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CROCERIES.

Levering's Coffee, 11c package; American Granulated sugar, 6c per lb.; Mother's Oats, 8c package: one barrel Whitewash Lime, 90c at Tolchester; Ground American Salt 65c sack at Tolchester; Coal Oil 10c gallon; best Butchers' Lard 8c per pound; Best Lima Beans, good to plant, 3 qt. 25c; 3 bottles Rumford Yeast Powder 25c; 3 Cans Condensed Milk 25c; 14 blocks Soap 25c; 3 packages 3 lbs Buckwheat 25c. Respectfully,

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Top dress your grass this month. We have a goods that works wonders for this purpose Try it and the cost per acre will cost less than you imagine.

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You fertilize your wheat, why not your Corn? It will pay. We have many cus'omers who use it year after year. We have one man in Delaware already ordered 70 tons. We have two more in Maryland who have their orders booked now for 20 tons each, and so on we could give them to you by the score.

Peach Trees——

Many orchards have been taken up the last few years, and peaches brought a good price last year, and don't you think it would be a good idea for you to feed your trees with our FRUIT GROWER, as it has given universal satisfaction. One patron last year claims to have gotten 30 cents per basket more for the same variety where it had been used. We have scores of testimonials concerning it.

Potatoes——

Well, you should use our High Grade Potato Fertilizer if you are going to plant, for this goods has been used for years in four States with the greatest success. It costs $30 per ton, but Mapes and some of the other goods costs $10 more, but we have never come in competition with other high grade Potato goods that ours has not been equal to any and superior to many. There is hardly a day in the last few weeks that some one from Kent or Queen Anne's has not dropped in our office and said: "That Potato goods of yours is the best ever used, and will want more this spring."

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☞Now, if you want to sow OATS or top dress your STRAWBERRIES, plant SWEET POTATOES or need a goods for TRUCK, or want anything in the FERTILIZER line, please call on or correspond with us before making your purchases.

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Infants'	25c	Ladies' Dongola Hand Welt	$1.98
Children's	50 and 75c	And all other articles at proportionate prices.	
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THE POSTAGE STAMP

HOW IT IS MADE BY UNCLE SAM'S EXPERT WORKMEN.

The Manufacturing Process From the Engraving of the Steel Die to the Finished Gummed, Pressed and Perforated Printed Sheet.

The first mechanical process in the manufacture of a postage stamp is the cutting, or engraving, of the die. This is a piece of steel of the finest quality, on the polished surface of which a man slowly and patiently cuts, line by line, the portrait or other emblem which has been adopted for this particular stamp. A steel engraving is what is called an incised plate—that is, every line which is to show in the finished print is cut into the surface instead of being left in relief, as in wood engraving.

The die which the engraver cuts is a "negative;" in other words, a reversal of the design which the stamp will show. The reason for this soon becomes apparent.

When the die is finished and proofs show it to be satisfactory it is hardened and fixed in the bed of a powerful press. Over it is then passed a steel roller, the circumference of which is several times, perhaps four times, the diameter of the die. Immense pressure is applied, so that every line on the surface of the die is impressed upon the surface of the roller as many times as the circumference of the roller is larger than the area of the die. In this way four perfect copies of the die are reproduced on the roller, but reversed. Each of these impressions is a "positive."

This roller is now hardened in turn in order that it may transmit the impressions once more, this time to the plate from which the actual printing is to be made. This plate is also of steel. The size is sufficient to print a whole sheet of stamps—from 200 to 300—at a single impression.

Into the surface of this plate the impression on the roller is forced by great pressure, once for each stamp in the subsequent sheet, and then the plate is hardened. These impressions are negatives, so that the prints from them—the stamps themselves—will be positives.

The reason for all this preliminary work is most interesting. In the first place, printing could not be done from a single die because of the vast quantities of stamps required. In the second place, it could not be done from the roller, because on that the lines are in relief instead of being incised, and in the third place, it would not be feasible to have several dies or a large number of them engraved, both because the expense would be prohibitive and because no two would then be absolutely alike. The present system makes it certain that every stamp of a certain lot is exactly like every other of the same lot—a great safeguard against counterfeiting.

When three printing plates have been made they are all fastened to the bed of a special printing press. When the machinery is started the first plate is inked, then automatically wiped until it is like a mirror. The wiping removes all the ink except what clings in the lines of the 200 duplicate engravings which dot the surface.

Over the plate is laid a sheet of dampened paper, the plate is slightly warmed in order to permit the ink to swell, and heavy pressure is applied. Meanwhile the second plate is receiving its ink, and then the third comes into play, so that, although all three are on the same press, each is at a given moment undergoing a different process from either of the other two. This has wrought a great saving of time over the old process of printing by hand. When the printed sheets are dry they go to the gumming machine, in which they pass between a dry roller on one side and one moistened with mucilage on the other. From these rollers they are cast out, wet side up, upon an endless web, which carries them through a steam heated box.

They come out dry, ready for the perforations, which permit them to be torn apart easily. These are very easily made by passing the sheets between one cylinder studded with steel pins and another perforated with holes to match the pins. The two together act like the jaws of a conductor's punch.

The last process is pressing the sheets by hydraulic power to counteract the tendency to curl, which is imparted by the mucilage.

The printing of stamps, like the printing of gold and silver certificates and bank notes, is subject to the most careful and constant inspection.

Every sheet of paper is counted before it is delivered to the printer, and before he goes home at night he must return exactly the same number of sheets, either of perfect stamps or spoiled paper, and no "seconds" or samples are given away to visitors.—Edward Williston Frentz in Youth's Companion.

The Elephant's Eye.

"To my mind two things strike the observer vividly when standing close to wild elephants in their native haunts," writes a traveler. "The one is the gigantic size and his own comparative smallness. The other is the expression of the eye. This organ, which is surprisingly small in proportion to the size of the animal and set far back in the head, is of a pale blue color much resembling that of a wall eye in a horse. Even when an elephant is at rest his eye has an uncomfortably cold and sinister look."

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His Busy Day.

Cassidy—Hello! How's things wid you? Casey—Busy, very busy indade. Cassidy—Is it so? Casey—Aye! Shure, every time I'm at laysure I hov somethin' to do.—Philadelphia Press.

Anvil Duet.

Gladys—If she thinks her young man is such a paragon of perfection why does she watch him so closely? Esmeralda—She is afraid he is too good to be true.—Chicago Tribune.

Knows the Notes.

"I hear the cashier of your bank is very musical."

"Try working off a false note on him, and you'll think so."—Judge.

Smoothing It Over.

"I have come," said the old subscriber, "to complain about your report of my daughter's wedding."

"What was the matter with it?" demanded the editor.

"Well, her name is Gratia, but you printed it 'Gratis.'"

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Its Delight.

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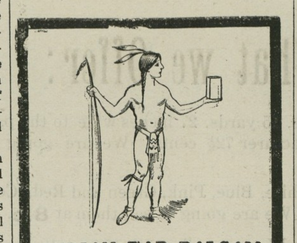
None pities him that's in the snare who, warned before, would not beware. —Herrick.



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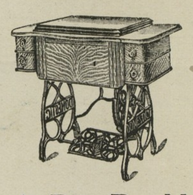

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