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NEW YEAR'S GREETING.
With this number of the magazine, we enter upon the third volume, and shall take this occasion to chat a little with our readers, upon the past, present and future, as connected with our little publication.

The progress of this journal has been indeed gratifying; commencing Vol. 1st., with 100 subscribers, and reaching 500 before the end of Vol. 2 d . What the future number of subscribers will be for Vol. 3rd, remains for our fratrons to determine. Already we have received a number of new subscribers for this, the 3rd year of our journal, and a fair proportion of regular patrons, have signified their intention of continuing their names on our subscription books. We return our hearty thanks for the support we have thus far received, and shall esteem it an especial favor if we can receive before another month, the subscriptions of those who have been with us during the past year. For the present, all looks hopeful, and we feel no hesitation in anwouncing a speedy enlargement, and in addition, numerous cuts, besides interesting articles written expressly for this magazine.

The past year has been very prolific in numismatic news, and incidents. Scyeral coin sales have occurred ; a number of unique coins and medals have been brought to the surface, and all the numismatic societies at home
and abroad have been busy with the scientific discoveries of the year. New collectors-in every branch of science -have been added to the thousands of experts, and the twin sciences of Numismatology and Plilately are progressing with unexampelled industry and success.

When that liappy day of "specie payments" arrives, and we can feel the bright glittering gold and silver in our palms, and hear the welcome musical clink of by gone days; when the precious coins jingled in our well fattened wallets, then will the numismatist rejoice, and pore over the precious stuff in search of specimens to add to his almost famished cabinet. To each and all we present the compliments of the season with the usual "Happy New Year," and our best wishes for the health, happiness and prosperity of our subseribers and the "rest of mankind"."

## MISTORY OF U.S. MEDALS,

 From 1776 to 1868 ,(Including Army, Navy, Presidential and Miscellaneous,)
The second medal ordered by Cougress was struck upon the occasion of the surrender of Burgoyne and his arniy, Oct. 17, 1:77, in honor of General Gates. This medal was of gold size 34. Obverse, head of Gen. Gates, Legend; horatia gates, duci strenuo, Exerque, Conitia amert-

BANA．Reverse，Gen．Burgoyns and PECULIARITIES OF AMER：－ his troons are remresented in the act of sumendering to Gen．Gates，Leefend， S．ALUS REGIONUM SEPTENTRIONAL， Liverque，ILOSTE AD sARATOGUYI IN－ IEDITION．ACCEPTO DIE X゙YII，OC＇T．， MDCCLANTII．This medil，as also the preceding，have been struck at U． S．Mint in copper．

Gen．Wajne was the reeipient of a rold medal from Congress，upon the necasion of the taking of Stony Point， July 14．17万9，size 34 ．Obrerse，an Indian Cuecen，presenting a erown to Gen．Wiyne，from her left hand，while the right extends a laurel wreath．－ （ien．Wrarne is in the act of receiving the wreath．Below the Indian is an alligator and a bow，upon these a shichd is restiner，bearing the $L^{\top}$ ．S．frms．－ Iefient，ANTONIO WAYNE，DUCI EN－ Encotis，Exerque，CommTtA ATEAI－ （：AN゙A．Reverse an American oflieer stoming a fort，followed by his troops， which are seen advancing up the hill． Ships upon the river at the right，and tronps marching along shore．Legenct． S゙TONEY POLN1，ENPEGNATUM，


A silvee medal was presented by （：ongress to Cinpt．Stewart，for his servicesin the laking of Stony Point， Juiy 26,1769 ．Obyerse，similar to the preceding medat，with the excep－ tion that the Lndian，typical of Amer－ ices，is presenting a palm branch to （＇ilpt．Stewill，and her left hand rest－ ing rn a shicld．Lergend，JOLLANNI
 J̇erque，conitid AmenloaNi．Lic－ verse，hears the same ehgacroment of stonsy lointas the preeceding ；in firet struck from the same die．
（Tobe（＇onlimlled．）

