

Latest Postal Token is a Reply Coupon

BERNE, Aug. 14.—A new postage stamp, or rather the equivalent of a postage stamp, a reply coupon, as it is officially called, has been designed and will be put into circulation on October 1 next by the international bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne.

The new postal token is in the form of a ticket, affixing the holder to exchange it for a postage stamp of the value of 15 centimes, or the equivalent of that sum in those countries that have adopted the arrangement concluded last year by the delegates of most of the civilized nations assembled at the postal congress in Rome. The arrangement was to the effect that a coupon should be devised to enable a person to write to a correspondent in a foreign land, enclosing the value of a stamp for a reply. Incidentally, also, the German addressee will exchange the coupon at his own postoffice for a French or German stamp with which he will prepay his reply letter.

It was the British postoffice that proposed the innovation. The adoption of the coupon scheme was not made compulsory for all the nations comprised in the Universal Postal Union, but the following have signified their acceptance of it: The United States, Great Britain and most of its colonies, including Canada; Japan, Germany and its protectorates, France and its colonies, Austria, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and its possessions, Switzerland, Greece, Chile, Bulgaria, Mexico, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Hungary, Corea, Luxemburg, Rumania and Siam.

The coupons are supplied to the postal administrations of the above countries at cost price and are interchangeable between



coupons will enable persons to pay small accounts in foreign lands without going to the trouble of procuring a money order.

For instance, a resident of the United States may write to a correspondent in France and Germany and desire to prepay the stamp required for the answer. All he has to do is to send 4 cents for a reply coupon at any American postoffice and enclose it in his letter. The French or

them at the price of 25 centimes or its equivalent.

So far 5,000,000 coupons have been printed, of which 3,735,000 have already been taken up by the various postal administrations. Upon the international bureau at Berne will fall all the administrative work, which bids fair to be of considerable magnitude, as every single token must ultimately find its way back again to that central office.

Curious Capers of Cupid

Making Milwaukee Famous.

There are other things helping to make Milwaukee famous other than the advertised article. William A. Hart, justice of the peace, announces as a tribute to unionism that on Labor day he will work overtime marrying couples free. All the including victims will need is a license pursuant to and in accordance with the statutes of the commonwealth of Wisconsin.

"I'm making this offer because many young people hesitate about getting married, owing to the cost involved. I am a firm believer in the anti-race suicide theory."

"I fixed my bargain day for Labor day, more time to get married on holidays than because that is a holiday, and people have at other times."

Justice Hart is a young man. He recently gave his automobile to carry couples from out-of-town places, principally Chicago, from the depots to his office and back, provided they wanted to marry.

Old Time Wooing.

There was an estimable woman who died not long ago who was fond of telling of her own adventures when the man whom she afterward married was wooing her. She lived in the country, relates the Chicago Tribune, not only five miles from a lemon, but twenty-five miles from a railroad and everything else worth while. She was not permitted to correspond with her admirer, of course, as that would have been too dreadful, and so one day, in delighted surprise, she saw him riding up the long avenue that led to her father's residence. His horse was evidently weary, and he was covered with dust, and tired, too, but when he saw her at the window he took his hat off his curly locks and swept his saddle bow with it.

When the girl went down to see him she found her mother and father in the drawing room talking to him, and she sat in an embarrassed silence while her elders questioned him about his ride from another county forty miles away, and about his

mother and father. Finally he was asked to remain to dinner and accepted, but all that evening the girl never had a moment to say a word to the young man.

When he arose to go and his horse was brought around for him to mount the father of his lady love shook him by the hand, not cordially, but at least with a degree less stiffness than he had shown during the visit.

"When you are riding by again, Mr. Mortimer," he said, "stop in and see us. Bless my soul, Rebecca, you will catch a cold out here; run into the house at once."

Shades of Pegasus! "When you are riding by again," and this to a man who had ridden forty miles just for a glimpse of a maid's face, and must ride ten miles more to gain shelter at a wayside inn.

When the girl was alone with her family she reproached them for not having invited the youth to spend the night.

