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Philately, or the collection of postage stamps, is one of the queerest and most unaccountable, as well as the most expensive, fads in the whole list of human foibles. The Philadelphia Ledger tells a story to the following effect, which well illustrates that fact.

Miss Eleanor J. Omphaline of Syracuse, N. Y., has recovered by judicial process \$35 and cost from the young man who kissed her without her consent.

These cases in court to recover damages for a kiss are becoming more frequent. As a matter of public policy it is probably better, on the whole, to discourage them.

Feminine intuition is usually a sufficient defense if the girl is unwilling to be kissed by that particular man. She can discern his meditated intentions long before he acts, unless the kiss is one of those spontaneous happenings resulting from her own provocation.

When a girl sits in the corner of a deserted hotel piazza with a young man and watches the moonlight on the rippling waves, or when she goes buggy riding in the evening, or strolls away in the woods in the afternoon, or joins in creating a suitable opportunity, it might be that the court could hold that she was more entitled to a verdict if the young man refused to try to take advantage of his opportunity than if he did the kissing so crudely and clumsy that the girl had a natural resentment.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Jean Jacques Elisee Reclus, the famous geographer, who died recently in Brussels, was a great friend of America, and his articles during the Civil war aroused great sympathy in France for the Lincoln administration.

The authorities of Westminster cathedral have introduced an Irish terrier into the cathedral to protect the building and the treasures it contains from the gang of London burglars who make a specialty of churches.

Leonora Romaldo, wife of a farm laborer at Villajenense, near Burgos, Spain, recently awoke from a trance which had lasted 31 years. She remembers all that happened when she was a girl, before she fell into the trance.

A recent British army order states that officers acting as press correspondents with any army in the field are forbidden to use their military rank or to describe themselves as military correspondents in their published communications.

Mlle. Sarah Bernhardt's Paris house exemplifies her extravagance in every way. Her bedroom is hung in purple embroidered with the golden flower of France, the ceiling is painted and the windows are draped with wonderful white lace curtains worked with peacock plumes.

The expression "among the gods" and "gallery gods" is said to have originated from the fact that the ceiling of Drury Lane theatre, London, was formerly painted in imitation of a blue sky and fleecy clouds, among which a great number of Cupids were sporting themselves.

The new sugar plant from South America which has been named eupatorium, rebandium, is pronounced by Bertoni, the German chemist, to be of great industrial value. It grows eight or ten inches high, and is found to contain from twenty to thirty times as much saccharine matter as sugar cane or the beet.

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