## WANTED！

A fer December mumbers，V＇ul．2l． of this journal．Womble const，m trade， will be given for cach clean number．

## CAN COINS．

No． 10.
Were the Cents and Malf－cents with lettered edges coined previously to，at，or subsequently to the time they were thus lettered？This question is answered by a piece in my cabinet， which I know to be a planehet intend－ ed for a 1793 ITalf－cent．It is lettered on the edge TWO IIUNDRED FOR A Dolutar．The operation was then per－ formed before the piece wias stamped．

How do I know that my planehet was intended for the year 179：3？For these reasuns．It is smaller than the other hatres with lettered eldes，－ smaller it is true than any of the year $: 93$ ，but after coinage the expansion would probably be right for the small－ est size of this date，－it also lad two indentations just before the word Two． All the other fears have but one in－ dentation，just after the word DoL－ LAR．

A Talf－cent of 1804 presented me some time ago，with a suggestion to notice in one of these papers，is note－ worthy on account of a breakiage in the obverse die，almost precisely where a similar break ocenrred in that of the cent of the same date．Tonching the top of the $R$ in liberty，it comnects it with the $T^{\prime}$ and $Y$ ，and terminates just beyond the last named letter．It is in the variety with the crossed 4.

We sometimes hear the broken die cent of 1836 spolien of There were two dies of this year hroken on the edge．On one it was opposite the sixth star，counting from the right to left，and commencing at the date． On the other a larger part was broken ofl between the serenth and eighth stall，combing the same way．

We are told that in the jear 1790， the Trustees of the First Presbyterian

Chureh of Albany, directed that "one thousand coppers be stamped Church Pemy, and placed with the Treasurer, to exchange with members of the congregation, at the rate of twelve for one shilling, in order to add respect to the weekly collections." Worn English half-pence appears to have been chosen, the letters of the :word "Church" are in Roman caps, of "Penny" in script beneath. They are in a depressed circle with scolloped eircumference. The reverse of the specimen, in my cabuet, is simply stamped with a six pointed star, having a circular depression in the centre. The star is not in the centre of the coin. Does it occur on every specimen? Joseph J. Mickley informed me that this was the ease with his.

## UNIQUE SILVER MEDAL-

We have in hand and for sale, a silver medal supposed to have been struck by U. S. Government, and presented to a Signer of the Deelaration of Indepen-denec-name unknown. It is size of a Silver Dollar. Obverse ; a spread cagle standing on an American shield ; at the right and left of shicld, two flags-the capped staffs of which are crossed at the base of the shield; at the left of the shield, an upright anchor, with cable attached; midway of the anchor a sword; above the eagle, an eye, with the representation of diverging rays; around the upper portion of the piece are 13 stars, the lower portion, legent, "* "NATIosas ***R***." Date bencath the shield nearly obliterated supposed to be 1800(?) A portion of the date, stars, and legend, obliterated. Reverse, legend around the border "DECLARATION of indrpennence, 1766.', Aeross the

[^0]field in seven lines the words: "Fote the support of tuis we defedie to Eac'if other ofr hives, ourl forTUNES ARD OUR SACRED mONOUR.

This phece is in very poor condition and has a small hole at top.

We are umable to find, at present, the true history or origin of the picce. It has been many years in the possession of a lady, who states that it was the personal property of a Signer of the Declaration. It may be an experimental dollar; but to all appeatances, we should monounce it a medal. Can any of our readers throw light upon this picee?

