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NEW ISSUES.

POSTAGE.

AZORES.

The Portuguese envelopes have appeared, surcharged Azores, for use of these islands, 28 reis blue on buff, 50 reis carmine on buff. THE COLLECTOR'S NEWS.

CANADA.

A report is current that four new stamps are in preparation, for this country, values and color unknown.

GREAT BRITAIN

Mr. B. E. S., has our thanks for a specimen of the new half penny wrapper, printed in brown, this takes the place of the green one.

The two international post cards bear the values 1, and 1 1-2d., printed in brown on buff

ITALY.

Two new cards have been issued, a double card, brown on rose, and a 10 centesimo, brown on white.

SALVADOR.

The following is a list of the new set: 1 centavo green, 2 centavo rose, 5 centavo blue, 10 centavo black, 20 centavo violet.

SPAIN

THE COLLECTORS NEWS announces the following: 2 centimos de of a 3 cent stamp. peseta black, 5c. blue-green, 10c. tramarine, 40c. brown-bistre, 50c be sent regular.

orange, 1p. crimson, 4p. ---, 10p. olive-bistre.

UNITED STATES.

At last, the set of unpaid stamps have been put in use, values, 1, 2, 3 & 5 cents, (We have not seen the last mentioned,) color brown, the design is very simple; large numeral in centre, Postage Due in upper, and value in lower half of oval.

What has become of the much talked of double card?

We have received the initial number of "THE COLLECTOR'S The publisher, GEO. D. NEWS." DeRevre, Jr., is unknown by us. but a perusal of this journal is convincing that he neither lacks talent, nor information. Subscription, 25c.

Mess, E. A. Duvernois & Co., have informed us that they will discontinue the publication of THE MICH-IGAN PHILATELST.

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We would call the attention of dealers, to this journal as an advertising medium, being so far as we know, the only publication of the kind in the South, we feel confident that our advertisers will receive ample returns. We invite the patronage of the entire trade, promising to treat all alike, and offering all equal advantages in our columns.

We would also call attention to our WORD HUNT, we have offered a very liberal list of prizes, which we assure our readers, will be awarded impartially to the three best lists.

We will be pleased to answer all questions of general interest through our columns, but personal inquiries must contain stamp for reply.

We shall esteem it a favor to receive marked copies of local papers, containing items of interest to collectors, or any information pertaining to Curiosity Collecting. If our numerous friends and patrons will give us sufficient encouragement, we will enlarge, illustrate, and do every thing in our power to make it as attractive and interesting as possible.

We offer the following prizes for the largest number of words spelt from

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For the largest list a set of Confederate Notes, worth \$1.00

For the next largest, set worth 50 cents.

For the third largest, set worth 25 cents,

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List to secure attention must be sent in on, or by October 15th. Will give list of Prize Winners, in next issue.

We have awarded prize offered for best written solution, of Word Square, in August number of the "Acanthus," to Miss. Lizzie E. Fowler, Wilmington, N. C.



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