"He was so tired," she pleaded. But her "stern parent" shook his head. "It wasn't going to have him think I was anxious to lose my daughter, the young whippersnapper," replied the lord of the manor.

The young woman afterward married the man, but it is a matter of family history that he was forced to write his proposal on a piece of paper and pass it to her under a cover of a picture he was showing to her, because her father sat in the room with them always, and at every remark that either made he would exclaim, "God bless my soul! what a foolish speech, Rebecca."

That was the old way, when men really courted girls and exerted themselves to do a piece of paper and pass it to her under a cover of a picture he was showing to her, because her father sat in the room with them always, and at every remark that either made he would exclaim, "God bless my soul! what a foolish speech, Rebecca."

It doesn't behoove anyone to abuse the girl of the age, for she is the best girl we have at this time, but the old-fashioned folk wouldn't find it in their hearts to wish she wouldn't use the telephone quite so much.

There never were better looking girls than those that now inhabit the earth, and

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Luckiest of All Elephants Are Those of Indian Royalty

THE elephant in India does not work when caught. That does not necessarily mean an unpleasant time for him. He may haul cannon over Himalayan passes or he may take part in tiger hunts in the jungle. He may haul logs in the teak forests of Burma, or, best of all, he may be dressed in gaudy rags and share the glory and sports of some native prince.

Whatever they do, all the elephants come from the same source—the jungles of central and southern India, where thousands of them roam wild under protection of the government. Periodically, when a shortage of elephants is felt, the forest service department organizes a roundup of wild elephants.

For weeks shikaris or hunters, go scouting through the forest to discover where elephants are most plentiful. Here is built a stockade of rough hewn tree trunks, buttressed on the outside with walls of earth. Its entrance, which is narrow, has a kind of funnel built away from it, also of tree trunks.

The roundup itself is often done at night. You can imagine no more weird a spectacle than the Indian forest lit up by the torches of the hunters, who shouting and yelling drive the screaming and trumpeting elephants into the stockade through the funnel. Very often there are 1,000 elephants in the bunch, and perhaps four or five times that number of beaters and shikaris. The elephants are left alone in the stockade for a day or so until they calm down a bit from their excitement and terror. Green food by the ton is thrown in for the elephants, and gradually a few expert trainers mounted on tame tuskers venture in to make friends with the captives. One by one the wild elephants are roped to two tame colleagues and then taken out. Should the wild elephant show fight he is promptly rebuked by his guardians in a way that admits of no further dispute. They take him for walks, lead him down to the river to drink and bathe, and gradually he reconciles himself to his fate.

If he be a very wild fellow he is eagerly bought up by one of the ruling maharajahs of India as a fighting elephant. For in the native states not wholly belonging to Great Britain fierce combats between elephants are given by the princes as enter-

tainments in honor of distinguished guests; also fights between tigers and elephants.

At an elephant fight, which is rarely to the death, two mahouts or drivers sit upon the heads of the monsters, who approach each other until separated by only a low stone wall. Then they begin wrestling with head and trunk and feinting this way and that to get a chance to make a furious thrust with the tusks.

In the elephant and tiger fights the latter comes off second best. He springs, of course, and as he does so the elephant curls up his tender trunk and permits himself to be mauled by his adversary, while

his keen little eye is watching for an opportunity to kneel and crush the life out of the tiger with his six tons of weight.

The largest of all the elephants and the most intelligent are chosen by the government and the native princes for the state studs. Elephants of state have a very easy life of it. They do little or no work and only come forth on state occasions bearing lofty towers of silver or gilded wood from which depend superb brocades and great garlands of cloth of gold blazing with precious stones.

In many cases, too, the ends of the animal's tusks are fitted with great bosses of pure gold, and his massive forehead is armored with golden plates stuck full of steel spikes.

Altogether the silver tower will sit a prince such as the Nizam of Hyderabad, whose family pedigree may be traced back for five thousand years. Before him on either side of the elephant walk great nobles proclaiming his might and majesty, while behind come picturesque cavalry and spearmen, more ornamental than useful. And last of all may come batteries of gold and silver cannons drawn by teams of elephants, six or eight to each battery.

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