## ANTIQUARIAN DISCOVERIES. IN ENGLAND.

Interesting discoveries have just been made by the opening of a barrow on Tredinuy Hill, six miles west of Penzance, in Cornwall, England. The barrow is nearly a complete circle, with a diameter of thirty-cight feet, enclosed by an outer circle of large granite slabs set on cdge. A trench having been sunk in the middle of the mound to a deptli of about cighteen inches, the cxplorers came to a large pile of granite rocks heaped together promiscuously. The course of one of these, which sloped in an easterly direction at a distance of seven fect, was followed, and led to a flat stone three feet by two feet. On raising eins stone the rim of an urn was seen, filled with fine dark earth, and further exploration proved that this was one of the ancient Celtic kist veans, and one which has turned out to be unique in that district. Instead of being formed in the usual way of four stones set on edge, it was constructed of two stones to each wall, the upper one slightly overlapping the other in such a manner that the urll, which was placed
mouth downwards, was tightly wedged.
The only other kist of this deseription ever discovered in Cornwall was at Gwithian, in 1741. The kist now discovered is about one foot square and just large enough to contain the urn; which is one foot ligh and nine inches in diameter at the mouth. It is ornamented round the upper part by three bands of rude irregular indentations, which extend over four knobs or handles protruding from the sides. The style of pottery is rude, and the vessel is not so well baked as most of the urns which have been found in the neighborhood. With the exception of the bottom the urn is perfect. It was filled with human bones, very mnch less burnt thian those found on previous oceasions, some of the bones being so periect that a medical gentleman, who formed one of the exploring party, indentified them as those of a woman.
In trenching round the large stones which covered the kist vean, great quantities of charred wood were found, and nearly a car load of ashes, as fresh and white as if the fire had been but recently extinguished. Among the ashes were several pebbles and flour chippings of fint, the usual characteristics of these pre-historic interments. No other kist, however, could be found within the barrow. From these discoveries it is considered that the mode of burial was this-a fire of wood was lit on a natural granite roek on the brow of a hill: on this the body was burnt, and the bones, being separated from the charred wood (which lay in this case all on the north side), were swept down the slope of the stone into the urn helow, upon the mouth of which a turf was placed. The urn was then turned upside down, and the kist built round it, a:d covered by a flat stone.

## IN MEMORIAM.

## GEORGE W. FAIINESTOCK.

Among the victims of the ill-fated steamer United States, which burned at Madison, Ind., on Friday night last, are Dr. George W. Falinestock and danghter, of Philadelphia. Mr. Fahnestock was a son of the well known B. A. Fahnestoek, of Philadelphia, who amassed a large fortune in the patent medicine business, and died in 1862. He was born September 23,1823 , at Chambersburg, and was. consequently 4.5 years of age.
He was married in 1846, to Miss Grace Ensey. Of this union ouly one child was born-Miss Grace E. Fahnestock, who at the age of 20 years met her death as above stated. All of Mr. Fahnestock's brotbers and sisters are now dead, and his aged mother alone survives all the family. Mr. Fahnestock was an accomplished gentleman. Inheriting great wealth (said to be at least half a million dollars) he liad little or no taste for pleasure.

From his boyhood he had an absorbing passion for antiquarian pursuits, and in them he spent lis whole leisure time. He probably had, at his death, 50,000 pampllets on American history, exclusive of his bound volumes. A short time ago he told us - "When I think I have got my little collection complete enongh, I intend to bind them up and present them to some public institution."
But his generon* plans are left uncomplete, muless he has by will made provision for the emergency.

Mr. Fahuestock has not been a resident of this City for some months, but has been absent travelling, principally through the Western States, making his residence temporarily at St. Panl, Minnesota.
To the Arimesota Historical Socie-
ty, in which during his stay he beeame greatly interested, his donations were almost prinecly. This year alone his donations of books, pictures, and money must amount to $\$ 1,000$. In the death of such a man our whole state is loser.

## MACKENSIE'S COLLROTTON.

We are informed by Mr. Cogan of N. Y., that this collection will be offered for sale about the 15 th of February. We have made application for catalogues, which will be sent to our suluscribers in time for hids to be handed in. The Coins are rery fine, and the American series very complete. The gold and silver, ancient and modern enins and medals are said to exceed anything yet offered at auction in that line.

