

History of Red Cross Seals

Red Cross Christmas Seals date back in their origin to "charity stamps," first used for the soldiers' relief funds in Boston in 1862, during the Civil War. After the war, this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, France, Spain, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now several hundred different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, as many as forty being used in Austria for children's hospitals alone.

Stamps or seals were first used to get money for the anti-tuberculosis crusade in Norway and Sweden in 1904. After being used in these countries for three years, as a direct result of the interest of Jacob Riis in this movement, the Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis Association, headed by Miss Emily P. Bissell, and the Red Cross Society of Delaware combined in issuing a Tuberculosis Stamp. So successful was this campaign that nearly \$3,000 was realized, and the next year, in 1908, the American Red Cross was induced to issue a National Red Cross Tuberculosis Stamp. From this sale, \$135,000 was realized, that amount being almost doubled in 1909. Last year, for the first time, the sale was organized on a comprehensive basis, taking in all parts of the United States, and \$310,000 worth were sold. In 1911, the slogan for the campaign is, "A Million for Tuberculosis from Red Cross Seals."

This year in Tennessee the first state campaign has been inaugurated. It is hoped that 1,000,000 seals will be sold in Tennessee. This is possible and will make possible a future permanent fund to fight tuberculosis in Tennessee. If every one will co-operate in the purchase of these seals and lend their influence to the whole work, Tuberculosis would be stamped out of the state in five years. If seals are not on sale in your town, write J. D. Strain, Nashville, Tenn. Each seal costs a penny and every penny is a bullet in the fight.

Sparta, R. 8

P. Bradham and family spent Saturday night with Alvin Farley John Fallett and Solon Shirley are still hacking crossties for W. R. Matthews.
W. M. Gentry went to Cookeville Monday on business.
J. D. Scarough's school closed at Philadelphia Thursday.
Ernest Trapp is still confined to his room.
Maud Shirley of Denning, Ar., wake up and give us the news.

B. C. Farley and wife visited Mrs. Farley's parents near Crossville—the last of the week.
Weddings are all the go in this part and there are more expected Henry Sparks of Ada, Okla., get a hustle on yourself and give us the news. Happy Kid.
Monterey, Route One
Health is very good in this part of the world.
Aunt Maggie G. wake up and give us the news, as your letter was fine.

Mr. Abe Holloway and Miss Eva Dixon were married Dec. 3 we wish them a long happy life.
As so many have asked for a shower of birthday cards I will ask for one as my birthday is December, 16. I will certainly appreciate all that are sent me. May God bless the Herald and its many readers.
MAGGIE WHITTAKER.
Route 6
As the office cat got my first and failed to cough it up in time for publication I will write again.

Fane Pickard, who has been sick so long, is able to be out.
C. Buck is also improving slowly.
Vada Moore the little daughter of Mary Cumbee got burned quite painfully last week, but is getting along nicely now.
Harry Deitz spent Thanksgiving night with Henry Cumby.
Mrs. Betsey Pullen, who has been quite feeble for some time, is better at this writing.
Muncie.



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