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The Office Cat



BY JUNIUS

Three Cent Stamps

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 this world, and if another cent will have a deterrent effect it will peliere se just that much.

Most of the letters are rather painfal. They beg to state, they enclose herewith, they refer to our invoice No. 688,221, 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 ell 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 dosen envelopes, sealed but without stamps. You look through them. Some you reject, of course, and on these the government would sustain the lose, but on others you are willing to pay quite a tariff. Like this: For single men, letter from girl,

84.00. Married man, letter from wife, .01. Letter celling oil stock, .00.

Letter enclosing check, 5.00. Letter with stock dividends 6.00. Letter notifying one of assess ment, .00.

Wedding announcements .00. Dinner invitations .65. Pishing 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 maile, and were pursuasive enough even higher prices could be had.

We believe that higher postage would materially cut down the number of post cards one gets from varlous resorters and summer vacationgots. Things like this

"Having grand time; wish you state. were bere.

beach, wish you were here.

"Dancing pavilion, lovely dances, every evening; wish you were here. "Pleture of four pounder Bob cought; lots of fish at this lake, wish

708 were here. "The bunch in our bathing suits,

wish you were here. "Here to a picture of the lake in a

sterm, 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 halled as neiderable wheeze. Before that time business men had been wont to write their two or three letters e 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 crase 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 | icylicacid.

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with wonderful rapidity-hundreds, every minute, thousands every hour. A machine was invented so that a then a friend proceeds to kick him. 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.

BUNKEN GARDEN PRATURH OF L. A. PLOWER SHOW luses.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1 .-- Distinctive features have been planned for the California Plower show and horticultural exhibition to be held in Exposition park, Los Angeles, October 20-26. One is the holding bts. "If my friends sends me a pic- of the 11th annual convention of ture postcard, I know I am on his the California Association of Nurconsidence but not on his heart." You serymen, which is expected to atknow the kind of posteards everybody tract nurserymen, florists and hor-

Another feature will be a sunk-"Lovely people at this lake, wish en garden of seven acres, on the construction of which a number of Lovely bathing and wonderful nurserymen have been co-operating. It has been planted with flowers "This is a view from our cottage, the you were here.

"This is a view from our cottage, the pour were here.

All sections of California will be shown, as well as ornamental and economic plants, nurserymen's supplice and commercial exhibits.

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

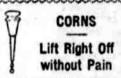
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