## PHILADELPHIA COIN SALE.

Three coin collections are nearly ready for publie sale in this city. The time has not been fixed for either; but February is the month agreed upon. Catalogues will be sent, as usual, to all subscribers.

## NETV YORK COIN SALE.

The Coins alluded to in our last number, to be sold Dee., 14, 15, 16, were of very little fictitious value, and scarcely worth the face.

## "1815" CENTS.

We have received several ennmmieations in reference to "1815" cents. Some parties claim to have seen them, and others-bolder still-elaim to possess a genuine cent of the date, 1815. We would say that there never was an 1815 cent coined by the U.S. Mint. Many reasous lave been assigned. One reason stated, is that "a fire oc. curred at the Mint in 1515, and inter-
fered with the coinage." Another reason given is the searcity of copper that year. 'The latter is without dou'ht the true reason, as the enpper was ob. tained for U. S. coinage from England. and at the close of the wan with Creat Britain, there was not sufficient copper on hand for a full supply of coins for the year 1815, and owing to the immense coinage of 1814 cents, it was not deemed advisable to get up dies for the year 1815).

NEW ISSUES OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

NORTIL GERMAN POSTAL CONFEDER.ATION.

The City of Frankfort, as well as other eommunities employing the kreuzer eurrency, under the influence of Prussia, in lieu of the groschen envelope chronieled in our last, have adopted. since the 1st of November, an envelope stamped with the 3 kreuzer, pink impression, used for the eurrent adhesive. It is erossed by the inseription drei jereuzer post corVERT. The same people employ the 1 kr . green adhesive stamp for newspaper and journal-bands. In the more northern parts, a $\frac{1}{3}$ groschen, green, is similarly used.

## BELGIUM

An emission of envelopes is decrecd for this kingdom ; but the well-known dilatoriness of its postal authorities renders the accomplishment of the intention a remote possibility. Witness the non-appearance of the 6 and 8 centimes adluesive, which were decreed to be issued, as "necessary for the publie service," sn long since as the 14th of March, 1867.

## GRANIDINE CONFEDERATION゙.

The current 5, centaros is now oliveyellow. A Parisian publication an-
nounces the existence of two new types for this republic, promising facsimiles of the same next month.

## LUXEMBOURG.

The 4 centimes, much brighter in hue than formerly, is now issued with the perforations unmarked by colored lines, as is the case witl some of the other values.

INDIA.
The pair of stamps here depicted,
 of which the design and execution are alike models of excellence, the proofs of which we described last year as shown in tle Paris Exhibition, are used like cthers of the same nature, stamped with the words

SER VICE and 'OSTAGE in rreen lettels. Their normal color is violet. 'Ihe proofs were bright green for the 4 ammas, and a rich vio-let-mave for the other. The S pies, unwatermirked, is also found stimped with the word 1O O'TAGE ill

small, black letters; and the $\frac{1}{y}$ ama blue, watermarked as usual, with the same word in larcer letters. The 8 annas stamp is said to have been used for eleven days only.

## MEXICO.

The ugly cut on the stamp is a handsome likeness of the highest value of the new Mexicans described last month. The portrait turns out to be that of the Cure Hidalgo, as we at first suggested. One of our contemporaries thinks-but in this instance we opine "the wish is the parent to the thought "-that such an uncouth abortion must be provisional. The 4 reales black on yellow has also been in recent use ; and a couple more of the Guadalajara type have turned up: a 2 reales, pink on laid paper (1867); and a 1 real, green on plain paper (1868).

## NORWAY.



The lneal for Bergen, bricfly alluded tolastinonth is here represented. It was emitted on the 1st of July, and for the use of the city only. It is brown on white, value $\because$ skilling.

## BAIBADOEN.

The same mail brought the shiling stamp, same color as formerly, but on a slightly tinted paper ; the sixpenny still remaining a bright vermilion, but the fourpenny in two shades of red, one brighter than the other, and neither of them corresponding with those we had sech previously.

