

The Office Cat



BY JUNIUS

Three Cents Stamp
The government is planning to boost the price of postage stamps for ordinary letters to three cents, and we hope that it does. There is altogether too much letter writing in this world, and if another cent will have a deterrent effect it will relieve us just that much.

Most of the letters are rather painful. They beg to state, they enclose herewith, they refer to our invoice No. 888,221, your order No. 47,896, they urge us to find enclosed, or warn us that they are sending under separate cover. They beg to acknowledge, or regret to inform; they take pleasure in quoting, they trust that we have received in good order this thing or that. They are as alike as a dime's worth of gum drops.

Far be it from us to all the government its business, but the method of selling stamps has been all wrong. Let the recipient, and not the sender pay the postage. Each morning when the postman brings you, say a half dozen envelopes, sealed but without stamps. You look through them. Some you reject, of course, and on these the government would sustain the loss, but on others you are willing to pay quite a tariff. Like this:

For single men, letter from girl, \$4.00.
Married man, letter from wife, .01.
Letter selling oil stock, .00.
Letter enclosing check, 5.00.
Letter with stock dividends 6.00.
Letter notifying one of amercement, .00.
Wedding announcements .00.
Dinner invitations .65.
Fishing invitations 9.00.
Invitations to help in drive .00.

This gives a sketchy outline, but you can get the drift. Perhaps too, if attractive young women carried the mails, and were persuasive enough even higher prices could be had.

We believe that higher postage would materially cut down the number of post cards one gets from various resorts and summer vacationists. "If my friends sends me a picture postcard, I know I am on his conscience but not on his heart." You know the kind of postcards everybody gets. Things like this:

"Having grand time; wish you were here."
"Lovely people at this lake, wish you were here."
"Lovely bathing and wonderful beach, wish you were here."
"This is a view from our cottage, wish you were here."
"Dancing pavilion, lovely dances, every evening; wish you were here."
"Picture of four pounder Bob caught; lots of fish at this lake, wish you were here."
"The bunch in our bathing suits, wish you were here."
"Here is a picture of the lake in a storm, wish you were here."
"Wish you were here."

These are fairish samples of the average postcard. Of course one appreciates such little attentions. Yet equally of course one could live for several days, weeks even, without them. A great many are sent for a penny. Few would be sent for two cents. One has few friends who think that much of one.

Years ago we invented the typewriting machine. It was hailed as considerable wheeze. Before that time business men had been wont to write their two or three letters a day by long hand. It took an hour or more. "Now," say they, "with the typewriting machine we can do this work in ten minutes."

But they didn't. They wrote more and more letters, and finally needed help, and the professional stenographer came into existence. Still the craze for letter writing grew, and Mr. Edison, ever alert, invented a thing that you talk into, called a dictaphone, so that a business man might set up all hours of the night dictating letters for the stenographers next day.

And that wasn't enough. Machines were invented for turning out letters

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with wonderful rapidity—hundreds every minute, thousands every hour. A machine was invented so that a man could sign his name with one strike of the pen.

What do all these millions of letters talk about? Oh, everything. The sale of merchandise, the state of the weather, of the market, of golf, of one's soul. No subject is overlooked none is slighted. In starting three cent postage the government is on the right track. It will not raise the revenues, but it will lessen the accumulation of daily mail, and give a little time to attend to business. But three cents isn't enough. Ten would be vastly better.

SUNKEN GARDEN FEATURE OF L. A. FLOWER SHOW

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1.—Distinctive features have been planned for the California Flower show and horticultural exhibition to be held in Exposition park, Los Angeles, October 20-26. One is the holding of the 11th annual convention of the California Association of Nurserymen, which is expected to attract nurserymen, florists and horticulturists from all parts of the state.

Another feature will be a sunken garden of seven acres, on the construction of which a number of nurserymen have been co-operating. It has been planted with flowers which will be in full bloom at the time of the show. Flowers from all sections of California will be shown, as well as ornamental and economic plants, nurserymen's supplies and commercial exhibits.

The Pasadena Horticultural society will hold its annual exhibit in connection with the California Flower show.

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