF THE



## “BOOKWORM.”

### NOTES FROM A BOOK LOVER'S NOTE BOOK

THE 28th. Annual Dickens Festival will be held on December 9th., 10th. and 11th. of this year.

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Over 6,000 copies of *Thy Servant a Dog*, by Rudyard Kipling, were sold in six weeks.

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The National Book Council have done a real service to all book-lovers by their publication of catalogues of cheap books. At the time of writing three of these catalogues have been issued:

- (a) A Catalogue of Books available in Pocket Series at 2/6d.;
- (b) A Catalogue of Copyright Books available in Pocket Series at 3/6d.; and
- (c) A Catalogue of Omnibus Books.

These catalogues are obtainable price 3d. each (post free) from the National Book Council, 3 Henrietta Street, London W.C. 2. The Council is a non-profit-making body, existing to quote its own words, “solely for the benefit of every book-lover in the country.”

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The long novel fashion seems to have returned with every intention of staying, as witness *The Good Companions*, *Jew*

*Suss*, *Rogue Herries*, etc. As “Mr. Punch” remarked, “The life of the modern bookworm must have been made pretty thick by the new fashion set by Mr. Priestley.”

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At this time of the year *Old Moore's Almanacs* are prominent on the newstands and amongst the wares of the street-sellers. The original *Old Moore's Almanac* was published by Francis Moore in 1698. It was not an original type of publication, however, since it was an almost identical copy of *Tanner's Almanac* which appeared in 1656. There were many other predecessors to Moore's work, but, as it achieved greater success in prophecy, it became the most popular. It has been imitated now for over two hundred and thirty years! I saw an *Old Moore's Almanac* for 1821 on sale recently in a London bookshop for half-a-crown. The original published price was 2/-. of which 1/3d. was tax. To-day, even with Mr. Snowden, our “Old Moore” only costs us a penny.

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“Great collections are subject to certain accidents besides the damp, the worms, and the rats; one not less common is that of the *borrowers*, not to say a word of the *purloiners*.—Isaac Disraeli.

J.R.P.

## FIRST EDITIONS

IN these hard days when the cash has to be found from somewhere to pay increased income tax, bills, and so forth, many people are having to resort to selling the most valuable of their possessions.

Naturally, the rare book collector, when the crisis comes, immediately thinks of his books and probably, with many a tinge of remorse, decides to sell a few. My advice to you, if you are in such a predicament, is *don't* — emphatically DON'T. Sell anything rather than your books. The prices of everything have fallen but because rare books are so obviously the first thing to sell, their prices have fallen quite disproportionately and will probably fall still more.

Whereas, perhaps the value in shares in a good industrial company have fallen, say, 30% or the value of a house has depreciated by 20%, the price of a 1st. edition may now fetch 50% less than a few years ago. When times get better—and they will—you pessimists and kill-joys—the value of 1st. and rare editions will be as high as ever they have been. So hang on to your books somehow!

J.R.P.

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WHEN rebinding first editions care should be taken to preserve the original cloth covers — no matter how old or torn they may be — as they are a proof of the genuineness of the edition.

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J.A.B.

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## Poster Stamps

**Wanted** Exhibition, Festival, Fair, Xmas, charity, etc. stamps. Also revenues & railway stamps. Sven Oberg, Malmgardsgatan 4, Goteborg, Sweden. 14

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**Wanted** catalogues and prices of curios and mementos. We are dealers in hobbies, stamps, etc. Bothell Stamp & Coin Co, J. F. McNav, Mgr., Box 96 Bothell, Washington, U.S.A. 14

**Wanted** old British railway tickets, second class especially. Forbes, Clachard, Bankfoot, Scotland. 14

**Wanted** any European tunic buttons, or any badges of any kind, (metal.) Will exchange U.S. uniform buttons for same. I. Boies, 3763 Watsaka Ave Los Angeles, Calif, U.S.A. 14

**Juvenile Theatre** enthusiast solicits correspondence with members British Model Theatre Guild and other students of Skelt's Juvenile Drama. Fred T. Singleton, 650 Merrick Ave, Detroit, Mich, U.S.A. 14

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# Old Yorkshire Yuletides

By  
R. A. H.  
GOODYEAR.



CHRISTMAS is a time of memories and dreams. In my mind it is colourfully associated with paper roses and wall mottoes ("God bless our home," "A merry Xmas to all," with sugar pigs and soap annuals (6 magnificent coloured plates given away with this issue,) and with trademen's pictorial calendars of the little-girl-and-big-dog type, so long and unwieldy that they had to be held in place by wooden rollers. Most memorable of all were the genuine double Christmas numbers, all over snow and ice and holly and mistletoe, etc., sent forth from the offices of *Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday*, *Bow Bells*, and *Young Folks' Paper*.

They lived up to their names, those Christmas numbers of yore. You did not open their pages (as

with some so-called Christmas numbers now) and find nothing of Christmas in them but a few riddles on the back page. They gave you ghost stories, highwayman stories, snowed-up-at-the-inn stories and Christmas party and snowballing pictures, with sketches of blue-nosed waits "copping" it from the water-jugs of music-haters up above. Snow, snow, everywhere, but fire and food and gladness in profusion within.

Expressing these sentiments to an old Yorkshire worthy, I was rewarded by his recollection of the "poetry-making" contests which were a feature of the taverns in those simpler, slower days. The practice was to work the local half-wits up to the point of reciting verses specially written for

them. One great battle of "wits" is claimed for the far-famed "Tom Treddlehoyle Inn" at Pogmoor, though the "Pigeon Pie" at Sherburn "puts in for it" too. The first village dullard had to recite the following couplet:

"On yonder hill there stands a mill  
If it isn't blown down it stands there still."

In the excitement of the fateful Christmas Eve he said the second line wrongly thus: "If it isn't blown doon it stands theer yit." This was rank failure, and to Billy Wimple, his exultant rival the contest seemed "money for old rope." He had merely to speak these childlike and bland lines to win the prize:—

My name is Billy Wimple—

On my nose I've got a pimple.

He said "wart" instead of "pimple"—of course there'd have been no joke unless—and the contest was declared null and void. With such primitive mirth was Christmas Eve celebrated in the days of pantaloons and harlequins. We appear to have "come on a bit" since then.



## Miscellaneous Advertisements

½d. a word:

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