## WESTERN STAMP DEATER.

Wre call special attention to advertisement of 1. W. Durbin, on cover of Manazine. Mr. Durbin is a reliable dealer, and our Westem friends should call upon him.

COIN AND STAMP EXCHANGE DEPAR'TMENT.
Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 7th, 1868.
Dear Sir: I have just received the December number, of the Coin and Stamp Collector's Marajazine, and I see that you have an exclange department in it. I have for exchange, U. S. newspaper stamps, Canada envelopes on buff, Mexico Srls brown, sets of Sicily, Spain, 1854, 1rl, 2 rls and 5rls, used ; all the rare Confederates and a great many other stamps, all genuine. I wish in exchange, Peru $\frac{1}{2}$ pe corienties, 1rl me, blue, any of Bolivia, any of 1 st, 2 d , or 3 d issue of British Guiana, Canada 12d, Natal 1st issue, Newfoundland $6 d, 6 \frac{1}{2} d, 13$ scarlet, $8 d$ lake, Sandwich Islands $2,5,13 \mathrm{~B}$, in fancy border and any other rare stamps. I also want a set of Blood's post stamps used, and any other $U$. S. Local stamps, if possible, I would like them on the original letters on which sent. I also want the following U. S. Revenue stamps: Charter Party $\$ 1$, Inland Exchange 3 cents, Susurance, $10 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$ and $\$ 1$, Manifest $\$ 10$, Lottery Ticket .50c, Playing Cards 10c, Power of Attorney 50c and $\$ 200$.

For any or all of the above I will give good exchanges. If you can sup)ply me with any of the above, please so inform me what and at what prices. Please insert as much as you can of the above in your exchange column.

You have not as yet opened the store or brancli office in N. Y. Do you still intend to, and do you not want to enter into an engagement with me? Have you a lot of $\$ 1$ and $\$ 2$ U.S. Revenues on hand? If so will you send me 50 or 100 of each, with your price on inspection and I will keep what I want and return the rest by return mail with cash. Can you supply me with Bloorl's or any other genuine used U. S. Tocals and
if possible, on the original letter? at what prices? Moping to hear from you soon, I am sir,

Yours truly, J. A. P., M. D.

New Sharon, FranklinCo.,Me.Dec. 7 '6S Mason \& Co.

Gents : I have silver dollars of 1859 and ' 60 from the Orleans Mint, both been circulated some, (the latter was a proof) that I wish to exchange for some U. S. cents. The cents that I want are $1793,96,1804$, and '09. Now I dont expect coins in extra condition, but those that will pass muster will do.

Yours respectfully, J. F. P.

## CROWDED OUT.

History of Pattern Picces and the 1793 cents, will be continued in next number.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Neuport, R. I., Dec. Sth, 1868.
Gentlemen : Your magazine of the present month duly received. I, for one, am very glad to see the next volume commence Jan. 1st, and enclose $\$ 1,50$ to pay for the magazine for comung year. At what price could you procure me a Maximillian halfdollar in goorl condition. [\$3 to \$5.Ed.]

An early answer to the above question, and an acknowledgement of receipt of subscription will oblige.

If you are so anxious to increase the size of your magazine, why not raise the subscription price, or would the extra amount frighten some subseribers.

With my best $w$ ishes for the prosprity and success of your magazinc.

Very truly yours, II.S.

Bultimnie, Dec. 1st, 18G8. Messis. Mason © Co.

Gentlemen : I have in my possession a very curious piece of workmanship. It is a Watch of a pattern seldom (if ever) seen. I bouglit it fiom a lady, who, though onee rich, is now in very destitute eircumstanees, and had to part with it from want. It is much larger than most watehes, and works upon the same principle as a clock, that is with a pendulum. Upon the case are engraved all sorts of figures (very ancient), the face has the makers name engraved npon it, "John Holsticd, London."

It would be impossible to give anything like a correct deseription of it. The Maryland IIistorical Socicty have seen it, and pronounce it very valuable ; they say it cannot be less than 200 years old, and think the case was imported from "China," and the works made in London. What I wish to know is, from the description, could you form any idea, as to what it could be sold for in your eity. The IIistorical Society have made me an offer, but I would like to do better. Your attention will oblige, Very truly, N. I. W OODW MRD, Jf.,

## Rending, Dec. Tth, 1868,

Dear Sirs: I have on hand a large eollection-one that I was collecting this :30 years-Copper, Silver, Brass, latre number of coppers, Cards of places of business, pronf set in silver since 1859, silver and bronzed medals, copper pemnies, nickle $18.56^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$, W゙ashinvton (gemmine) permies, a piece of George and Martha Washington's coffin and 3 grey hairs of fien. (ieo. Washington and a piece of silk of Martha Washingtons dress, a silver medal of one of the 1st.Jnryman (1*39) of Peruvian (iovermment, Worth in weight $\$ 1,60$ in silver, with smitable inscription on, very rate, silver coin of all description, latese or small.

145 eopper pennies, from 1793 to 18:56; 110 Malf-peunies, eopper, 1797 to 1867, and a great many duplicates of pennies; 500 pieces of money cards of different countries, good and fair specimens, copper and brass all sizes and kinds, among them are 3 picces of copper, from the ruins of Pompeii, odd, rave and in good state, and a Washington penny, held by an old gentleman for 20 years and another by an old lady 2.) years.

I dont think that you can name a country, that I dont have some pieces therefrom in copper and brass. Now silver pieces of all kinds, about 160 different sizes and kinds, small ones now I have at least 20, and of larger kinds; some very rare and werthy of note and also about $\$ 10$ in currency, just new from press, which ean be seen at my place. Yours,
J. B. S.
[We insert the above for the benefit of Coin collectors and dealers who are apt to follow the trail of such an ignis fatures as this collection proved to be. Bright and early we started for the Depot of Reading R. R., ,ond in a short time landed at Reading, in seareh of the collection of coins deseribed abore. Wre found the coins, and oh, ye enthusiastic numismatists, give ear : a box of tokens, English, Irish and Ameriean, a half gallon, good measure, of cents and half-cents-all dutes, except some 30 or 40 of the important and desirable ones. Coins from all comntries, sure enough, with a "horse head" from New Jersey besides.

Five frane piece from liance, Finglish florin, Japanese and Chinese brass coins, German krenzers, liussimn kopees, Canadian tokens, etc., etc. But what of the Washington cents? Beatiful specimens of the sicience of electrotypiny, and about as valuable as the best copper coins in the collection.

We had in our school boy days read of Washington's gray hairs "going down in honor to the grave," but it seems three of them went down in sorrrow tn-Reading! How in the name of all that is sanctified, this teutonic coin monger of Reading became possessed of Washington's hairs. picees of his coffin and picees of Martha's dress, eonfuses us. Is he the "surviving servant," of whom we read annually, who nursed the great and grood falher of his country, and who makes yearly pilgrimages to Mount Vernon? Ilow else came he possessed of these relies? We did not buy the above described collection. The Washington relics were too much for us, and then there was the hide of a whale, eaught in the Delaware river, and euriosities of this sort enough to stock a muscum.

We came back from Reading, a sadder, if not a wealthier man, having for the one hundreth time learned wisdom enough to last us until another famous eollection turns up for sale somewhere way off in the country, where for 30 year some idiot collects bungtowns, grasshoppers, whales, and tomb-stone relies.-Ed. 1

Providence, Pa., Dec. 12th, 1868. Mason \& Co.

Gents: Will you please inform me through the eolumns of your valuable magazine, of the meaning of the eommon measure of the size of eoins. In describing the medal, Washington before Boston, you say it is 42 sixteenths in size, the question is, what is meant by sixteenths? I have made a diligent seareh among all books I could find relating to the subject, but have found no satisfactory information. If you will give the information desired, you will at least oblige me, and many others.

Respeetfully, W. H. P.
[American scale for obtaining diaameter of medals is divided into sixteenths of an inch.-EEd.]

New IIaven, Ct. , Dec. 4th, 1868. Messis. Mason \& Co.

Gents : I will obey your command by sitting down inmediately, and enclosing my subseription to the 3 rd Volume. I think it was best to change the publication of the first numbers of the magazine from April to Jannary. I am glad you intend to enlarge the magazine, I hope your subseription list will grow larger and larger. I will aid you all I ean. You must exeuse me for troubling you so much, by asking so many questions. I have one more whieh I will ask you, viz.: (I read the following in a newspaper, is it true?) The first coins of any metal issued by the United States, were three hundred tons of copper cents, eoined at New. Haven in 1787. I have the impression it is wrong, but am not ecrtain.

I have a very fine 1793 Half-cent, I will send you an impression of it when I go home. Wishing you suceess with your 3d Volume, I remain, Yours Truly, R. A. M.
[The above statement in relation to the 1787 ecnts is correet.-ED.]

Montreal, Dec., 14th, 1868.
Mason \& Co. Dear Sirs :
Reckon me on your muster-roll for Vol. 3d. I enclose $\$ 200$ which will leave a triffe margin for postage, and for which I shall feel obliged if you will post me a Catalogue of the eomin $r$ sale, which you mention in your last number-indecd I would at all times be much obliged if you would send me any Cataloges as they are published.

Can you furnish me with any infor-
mation in your next number to the two queries below?
I have a half-cent 182s, with 12 stars only, is it rare? [A little scarce, only.-ED.]
Which are the years of U. S., cents in which any differenen in the numhers of the stars has happened? [18US only.-Ed.]
My questions have grown into three; pray pardon my troubling you, and I will do my possible to make you up a smali commission soon.-II W.
[No trouble at all, A subscriber who thinks of, and encloses the extra postage demanded from us on all Canadian subscribers, can never give us any "trouble."
O, signifies New Orleans Mint.
C, "Charlotte, N. C. "
S, " San Francisco, Ca., "
D, " Dahloghena, Gia.,
Ed.]

## REPLY TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. W. A., Phila.-Your subscription heads the books for 1869. Stop in and see our fresh stock of albums, coins, stamps, $\& \mathrm{c}$.
Mr. Hersci, Susquehanna Depot. - \$1 50 at hand.
P. E. R., Wasurngroy, D. C.-The piece of Serres china you deseribe is evidently a portion of the "Cincinnati Sce," formerly belonging to General Waslington. Step in tice Patent ()fice (Muserm Dept.) in your city, and yon will see a large number of Wakhington relics, haudsomely arranged in glass cases, and many similar articles to those you deseribe. Nearty all the "Cincinnati Set" in the Patent Olfiee have been placed there since 1861. Our Mr. Mason was employed hy the Iuterior Department, undor Secy. Usher, to reeover the Wa-hington relies which were stolen from Gen. Lee's residence at

Arlingt .n IIcights, during the war: and to our numismatic eo-worker leelongs the credit of uneartling these valuable mementos of Washington, and restoring them to the U. S. Government.
S. R., New York.-Our coin euts not quite ready. See February number.
R. A. M., New Hatey, ConyAnswered elsewhere. Glad you are with us for the third year. Hope to hear from you oftener.
C. W. McO., Gazette Office, Pitrs-burg.-Sent you the stamps ill exchange. Can you make up another club of 10 in P. A club of ten names received for $\$ 10$.
J. R., Salem. - Sent jou the '93, and enterel your name for one year. Scud us the numismatie news of your vicinity.
J. F. P., New Simarox-Will send the half eents in duc time. Have a lot of 1 are dates coming to fill all half cent orders.
H. J. W., New Maten.--Deduct 25.. when sending subscription for 1869. We lave beautiful proof 18.56 nickels. You can exchange if you wish.
Ufford \& Co., Troy. - Sent Oetober number to W. Troy. Subscription rceeived.
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